



Police Crime Alert

Community Services Section

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Crime Alert for period ending date: June 14, 2011

Animal Control

3000 block of McClure, 05/29/11, 5:40 pm: Troy Officers responded to a report of a vicious dog. Officers observed a pitbull was in the driveway and the homeowners were unable to exit the home. Officers were informed that the animal's owner lived across the street, but he had left a few hours prior to Officers' arrival. The animal charged the patrol vehicles and prevented officers' exit. Troy Communications contacted the dog's owner, but the call went to voicemail. Oakland County Animal Control was contacted. They responded but were unable to gain control of the animal. The dog's owner eventually returned home. The 45-year-old male resident of Troy received citations for Dog Running at Large, No Animal License, and Owning a Vicious Animal.

4550 Investment, 6/7, 2:58 PM: Person called to report a dog left in an unattended vehicle, in the hot sun. The dog appeared in distress and the person was giving it some water through a window that was partially rolled down. Officer arrived on scene at 3:07. Temperature

Events & Programs

Please click or go to the below link for community events

<http://www.troymi.gov/calendar/>

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF TROY

JUNE 2011

June 17: Preschool Party, Community Center, 9:30-11 am. This "Ocean Motion" themed preschool party will feature stories, games, songs, crafts and finger plays. Taught by Rainbow Preschool Staff. Registration required. Ages 3-5. Fee: \$14/Resident, \$19 non-residents.

June 17: Storytelling Workshop, Museum, 9:30 am- 1 pm. Learn storytelling techniques from Craig Roney, Wayne State University

outside was 98 degrees. The Officer, who is a K-9 Officer, immediately extracted the dying dog from the vehicle. The dog was taken over into the building to cool it down. Oakland County Animal Control responded and took possession of the dog. Attempts were made to contact the owner with no results. Officer waiting until 4:00 PM but the owner never returned to the vehicle. Had the person not contacted the police, the dog surely would have died from the heat.

Assaults

Troy Sports Center, 1819 East Big Beaver Road, 06/03/11, 11:45 pm: Complainant reports a player on the opposing team assaulted him during a hockey game. Complainant sought medical attention and has a fractured/sprained arm.

Assist Other Department/Law Enforcement

West Marine Store, 06/06/11, 7:50 pm: Complainant observed two juvenile white males (approximately 12 years of age) flee the area quickly on bicycles. Complainant then observed a dumpster fire in the area

professor. Register by 6/14. Ages: 16+. Fee: \$24; \$22 for THS members (includes lunch).

June 18: Community Center, Parents Rock and So Do Our Rates! Parents are free for the day with one paying child (regular rates apply).

June 18, 25: Family Nights, Troy Family Aquatics Center, 5-7:30 pm. An inexpensive, fun night out for the family to enjoy quality time together while playing by the pool. Register. Fee: \$10 per resident family/\$12 per non-resident family; members FREE.

June 19: Father's Day, Troy Family Aquatics Center, 11 am-7:30 pm. Fathers accompanied by children over the age of 3 will be admitted free. Regular fees apply for children.

June 19: MI Institute of Urology (MIU) is hosting its 3rd Annual MIU Run for

behind the businesses. The Troy Fire Department extinguished the blaze.

Auto/Vehicle Thefts

Michael's, 1205 Coolidge, 06/04/11, 9:00 am-1:00 pm: Complainant reports unknown(s) stole vehicle keys from employee lounge and 2002 Dodge Stratus from parking lot.

Kirkland's, 300 John R, 06/05/11, 4:00 pm-4:30 pm: Complainant reports unknown(s) stole locked 2000 Chrysler Voyager from parking lot.

Breaking and Entries (Attempt)

Via Roma, 396 West Fourteen Mile Road, 05/30/11-05/31/11, 9pm-8am: Complainant reports unknown(s) attempted to gain entry to business through rear door which is located inside courtyard just east of main Mall entrance.

Counterfeit Currency

the Ribbon at the Detroit Zoo, 8 am. The 5k run/walk was created to increase awareness about prostate cancer & educate the public about the disease, including detection, prevention & treatment.

Visit MIURunForTheRibbon.org or call 586.443.4272 to register.

The *Troy Fifty Forward* senior newsletter is a bi-monthly publication of the Troy Parks and Recreation Department that contains 16 pages of information about activities and services for people 50 and older in the Troy area. E-mail subscriptions to this newsletter are available free at www.troymi.gov. Click on SUBSCRIBE in the upper left corner. Enter your e-mail address and click GO. Confirm email address and click on SAVE. Then select Troy Fifty Forward News & Updates and click SAVE. In addition to the bi-monthly newsletter, you will

Williams Sonoma, 2801 West Big Beaver Road, 05/27/11: Complainant reports a counterfeit \$100 bill was found in their cash register at the end of this business day. There was no suspect information available.

Credit, Check, Identity Theft, Other Fraud

**Five identity thefts
Four check frauds**

A Troy resident reported that he transferred \$2800 to a bank account of a New Jersey travel agent to purchase airline tickets to India. The travel agent forwarded a confirmation. When complainant reviewed the confirmation, he was advised that the reservation had been cancelled because the tickets had been purchased with a fraudulent credit card.

Another Troy resident reported that an unsolicited check was received from the Environmental Defense Fund. Investigation determined that the check was fraudulent. Complainant incurred no financial loss.

receive announcements and reminders about upcoming programs and services.

Troy Sports Camps Summer 2011

More than 16 different sports camps for you to try out. All camps are led by our award winning varsity coaches from the school district. Camp offerings include baseball, basketball, cheerleading, speed and agility, extreme recess, gotta dance, track and field, athletic trainer, lacrosse, volleyball, wrestling, competitive swimming, soccer, football, synchronized swimming, & golf. Sign up now. [Click here](#) for more information.

CITY NEWS & INFORMATION:

Domestic / Family Trouble

Troy Officers responded to 20 incidents involving domestic disputes or family troubles during this reporting period. On-scene investigation of these incidents did not result in evidence of crimes being committed; however, Officers were required to take non-enforcement actions to either mediate the situation or keep the peace. Readers should be aware that although these incidents did not result in arrest or prosecution, they do represent significant law enforcement resources in terms of time, on-scene investigation, potential relocation of disputants, referrals to support agencies, peace keeping, as well as detective & prosecutorial review.

Drugs/Narcotics

Dequindre & Acorn, 05/27/11, 12:30 am: While on patrol, Troy Officers observed a vehicle driving erratically and unable to maintain its lane. Officers noted the odor of marijuana from the vehicle. A warrant was obtained for a blood draw and marijuana was located in the vehicle. The 20 year old male resident of Sterling Heights was arrested for Operating While in the Presence of Drugs and Possession of Marijuana.

Contact Numbers:

Community Affairs Dept: 248.524.1147

Troy Public Library: 248.524.3538

Stage Nature Center: 248.524.3567

Troy Community Center: 248.524.3484

Troy Museum: 248.524.3570

Golf Courses: 248.619.7600

The Troy Police Department

offers the following free talks/seminars:

Work place safety

Alcohol abuse and prevention

Safety with Strangers

Home Security Audit

Personal Security

Got Caught (Shoplifting talk for teens)

Choose Wisely (Right choices for teens)

**Home alone (home personal safety for
teens and children)**

**Drug and drug paraphernalia talk for
adults and also teens**

Identity Theft

Internet Safety for adults & teens

Harassing and Bullying Prevention

Rochester Road & Hartland, 05/31/11, 8:10 pm: While on patrol, Troy Officers observed a vehicle parked in the rear of a church lot and occupied by a male and a female. The two subjects appeared to be staring downward at something, but when they observed the patrol car, they quickly fled the parking lot heading north on Rochester Road. A traffic stop was attempted, but the subject did not stop his vehicle until he traveled quite a distance. The subjects appeared to be hiding something in the vehicle. A consent search of the vehicle located crack cocaine, syringes, spoons, and burnt residue. The 20 year-old male resident of Sterling Heights was arrested for Possession of Crack Cocaine and Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia. The 17-year-old female resident of Troy was released to the custody of her mother.

Embers Deli, 4916 John R, 05/31/11, 9:45 pm: Troy Officers were dispatched to an alarm at this business. Officers located a vehicle parked in the rear and occupied by two male subjects. Investigation determined that they had been smoking marijuana. The 21-year-old male residents of Troy and Sterling Heights received citations for Possession of Marijuana. They were released at the scene.

**for children
Retail Fraud Prevention**

If you or your organization has a program or discussion idea or need that a police officer can deliver please call!

For more information or to schedule an officer to present a program please call: 248.524.3464 or e-mail the crime alert at:

TroyPDCrimeAlert@troymi.gov

"Operation Medicine Cabinet"

Old medicine & prescriptions can be dropped off at the Troy Police Department Lobby during the hours the front desk is staffed. Mon-Fri: 7am-10pm and Sat & Sun: 8am-4pm.

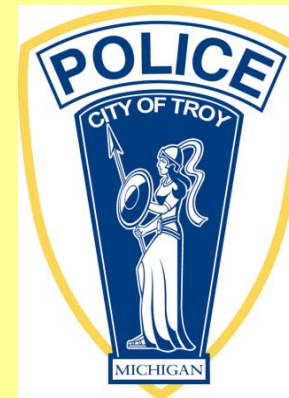
The SHARP home repair program, which Parks and Recreation administers in partnership with the N. Woodward Community Foundation,

7-Eleven, 2891 Crooks, 06/03/11, 10:00 am: While on routine patrol, Troy Officers observed what appeared to be a drug transaction between individuals in two vehicles. Officers stopped one of the vehicles and investigation determined that the driver had purchased four bags of cocaine. The 46-year-old male resident of Warren was arrested for Possession of Cocaine.

CVS, 2045 South Boulevard, 06/03/11, 9:00 pm: Troy Officers were dispatched to this business when someone reported that the occupant of a vehicle appeared to be unconscious. Officers observed the vehicle with the engine running in a parking spot on the east side of the building. The occupant appeared to be unconscious and was holding an aerosol spray can. She briefly awakened, put the can to her mouth, inhaled, and passed out. Officers turned off the vehicle and removed the keys. The female was incoherent when awakened by Officers and Medical First Responders. The 33-year-old female resident of Troy was transported to Troy Beaumont Hospital for observation and treatment.

Oakland Mall, 300 West Fourteen Mile Road, 06/06/11, 5:10 pm: Troy Officer observed two individuals walking

does free home repairs for seniors and persons with disabilities. They now have a volunteer who is a professional locksmith (All-Phase Lock and Safe – Robert Gervais, 248.680.0770). He is willing to donate his time to provide emergency locksmith service after a break-in.



Crime Prevention Tips

If you would like to have the security of your residence or business inspected please contact the Troy Police Crime Prevention Officer at 248.524.3464!

eastbound through the lot. The two subjects were smoking a marijuana cigarette. The 22 and 24 year old male residents of Detroit were each issued a citation for Possession of Marijuana.

Edenderry & Troywood, 06/07/11, 1:15 am: While patrolling in the area, Troy Officers observed a vehicle with the engine running in a no parking zone. When Officers made contact with the occupants, an odor of marijuana was detected. Investigation located marijuana and narcotics paraphernalia. The 18 year old male resident of Dearborn and 17 year old male resident of Troy were issued citations for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia.

Drunk/Intoxicated Driving Incidents of Interest

Northbound I-75 Ramp to Rochester Rd, 05/27/11, 3:25 am: Troy Officers were dispatched to this area to investigate a vehicle stopped at the end of the ramp. Officers observed the driver sound asleep with the seat in the reclined position and the vehicle in gear. After several attempts, Officers were successful in waking the driver and he put the vehicle in "park". When questioned, the driver stated he had "not much" to

Home Invasion / B&E

Always secure your doors and windows.

- *Garages and door walls are targets for thieves.*
- *Always ensure your garage door and pedestrian doors are secured.*
- *Do not leave garage door remote controls in cars not parked in the garage.*
- *Use 1 ½" dowel rod in the track of all sliding glass windows and doors to help prevent them from opening.*
- *It has been proven time and time again that the proper use and application of physical security will stop a would-be burglar.*
- *Burglary alarms are only as reliable as the person setting them. If you have an alarm, make sure that every resident or employee knows how to activate and deactivate it, as well as the security code.*

Larcenies from Autos / Car Theft

drink. Investigation determined that the driver was intoxicated. He refused to comply with a Preliminary Breath Test. A warrant was obtained for a blood draw. The 20-year-old male resident of Troy was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated, Driving While License Suspended, and PBT Refusal.

South Boulevard & Emerald Shores, 05/27/11, 8:30 pm: Troy Officers were dispatched on a single car crash where it was reported that a vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree. Investigation determined that the driver was intoxicated with breath test results of .13%. The 58-year-old male resident of Rochester was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated.

Robinwood & Cherry, 05/28/11, 1:35 am: While conducting extra patrol of a residential area, Troy Officers observed a vehicle stopped in the middle of the roadway and the driver appeared to be asleep. When Officers were unsuccessful in waking the driver, they opened the vehicle door and turned off the ignition. Officers detected a strong odor of intoxicants from the vehicle and driver. The driver refused to comply with a Preliminary Breath Test and a warrant was obtained for a blood draw. The 50-year-old male resident of Troy was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated and

Things that can be done to combat auto theft and larcenies from autos include:

- ***Installing a car alarm.***
- ***Using steering-wheel locking applications like the club etc.***
- ***Applications of a hidden kill switch to the ignition system.***
- ***Park in a well lit well traveled area if possible.***
- ***Always maintain security of vehicle keys.***
- ***Do not leave anything of value in your vehicle in plain view.***
- ***Always lock your vehicle doors.***
- ***Never leave a vehicle unattended while running.***
- ***There is a trend of things being stolen from vehicles in the parking lots of fitness centers and fun centers. While going to these places, be extra careful to remove all items of value and secure your vehicle.***

Driving While License Suspended. It is noted that this individual has had four prior convictions of Operating While Intoxicated and three convictions of Driving While License Suspended.

East Long Lake & Rochester Roads, 05/28/11, 1:40 am: Troy Officers observed a vehicle having difficulty maintaining its lane and conducted a traffic stop. Officers noted a strong odor of intoxicants. Investigation determined that the driver was drunk with breath test results of .199%. The 52-year-old male resident of Shelby Township was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated.

West Maple Road, 05/29/11, 4:45 pm: Troy Officers were dispatched to the Wal-Mart parking lot regarding a possibly intoxicated subject. A traffic stop was conducted. When asked, the driver responded that he had been drinking “a lot” but could not recall the quantity. A search of the vehicle located two prescription medications and a large kitchen knife. The 50-year-old male resident of Royal Oak was transported to Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital where a blood draw was conducted. Results and warrant are pending.

Fraud Prevention:

- ***Remember that nothing that is worth anything is free.***
- ***If someone that you do not know offers to do you a favor, they probably have an ulterior motive.***
- ***Never give any personal information out to an unknown source over the phone or Internet.***

(If someone asks for personal information, ask to speak to his or her supervisor and inform him or her you will be calling the Police to make a fraud report.)

No reputable business will call you or email you for this information!!!

- ***If you receive a phone call or email telling you that you have won something that you did not apply for, it is more than likely a fraud.***
- ***No legitimate organization will ask for any money or a Credit Card number in order to claim a prize***
- ***Protect yourself against identity theft by***

Southbound I-75 & Maple Road, 06/02/11, 5:20 pm: While on routine patrol, Troy Officers observed a vehicle with a cracked windshield and loud exhaust. Records indicate that the driver had a suspended driver's license. A traffic stop was conducted. When Officers made contact with the driver, an aroma of intoxicants was apparent. Investigation determined that the driver was under the age of 21, had no valid driver's license, and had been drinking. Breath test results were .048%. The 20-year-old male resident of Dearborn Heights was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated/Under 21 Years of Age and Driving While License Suspended.

Northbound I-75 & Crooks Road, 06/03/11, 1:05 am: While patrolling, Troy Officers observed a vehicle speeding and weaving between lanes. A traffic stop was conducted. Officers noted a strong odor of intoxicants when they made contact with the driver. Investigation determined that the driver was intoxicated with breath test results of .11%. The 24-year-old male resident of Pontiac was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated and Driving While License Suspended.

Vanderpool & Rochester, 06/03/11, 4:45 am: Troy Officers were dispatched to this area on the report of a

shredding all documents and safe guarding your account numbers, social security numbers and credit card numbers.

- *Always maintain your credit cards and secure the credit card numbers.*
- *If you suspect that you have been the victim of credit fraud, call your credit card company and have them run a query of your charges.*
- *Never give your bank account numbers over the phone. Especially if unsolicited!*

Identity theft continues to be the fastest growing crime in the world, and the city of Troy is no exception. We continually get reports of identity theft and fraud on a regular basis.

While it may not be totally avoidable, detecting the early signs of identity theft is one of the best ways to avoid extensive losses and damage to your credit history.

If your wallet/purse etc. gets stolen, cancel all stolen credit and ATM cards immediately.

Checking your credit history regularly is a great way to keep apprised on the status of your credit.

suspicious vehicle. The vehicle engine was running and the driver was asleep. Officers turned off the vehicle engine and awakened the individual, noting a strong odor of intoxicants. Investigation determined that the driver was intoxicated, with breath test results of .10%. An open bottle of alcohol was found in the vehicle. The 22-year-old female resident of Troy was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated and Transporting Open Liquor.

East Square Lake & Dequindre, 06/04/11, 2:15 am: While patrolling in this area, Troy Officers observed a vehicle parked in the rear of the stores. Upon making contact with the occupants of the vehicle, Officers noted a strong odor of intoxicants. Investigation determined that the driver was drunk with breath test results of .15%. The 22-year-old male resident of Troy was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated. His vehicle was released to the passenger.

Rite Aid, 2971 West Maple Road, 06/04/11, 12:50 pm: Troy Officers were dispatched to a private property damage accident where one of the drivers was suspected as intoxicated. Investigation determined that the driver was severely intoxicated. A warrant was

Here are three sources for checking your credit history:

(The titles are links to the webpages)

[Equifax](#)

1.800.525.6282

[Experian](#)

1.888.397.3742

[TransUnion](#)

1.800.680.7289

**Check out these videos from the
Federal Trade Commission
on Identity Theft:**

<http://www.ftc.gov/multimedia/video/scam-watch/fraud-inside-look.shtm>

<http://www.ftc.gov/multimedia/video/identity-theft/ddd-avoid-idtheft.shtm>

obtained for a blood draw as the individual did not understand the instructions for the breath test. Results of the test are pending. The 77-year-old female resident of Bloomfield Hills was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated.

West Big Beaver Road & I-75, 06/05/11, 12:45 am: Troy Officers observed a vehicle traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes of West Big Beaver Road. After nearly colliding with several vehicles, the suspect vehicle crossed the median and entered the westbound lanes. A traffic stop was conducted. The driver emitted a strong odor of intoxicants and was extremely confused as to the time of day and her physical location. Investigation determined that the driver was intoxicated with breath test results of .24%. A warrant was obtained for a blood draw and results are pending. The 25-year-old female resident of Livonia was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated.

Minnesota & Lovington, 06/05/11, 9:40 pm: Troy Officers responded to this area when residents reported the driver of a motorcycle had fallen, stumbled as he attempted to reposition the bike, and fell a second time. He eventually drove the bike into a nearby garage. Officers made contact with the



Upcoming programs at the:
Stage Nature Center
6685 Coolidge Highway
Troy, Mi 48098
248.524.3567

www.troymi.gov/parksrec/naturecenter

TROY NATURE SOCIETY

The newly formed Troy Nature Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity, established with the mission to “create knowledge of the natural world and green space, within the City of Troy and surrounding region, leading to an increased understanding and stewardship of our natural environment.” This group is facilitating two programs at the nature center this spring as fundraisers to help support the Nature Center and its educational programs starting July 2011. (At that

individual and detected a strong odor of intoxicants. Field sobriety tests indicated that he was drunk and breath test results were .23%. The 37-year-old male resident of Troy was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated, 3rd Offense.

I-75 south from Big Beaver, 6/8, 12:20 AM: Officer observed a motorcycle entering I-75 at a high rate of speed. Officer followed the motorcycle. Motorcyclist accelerated to speeds in excess of 125 mph. He slowed down near 14 mile where the officer caught up to him. The 27-year-old male out of Royal Oak was arrested for Reckless Driving.

Embezzlements

Jewelry Palace, 412 West Fourteen Mile Road, 06/01/11, 12:00 pm: Complainant reports nearly \$1,000 in merchandise was missing after a new employee worked unsupervised.

iDashboards, 700 Tower Drive, 06/03/11, 9:00 am: Complainant reports an employee submitted his resignation unexpectedly just after a large commission check had been issued. Investigation determined that

time City of Troy funds will no longer be enough to operate the nature center due to budget cuts.)

The Troy Nature Society is looking to have limited operational control of the nature center. Please consider a membership or a donation for this very worthwhile organization as their focus is offering environmental programming for our community.

Contact the Nature Center at
248.524.3567 for details.

www.troynaturesociety.org



www.bgctroy.org

the employee falsified sales reports.

Home Invasions (Attempt)

2000 block of Charter, 06/02/11, 2:30 pm-5:00 pm:
Complainant reports unknown(s) shattered window on rear door. Entry was not gained.

Home Invasions

2000 block of Arlund Way, 05/27/11, 2:20 pm:
Complainant reports unknown(s) gained entry when front door was forced open. Several rooms were ransacked. A safe, handgun, jewelry, and cash were reported stolen.

4000 block of Deepwood, 05/31/11, 11:00 am:
Complainant reports she was working in the attached garage with the doors closed. An unknown female then exited complainant's home into the garage. The female subject stated she was to report for a house cleaning assignment for someone named Marian. Complainant opened the garage door and escorted the female to the driveway. The subject walked south on Deepwood

248.689.1687

The Boys & Girls Club of Troy is offering a fun, safe, affordable summer experience for children ages 6 – 17. Beginning June 20 and running until August 26, this ten-week program operates Monday through Friday, from 10am to 4pm. Extended hours are available from 7am to 10am and 4pm to 6pm for an additional fee.

Price: The ten-week summer program is open to Club members for just \$275 through May 6 or \$305 after May 6. Annual Club membership is \$50.

Boys & Girls Club Provides:

A positive, safe environment in a new facility with programs and activities led by caring, responsible, professional staff. The facility includes a state-of-the-art Gym, Games Room, Technology/Learning Center, Art/Music Room, Teen Center and Outdoor Recreation/Sports Area.

towards Hidden Pine. Complainant entered her home and found the front residence door had been pried and cash was missing from her purse. Complainant also observed a male walking door-to-door and passing out handbills. This individual observed the female intruder. He stated that she entered a black four-door vehicle, possibly a Honda, with right rear bumper damage.

2000 block of Foxchase, 06/03/11, 3:20 pm: Complainants report they were in their home when they heard the doorbell ring several times. Then their front door was forced open and complainants observed two subjects. One subject entered the home and the other remained on the porch. When confronted by complainant, the two subjects fled northbound at a high rate of speed in a silver four-door Honda. Suspects were similar in appearance and are described as follows: two black males, 25 years of age, 6'0", large build, and wearing royal blue uniform shirts and pants.

Larcenies

3000 block of Otter, 04/28/11-05/28/11: Complainant reports numerous items are missing from his residence. Acquaintance is possible suspect. Investigation

Drop-in Program gives parents the flexibility to tailor a program that fits the family's summer plans.

Activities and programs are scheduled throughout the day, with members able to switch hourly, so parents can drop off the kids and plan their whole fun-filled day. Activities include: Arts & Crafts, Music & Drama games, Sports skill building, Recreational games & leagues, Computer skills & games, Newspaper & Photography Club, Cooking Club, Movies on the big screen, and Outdoor games and sports.

Activities are age appropriate to develop skills. Age Groups: 6-7 years Starters, 8-9 years Cadets, 10-12 years Juniors, 13+ Teens

Field Trips are available for an additional fee, and include visits to local beaches and water parks, the

continues.

5000 block of Patterson, 05/27/11-05/28/11, 9:00 pm-8:30 am: Complainant reports unknown(s) stole three items from front porch of residence: (1) 20" boy's red, black, and silver bicycle; (2) 24" girl's silver Schwinn bicycle; and, (3) silver and blue Razor scooter.

HP, 600 Executive Drive; American MSC, 1401 Elliot; MGA Corporation, 446 Executive Drive; Trutor Corporation, 274 Executive Drive; Superior Electric, 264 Executive Drive; Caro Carbide, 553 Robbins; Signature Associates, 684 Robbins; Colliers International, 651 Robbins; (unidentified business) 651 Robbins; 307 Robbins; Cablcon, 359 Robbins; 05/29/11: Troy Officers responded to 600 Executive where complainants report vacuum breaker was stolen from building exterior. While checking the area, Officers located nine other businesses where the vacuum breakers had been stolen.

Dolly's Pizza, 06/04/11, 2:00 am-10:00 am: Complainant reports unknown(s) stole rooftop exhaust unit from building.

Petco, 1217 Coolidge, 06/04/11, 11:45 am-12:20 pm:

Detroit Science Center and Zoo, and a Detroit Tigers baseball game.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Club of Troy, visit www.bgctroy.org or schedule a Club Orientation by calling 248.689.1687.



The Troy Community Coalition is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all who live or work in Troy, by promoting a lifestyle free from the abuse of alcohol and drugs.

Complainant reports unknown(s) stole purse containing identification, credit card, cash, and vehicle keys. Possible suspects are described as (1) black male, 18-21 years of age, and wearing an orange shirt and baggy jeans and (2) black male, 18-21 years of age, and wearing a blue shirt and dark jeans.

5000 block of Buckingham, 06/05/11, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm: Complainant reports unknown(s) stole silver Schwinn bicycle from front of residence.

First Baptist Church of Troy, 2601 John R, 11/15/10-06/06/11: Complainant reports unknown(s) stole copper sprinkler system from north side of building.

LA Fitness, 710 E. Big Beaver, 6/7, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM: Complainant reports that while he was working out someone removed all the contents from his “locked” locker. Items taken were: gym bag, cell phone, wallet, credit cards.

LA Fitness, 710 E Big Beaver, 6/7, 4:25 PM – 6:30 PM: Complainant reports that she left her cell phone and the lock to her locker laying on the bench and walked away for a few minutes. When she returned, the phone, lock were gone as was \$40.00 cash from her purse.

Please feel free to contact any staff member for additional information or contact our office at 248.823.5088

Troy Community Coalition 4420
Livernois Rd. Troy, MI 48098

We urge you to join us for one of our many exciting upcoming meetings or events

PARENTS...

Some say

“They’re going to do it anyway.”

Really?

The harder we make it for them to drink,
the less likely they will drink.

✓ Talk about it.

It’s 10 o’clock.

Do you know where your child is?

Do you know what your child is drinking?

✓ Talk about it.

We have tough decisions to make.

Here is an easy one.

Say “NO” to alcohol use.

Colorpointprint, 2708 American, 6/6-6/7, 3:00 PM – 9:00 AM: Complainant reports that someone took a “computer server” valued at \$2000.00 from the building.

Consumer Testing, 412 W 14 Mile, 6/7, 12:26 PM: Dell laptop computer stolen from office.

Larcenies from Autos

Camp Ticonderoga, 05/27/11, 1:15 pm-3:30 pm: Complainant reports unknown(s) shattered front passenger window of 2010 Chevrolet Equinox parked in lot. Clothing was reported stolen.

Randall & Tallman, 05/31/11, 9:00 am-8:30 pm: Complainant parked his vehicle in this area while working on the nearby sewer project. His wallet, cellular telephone, and sunglasses were left in the vehicle. When he returned to the vehicle at the end of the work day, the wallet containing identification, credit card, debit card, and cash was missing.

901 Wilshire, 06/02/11, 12:30 pm-6:00 pm: Complainant reports unknown(s) stole catalytic converter from 2005

**NOT at home, NOT at a party,
NOT until 21. It's the law.
✓ Talk about it.**

**Troy Community Coalition for the
Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse
www.troycoalition.com**



Group Mission:

**Prevention of
juvenile delinquency and neglect
through citizen involvement and
volunteer activities.**

www.trooyouthassistance.org

248.823.5095

***Troy Youth Assistance is committed to
strengthening youth and families by***

Pontiac Montana parked in lot. This is the second occurrence of this theft on this vehicle in this lot.

Planet Fitness, 288 John R, 06/05/11, 5:25 pm-5:35 pm: Complainant reports unknown(s) damaged passenger door lock and gained entry to Jeep parked in lot. Wallet containing identification, credit cards, and cash was reported stolen. Possible suspects are two black males parked next to complainant. The vehicle is described as a dark color and low in profile. The driver is described as having a very dark complexion and long hair (possibly styled in dreadlocks).

2000 block of Somerset, 06/05/11-06/06/11, 7:00 pm-6:30 am: Complainant reports unknown(s) stole trim molding from front of 2006 Chrysler 300 parked in lot.

1000 block of Bloomingdale, 06/05/11-06/06/11, 9:30 pm-7:00 am: Complainant reports unknown(s) stole wheels and tires from 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe parked in driveway. 11-16225

700 Tower Drive, 06/06/11, 7:30 am-1:00 pm: Complainant reports unknown(s) shattered passenger front window and stole in-dash navigation system from 2009 Jeep Grand Cherokee parked in lot.

preventing and reducing juvenile delinquency, child neglect and child abuse through community involvement.

Troy Youth Assistance is sponsored by the Oakland County Circuit Court-Family Division, the City of Troy and the Troy School District with major funding through the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.



Troy People Concerned (TPC) is a service organization supporting Troy residents in times of need with assistance, information and referrals.

Planet Fitness, 288 John R, 6/8, 5:10 PM: Complainant came out of the gym and observed the suspect in his vehicle. As the complainant approached, the suspect exited the vehicle and took off running. Complainant discovered that his wallet and cell phone were taken. He chased after the suspect. Troy and Madison Heights officers arrived in the area and began searching south of 14 Mile. The suspect was located, identified by the victim and witnesses, and placed under arrest for Larceny from Auto. The 19 year old male from Detroit was taken to Troy Lock-up and is being held pending issuance of a warrant.

Malicious Destruction of Property

5000 block of Cheltenham, 05/27/11, 12:25 pm: Complainant reports unknown(s) used eggs, mustard, and flour to write and draw profanities on 1992 Saab parked in driveway. Acquaintance is possible suspect.

1000 block of Kirts, 05/27/11-05/28/11, 9:00 pm-10:00 am: Complainant reports unknown(s) have slashed tires on 2005 Mercury Montego on three different occasions, the most recent being the date/time listed above.

During these tough economic times, Troy People Concerned helps Troy residents who find themselves in crisis situations through job loss, illnesses, or various other dire situations. Assistance comes in the form of financial help for utilities and house payments or rent; transportation to medical appointments; referrals to food and clothing pantries; and referrals to organizations and agencies that assist with job placement or job training.

Troy People Concerned relies solely on donations from individuals, local houses of worship, civic groups and businesses for its support. If you are interested in helping TPC, please mail donations to Troy People Concerned, 2045 Austin, Troy MI 48083. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver or adding your name to the list of people who provide leaf raking and yard clean up to Troy senior citizens, please call 248.528.9199.

2875 Troy Center Drive, 05/27/11-05/28/11, 9:00 pm-3:00 pm: Complainant reports unknown(s) damaged 1998 Mercedes Benz with unsuccessful attempts to gain entry to vehicle. Sunroof and driver's door lock were damaged.

1000 block of Lila, 05/27/11-05/28/11, 11:00 pm-7:00 am: Complainant reports unknown(s) shattered front window with rock.

5000 block of Woodfield, 06/01/11, 9:00 am-2:30 pm: Complainant reports unknown(s) damaged rear yard aluminum fence when vertical slats were pried.

1000 block of Cadmus, 06/05/11-06/06/11, 9:00 pm-5:00 am: Complainant reports unknown(s) used orange and yellow spray paint to draw obscene pictures on his garage door. Troy Officer checked the area and located two other related MDOP incidents using the same colors of spray paint: (1) 6000 block of Barabeau, obscene drawing and the word "SALT" on 1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee and (2) 1000 block of Cambria, the word "SALT" on 2010 Jeep Liberty.

Bank of America, 150 East Maple Road, 06/06/11, 12:00

Troy People Concerned...connects the community to provide a helping hand in times of need.

The Benevolent Association of AFSCME Local 574 is comprised of members and friends of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 574, which is one of the collective bargaining units with the City of Troy. These members work in these various departments within the City: Parks and Recreation, Water and Sewer, Streets and Drains, Fleet Maintenance and Engineering.

AFSCME Local 574, represents employees in Troy, Clawson, Rochester & Huntington Woods, and has established the charitable organization to, among other benevolent causes,

pm-3:00 pm: Complainant reports unknown(s) damaged ATM. Investigation continues.

5000 block of Caitlin Ct, 6/7, 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM: Complainant reports that someone smashed the windshield on her Ford Fusion while it was parked in the street.

Neighbor Troubles

Troy Officers responded to two incidents involving neighbor troubles in which there was no reason for formal enforcement action.

Phone Calls/Harassment/Threats

Four harassing or threatening telephone call/text message reports

Two harassment reports

One threat report

Retail Fraud

fund a scholarship program for students in those communities.

9th Annual Troy Foundation Golf Classic June 22, 2011

Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence will be holding its 9th annual Golf Classic on Wednesday, June 22, at Sylvan Glen Golf Course, 5725 Rochester Rd, Troy. Proceeds from the hometown event fund educational grants for students in the Troy School District.

The day begins with lunch at 11 am, shotgun start at 12:30 pm and dinner at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$500 for a foursome or \$135 for individual golfers. The deadline for signing up is June 15, 2011.

The Troy Foundation awards an

Wal-Mart, 2001 West Maple Road, 05/27/11, 3:00 pm: Troy Officers responded to a retail fraud incident. Wal-Mart Loss Prevention Officers observed two customers conceal merchandise and exit the store. Wal-Mart employees provided a description of suspects as well as their vehicle. Given that information, Berkley and Royal Oak Police Officers located and stopped the vehicle. The two suspects, a 20-year-old male resident of Southfield and a 22-year-old female resident of Southfield, were taken into custody for Home Invasion charges in Royal Oak.

Oakland Mall/Oakland Plaza Area, 05/28/11, 12:00 pm: Complainant observed an individual steal merchandise from Ulta Beauty Supply. This person was also suspected of retail fraud from Kohl's. Investigation determined that two suspects stole merchandise from Macy's, Dick's, and Ulta, and several pieces of merchandise were located discarded near these stores. Suspects are described as (1) black male, 50-year-old and (2) black female. They fled the area in a black vehicle.

Suspicious Incidents

average of \$50,000 each year in educational grants for teachers and students in the school district. There are openings for golfers and opportunities for sponsorship. Visit www.troyfoundation.org/ for more information on how to become a part of the activity.

The mission of the Troy Foundation is to strengthen the educational experience of Troy School District Students by funding innovative learning opportunities, entirely through private support. Proceeds support educational programs, enhance student development and encourage creative teaching in the Troy School District.

The Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

1000 block of Coachman, 05/18/11-05/28/11: Complainant reports an ad was posted on an internet site offering cleaning services. Complainant was contacted by an individual who forwarded a check with instructions to cash check, keep a portion for services, use a portion for purchases, and forward the balance via Western Union to an address in Oklahoma. Complainant suspected this was a scam and did not follow the instructions.

840 West Long Lake Road, 05/26/11, 8:00 am: Troy Officers responded to a suspicious incident. Complainant observed a suspicious vehicle driving slowly throughout the lot. Vehicle is described as a black four-door sedan with heavy window tint with a white Old English "D" decal in the rear window.

Crooks Road & South Boulevard, 05/26/11, 11:25 pm: Troy Officers responded to report of a suspicious incident. Complainant reports he responded to an ad on an internet site listing a 1990 Acura for sale. When complainant arrived in this area to view the vehicle, he recognized the doors, hood, bumpers, fenders and trunk as possibly belonging to a vehicle of his that was stolen two months ago. Investigation continues.



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The Troy Chamber of Commerce wants you to Think China! In October 2011, a Chamber group is going to China and you should be a part of it. Whether you want to see China for business or personal reasons, this trip will offer something for you. It is open to everyone including families, business groups, and individuals. For as low as \$1,999 per person, you can enjoy 4 & 5 star hotels, airfare, three meals per day, a variety of attractions and more. The trip includes

2000 block of Isabell, 05/28/11, 1:25 pm: Troy Officers responded to a suspicious incident. Complainant observed a subject exit her backyard and walk east on Isabell. He then disappeared through other residents' backyards. The subject is described as a white male, 45 years of age.

1000 block of West Wattles Road, 05/29/11, 9:10 pm: Complainant reports unknown(s) has gained access to vacant home and appears to be living there. Troy Officers checked the home, found beverages in the refrigerator, and a large wood pile in the yard. There was no sign of forced entry, but windows were left open.

2000 block of London, 06/04/11, 1:20 pm: Troy Officers responded to a suspicious incident. A 13 year old male was doing yard work in the front of the residence when a minivan stopped at the end of the driveway. A voice from the van asked the teen if he wanted to help them pick up garbage. The teen replied no and turned to walk toward the house. The vehicle fled eastbound on London. It was reported that there were at least two occupants in the vehicle and one had an accent which was possibly Hispanic. The passenger appeared to be of heavy build with dark skin. The vehicle is described as a maroon minivan, possibly a Dodge, model year between

memorable sites, both ancient and modern, and the opportunity to enjoy a multitude of unforgettable cultural experiences. You will also learn about the Chinese business system and have the opportunity to meet with Chinese business leaders. For specifics about the trip, call 248.641.8151 or e-mail: theteam@troychamber.com.

On a bi-monthly basis, the Troy Chamber sends out an e-newsletter geared toward area residents. Each issue contains discounts and events being offered by local businesses. To receive it, e-mail:

deb@troychamber.com

theteam@troychamber.com

1995 and 2000, tinted rear windows, and missing a hubcap on passenger front wheel.

Starbucks, 1434 W Big Beaver, 6/8, 1:00 PM: Complainant reports that she was having coffee when she noticed the suspect continuously stared at her. She got up to go back to work and noticed the suspect hurriedly gathering his things, and he followed her into the parking lot. Complainant thought she lost him in traffic but later noticed him driving around her place of employment. Suspect described as a W/M, 50's, driving a black BMW.

Traffic Altercation

John R south of Wattles, 6/8. 9:10 PM: Both vehicles were south on John R from Wattles. Both drivers, 17 & 18 year old males from Troy, knew each other. The suspect, shot a pellet at the victim, using a pellet in a straw, blowing hard threw the straw. The pellet struck the victim in the face (no visible injury). The victim then chased the suspect through an area subdivision at high speeds. The victim decided his driving was dangerous and pulled over and called police. Officers



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determined identity of the suspect and went to his house and spoke with him. He initially denied the victims version of the event, but later told the truth. The 17 year old male was arrested for “Reckless Driving” and “Hinder & Obstruct” a police officer.

Weapons Offense

In Troy, 6/7, 4:00 AM: The 30 year old mother of 5 (ages 1-14) went for a bike ride at 4:00 AM. While on this ride she met a 30 year old male walking down the street. She invited him to her house for sex. He agreed. They fell asleep afterwards in the bed. At 5:00 AM the husband came home and found the stranger in his bed. A confrontation ensued. The husband retrieved his .45 caliber handgun. The victim fled in his underwear, leaving behind his cell phone, wallet, and identification. The husband chased him through the house, firing one shot in the process. The victim escaped. Officers found that the bullet had struck the kitchen wall, ending up in a cupboard. The victim was located and questioned. Investigation continues.

Welfare Checks

Troy Officers responded to five incidents involving persons with emotional or psychological issues and assisted with transport to a hospital for evaluation and possible commitment.

Miscellaneous

Hare Freight Transportation, 1300 East Big Beaver Road, 05/25/11-05/26/11: Complainant reports one of his drivers left the area pulling a semi trailer loaded with automotive parts to be delivered to Dallas, Texas. The shipment never arrived. Investigation determined that the semi trailer and shipment were located in Mission, Texas. Investigation continues.

230 West Maple Road, 06/01/11, 11:00 pm: Together with the Troy Fire Department, Troy Police responded to a dumpster fire at this location.

Troy Marriott, 200 West Big Beaver Road, 06/04/11, 7:45 pm: Troy Officers responded to a report of an accidental firearm discharge. An individual was

attending a conference for tactical rifle training. While in his hotel room, he was performing a function test on his rifle when a malfunction occurred. The accidental discharge entered the unoccupied adjacent room. No injuries were reported.

On 5/20/2011 at 8:40 AM Troy Police received a call from a resident in the 5000 block of Shrewsbury about a suspicious person in the backyard. Officers arrived and determined that the suspect was attempting to break into the home but was scared off. His description was provided to other officers. Members of Troy Police Department's Special Investigation Unit recognized the description of the suspect as a person possibly responsible for a rash of recent Home Invasions. They located the suspect walking on foot in the area of Fernleigh Street in Troy. The suspect then broke into a house on that street. Upon loading up a pillow case with items from the house he apparently called his accomplice to come pick him up. Both suspects were arrested for Home Invasion. Through these arrests, Detectives were able to clear 5 other Home Invasions that occurred in the last 3 months in Troy. Arrested Subjects: Dane Andrew Knuppenburg, 22-years-old out of Troy and Michael Lawrence Recca, 24-years-old out of Troy. Both were arraigned on charges of Home Invasion

on 5/21 in from of Magistrate Soma. Bond set for Knuppenburg was \$10,000.00 cash or surety. Bond set for Recca was \$10,000.00 personal.

Arrest Summary

In addition to those outlined above, the following arrests were made during the period:

- Two felony warrants
- 16 retail fraud arrests
- 11 misdemeanor warrant arrests
- Six domestic assaults
- Three driving while license suspended
- Twp no operator's license acquired
- One misdemeanor warrant & possession of marijuana
- One misdemeanor warrant & driving while license suspended

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Discontinuation and Transfer of Animal Control Services

The Troy City Council Approved the transfer of the Troy Police Department “Animal Control Service” to the Oakland County Animal Control Services at the City Council meeting on Monday March 28, 2011.

City of Troy Residents will need to call Oakland County Animal Control for all of their animal control needs @ 248.391.4102.

Their web site:

http://www.oakgov.com/petadoption/animal_control/

Oakland County Animal Control Services will responsible for the following:

- **Respond to and investigate animal bites on any animal that may carry rabies.**
- **Respond 24/7 to calls involving animals that put the public at risk.**
- **Sell, process, and record the licensing of dogs.**
- **Impoundment, care for, and attempt to reunite stray**

dogs.

- **Annual dog census.**
- **Investigations of reported animal cruelty.**
- **Support and administration for shelter operations and enforcement.**
- **Enforce the Dangerous Dog Act, including any vicious animals.**
- **Investigate and enforce multiple animal control law violations to include: wolf/dog breeding, ban on large carnivores, dog fighting, and suspected rabies cases.**
- **Sick and injured animals with the potential of rabies causing hazard to the public.**
- **Any wild animal in a residence living area, and a public hazard to the community.**
- **Animals running at large, other than cats.**
- **Found animals, other than cats which must be dropped off at the county facility.**
- **Welfare checks on animals left in vehicles. (Cruelty)**
- **Respond to assist police where animals are involved. (Arrest's, drug raids, etc.)**
- **Investigate and prosecute Dog Fighting Charges.**
- **Investigate suspected rabies in domestic and wild animals.**
- **Inspection and issuance of licenses to Kennels within Oakland County.**

Oakland County Animal Control Services will not respond to the following (and neither will the Troy Police Department):

- **Pick up stray and or nuisance cats, provide cat impoundment, or return cat's to owners.**
- **Noise/barking dog complaints.**
- **Number of dogs allowed in residence.**
- **Disturbance of birds and bird nest.**
- **Permits for domestic livestock or dangerous animals.**
- **Coyote complaints (DNR matter)**
- **Geese problems (DNR matter)**
- **Pick up injured wildlife and transport to wildlife or sanctuary.**
- **Annually inspect kennel facilities, unless claim of cruelty.**
- **Pet shop inspections, unless cruelty.**
- **Tethering, unless claim of cruelty.**
- **Feeding waterfowl.**
- **Hunting and trapping of animal violations, unless cruelty.**
- **Delivery of rabies specimens to Lansing for testing.**
- **Provide shelter quarantine of attack animals.**
- **Euthanasia of sick or ill-tempered animals for**

residents.

- All animal give-ups must be taken to the county facility. (costs incurred by resident)
- Picking up of dead animal carcasses on roadway.

Troy DPW will pick up dead animals on the roadways. Dead animals on Private Property will be the private property owner's responsibility.

The Troy Police Department will respond to emergency calls concerning dangerous animals, such as a dog attacking a person.

VFW Post #4037 & Troy PD Send Area Youth to Summer Camp

Troy VFW Post #4037 and the Troy Police Department are sponsoring less fortunate Troy Youth, ages 7-12, at VFW Camp Trotter in Newaygo County this summer. Our goal is to send 30 kids to camp this year. The camp will offer the opportunity for these children to share in camping and team building activities. The cost per child to attend the weeklong camp is \$185. In an effort to raise funds for camp fees, the VFW post will

be hosting the following fundraisers:

The Troy VFW Post is located at 2375 East Maple Road in Troy. If you cannot attend and are interested in supporting this effort, the VFW is accepting donations. You may write a check payable to Troy VFW Post #4037.

If you have any questions or need any other information, please contact Troy Police Sergeant Russ Harden at 248.524.3448 or VFW Post #4037 Commander Charlie Solis at 586.360.6241.

City of Troy Ranked as the Safest City in Michigan

On November 22, 2010, CQ Press released City Crime Rankings 2010-2011: Crime in Metropolitan America. CQ Press uses six crime categories to establish crime rate rankings for all cities with a population of at least 75,000 that report crime data to the FBI. The crime categories include: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated

assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft. The rankings in the CQ report are based upon data reported to the FBI for 2009.

According to the CQ report, Troy has the lowest crime rate ranking in Michigan for cities with a population between 75,000 and 99,999. Nationwide, for cities with a population between 75,000 and 99,999, Troy is ranked 10th safest overall. For cities in the United States with a population of 75,000 and above, Troy is ranked 13th. Troy was ranked as the safest city in Michigan for cities with its population in 9 of the last 13 ranking periods, including the current one. Troy achieved “Safest City” rankings as high as 5th and 6th in the United States for cities with populations between 75,000 and 99,999 in 2006 and 2005, respectively. Troy has consistently ranked among the top 25 safest cities in the United States with populations over 75,000 since 1998.

The crime categories used by the CQ Press include all FBI Part 1 crimes, except larceny and arson. The City of Troy has experienced a general downward trend in the incidents of Part 1 crimes over the last 10 years, and crime in all categories for Troy reflects a similar downward trend over the same period. The number of Part 1 crimes reported to the Troy Police Department for 1999 – 2009 are as follows:

1999: 2,411 incidents 2004: 1,979 incidents
2000: 2,387 incidents 2005: 2,044 incidents
2001: 2,316 incidents 2006: 2,090 incidents
2002: 2,061 incidents 2007: 1,971 incidents
2003: 2,107 incidents 2008: 1,950 incidents
2009: 1,957 incidents

In 2009, there were only 74 violent crimes reported to the Troy Police Department, which represents less than 3.8% of the total Part 1 crime in Troy.

Murder: 0
Rapes: 17
Robberies: 14
Aggravated Assault: 43

Incidents of violent crime, which include murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, are extremely low. It should be noted that although 17 acts of criminal sexual conduct that occurred in Troy are classified as “rapes” in the FBI statistics, these types of assaults in Troy do not usually involve a victim being attacked by a stranger. They generally relate to incidents of criminal sexual conduct where one of the actors is a minor, complaints where incest or molestation by family members are alleged, or non-consensual acts between

individuals who are acquainted with one another. In 2009, there was only one sexual assault involving a rape where the victim was forcibly assaulted by a suspect that she did not know.

This ranking represents a significant achievement not only for the men and women who work for the Troy Police Department, but for the community in general. It is a tribute to the residents; an excellent school system; strong prevention programs such as provided by the Troy Community Coalition, Boys and Girls Club, Troy Youth Assistance, and many others; an effective District Court; and an active business community. The current ranking for the lowest crime rate in Michigan, as well as the city's long term record in this regard reflects the high priority this community places on public safety. It reinforces the high quality of life that is offered in Troy. The Troy Police Department is dedicated to continuing to work with the community we serve, as well as City Management and City Government to assure this city remains a safe and attractive place to live, raise families, work, and recreate.

The current challenges this community faces in terms of budgets and shrinking resources are significant.

However, results such as those reflected here not only reinforce Troy's strengths, but also place this city in a position to remain attractive to both residents and businesses as we attempt to face these challenges and move ahead into the future.

In commenting on the latest ranking, Troy Police Chief Gary Mayer not only reinforced the overall accomplishment this represents for the community, but the dedication and quality of the employees of the Troy Police Department. The Chief stated, "The Troy Police Department is made up of professional men and women who work hard to solve problems and provide this community with a level of law enforcement service that is second to none. We value the resources we have been provided to both prevent and solve crime. As we move forward in the face of current challenges, this organization will remain dedicated to utilizing these resources both efficiently and effectively to maintain Troy's exceptional record for public safety."

City Manager John Szerlag also reinforced these latest rankings as a significant accomplishment. Mr. Szerlag stated, "Both City Management and City Government have worked closely with the community

to ensure public safety remains a priority, even in the face of these difficult times. In addition to the excellence of the Police Department that is reflected in these rankings, this achievement also underscores the contributions that the Fire Department and other city departments involved in public safety contribute to the overall quality of life in this community. We look forward to continuing to work with this community to ensure that this demonstrated record of success does not become a tribute to the past, but is a strength that we carry forward and maintain into the future.”

Troy City Council Approves Distracted Driving Ordinance

On Monday, July 12, the Troy City Council voted to approve a proposed Distracted Driving Ordinance. The Ordinance is scheduled to become effective on Thursday, July 29.

The Ordinance defines and prohibits three distinctive

types of distracted driving behavior.

The first type is similar to the behavior prohibited by the State of Michigan Texting Law that went into effect on July 1. It prohibits, with exceptions, any activity necessary to or associated with the use of a two way wireless electronic communication device for the purpose of sending or receiving text messages while driving a motor vehicle.

The second type prohibits, with exceptions, any activity necessary to or associated with the use of a hand held wireless electronic device for the purpose of sending or receiving voice messages while driving a motor vehicle. The use of a hands free device is allowed.

The third type prohibits any other activity that distracts a driver, such that it results in the failure of the driver to use due care and caution in the safe operation of a motor vehicle. Examples include, but are not limited to, eating, grooming, reading, writing, or other activities that prevent the driver from having control of the motor vehicle, with at least one hand on the steering wheel or other steering mechanism.

The Troy Police Department is in the process of

educating the public about the new ordinance. The Police Department appreciates your assistance with these educational efforts. Police Officers are prepared to enforce the ordinance as soon as it becomes effective.

Sections of Chapter 106, Traffic, of the Troy City Code relating to distracted driving read as follows:

1.20.05 “Distracted Driving” means the following:

- 1. The physical manipulation of any 2-way wireless electronic communication device used for dialing numbers; or scrolling; or typing or entering multiple letters, numbers, symbols, or other text; or the sending, receiving, and reading of any non-voice data in the device while the motor vehicle is in motion on any highway or street or place open to the general public within the City of Troy. As used in this subsection, a wireless 2-way communication device does not include a global positioning or navigation system that is affixed to the motor vehicle.**
- 2. The physical manipulation or handling of any wireless entertainment or electronic communication device for the purpose of speaking into, or listening to**

voice data, while the motor vehicle is in motion on any highway or street or place open to the general public within the City of Troy; or

3. Any action by the driver of a motor vehicle that diverts his or her attention resulting in the failure to use due care and caution in the safe operation of a motor vehicle while the vehicle is in motion on any highway or street or place open to the general public within the City of Troy. Such action can include but is not limited to: eating, reading, writing, performing personal hygiene/grooming, physical interaction with pets, passengers, or unsecured cargo, any of which is done in a manner that prohibits the driver from maintaining direct physical control of the motor vehicle steering mechanism with at least one hand that is free of all other objects and used entirely to form a controlled grip on the steering mechanism.

14c. Distracted Driving; Violation as Civil Infraction.

- 1. A person shall not engage in distracted driving within the City of Troy.**
- 2. A person who violates this section is responsible**

for a civil infraction.

- 3. Exceptions. This section does not apply to a person who is using a electronic communication device to do one or more of the following:**
- a) Report a traffic accident, medical emergency or serious road hazard.**
 - b) Report a situation in which the person believes his or her personal safety is in jeopardy.**
 - c) Report or avert the perpetration or potential perpetration of a criminal act against the individual or another person.**
 - d) Carry out official duties as a police officer, law enforcement official, member of a paid or volunteer fire department, or operator of an emergency vehicle.**

Distracted Driving Ordinance Fines

At a recent City Council meeting a citizen voiced concerns that a possible reason behind this ordinance

was to generate revenue for the City. A formula was asserted based on a report that the Police Department had issued 100 warnings in a month. The implication was that when officers would begin issuing citations rather than warnings, this translated to 1,200 tickets annually and at a fine of \$200 each represented \$240,000 in revenue for the City.

The above concern suggests some clarification may be indicated as to how traffic fines are dispersed. The fines attached to any traffic citation do not go directly back to the issuing agency. Traffic ticket fines are dispersed according to formulas set by the State of Michigan and the courts. The distribution for distracted driving related citations is as follows:

Texting While Driving and Distracted Driving:

- Fine: \$200.00
 - 20% or \$40 goes to the State
 - 56% or \$112 goes to the Court
 - 24% or \$48 comes back to the City

Driving While Talking on a Cell Phone:

- Fine: \$75.00
 - 53% or \$40 goes to the State

- **33% or \$24.50 goes to the Court**
- **14% or \$10.50 comes back to the City**

Another aspect of the comments that were made that deserves clarification is the implication that every stop for a violation of this ordinance will result in a formal citation; that is not accurate, as officers have and use discretion in determining the appropriate enforcement action to pursue in regard to any stop for a traffic offense. A traffic stop does not necessarily translate into a traffic ticket in every event.

An advantage of enforcement under this ordinance is that it contains no points. This is similar to approaches taken when seatbelts were initially made mandatory. A no point violation provides officers with the ability to issue a citation that represents a lesser overall penalty to a violator when circumstances indicate such an approach is reasonable.

The Troy Police Department utilizes problem solving in its approach to traffic safety. Traffic enforcement for the mere sake of issuing tickets for the so-called generation of revenue is not practiced by this department. Our approach combines education, engineering considerations, and enforcement; all aimed at preventing traffic crashes. The overall goal is for the driving public to voluntarily comply with traffic

regulations. Enforcement is meant to reinforce hazardous driving behavior that causes crashes, and hopefully stop it from being repeated in the future.
