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Bi-Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary

August 18th- 31st, 2019

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CrimeMapping.com Map- click on “show reports / print” for details.

August 18th -31st, 2019, showing crime types: **Arson, Assault, Burglary, Disturbing the Peace, Drugs / Alcohol Violations, DUI, Fraud, Homicide, Motor Vehicle Theft, Robbery, Sex Crimes, Theft / Larceny, Vandalism, Vehicle Break-In / Theft, Weapons**

Pittsfield Twp. D.P.S. 6227 W. MI Ave., lobby hours, Monday – Friday 8a.m. – 5p.m.

The below 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:

- Confidential TIP line: 734-822-4958 (Detective Bureau)
- General Information: 734-822-4911 (Front Desk)
- Request Police Response: 734-994-2911 (Metro Dispatch)

Residents are encouraged to sign up for Pittsfield Township alerts and department notices through **“Notify Me”**. Please go to www.pittsfield-mi.gov





🏠 Safety at Home / Seasonal Safety / School Safety / Back to School Safety Tips for Drivers

Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road

School days bring congestion: School buses are picking up their passengers, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

If You're Dropping Off

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school



Tips for Preteens & Teens



Walk Responsibly.

We're all pedestrians; we walk to the mailbox, from the parking lot to the store, to school, to meet up with friends, to walk the dog. During your teen years, you are likely to be walking independently and to be exposed to traffic. Walking around traffic requires the same critical thinking skills as riding your bike and driving a car! Apply the same walking skills you learned as a kid: stop—look left-right-left for traffic and be safe, be seen. Use these skills when you walk, and encourage others to do the same! **Here's what you can do:**

■ Be Prepared Before Walking.

- Be seen—wear clothes or materials to make you more visible to others:
 1. Bright clothing (during the day)
 2. Reflective gear
 3. Use lights at night or when visibility is poor (white in front, red in the rear - just like a car)
- Plan your safest route—safer routes have less traffic, slower speeds, lighting, sidewalks, and, if possible, separate you from traffic (i.e., sidewalks, paths, a barrier).

■ Know the Rules.

- As a pre-driver or new driver, you have an opportunity to learn by watching traffic and how each road user (cars, bicycles and pedestrians) relates to one another. Discuss with an adult what you see.
- Follow the rules and laws put in place to increase your safety:
 1. Walk on sidewalks, if they're there. If not, walk as far to the left, **facing traffic**.
 2. Look left-right-left and behind for traffic before crossing a driveway or road.
 3. Cross in marked crosswalks, at corners, or at intersections.
 4. Obey pedestrian crossing signals.

5. While crossing, look left and right for traffic; be prepared to get out of the way if a driver doesn't seem to see you.

■ Look for Traffic.

- Look for cars backing up; look for white backup lights or signs the motor is running.
- Expect others not to see you. Some drivers may be distracted. Do not step in to the roadway until the driver has stopped for you, or has acknowledged your intent to cross with eye contact, a wave or a nod.

■ Walk Defensively.

- Walk focused and alert. No texting, listening to music or anything that takes your eyes, ears, or your mind, off the road and traffic.
- Anticipate what other road users might do—turns, pulling out of a parking space or driveway, backing up. The sooner you notice a potential conflict, the quicker you can act to avoid it.
- Give drivers extra time to slow or stop, especially in poor weather (ice, snow, rain), and low visibility (dusk, dawn, fog, or night). Just because you can see others, does not mean they can see you.

■ Know the Causes of Pedestrian-Vehicle Crashes.

- Become more aware of the causes of some of the common types of crashes between pedestrians and vehicles so you can learn how to avoid them.
- Prevention is the name of the game; there are things you can do to decrease your risk of being in a crash.
- Understanding the causes of crashes helps you adjust your walking and driving behaviors to avoid a crash in the first place.
- [Click here for more information on common types of crashes.](#)



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