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Department of Public Safety City of Petoskey

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Message from the Director

Welcome to the Petoskey Department of Public Safety 2022 Annual Report and thank you for taking an interest in our departmental operations. This annual report will help illustrate our Department's dedication to the safety of our residents and visitors, our continued promotion of community engagement, and our emphasis on being a proactive agency. Our mission remains the same, to serve our community with fairness, equality and respect for human dignity. This Annual Report will have a small twist as I, new Director Adrian "Rocky" Karr, will be writing and narrating 2022's review from Director Matthew Breed's perspective as he retired on February 1, 2023.



The year 2022 highlighted the resiliency of our community as a whole. With COVID-19 still playing a role, our community and its workforce continued to make positive steps in returning to "the new normal". Let's face it, COVID-19 was a non-discretionary beast that adversely affected many aspects of daily living. The victory in this experience is our ability as a community to adapt and overcome while preparing for potential similar occurrences. In other words, through adversity we have become a stronger community!

On July 1, 2022, the Petoskey Department of Public Safety was awarded Accreditation Status by the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC). To date, there are only 53 Accredited Police Agencies in Michigan with 120 currently in the process. Petoskey is the only Accredited Public Safety Department in Northern Lower Michigan at this time. This was a tremendous group effort by all Department members. Through this comprehensive review and update of our organization's policies, officers will have the situational knowledge to better serve the community while limiting Departmental liability. Officers are not only expected to know the policies, they are required to provide video evidence, or "proofs", that they are abiding by said policies. Lastly, just because we have reached accreditation status does not mean we relax. MLEAC requires each accredited agency to go through the re-accreditation process every three years. We have already started to prepare for 2025!

In 2022, the Petoskey Department of Public Safety was once again able to engage with the community through outreach programs such as our annual Citizen's Academy and Open House. Further, Department members were active in various community program events such as Fire Prevention Week, YMCA summer camp presentations, the senior Health Expo presented by the Friendship Center, and "Shop with a Hero". Through these opportunities, we hope to continue to build relationships where members of the community know our staff on a more personal level.

I would like to close with a message from Director Breed. "As purposely stated in our Mission Statement, 'Through commitment to quality service, the Department will meet the public safety needs of the community, recognizing the values of fairness, equality, and respect for human dignity'. I feel I have done my best over the past 33 years to see this was accomplished. We have the fortunate opportunity to live and work in a location many see as a vacation destination. The year 2022 was my last full year as Director. I would like to sincerely thank those who live, work and visit the City of Petoskey for the many years of support! On to the next chapter!"

Stay safe and stay healthy,

Rocky Karr, Director



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Petoskey Department of Public Safety is to provide professional community-oriented police, fire and emergency medical services. We are committed to creating and maintaining an active community partnership with those we serve. We are dedicated to protecting lives and property while maintaining order and assuring fair and equal treatment to everyone.

The Petoskey Department of Public Safety is a proactive agency dedicated to excellence through quality customer service. We shall maintain our high level of professionalism through training, education, innovation and accountability. We shall foster an atmosphere where Department members treat each other fairly, honestly, and equally.

Through commitment to quality service, the Department will meet the public safety needs of the community, recognizing the values of fairness, equality, and respect for human dignity.

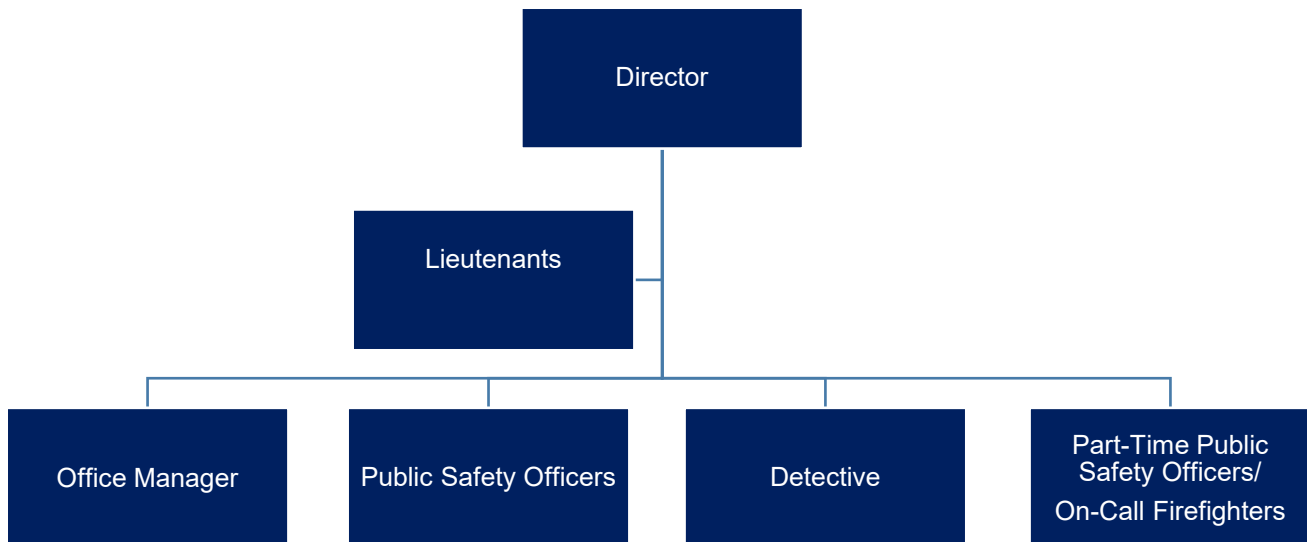
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The Petoskey Department of Public Safety is committed to providing the best possible service for everyone who lives, works, or visits the Petoskey area. Staff believes in a strong partnership with all members of the community in an effort to keep Petoskey a safe, vibrant city.

Police, fire, and emergency medical services are provided through a unified Department of Public Safety. The Department staff of nineteen sworn officers (crossed-trained as certified law enforcement officer, firefighter, and EMT), seven part-time Public Safety Officers, one on-call firefighter, and one Office Manager provides a wide range of services to the citizens of Petoskey and Bay Harbor. The Department operates eight pieces of fire equipment, eight police vehicles, and two rescue boats. All public safety vehicles are equipped with emergency medical equipment.

The law enforcement division handles requests for police services involving criminal investigations, civil disputes, traffic enforcement, traffic accident investigations, ordinance violations, and general assistance to the public such as vehicle unlocks. The fire division provides programs involving inspections, fire prevention in area schools, conducts fire station tours, and public appearances at community events.

Public Safety Department Chain of Command



Law Enforcement Calls for Service 2018-2022

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Bay Harbor	324	335	389	361	393
Petoskey	8,302	8,621	7,074	7,587	6,978
Total	8,626	8,956	7,463	7,948	7,371

Complaint numbers are generated for activities such as arrests, criminal investigations, health and safety checks, suspicious persons or vehicles, alarms, and assisting other agencies. Other activities are logged, but not assigned complaint numbers. Usually these events require no follow-up by an officer such as administrative tasks, assisting citizens, and court appearances.

In 2022, the Public Safety law enforcement division handled 7,371 requests for service and logged 6,173 complaint numbers.

As a result of criminal complaints and investigations, the Department of Public Safety made 229 total arrests in 2022. Of that total, 56 were felony arrests and 173 were misdemeanor arrests.



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Log of Complaints

Incident	Petoskey	Bay Harbor
911 Hang Up	98	6
Abandoned Vehicle	50	1
Accidents	411	20
Alarms	172	71
Animal Complaint	172	1
Assault/Domestic Violence	45	3
Assist Ambulance	608	33
Assist Other Agency	221	1
Attempt to Locate/Wellbeing Check	102	2
Breaking and Entering	6	0
Civil Matters/Disputes	166	6
Damage to Property	10	1
Death	5	0
Disorderly Conduct	17	0
Embezzlement	1	0
Family-Neglect/Non-Support	6	0
Fire/Fire Related Services	44	8
Forgery/Fraud	16	1
General Assistance	329	14
General Non-Criminal	621	23
Health and Safety	0	1
Juvenile Complaint	108	0
Larceny	29	4
Liquor Violations	7	0
Lost and Found Property	140	0
Mental Health	104	0
Miscellaneous Criminal	3	0
Misdemeanor Traffic Offense	24	0
Missing Person	2	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	0
Noise Complaint	35	2
Obstructing Justice	45	1
Obstructing/Resisting Officer	11	0
Operating While Intoxicated	38	8
Ordinance Violation (Including IPMC/IFC)	156	3
Parking Violation	93	27
Property Inspection	106	8
Public Relations	116	1
Sex Offense	17	1
Stalking/Intimidation	11	0
Suspicious Situations	688	30
Traffic Stops	763	65
Trespass	1	0
Unlock	214	5
Violation of Controlled Substance Act	9	0
Weapons Offense	2	0
Total	5,826	347

*Statistics are organized by most serious offense

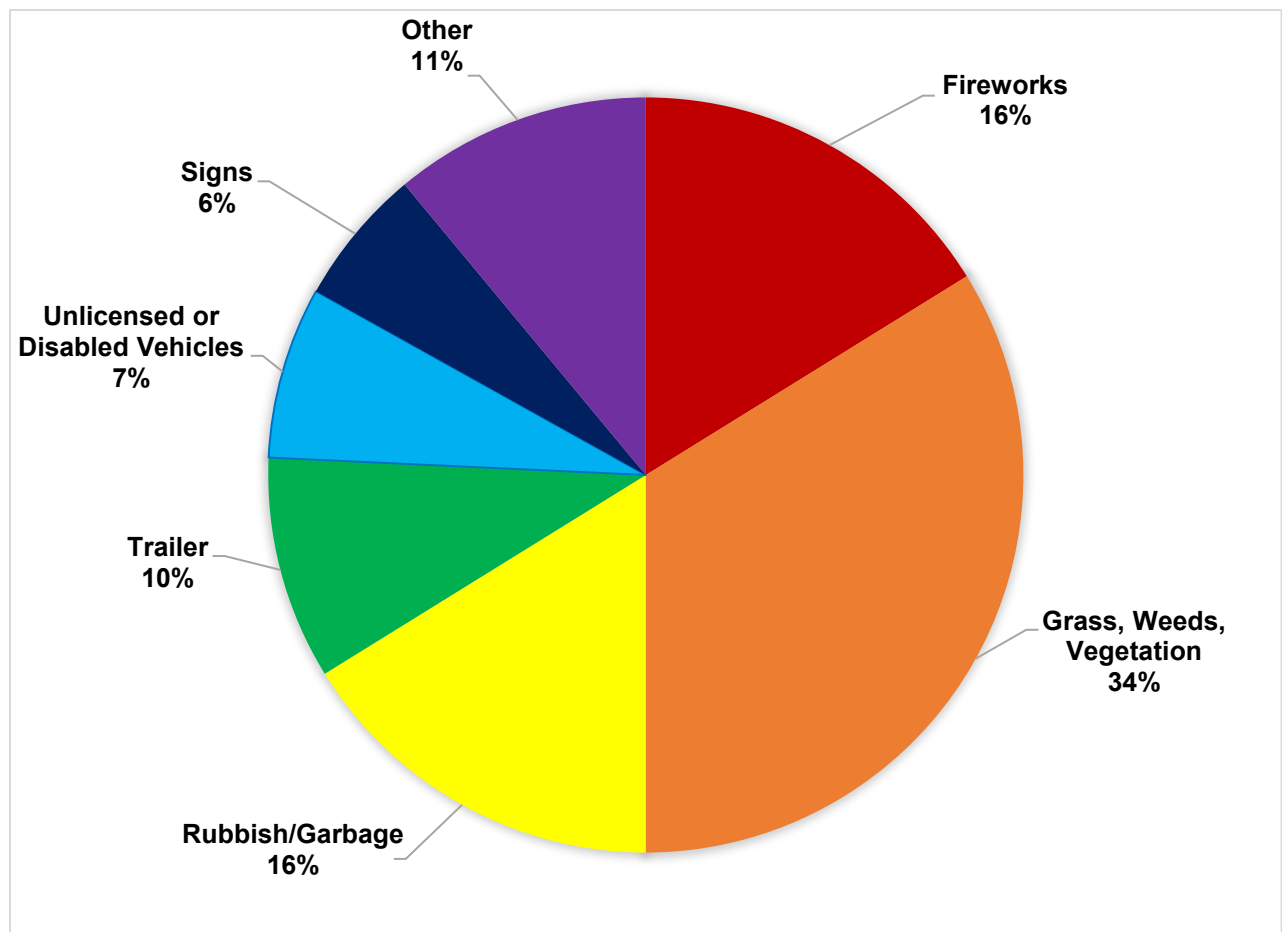
Nuisance Ordinance Enforcement

The City's nuisance ordinances provide the tools needed to address health and safety issues as well as concerns commonly referred to as blight complaints. The Department of Public Safety has taken the lead in enforcement of these ordinances. The ordinances deal with grass, weed, and vegetation issues; garbage/rubbish; trailer violations; unlicensed or disabled vehicles; sign violations; front yard parking; dumpster problems; and unsafe or unsecured buildings. Potential violations are referred to Public Safety through complaints by citizens and by observations made by Public Safety Officers.

At the direction of City Council, a more proactive approach to code enforcement was adopted by the Department in Spring of 2021. A plan was developed for officers to routinely check every street within each ward and address violations as they were found. Officers often found that homeowners were unaware they were in violation of a City ordinance and violations were quickly corrected. Officers worked closely with residents in an attempt to gain voluntary compliance and assisted in any way possible to correct the issue and avoid enforcement measures.

In 2022, the Department of Public Safety handled 159 complaints related to 164 ordinance violations. All but four of the investigations were closed by voluntary compliance. Citations were issued for violations related to skateboarding in prohibited areas and failure to obtain a food truck license.

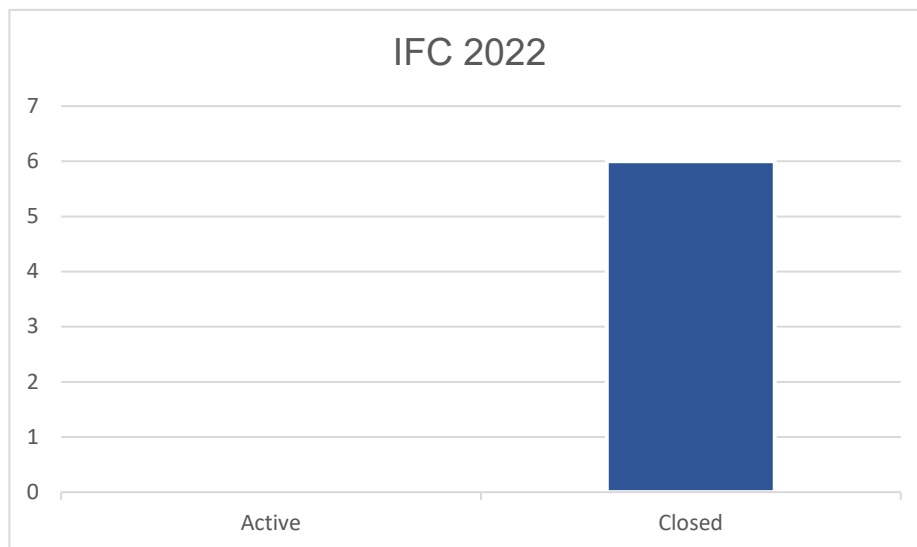
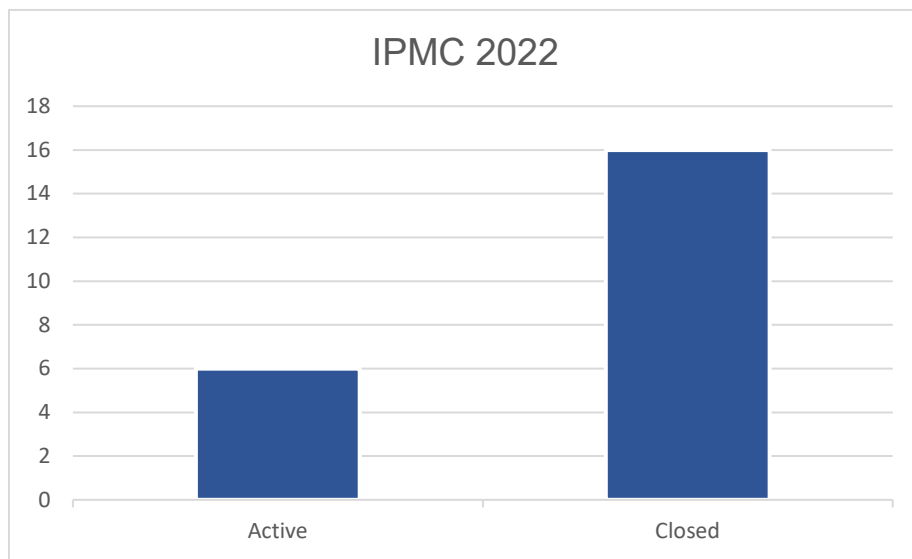
Common Ordinance Violations 2022



International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) International Fire Code (IFC)

In 2010, the City Council adopted by ordinance both the International Property Maintenance Code and an updated version of the International Fire Code. These codes were adopted to regulate and govern the conditions and maintenance of properties, buildings, and structures. These codes provide standards that must be met to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary, and fit for occupancy and use.

The Petoskey Department of Public Safety enforces these ordinances through inspections and investigations conducted by our fire inspectors. The main focus of the Department is to identify problem areas, isolate the violations, and then work with the property owners to correct the situation. Voluntary compliance is the goal, and enforcement action is only taken in cases where no other alternatives are available. In 2022, officers investigated 22 International Property Maintenance Code violations and 6 International Fire Code Violations.



Safety/Educational Programs



The Petoskey Department of Public Safety is committed to working with the community to educate citizens and assist them in keeping their families safe and secure. Our officers help each year by participating in a variety of community events and functions. Public Safety Officers speak to school children, give station tours, attend job fairs, conduct fire safety demonstrations, and assist area groups with various requests.

In 2022, Public Safety Officers spent an estimated 550 hours on community outreach and educational programs. Pictured above, Lt. Todd Troxel and Jane Poquette of McLaren Northern Michigan presented a “Stop the Bleed” program to Lincoln school staff. This program is designed to teach attendees how to handle a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

TEAM

We provide a structured TEAM (Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring) program to area students. TEAM is a curriculum developed by the Michigan State Police and is approved by the Department of Education for students of every age. In 2022, Officer Benjamin Carlson presented the law-based program to students and spent time in all local schools. This program deals with a variety of topics such as stranger awareness, firearm safety, bullying, the criminal justice process, fire safety, and homeland security.



In Memory of Jeffrey Glasscock

In May, we were honored to join Petoskey resident Jeffrey Glasscock, along with his family and friends, at his Celebration of Life event. Jeff was a longtime supporter of our Department, occasionally visiting the fire station or spending time speaking with Public Safety Officers. Jeff was always interested in our equipment and he was known to show up at fire scenes to watch the firefighters in action. We were saddened to hear that Jeff had been battling cancer and when we learned that his family was hosting a Celebration of Life event, we wanted to do something extra special to thank him for his support. Jeff always seemed to enjoy seeing our fire trucks, so Public Safety Officers brought our ladder truck to the event. Jeff was able to see the trucks up close again and we even took him for a quick ride. We also presented Jeff with his own Petoskey Public Safety turnout coat, which we had completed specially for him with his name on the back of it.

Jeff passed away on August 18, 2022 at his home in Petoskey. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.



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Community Connections



In recognition of Fire Prevention Week, PSO Karl Fritz met with Benjamin Blake from SERVPRO of Gaylord and Cheboygan. SERVPRO donated safety tip bags for children, goodies for first responders, and smoke detectors. This generous donation allows us to supply smoke detectors to City homeowners, free of charge.



This summer, we were invited to join the YMCA of Northern Michigan's "Summer Camp at the Y" program designed for children ages 5-12. Campers enjoyed cooling off in the water sprayed from our fire truck and described it as the "best day ever!" Lt. Adrian Karr also brought his patrol car and emergency equipment for campers to check out.



Officer Karl Fritz (pictured) and Detective Scott Lamont were on hand at the Senior Health Expo presented by the Friendship Centers of Emmet County. They joined several local vendors who provided free samples and services to seniors. The Public Safety Department presented fire safety information and gave out free smoke detectors to attendees.



The Michigan Police Unity Team ended their 313-mile bicycle trip at our station on Lake Street. The team rode their bikes across the state, stopping at memorials along the way to honor fallen officers. While at our station, the team honored Robert Russell, a Petoskey Police Officer killed in the line of duty on June 6, 1950.



In December, Lt. Todd Troxel joined other first responders at the "Shop with a Hero" event. "Shop with a Hero" partners law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical responders with local children to shop for gifts for their families. These children are selected by their schools and are from families that could benefit from some extra support in the holiday season.

Open House

For the last two years, we had been unable to host our Open House due to COVID-19 precautions. In June, we were happy to organize our 11th Open House event. We invited the community to come into our workplace and spend time with Public Safety Officers and other first responders. This event took place at the downtown fire station, located on West Lake Street.

It appeared the community missed our Open House as much as we did and this event was very well attended. We estimated more than 500 people visited our station and believe this was our best attended Open House yet. Guests were treated to free snacks, refreshments, and gifts; most donated by local businesses. Public Safety Officers were on hand to show children how to use a fire hose and performed a vehicle extrication demonstration. There was even an opportunity to dunk a police officer, as PSO Frederick Haalck volunteered to sit in the dunk tank.

We were joined by the Michigan State Police (with their K-9 officer), Emmet County Sheriff's Office (with their boat), United States Coast Guard, Emmet County EMS, Resort Bear Creek Fire Department, Department of Natural Resources, Office of Emergency Management, Little Traverse Bay Bands Tribal Police, and the Radio Armature Civil Emergency Services.



Citizens Academy

We held our 11th Citizens Academy in the fall of 2022. The Citizens Academy was established to give citizens a better working knowledge of our operations, policies, and procedures. The Academy is open to all members of the community, at no cost to the students.

The 24-hour block of instruction is very comprehensive, covering different topics over the course of several weeks. Participants received instruction in fire operations, emergency medical services, criminal law, interviewing and interrogation, and crime scene investigation. Students also had the opportunity to use our equipment and heard presentations from Emmet EMS, Emmet County Sheriff's Office, and CCE Central Dispatch. Officers enjoy sharing their knowledge with Academy participants and put a lot of hard work into making this program a success. Students from this year's Academy shared their thoughts on the class:

"This is a wonderful experience! Our Public Safety officers are marvelous"

"This class is so much fun!"

"Thank you to Director Breed and all the Public Safety Officers who spent so many hours educating us"



Detective Position

The Department has one full-time detective that handles all follow-up investigations from complaints taken by officers as well as a variety of other duties. The detective works directly with the courts, other law enforcement agencies, and outside departments. The detective is on a three-year rotating schedule to allow numerous officers the opportunity to serve and learn more about the investigative process. Public Safety Officer Scott Lamont began his term as detective in January 2022. Detective Lamont has been with the Department since August 2016.



In 2022, Detective Lamont continued investigation on 111 complaints, worked on 153 new incidents, and reopened 11 cases. He obtained 35 felony arrest warrants, 43 misdemeanor arrest warrants and 18 search warrants. Detective Lamont also completed 11 assists to local schools.

Left, Detective Lamont teaches Citizen Academy participants about crime scene investigation.

Administrative Services

The administrative office of Petoskey Department of Public Safety is located within City Hall at 101 East Lake Street. The office processes all criminal paperwork, accident reports, court records, and complaint documentation. Services include fingerprinting, as well as assisting citizens with walk-in complaints or phone calls. Additionally, the administrative office completed 102 Freedom of Information requests, 15 permits to purchase a handgun, and 83 pistol sales records in 2022. The administrative office also provides a Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drug (POD) Drop Off location for City residents. In 2022, the Department safely disposed of approximately 691 pounds of medications and assisted in the disposal of POD's in neighboring counties as well.



School Resource Officer

Over the past several years, the Public Safety Department has devoted as much time as possible to having an officer present within Petoskey Schools. PSO Benjamin Carlson is a fully trained School Resource Officer (SRO) however, staffing issues prevented the Department from scheduling him in the schools full-time. Over the summer of 2021, Petoskey School Administrators recognized a need for an increased presence of a resource officer. An agreement was reached whereby Petoskey Schools made a financial commitment in an effort to increase the number of hours the SRO is on campus. The Public Safety Department is grateful to Petoskey Schools for their commitment and the Department is pleased to announce that PSO Carlson will be in the schools full-time beginning January 2023.

SRO's are a great asset to schools as they collaborate with staff to ensure that students have a safe environment in which to learn. PSO Carlson is not only on hand in case of an emergency, but he assists with truancy concerns, provides medical assistance, completes demonstrations, and speaks with students daily. Additionally, a large percentage of PSO Carlson's time is spent mentoring and building positive relationships with students.

In 2022, PSO Carlson responded to 227 Calls for Service to Petoskey Public Schools.



OK2SAY

OK2SAY is a student safety program ran by the Michigan State Police that allows students to confidentially report tips on potential harm or criminal activities directed at students, schools, or school employees. Tips can be submitted on the OK2SAY app or by phone, text, or email. Planned school attacks, threats, bullying, or suicidal thoughts are some of the most common types of tips received.

According to the Michigan State Police website, there were 7,414 tips submitted statewide in 2022.

Public Safety Officers received several tips from the OK2SAY program and each tip was investigated thoroughly.



New Officers



We added two new full-time Public Safety Officers to our team in 2022. In October, Connor Kish was sworn in as a PSO by City Clerk Sarah Bek. Connor attended Ferris State University where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. He completed the Police Academy at Ferris and was employed as an officer for the Blackman-Leoni Public Safety Department. PSO Kish came to our Department as a certified Police Officer, Medical First Responder, and Firefighter. PSO Kish has completed his field training and is currently working the road.

In December, Alexis Peacock took her oath to serve the City of Petoskey with Clerk Sarah Bek. Alexis served over the summer as our Public Safety Cadet, providing park security and assistance to the Department. Alexis attended Ferris State University where she received her Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement. Alexis completed the fall Police Academy at Kirtland and is currently in our Field Training Program. Once this training is complete, PSO Peacock will begin working on her Firefighting and EMT licensing while working road patrol.



Police Academy Sponsorship

In 2022, the City of Petoskey and the Petoskey Department of Public Safety sponsored our new PSO, Alexis Peacock, in the Kirtland Police Academy. This Academy is approved by and operated under the authority of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES). This program not only meets the MCOLES requirements but exceeds them. The 17-week Academy operates five days a week for eight hours a day at their Grayling campus. Cadets participate in classroom learning, hands-on lessons, and scenario-based training. They must pass written exams as well as skills tests regarding firearm proficiency, physical fitness, defensive tactics, first aid, and emergency vehicle operations. During the last week of the Academy, cadets must take the MCOLES Licensing Exam.

Nearly every cadet in the Fall 2022 Kirtland Academy was sponsored by a Law Enforcement Agency.



Field Training Program

In 2022, three of our Public Safety Officers, Frederick Haalck, Will Bowen, and Hunter Arnold, attended a Field Training and Evaluation program presented by Dewolf and Associates. This training provides experienced officers the tools necessary to effectively train, educate, and evaluate new officers. This Field Training program is a four step process, with the trainee taking on more responsibilities as they progress through each stage while receiving coaching from their Field Training Officer (FTO). The trainee is graded daily, and must show that they meet all expectations before continuing to the next step. The last phase, the "Shadow Phase" consists of the FTO observing their trainee as they take the lead in their complaints. The FTO determines if the trainee has satisfactorily displayed the ability to perform as a PSO on their own prior to completion of the program.

Recruitment

Police Departments across the nation are struggling with an officer shortage. According to the Police Executive Research Forum, police departments reported a 3.9% decrease in new officer hirings in 2021 compared to 2019. They further reported there were 23.6% more retirements in 2021 compared to 2019 and 42.7% more resignations in the same time.

The Petoskey Department of Public Safety is committed to providing the citizens of Petoskey with the highest caliber of Public Safety Officers. Recognizing the nationwide officer shortage, we are making a focused effort on recruitment. Lt. Todd Troxel is spearheading this project and has been promoting the Department at several career expos, law enforcement graduations, and school events. The recruitment process will continue in 2023.

2022 Honors Board of Review Recipients

The Petoskey Department of Public Safety Honors Board of Review consists of the Director, Senior Lieutenant and Union Stewart. The Board meets once a year to review requests for recognition of meritorious service or actions. These requests for awards are submitted by Department members who wish to have fellow Department members, public safety personnel from other departments, or citizens recognized for outstanding service to the community or to the Department. With the retirement of Director Matthew Breed shortly after the start of 2023, this year's Board consisted of then Interim Director and Senior Lieutenant Adrian Karr and Public Safety Officer Scott Lamont.

Lifesaving Award:

Lt. Michael Parker
PSO Hunter Arnold
PSO Connor Kish
EMT Chris Krupa
Paramedic Chelsea Wregglesworth

This award is intended for individuals directly responsible for saving a human life.

On December 16, 2022 at approximately 9:22 P.M., Public Safety Officers overheard EMS being dispatched to a hotel just outside the city limits. Dispatch advised of an 18-year-old male who appeared unconscious, was purple in color, and breathing "every once in a while". Due to the severity of the circumstances, officers took it upon themselves to respond to this location to assist.

Upon arrival, officers found the subject was unconscious, laying facedown, was purple in color, had pinpoint pupils, and snoring respirations. Lt. Parker administered three doses of Nasal Naloxone (Narcan), while PSO's Arnold and Kish prepared to begin rescue breathing efforts. After approximately three minutes, the patient regained consciousness and was able to walk out of his room on his own power to the awaiting EMS cot.

On December 17, 2022 at approximately 8:23 P.M., officers were dispatched to the same location for the same 18-year-old male reportedly unconscious and foaming from his nose and mouth. At this incident, officers were assisted by Emmet County EMS members EMT Krupa and Paramedic Wregglesworth. PSO's Arnold and Kish were the first to arrive and found the patient exhibiting similar symptoms as the shift prior. PSO's administered two doses of Naloxone, however the subject was not quick to respond. There was some discussion by personnel on scene of a possible seizure or other causes in which the symptoms might be similar, however through a brief discussion and explanation of the shift prior, PSO's convinced EMS staff they were confident the incident was related to a narcotics episode. Lt. Parker placed an oral airway as instructed by EMS staff to assist with rescue breathing efforts. Once EMS started an IV, the subject was administered one more dose of Narcan and regained consciousness.

This young life was spared twice through the quick actions and group efforts of all aforementioned professional on-scene. By communicating with one another and working through the incident, this subject was provided another opportunity to change his life's path.

Lifesaving Award:

Lt. David Schultz
PSO John Duch
PSO Erik Hoig
Sgt. Cole Brady, Emmet County Sheriff's Office

This award is intended for individuals directly responsible for saving a human life.

On October 28, 2022, CCE Central Dispatch received a call from a woman who was transporting her husband to McLaren Northern Michigan and she believed he was possibly deceased. Officers had recently been dispatched to the hospital for an unrelated incident and Sgt. Brady with the Emmet County Sheriff's Office was already on scene. Sgt. Brady observed the vehicle pull into the Emergency Department ramp and requested additional assistance. Sgt. Brady indicated the man was not breathing and CPR was initiated.

Lt. Schultz, PSO Duch and PSO Hoig arrived on scene to assist. Officers immediately began aggressive CPR in the parking lot while hospital staff responded with lifesaving equipment. The male was loaded onto a cot and brought into the ED, where officers and hospital staff continued lifesaving efforts for approximately 20 minutes. At this point, doctors advised the patient had regained his pulse and he was sent to the Cath Lab for advanced care. Family later reported that this patient was released and has made a full recovery.

Through the quick response and actions of all officers involved, along with the quick dispatch information and dedication of ER staff; this certain tragic incident had an amazing ending. A life was saved! All responding emergency personnel warrant recognition for an outstanding display of teamwork and actions.

Lifesaving Award:

PSO Hunter Arnold

This award is intended for individuals directly responsible for saving a human life.

On January 16, 2022 at approximately 1:00 P.M., PSO Arnold overheard emergency units dispatched to a business located just outside the city limits. Dispatch information indicated a 36-year-old male may have overdosed. Recognizing he might be the closest unit, PSO Arnold requested permission to assist from the Emmet County Sheriff's Office and responded swiftly to the scene.

Upon arrival, PSO Arnold observed staff performing CPR on the patient. PSO Arnold asked bystanders if Narcan had been administered and they stated it had not. PSO Arnold performed a rapid assessment. PSO Arnold observed the patient was unconscious and had a hypodermic needle laying on the ground next to him. PSO Arnold administered one dose of Narcan to the patient's right nostril. PSO Arnold then checked the patient's right radial pulse and noted there was a pulse present. The patient then began breathing more on his own. At that point, PSO Arnold provided rescue breathing efforts as EMS arrived. The patient slowly regained consciousness and started talking to EMS staff prior to transport.

Without PSO Arnold's quick response, rapid assessment of the situation and emergency aid, the subject's chance of survival was extremely low. PSO Arnold's actions on this date were textbook and he should be recognized for his lifesaving actions.

Public Safety Citation:

Lt. Todd Troxel

Award for service in the line of duty that required unusual thoroughness, conscientiousness, determination and initiative in the performance of a difficult assignment.

Shortly after noon on February 2, 2022, Public Safety was dispatched to multiple reports of two overturned kayakers approximately 150 yards off shore on Little Traverse Bay near Belle Avenue. Witnesses reported the kayakers were yelling for help and at least one of the persons in the water did not have a lifejacket on.

Lt. Troxel arrived on scene and confirmed there were two teenaged males in the water attempting to swim to shore. Lt Troxel noted one male appeared to be a stronger swimmer and was going to be able to self-rescue. The other young man was struggling to swim any further and was clinging to a floating life jacket. Lt. Troxel immediately stowed his cumbersome police gear, donned a Department issued life jacket and entered the water. Once Lt. Troxel reached the subject, the male let go of his life jacket and grabbed on to Lt. Troxel. Knowing one life jacket would not be able to hold the weight of two, Lt Troxel was able to calm the male down and instructed him to hold on the floating vest with two hands. Lt. Troxel assisted the panicked young man to shore.

It should be noted this is the second occasion in which Lt. Troxel has entered the waters of Lake Michigan to effect a rescue of a subject in distress. His actions on this date deserve recognition and he is hereby awarded with a Public Safety Citation.

Public Safety Commendation:

PSO Lawrence Donovan

This award recognizes exceptionally effective work and above average alertness or initiative in a difficult or unusual situation.

Citizens Award:

Hannah Budnik
Susannah Pfeifer

The award recognizes meritorious service to the Department by the citizen.

On May 12, 2022 at approximately 2:19 P.M., citizens Hannah Budnik and Susannah Pfeifer observed a dog that had been left alone in a parked vehicle. The temperature on this day was in the low 80's and much warmer inside the vehicle, which was not running. They continued to keep an eye on the truck, and when the owner did not return for at least a half hour; Susannah contacted 911. PSO Donovan responded and both witnesses provided him with detailed information before pointing out the vehicle.

PSO Donovan could hear the dog inside of the vehicle panting loudly and gasping for air. PSO Donovan used an unlock tool to open the vehicle to remove the dog and get him to a much cooler environment. PSO Donovan attempted to provide the dog water and began cooling him with ice packs. He noted the dog was not recovering and was still in distress. At this point, the dog was not able to stand on his own and his condition appeared to be deteriorating. Realizing time was of the essence, PSO Donovan placed a call to Jensen's Animal Hospital and transported the dog for emergency veterinary care. Upon arrival at Jensen's, the dog was treated for heat exposure due to the extreme heat. The owner was located about an hour after the initial call to 911.

PSO Donovan has earned recognition for his quick response and sound judgement throughout the entirety of this incident. Citizens Hannah Budnik and Susannah Pfeifer should also be recognized for noticing danger and acting accordingly. Thanks to their actions, this animal's life was saved.

Citizens Award:

Max Ann Caldwell

The award recognizes meritorious service to the Department by the citizen.

On February 15, 2022 at approximately 09:15 A.M., a physical altercation took place between two students in the female's restroom at the Petoskey High School. After the incident, School Resource Officer Ben Carlson became aware of a video of the fight. There were several females present to view this interaction with their cell phones at the ready. Except one. Once the physical altercation started to take place, Max chose to step in the middle and physically defused the situation by pulling the two females apart. For this effort, Max was rewarded with an errant strike to the face obviously meant for one of the other combatants.

Max could have easily stood silent and observed this altercation but chose to take action. Max's selfless action to stop this violent act from escalating deserves to be recognized.

For these actions, Max is hereby awarded the Citizen's Award.



The 2022 Honors Board of Review awards were presented during a City Council meeting on March 6, 2023.

Training

Each year, Public Safety Officers receive training in a variety of areas including firefighting, emergency medical services, and law enforcement. In 2022, officers participated in several important trainings including hazmat, active shooter, arson investigation, firearms, defensive tactics, de-escalation, implicit bias, use of force, and Autism awareness. We also had three officers complete specialized training to become certified Field Training Officers, giving them the skills needed to efficiently train new PSO's.

In 2022, the Public Safety Department received a total of 3,269 hours of training.

Law Enforcement	Fire	EMS
1,440	1,179	650



Above, officers complete a fire training at a residence prior to its demolition. Below, PSO's attended a full scale ice mass rescue exercise conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard. Several other agencies were present at the training including neighboring law enforcement agencies, Emmet County EMS, Michigan State Police, and several fire departments.



Accreditation

The Public Safety Department began the Accreditation process with the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC) in 2020. To achieve accreditation status, departments are required to prove they have written policies or directives to address all 108 standards mandated by the MLEAC. These standards cover a wide range of topics such as administrative, operational, personnel, investigative, and arrestee/detainee handling functions. Additionally, departments must also provide “proofs” that they comply with the standards while performing their law enforcement duties. These proofs are typically documented by incident reports or bodycam footage. The department must also successfully complete an assessment led by a team of independent auditors. Part of this audit includes spending time with officers while they are working their shifts to ensure the standards are being adhered to by department members. The public is also invited to speak with the auditors to give their input on the department.



This spring, we invited auditors to evaluate our Department's Accreditation progress. Upon completion of a two-day audit and detailed review, the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission determined the Department had successfully earned Accreditation status. In order to maintain this status, the Department must provide new proofs each calendar year to show we continue to adhere to policies and standards. MLEAC requires departments to participate in an Audit every three years and our Accreditation team continues to work diligently in preparation for our 2025 audit.



Public Safety was presented with the Certificate of Accreditation from the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission on October 3, 2022. Pictured left to right: Lt. David Schultz, Lt. Michael Parker, Lt. Adrian Karr, Director Matthew Breed, and Lt. Todd Troxel.

Public Safety Stations

Fire Station #1

100 West Lake Street

Apparatus assigned to Station #1:

- One 1500 GPM Rescue Engine
- One 100' Aerial Ladder
- Two Support Vehicles
- One 12' Rescue Boat



Photo by Josh Morgan

Fire Station #2 – Station West (Bay Harbor)

3625 Charlevoix Road

Apparatus assigned to Station #2:

- One 1500 GPM Rescue Engine
- One 70' Aerial Ladder
- One 12' Rescue Boat
- One Patrol Unit



Fire and EMS Calls for Service

The Department responded to 938 fire and emergency medical calls for service in 2022. Of these calls for service, 221 were classified as a fire response and 717 were a medical response.

Fire and EMS Calls for Service

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
806	797	871	1,001	938

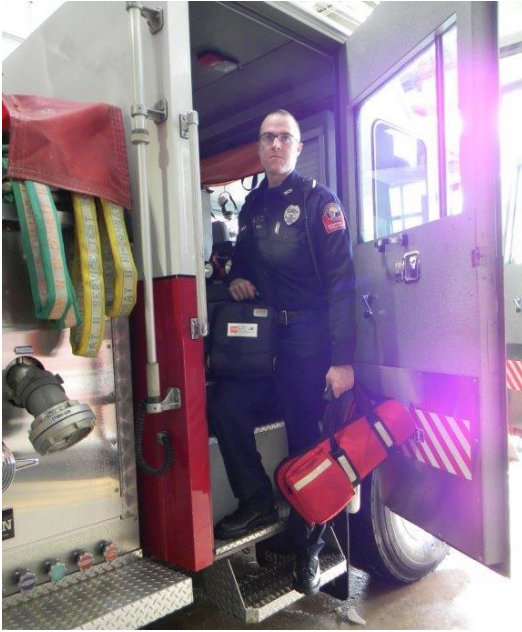
Breakdown of Fire and EMS Calls for Service

EMS Calls	717
Fire Calls	221

Emergency Medical Services

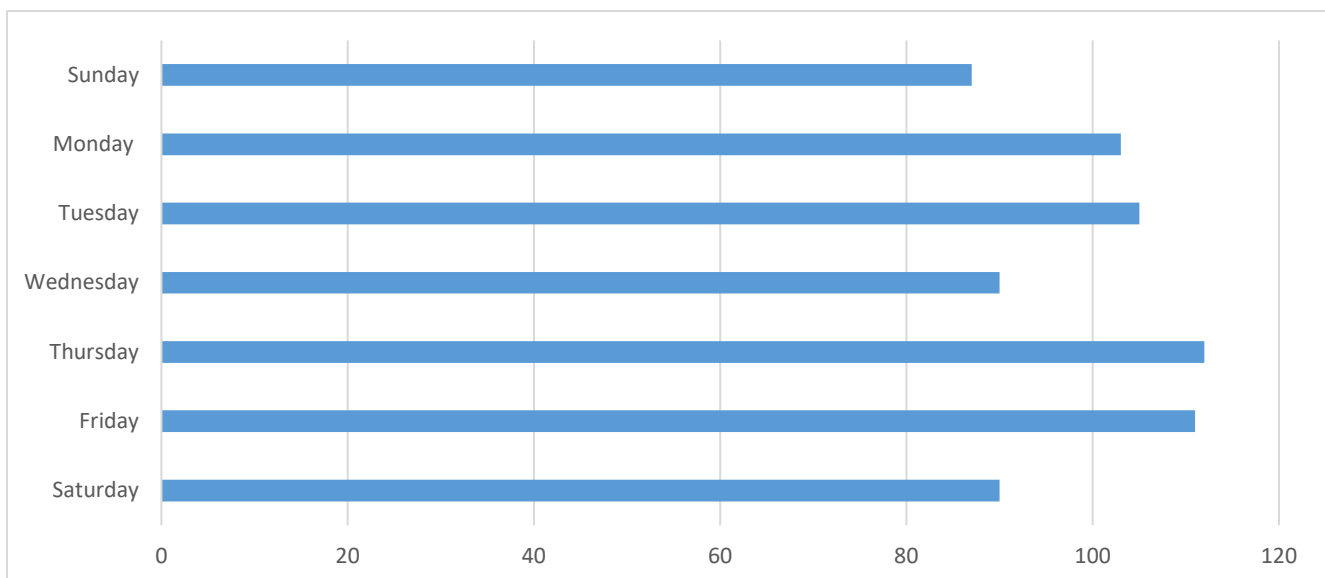
Approximately 76% of the calls for emergency medical or fire services answered in 2022 were medical in nature. The Department of Public Safety operates under licensing issued by the Michigan Department of Community Health. Petoskey is the only fire department in Emmet County operating at the “basic-non transport” level. This license is one level below the paramedic level.

With an average response time of 4.5 minutes from the time of notification by the 911 center until arrival, we are often the first medical unit on scene at priority calls. All officers hold at minimum a basic EMT license with some officers also holding paramedic licensing.



Basic medical equipment carried on both of the Department's licensed fire engines include splints, Automatic External Defibrillator, oxygen, glucose monitoring, Narcan, airways and OB kits.

2022 Medical Calls for Service by Day



Fire Services

Public Safety Officers complete extensive education and training in fire services and are certified Firefighters by the State of Michigan. In addition to our full-time PSO's, the fire division also consists of seven part-time PSO's and one on-call firefighter. Additionally, two of our PSO's, Karl Fritz and Erik Hoig, serve as the Department's fire investigators. They are responsible for business inspections, fire investigations, and are certified fire instructors.

In 2022, the fire division responded to 221 calls for service. They provided scene security during traffic accidents, investigated hazardous situations such as leaks or spills, responded to fire alarms, and assisted in emergency medical services. The fire division responded to one large-scale residential fire and several smaller fires. These smaller fires were able to be extinguished quickly, preventing the fire from spreading and causing significant damage or safety concerns. Below are a few examples of these fire events.

February 28, 2022 – Fire Division was requested to a restaurant for a report of a kitchen fire. The staff had already used an ABC Dry-Chem extinguisher on the fire prior to our arrival. The responding officer used an additional Dry-Chem extinguisher to put out the fire and confirmed it was extinguished by use of a thermal imager.

March 19, 2022 – A resident reported a possible fire in their chimney. The fire division located a chunk of creosote in the bottom of the chimney that was smoking. They were able to remove the creosote and checked the rest of the chimney for heat or fire, finding none.

July 20, 2022 – A delivery truck was reported to be dragging an axle that was sparking and causing a fire in the roadway. The truck was stopped and the tires were found to be on fire and two engines responded to the scene to extinguish the flames.

October 12, 2022 – The fire division responded to an apartment complex for a report of a fire in the laundry room. The responding officer arrived on scene and found nothing showing from the exterior of the building. Upon entry, he found a light fixture on fire. The officer used a fire extinguisher to knock the fire down as the fire truck arrived. They confirmed the fire was extinguished and it appears to have started in the light fixture when the florescent bulb was switched to LED.



Fire Loss

On November 15, 2022 at approximately 3:00 A.M., CCE Central Dispatch received a call from a citizen reporting the neighboring house was on fire, with smoke and flames showing. The caller was unsure on the exact address, but indicated it was near the intersection of Williams and Division Streets. Within 2.5 minutes, Public Safety arrived on scene and observed flames coming from the attached garage at a residence on Rose Street. It was quickly discovered the flames from the garage had spread into the home. Fortunately, the sole occupant had been awoken by the smoke detectors and was attempting to determine the source. Resort Bear Creek Fire Department was called for mutual aid and upon arrival, began evacuating residents of the home next door. Due to the close proximity of the structure on fire, there was serious concern for the second home.

The flames from the burning structure did spread to the adjoining home however, due to the determined efforts of Resort Bear Creek Firefighters, the fire was never able to get established in the second home. With a crew in the attic space and a crew outside, firefighters repeatedly pushed the fire back. Springvale Fire Department was also requested for mutual aid and assisted with extinguishing the fire in the first home. The first home appears to be a total loss while the second home suffered damage to the adjoining side as well as water damage. A third residence located behind the fire was slightly damaged from the heat. The cause of fire is still undetermined and our fire inspectors are working with the insurance carrier's fire inspector to complete their thorough investigation.



Fire Related Injuries

There were no fire related fatalities to civilians in 2022. Unfortunately, there is one documented fire related injury to a civilian that occurred at a medical facility. In this incident, a portable oxygen cylinder exploded when a lighter was ignited too closely to the tank. The staff at the facility quickly put out the fire and contacted 911. Public Safety arrived on scene and confirmed the fire was extinguished and provided initial patient care. The patient was transported to the hospital and treated for non-lifethreatening injuries.

There was one firefighter injured in 2022, which occurred at the Rose Street fire in November. Due to the freezing temperature, the water used to combat the fire quickly turned to ice and created a hazardous environment. The firefighter, who was from a neighboring department assisting with mutual aid, slipped on the ice and fell from a four-foot retaining wall. They were transported to the hospital for a knee injury and required additional follow up care.

Fire Prevention Week

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has sponsored the public observation of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. Fire Prevention Week occurs during the week of October 9, in remembrance of the victims of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. During Fire Prevention Week, the Department is active on social media, sharing tips on how to keep homes safe from fire damage. Officers also visit local schools, speaking with school children about fire safety plans and giving demonstrations of our equipment.

In 2022, PSO Karl Fritz made trips to several different local schools and gave presentations to a total of 576 children.



2022 Petoskey Department of Public Safety Summary of Activities

Law Enforcement Calls for Service

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Bay Harbor	324	335	389	361	393
Petoskey	8,302	8,621	7,074	7,587	6,978
Total	8,626	8,956	7,463	7,948	7,371

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