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Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary March 27th – April 2nd, '16

Crime Map for the Week March 27th - April 2nd, '16
(Click the image below for details)



April 2016 – Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Thousands have died in car crashes involving cell phone use. New technology allows us to make phone calls, dictate texts or emails and update social media while driving – all actions that are proven to increase crash risk. The National Safety Council observes April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month to draw attention to this epidemic. NSC wants to empower you to put safety first and Take Back Your Drive.

Take the **Focused Driver Challenge** and **pledge to drive cell free**. You can pledge to your children or other loved ones that you will be an attentive driver.

For more details and tips to share click the image below for details.



NFPA – Hot Wheels “Hover Boards and lithium batteries”

What the holiday Hoverboard flap illustrated about public safety BY LORRAINE CARLI

This past year, Hoverboards provided an added twist to holiday safety. The devices—two-wheeled, self-balancing scooters based on gizmos first glimpsed in the 1989 movie Back to the Future II — became very popular, and they became the hottest item on holiday wish lists the world over.

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But with the flurry of sales came a flurry of warnings from safety organizations, including **NFPA**, and with good reason: Hoverboards had an unfortunate tendency to catch fire, the result, in many cases, of overheated lithium ion batteries. Hoverboard fires were reported from England to Australia, with numerous incidents occurring in the United States.

In February, UL (Underwriters Laboratory) announced the development of a new procedure to evaluate, test, and certify [self-balancing scooters](#). NFPA recognizes the importance of such tools, along with safety standards, and urges consumers to choose devices with the seal of an independent testing laboratory and to read and follow all manufacturer directions.

Click on the image for the entire article written by Lorriane Carli posted at the National Fire Protection Associations website.



WEEKLY FIRE SUMMARY

Total Calls for Service 2016: 663

Fire Incident: Vehicle Fire
Fire Report #16-634

On March 28, 2016, at 8:40 a.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to W. Michigan Ave. and S.B. US 23 to put out a vehicle fire.

WEEKLY CRIME SUMMARY

Significant Police Events:
Total Calls for Service for the Week: 288
Total Calls for Service 2016: 3,815

Police Incident: Breaking and Entering
Complaint #16-3795

On April 2, 2016, at 11:30 a.m., Pittsfield Township Police responded to the 3000 block of Lohr Rd. for a report of a Breaking and Entering of a business. There was no forced entry, mail was reported stolen.

The above named incidents remain under investigation. If anyone has any information about or has been a witness to any of these crimes, please contact the Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety at 734-822-4911 or the confidential tip line at 734-822 4959. Residents are encouraged to sign up for Pittsfield Township alerts and department notices through "[Notify Me](#)". Please go to www.pittsfield-mi.gov to sign up.