

# ***CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY***

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***2008 YEAR IN REVIEW***

# WELCOME

# COMMUNITY WATCH

The Canton Public Safety Department is pleased to present this 2008 Year-in-Review to the citizens and elected officials of the Canton community.

The objective of this report is to highlight some of the noted accomplishments of the department this past year, as well as look at our budget and budget comparisons with local communities. Detailed year-end statistical data is published annually in the year-end monthly report, available for viewing at the Public Safety Records Bureau office or online at the department's website, [www.cantonpublicsafety.org](http://www.cantonpublicsafety.org).

With the support of Canton residents and their elected officials, the Canton Public Safety Department will continue to provide personalized and professional services, and will continue to focus resources on our primary mission of protecting life and property.

John R. Santomauro  
Director of Public Safety



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Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher



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## Canton Begins Community Watch Program

In January, Canton Police Department kicked off its Community Watch program for residents and businesses. Community Watch is about safer streets and homes, community pride, stronger relationships with law enforcement and so much more. It's neighbors looking out for each other, working on neighborhood problems, and making themselves safer. Members learn how to work with law enforcement to prevent and reduce crimes in their community.

Although Canton continues to be one of the safest communities of its size in the metropolitan area, there is always room for improvement. An active Watch group can help deter potential crime from occurring, improve the security of young people and help older neighbors stay safe from crime.

The police department offers numerous tools to enrich the Community Watch experience, including crime alerts and local crime maps on its website, membership to the Silent Partner Alert system, and interaction with community policing team leaders and officers assigned to specific geographic areas.



## "Rookie of the Year" Awarded to Canton

Canton was awarded the National Association of Town Watch's "Rookie of the Year" award for its outstanding first-year participation in the 25th Annual National Night Out (NNO). The event is held annually to enhance existing Community Watch programs as well as to bring new interest to potential members.

The Police Department, with the assistance of Canton Leisure Services, held its first annual NNO in August. Over 600 current and prospective Community Watch members attended the event which included a family picnic-style dinner, free raffle prizes, inflatable bouncers and a rock climbing wall, and a live jazz-blues band playing throughout the evening. Public Safety set up several displays including police cars, fire trucks, a canine show and their Fire Safety House.

Major sponsors of the event included both Target stores located in Canton. Target representatives voluntarily worked the event and donated two bicycles and \$500 in prizes for the free raffle. Additional local sponsors included Curves of



Canton, Herriman & Associates, Kroger and Meijer.

# PROACTIVE APPROACH

## EMS Quality Assurance Program

In 2008, Canton Fire Department initiated an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Quality Assurance Program. The department regularly participates in a similar county-wide program, but started their own in-house program to focus on concerns specific to Canton.

The Quality Assurance Program is designed to help department paramedics maintain proficiency through a systematic review of practices. The Quality Assurance committee meets monthly and identifies a specific protocol for a given situation, such as chest pains or shortness of breath. All EMS reports pertaining to the situation are then closely reviewed by the committee. Results from their review are published and communicated within the department. Any deviation from protocols is utilized as a learning tool to ensure that all care given to patients meets the guidelines set forth by the Medical Control Board.

This additional process does not preclude the normal, everyday report review, but is intended to spotlight particular situations and ensure the department is providing the best possible service.



## Larceny from Auto Numbers Down from Last Year

The word is spreading in Canton--do not leave valuables inside your parked vehicles!

After two years of publicizing this growing crime, reports of Larcenies from Autos are down from 477 thefts in 2007 to 390 thefts in 2008. Police officials have utilized the department's website, Silent Partner Alert system, FOCUS newsletter, and various community access cable television shows to warn the public about this crime of opportunity. There have also been numerous articles printed in local and metro area newspapers and one local network station broadcasted a feature story on how Canton was experiencing an influx in these crimes.

The police department will continue to educate the public on this and any other crime patterns they should be aware of. Residents and business owners can utilize the department's website, [www.cantonpublicsafety.org](http://www.cantonpublicsafety.org) to view recent crime patterns/trends and updated crime maps by geographic area.

**Silent Partner *Alert***

THE COMMUNITY POLICING NETWORK

# SPECIAL UNITS AT WORK

## Detective Bureau Handles Numerous Major Cases

Canton Police Department's Detective Bureau was assigned 1,453 cases in 2008. In a wide-variety of cases suspects were successfully charged and prosecuted for their crimes.

Detectives put in a combined 457 hours of work on the highly-publicized murder and decapitation of a 26-year old man. Their diligent work paid off this spring as an 18-year old was convicted of First Degree Premeditated Murder and Disinterment of a Corpse, and was sentenced to life in prison. His 17-year old accomplice was convicted of Second Degree Murder and Disinterment of a Corpse, and was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

In July, detectives received a child molestation complaint on an incident that occurred several years prior. Upon the detectives investigation, the suspect (a former church youth mentor and Boy Scout leader) was charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct and Child Pornography. The defendant is currently awaiting trial.

After an extensive investigation into a house fire that occurred this fall, the homeowner was charged with two counts of Felony Arson, punishable by up to a combined 30 years in prison.

## School Resource Officers Participate in Outreach Activities

In 2008, the School Resource Officers (SRO's) assigned to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP) campus participated in numerous outreach activities in addition to their regular duties at the high schools.

One of the SRO's appeared on Canton Community Television's "Canton Contact" with two high school seniors who answered candid questions about life as a teen at PCEP. The questions were posed by the SRO to provide insight for parents about "life at the high school." The show was also made available for viewing on the department's website for several months afterward.

SRO's also participated in the mock drunk-driving skit put on by members of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Midwest MedFlight and PCEP. This mock accident was put on for all juniors and seniors prior to prom and graduation season to warn students of the consequences of drunk driving.



# PROTECTING OUR RESIDENTS

# SAFE COMMUNITY

## Mobile Home Inspection Program Established

In April 2008 Canton assembled a Mobile Home Park Task Force to address and resolve ordinance and safety violations occurring in Canton's mobile home parks.

The task force's first assignment was to determine if, in fact, Canton had authority to go into the mobile home parks and enforce local ordinances.

Upon receiving word from state officials on their authority, the task force moved forward. By September 2008, building inspectors and ordinance officers were conducting inspections in the first park. The location was chosen based on complaints previously received for lighting in need of repair and/or replacement, maintenance and repair of unsafe electrical boxes, and vacant homes in disrepair and deterioration.

Canton currently has eight mobile home parks, with a total of approximately 3,200 lots. Mobile homes are now being held to the same property standards and building codes that are applied consistently throughout residential housing in Canton. This new inspection process is the first of its kind in Michigan, and is intended to afford the residents of mobile home parks the same safe, high quality of living fellow residents of Canton experience.

## Emergency Preparedness at Work for You

Canton's Emergency Management Unit was hard at work this year making plans for residents' safety, while promoting emergency preparedness for residential and business use.

Emergency Management participated in many training exercises this year, the largest being a regional disaster exercise held in September. The exercise was intended to test the readiness of emergency preparedness in the tri-county area. Numerous scenarios conducted included an oil spill in the Detroit River, terrorist attacks on the water and sewer system, and a hazardous materials incident at the high school, triggering an evacuation. Canton's Emergency Operations Center was activated as if these were real incidents and dispatched resources and personnel to test Canton's emergency plans. Initial reports indicated things went as planned. Local and regional debriefings will scrutinize the exercise and suggest improvements if necessary.



## Canton Ranks as Safe Community Both Locally and Nationally

Canton was ranked as the 24th Safest Community in the nation among communities with populations over 75,000, by Morgan Quitno research group.

Crime data for Part One offenses—murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft—are compiled from the FBI's Annual Crime Report and compared against the national average to determine the rankings.

Locally, Canton had the lowest overall crime per 1,000 residents in the metropolitan area with communities made up of 50,000 to 100,000 residents. Canton's 2007 overall crime total was 1,672 crimes--down 8% from the previous year.

Canton's low crime rate is attributed to several factors, including the department's long-time concept of community policing, assigning officers to geographic areas of the township for effective communication between officers, residents and business owners. Community Watch takes things one step further, promoting both residents and business owners to become active in their area or neighborhood.

The department also aggressively targets problem areas identified by the Crime Analysis Unit. This information provides command officers with the capability of utilizing directed patrols to saturate problem areas.

Community	Population*	Total Crimes*	Crimes per 1,000 Residents
<b>Canton</b>	<b>88,126</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>19</b>
Farmington Hills	79,475	1,659	21
Novi	55,127	1,184	21
Troy	81,130	1,962	24
Livonia	96,261	2,571	27
Westland	84,293	3,179	38
Dearborn	91,748	4,799	52

\*Figures obtained from the FBI's 2007 Annual Report

# AT A GLANCE

► **Accident Reports Online** - Canton Police Department partnered with TRACView Report Delivery Solutions to make traffic accident reports available online. This convenient new service not only provides reports 24 hours a day, but also allows for the use of a credit card. Customers may continue to purchase reports in person at the Public Safety Records Bureau, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Call 734/394-5410 for more information.

► **Call Numbers** - Public Safety's dispatch center received a total of 99,274 calls in 2008. Of those, 25,589 were 911 calls, and 73,685 were non-emergency calls.

► **Traffic Safety Enforcement Zones** - In an effort to address residents ongoing concerns with traffic, the police department has continued to conduct Traffic Safety Enforcement Zones around Canton. The enforcement zones target high traffic-crash intersections, with the intention of providing awareness and improved driver behavior. As a result of this year's enforcement zones 525 citations were issued.



► **Good Police Work** - The Western Wayne County Community Response Team (CRT) assisted in the identification and arrest of five home invasion suspects believed to be responsible for at least 25-30 recent Home Invasions in the tri-county area.

CRT is a consortium of officers from area police departments. The team is currently being led by a sergeant assigned from Canton. The unit is utilized by participating departments requesting additional officers and resources to investigate and follow-up on criminal activity in their area.

► **Fire Department Training** - In addition to their annual in-house training, firefighters attended various specialized training sessions including bomb awareness training, flashover training, and a new "Vehicle Awareness" training providing public safety workers with information on the special issues and dangers of performing rescues on hybrid vehicles.

► **Ordinance Enforcement Priority** - This year maintenance of lawns was deemed a priority for the Ordinance Enforcement Unit. Due to various economic factors including the increase in foreclosures, 166 properties required special grass cutting by a township contractor. This was an increase of 39 properties from 2007. Cutting by township contractors is charged to the property owner.

# POLICE COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

EXHIBIT  
POLICE - COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS  
February 2009

COMMUNITY	POPULATION	SQUARE MILEAGE	SWORN PERS.	COMMAND PERS.	RATIO P.O. to 1 COMMAND	ASSIGNED PATROL*	PERCENT ASSIGNED PATROL	CIV.	TOTAL PERS.	SWORN 1,000 RES.
BLOOMFIELD TWP.	40,664	28.6	70	17	3.12	52	74%	19	89	1.68
<b>CANTON</b>	<b>85,808</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3.83</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>124.5</b>	<b>1.04</b>
CLINTON TWP.	94,237	28.0	110	23	3.78	68	62%	31	141	1.13
DEARBORN HEIGHTS	55,266	12.5	84	26	2.23	49	58%	25	109	1.52
FARMINGTON HILLS	77,910	33.4	120	30	3.00	76	63%	58	178	1.49
MADISON HEIGHTS	29,126	7.25	57	19	2.00	42	74%	13	70	1.92
REDFORD TWP	48,528	11.0	66	21	2.14	36	55%	16	82	1.37
ROSEVILLE	45,796	9.5	86	21	3.10	53	62%	11	97	1.83
ROYAL OAK	54,026	13.5	85	18	3.72	64	75%	16	101	1.53
SHELBY TWP.	71,974	36.0	72	19	2.79	52	72%	20	92	0.98
WATERFORD TWP.	68,917	25.0	77	22	2.50	52	68%	29	106	1.09
WEST BLOOMFIELD	64,310	34.0	82	16	4.13	53	65%	34	116	1.24
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>61,380</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3.03</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>1.40</b>

\*Uniformed Patrol  
Note: SEMCOG population figures 2/10/2009

Detailed statistics for Canton can be found on the department's website at [www.cantonpublicsafety.org](http://www.cantonpublicsafety.org).

# BUDGET COMPARISON - FIRE

# BUDGET COMPARISON - POLICE

Budget Comparison 2008 - Fire

Community	Population	Fire Expenditures	Per capita cost	# Sworn	Sworn/1000	Transports
Bloomfield Township*	41,243	\$11,043,500	\$267.77	70	1.70	no
<b>Canton **</b>	<b>85,114</b>	<b>\$9,854,482</b>	<b>\$115.78</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>yes</b>
Clinton Township	95,556	\$15,238,801	\$159.48	77	0.81	no
Dearborn Heights	55,929	\$5,751,173	\$102.83	53	0.95	yes
Madison Heights***	29,420	\$5,990,455	\$203.62	37	1.26	yes
Redford Township	48,893	\$7,618,616	\$155.82	39	0.80	yes
Roseville	46,280	\$6,135,569	\$132.57	43	0.93	yes
Royal Oak	55,737	\$9,441,235	\$169.39	65	1.17	no
Shelby Township	72,569	\$12,885,576	\$177.56	58	0.80	yes
Waterford Township	70,004	\$9,451,886	\$135.02	65	0.93	no
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>60,075</b>	<b>\$9,341,129</b>	<b>\$161.98</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1.01</b>	

\* Bloomfield includes \$750,000 for retiree health care - fire.

\* Bloomfield has a separate budget for Dispatch of \$1,272,600, not included in Police or Fire Expenditures

\*\* Canton Fire - General Fund Charge back of \$ 430,641 for 2007

\*\*\*Madison Heights - building debt- millage not included in Fire Budget

Note: Farmington Hills was taken out of the averages as this department is part paid.

Note: SEMCOG population figures 8/1/2008

Budget Comparison 2008 - Police

Community	Population	Police Expenditures	Per capita cost	Sworn	Sworn/1000
Bloomfield Township*	41,243	\$12,383,800	\$300.26	70	1.70
<b>Canton**</b>	<b>85,114</b>	<b>\$15,321,862</b>	<b>\$180.02</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>1.02</b>
Clinton Township	95,556	\$19,572,969	\$204.83	104	1.09
Dearborn Heights***	55,929	\$12,681,740	\$226.75	84	1.50
Farmington Hills	79,516	\$17,914,223	\$225.29	120	1.51
Madison Heights	29,420	\$10,443,687	\$354.99	57	1.94
Redford Township	48,893	\$10,574,874	\$216.29	66	1.35
Roseville	46,280	\$12,118,770	\$261.86	89	1.92
Royal Oak	54,883	\$13,639,464	\$248.52	72	1.31
Shelby Township	72,569	\$13,947,250	\$192.19	71	0.98
Waterford Township	70,004	\$15,291,653	\$218.44	78	1.11
<b>Average</b>	<b>61,764</b>	<b>\$13,990,027</b>	<b>\$239.04</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1.40</b>

\* Bloomfield includes \$1,150,000 for retiree health care for police.

\* Bloomfield has a separate budget for Dispatch of \$1,272,600 not included in Police or Fire Expenditures.

\*\*Canton Police - General Fund Charge Back of \$936,628 for 2007

\*\*\*Dearborn Heights includes Public Safety Millage for staffing

\*\*\*Dearborn Heights - \$20m building debt not included in police budget - TIFA building debt

Note: SEMCOG population figures 8/1/2008