

A police officer in a dark uniform is walking towards the camera on a snow-covered road. The road is cordoned off with yellow caution tape and several orange traffic cones. In the background, a dark sedan is parked on the right side of the road, and a white car is visible further down the road. The scene is surrounded by bare trees, indicating a winter setting. A blue and white police vehicle is partially visible on the right side of the frame.

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

FRANKLIN – BINGHAM FARMS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Clerk Dana Hughes swearing in Officer Jacobs

MISSION STATEMENT

- THE FRANKLIN-BINGHAM FARMS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING EXEMPLARY POLICE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY WHILE ADHERING TO OUR CORE VALUES OF INTEGRITY, RESPECT, SERVICE, AND FAIRNESS.

A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

It is with great pleasure that we present the Franklin – Bingham Farms Police Department *Annual Report for 2023*. Significant crime was kept in check during this past year, and that is reflective of the continued hard work and dedication of the police officers, reserve officers, professional staff and our robust mobile watch programs. The police department also enjoys an exceptional partnership with the residents and business leaders in our two villages, and without their strong support maintaining the low crime rates would not be possible.

Significant crime has remained at low levels for both Villages. For example, there were only two (2) residential burglaries during the entire year of 2023. One of those residential burglaries can be attributed to a South American crime organization that had been working throughout Southeastern Michigan during 2023. The commercial properties along Telegraph Road in Bingham Farms, known as the Special Assessment District (SAD), also recorded a very low level of crime last year. In fact, during 2023 the amount of reported crime in the SAD was lower than the previous year, and most of that crime involved the investigation of fraudulent activities such as identity theft. There were no significant amounts of violent crime reported in our Villages, and property crime remained at low levels. The property crime that we investigated largely involved vehicles being broken into overnight, so we continue to encourage our residents to lock their cars and remove all valuable property when leaving vehicles outside overnight.

In terms of personnel changes during 2023, our department unfortunately lost one of our senior leaders to retirement. Lieutenant Mike Bastianelli retired during the year in order to pursue a private sector business opportunity. We wish Mike well in his retirement, and his leadership and guidance will be greatly missed.

Going forward into 2024, a new Deputy Chief has been hired and started in his role at our department. Deputy Chief Curt Lawson retired from a command position at the West Bloomfield Township Police Department and was hired by our department after a lengthy and extensive executive search. We are pleased to have Deputy Chief Lawson's experience and leadership in our department, and he will take over as the Chief of Police later this year upon my retirement.

Since this is likely my last opportunity to write a note for the police department's *Annual Report*, I want to thank everyone in the community for their support over my last 12 years as your Chief. I also wish to thank both Villages' Councils for their support of our agency during my tenure as the Chief of Police. Mostly, however, I want to thank the exceptional police officers and professional staff at the Franklin – Bingham Farms Police Department who have made my job easy. After 42 years in law enforcement, I can say with assurance that the team at the police department are true hard-working and dedicated professionals.

I wish you all the best.

Respectfully,

Daniel D. Roberts

Daniel D. Roberts (FBI - Retired)
Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL 2023

NAME	TITLE
Full Time Sworn:	
Daniel Roberts	Police Chief
Michael Bastianelli	Lieutenant
Robert Mydloski	Sergeant
Justin Wells	Sergeant
Kimberly Bonacorsi	Police Officer
Jeffrey Gorski	Police Officer
Denis Berry	Police Officer
Logan Hall	Police Officer
Christina Tucker	Police Officer
Kevin O'Shea	Police Officer
Derek Wiese	Police Officer
Part-Time Sworn:	
Pete Kelly	Police Officer
Greg Hughes	Police Officer
Richard Jacobs	Police Officer
Specifically Assigned to Special Assessment District:	
Logan Hall	Police Officer
Christina Tucker	Police Officer
Civilian Staff:	
Stephanie Longworth	Senior Police Clerk
Patricia McCrae	Police Clerk
Rose Murdock	Police Clerk
Heather Mydloski	Social Media Coordinator

Police Reserve Unit:

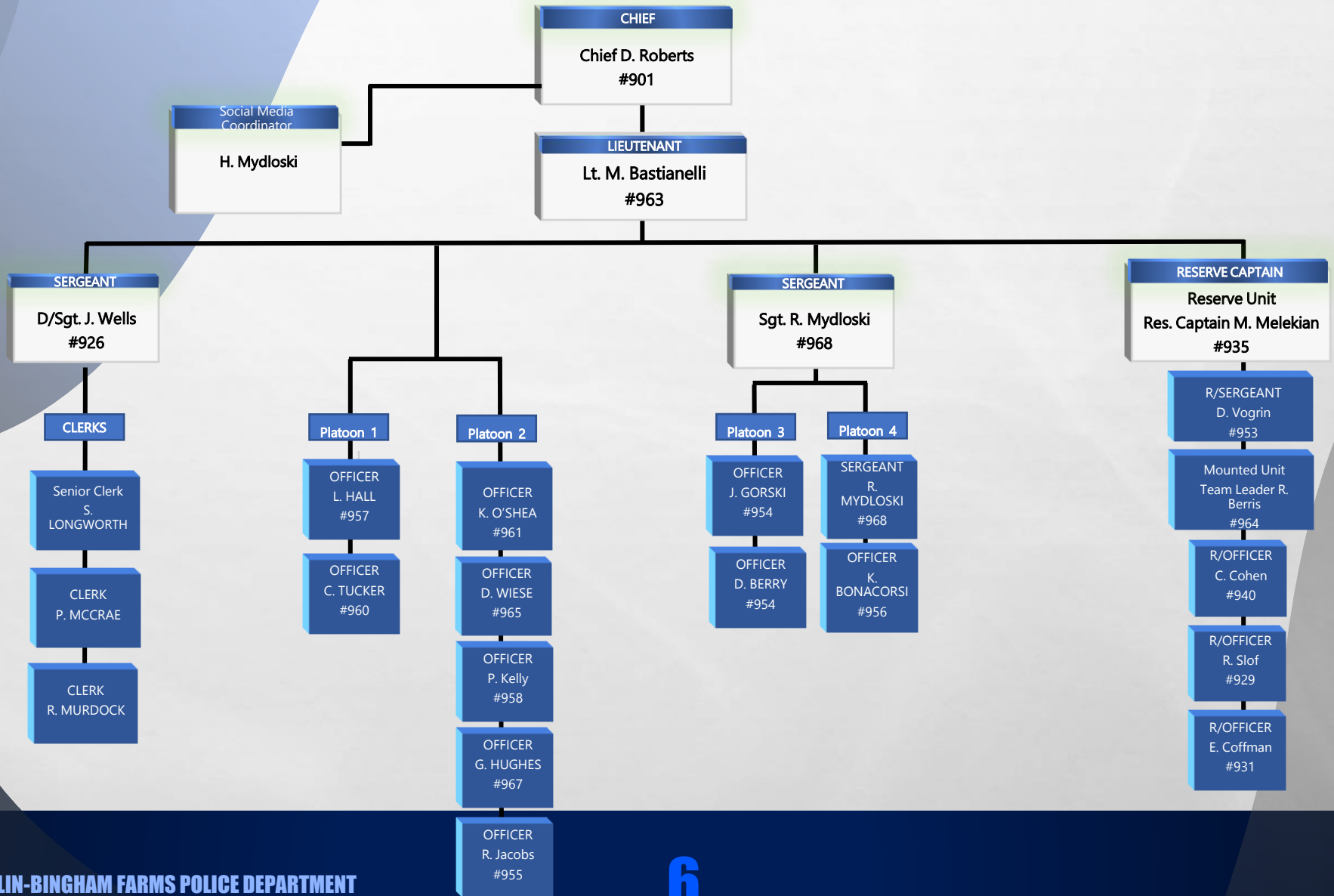
Michael Melekian	Police Reserve Captain
Don Vogrin	Police Reserve Sergeant
Cliff Cohen	Police Reserve Officer
Randy Slof	Police Reserve Officer
Eric Coffman	Police Reserve Officer

Mounted Division:

Ronald Berris	Police Reserve Officer
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- THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE FRANKLIN-BINGHAM FARMS POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE COMPRISED OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, 11 FULL TIME OFFICERS, 3 PART-TIME OFFICERS, 6 VOLUNTEER RESERVE OFFICERS, AND 4 PART-TIME CIVILIAN STAFF MEMBERS.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2023



POLICE ADMINISTRATION

- ▶ The front office of the Franklin-Bingham Farms Police Department is managed by Sergeant Wells. The Police Clerks are responsible for administratively processing the Officers calls for service, citations and many other assignments which keep daily operations going. Each month, the Police Clerks complete monthly reports for the villages of Franklin and Bingham Farms, highlighting the monthly crime statistics for both villages. In addition to their daily duties, the Police Clerks fulfill any other tasks assigned to them by the Chief of Police and/or Command Officers.
- ▶ Senior Clerk Longworth and Clerk Murdock are the main clerks processing daily duties. Clerk McCrae has worked with the department and has supported operations for many years by keeping state-required records accurate and complete.



S. LONGWORTH
SENIOR POLICE CLERK



P. MCCRAE
POLICE CLERK



R. MURDOCK
POLICE CLERK

SERGEANTS CORNER

Hello, and welcome to another installment of the Sergeant's Corner!

2023 has come and gone and there have been some changes to the Franklin-Bingham Farms Police Department. I would like to congratulate Lieutenant Michael Bastianelli on his recent retirement from our department in September of 2023. Lieutenant Bastianelli retired after serving the community for 16 years. We wish him the best in his retirement and success in his new adventure. Michael will be missed by many.

I want to take a moment to thank our police officers. They continue their mission every shift to provide superior service to our residents and businesses in both Franklin and Bingham Farms, and the many other visitors that come to both villages either for work or pleasure. Our department is very fortunate to have these officers and I enjoy working with them daily.

Behind the scenes of the police department that many don't see is the hard work provided by our police department clerks. The combined efforts of Stephanie, Rose and Patty provided assistance with keeping operations running smoothly here at the department. From the patrol and command staff, Thank You!!

I would also like to thank Chief Dan Roberts, Lieutenant Michael Bastianelli and Sergeant Robert Mydloski. Their combined years of service and experience from multiple backgrounds have proven pivotal in the daily operations of the police department. Their dedication to the department and the communities is recognized by both the officers and residents as well.

Finally, I want to thank the residents and business owners of Franklin and Bingham Farms for their continued support year after year. The friendly waves, smiles and thanks of appreciation mean a lot to us. Being able to work in a community that shows support and appreciation in many ways is truly a blessing. From all of us here at the Franklin-Bingham Farms Police Department, THANK YOU!

If you ever need us, please do not hesitate to call either 911 for emergencies, or 248-626-5444 for non-emergencies. We would rather respond and determine that everything is ok than not receive a call when there is a problem.

Don't forget to like our Facebook page for daily updates and to see what is happening around both villages. There is exciting news in store for 2024!

Wishing you all a safe and healthy new year!

Sergeant Justin Wells

**COMMAND STAFF PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: SGT. MYDLOSKI,
CHIEF ROBERTS, LT. BASTIANELLI, SGT. WELLS**

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POLICE RESERVE & MOUNTED UNIT



**RESERVE CAPTAIN
MIKE MELEKIAN**



**RESERVE SERGEANT
DON VOGRIN**



**MOUNTED UNIT TEAM LEADER
RON BERRIS**



**RESERVE OFFICER
CLIFF COHEN**



**RESERVE OFFICER
RANDY SLOF**



**RESERVE OFFICER
ERIC COFFMAN**

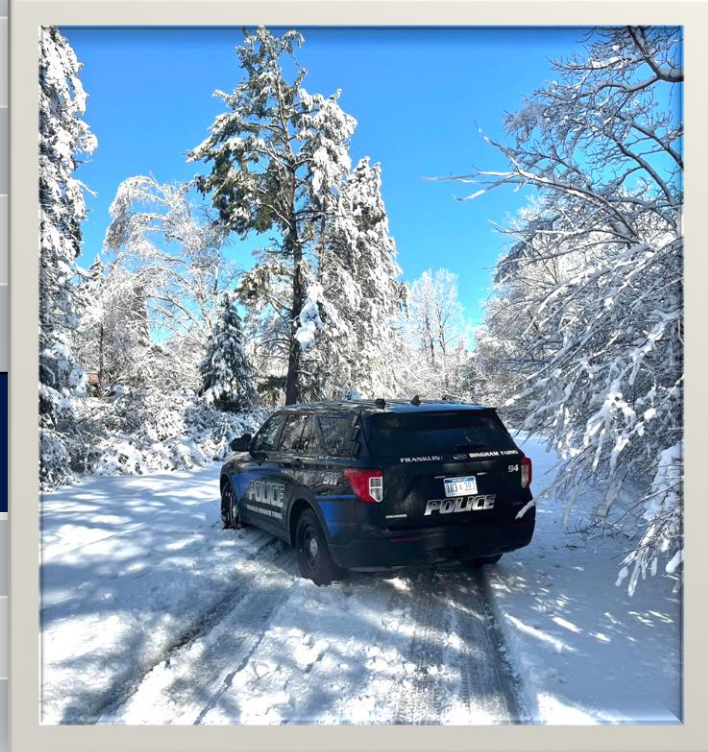
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS PROUD OF OUR RESERVE OFFICER UNIT. EVERY RESERVE OFFICER GRADUATES FROM A STATE-CERTIFIED RESERVE OFFICER ACADEMY, AND THEY CONTINUE THEIR TRAINING UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF OUR FULL-TIME OFFICERS. OUR RESERVES ALSO PROVIDE A VALUABLE SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY BY DONATING THEIR TIME TO ASSIST WITH SPECIAL EVENTS AND PATROL ASSIGNMENTS FOR BOTH VILLAGES.

PATROL DIVISION

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

ACTIVITY	2023	2022	%(=/-)
CALLS FOR SERVICE	5046	5601	-10%
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	1636	1953	-16%
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	133	126	+6%
TRAFFIC STOPS	2064	2502	-18%
WRITTEN REPORTS	561	547	+3%

ACTIVITY 2023	FRANKLIN	BINGHAM FARMS	S.A.D/ OTHER	TTL
CALLS FOR SERVICE	2875	1611	560	5046
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	621	797	218	1636
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	46	75	12	133
TRAFFIC STOPS (Including citations and warnings)	1191	655	218	2064
WRITTEN REPORTS	242	240	79	561



The men and women of the Franklin-Bingham Farms Police Department performed 2,604 traffic stops, writing 1,636 citations and issuing 968 Verbal warnings

The goal of the Franklin-Bingham Farms Police Department's traffic enforcement program is to ensure a safe flow of traffic throughout both villages we serve. The department places an emphasis on the enforcement of traffic laws as well as providing an input towards the engineering of roads as well as traffic sign placement.

INVESTIGATIONS

ASSIGNED CASES

FRANKLIN

39

BINGHAM
FARMS

32

S.A.D.

25

TOTAL

96

WARRANTS

REQUESTED

20

ISSUED

13

DENIED

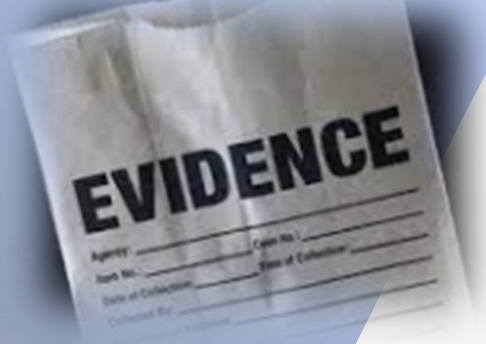
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PENDING

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SIGNIFICANT CASES REVIEWED FOR ACTION → 1,138

NOTABLE CASES



LFA's Thirteen Larceny from Auto reports were taken during the year at eight residences and five businesses. Eight of the vehicles were unlocked, three had windows broken to gain access, and two catalytic converters were taken. In one case, the occupants had just parked their car and gone into a restaurant. They were notified of their vehicle alarm going off fifteen minutes after entering the restaurant. A window had been broken and items were taken.

23-4277 Officer Gorski was dispatched to a report of a stolen vehicle. The reporting party (RP) stated she had listed her vehicle for sale online. It was sold to an individual who provided his bank account information for a wire transfer of funds. They made arrangements for the vehicle to be towed from her place of employment the next day. A few days later, the RP received an email advising that the payment did not go through and she still owed over \$24,000 on the vehicle. Investigation determined the vehicle was towed to Detroit; however, it was sold again to a third party. Officer Gorski contacted the third party and they agreed to return the vehicle to the Franklin Police Department. The vehicle was returned to the original owner. This case is still under investigation.

23-210 Officers Hall and O'Shea responded to 31000 Telegraph on a report of a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, the officers interviewed both parties involved in the dispute, and a witness. Their investigation determined a physical altercation occurred while one of the parties tried putting a tracking device on the other's car. An arrest was made for Domestic Violence (DV) and Motor Vehicle Tracking Device Violation. The subject was found guilty of the MVTD but not guilty of DV.

23-547 Lt. Bastianelli and Officer Bonacorsi were dispatched to a 911 call where male and female voices were heard before the call disconnected. Prior to the officer's arrival, dispatch advised the female had left the scene and called from a neighbor's home to say a man was inside her house that didn't belong there. The officers went to the home and made contact with the subject at the front door. They entered the home and took the subject into custody, during which time he became aggressive. A 9mm bullet and two condoms were found in his pocket. Further investigation revealed boots and clothing discarded in the kitchen, and a handgun by the front door. The subject's vehicle was located in Southfield. The suspect, from Louisiana, had been stalking the victim and had threatened her on social media. The subject was charged with two felony charges; First Degree Home Invasion and Resisting a Police Officer.

23-3771 Officers Gorski and Berry were dispatched to a burglary just discovered. The homeowners were out of town and the pet sitter found a window broken after entering the home and tending to the homeowner's pet. Numerous high-end items were taken. Investigation and work with several area departments and a task force determined this incident was part of a South American crime ring. No suspects were identified.

23-502 Bloomfield Township officers stopped a vehicle involved in a road rage incident involving a gun. It was determined that the driver of the vehicle had brandished a handgun while traveling on Telegraph Road in Bingham Farms. Officer Tucker responded to the scene. The suspect admitted to holding the gun, saying it was new and he was admiring it while driving. However, the victim stated he had yelled at her as she attempted to pass him, and he had brandished the handgun. The suspect was processed and released, and an arrest warrant was issued for Felonious Assault with a Firearm.

23-4549 While on patrol, Officer Tucker observed a vehicle with a police-style light bar in the rear window. She initiated a traffic stop and made contact with the driver who advised he had purchased the vehicle at a police auction out of state. The driver did not have his driver's license with him but said he had his CPL permit along with two revolvers in the glove box. The expired CPL permit was located along with two loaded firearms in the glove box. The firearms were unregistered. They were unloaded and secured by officers. The subject was dressed in all black, and a bullet proof vest. A local Fire Department jacket was also found in the vehicle. The subject was arrested and booked. The case is pending in court.

23-988 Officer Gorski was dispatched to 30800 Telegraph Rd. to take a report of a vehicle theft. Upon arrival, he spoke with the owner of the vehicle who stated it had been taken out of the parking lot during an approximate one hour time frame. There was no evidence found at the scene and the security cameras were not working. Three months later, the vehicle was recovered in Detroit. Fingerprints obtained at the scene were inconclusive. Detroit Police charged two subjects in possession of the vehicle with Possession of Stolen Property.



A Classification of Significant Cases

<u>CLASSIFICATION 1</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION 2</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Homicide	0	0	Arrest on Warrants	9	15
Attempted Murder	0	0	Driving Intoxicated	10	12
Felonious Assault	1	3	Narcotics	1	4
Criminal Sexual Conduct	0	0	Weapons	1	1
Robbery-Armed	0	0	Simple Assault	7	4
Robbery-Unarmed	0	0	Malicious Destruction	1	7
Breaking & Entering-Residential (Home Invasion)	0	1	Fraud (Including Identity Theft, Uttering & Publishing)	37	27
Breaking & Entering-Commercial	0	1	Suspicious Activity	270	258
Attempted Breaking & Entering-Residential	2	0	Fleeing and Eluding	6	5
Attempted Breaking & Entering-Commercial	0	0	Reckless/Careless Driving	2	0
UDAA (Stolen Auto)	1	2	Traffic Accidents	133	126
Larceny – Residential	4	3	Alarms	477	504
Larceny – Commercial	3	1	Citizen Assists	130	240
Larceny – From Auto	13	17	Lost Property	8	9
Embezzlement	2	1	Domestic Violence/Family Trouble	13	25
Totals	26	29	Totals	1112	1237

TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS – CLASSIFICATION 1 & 2 ► **1,138**

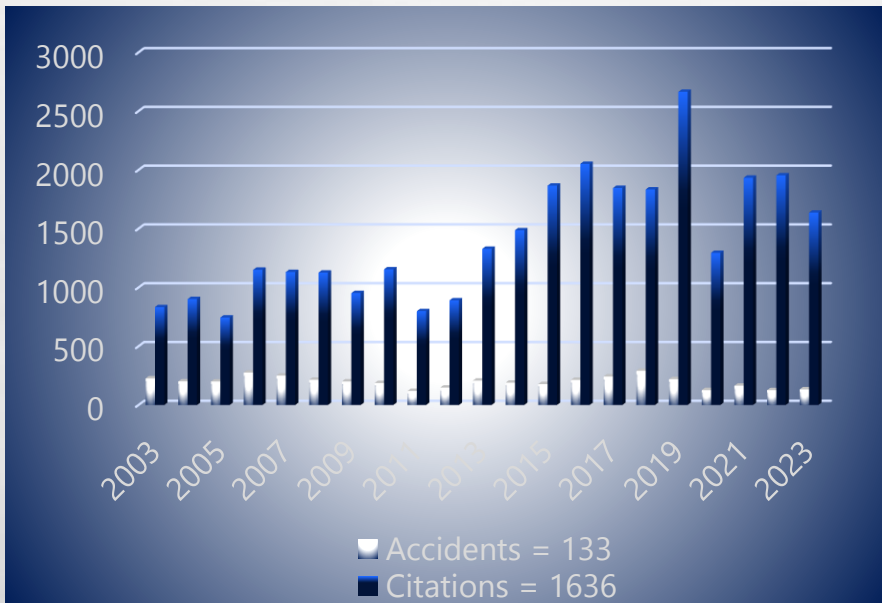
Felony and Misdemeanor Arrest Classifications

FELONY ARREST CLASSIFICATION	2023	2022	MISDEMEANOR ARREST CLASSIFICATION	2023	2022
Warrants	1	7	Driving Intoxicated	6	11
Weapons	1	1	Warrants	7	8
Breaking & Entering	1	0	Traffic Offenses	98	134
Fleeing or Eluding	0	0	Disorderly Conduct	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	Obstructing an Officer	0	0
Felonious Assault	1	3	Alcohol Offenses	0	1
Vehicle Theft	0	0	Narcotics	1	2
Robbery (Armed or Unarmed)	0	0	Assault & Battery (Simple)	1	3
Destruction of Property	0	0	Larceny	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	Other Misdemeanors	2	2
False Pretenses	0	0			
Negligent Homicide	0	0			
Fraud	0	0			
Murder	0	0			
Felony O.W.I.	1	1			
Resisting Officer	0	1			
Totals	5	13	Totals	115	161

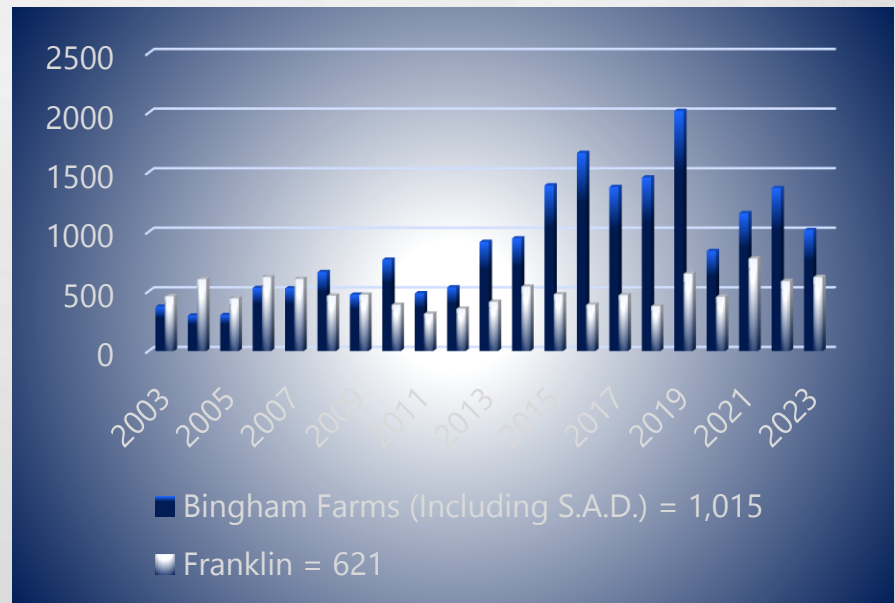
TRAFFIC ACTIVITY



ACCIDENTS VS CITATIONS



CITATIONS BY VILLAGE

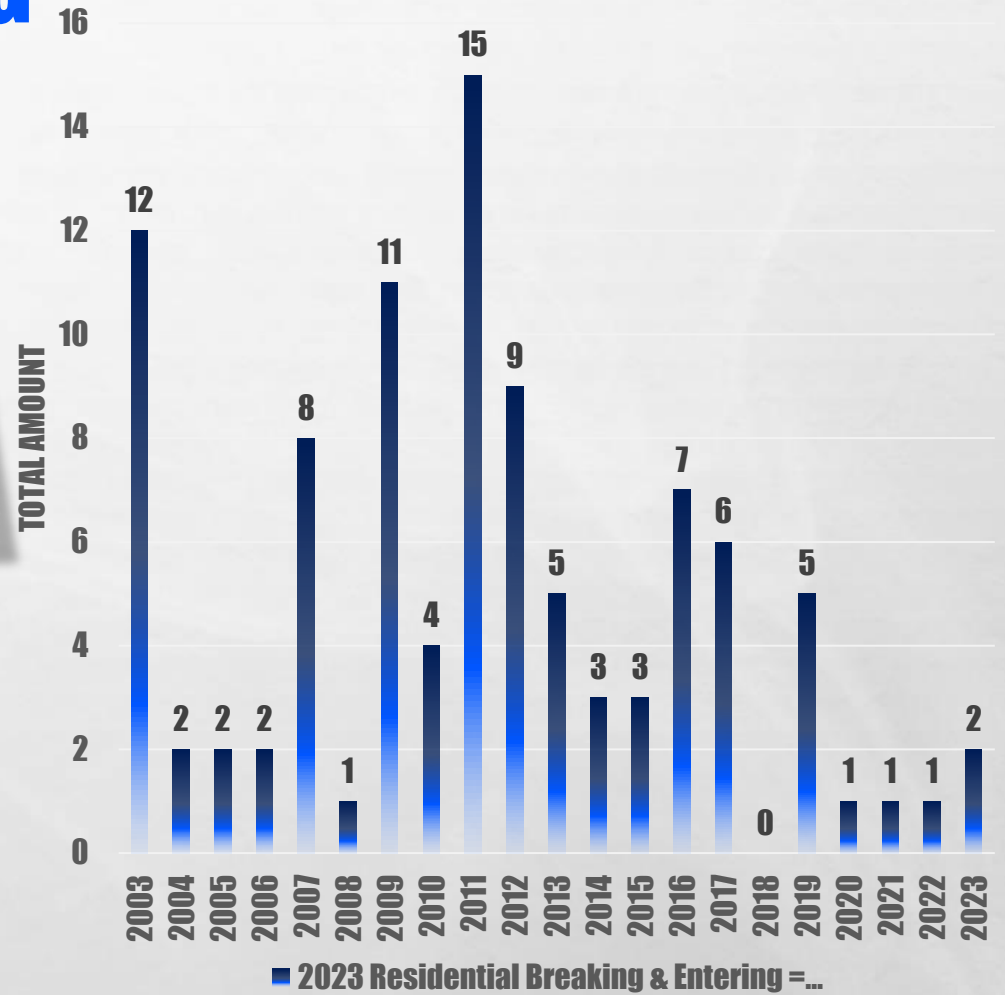


RESIDENTIAL BREAKING & ENTERING



- KEEP RESIDENCE ENTRYWAYS WELL LIT
- SET ALARMS
- SUBMIT A HOUSE CHECK FORM TO THE POLICE STATION
- LOCK UP VALUABLES
- NOTIFY A TRUSTWORTHY NEIGHBOR WHEN YOU ARE GONE
- REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IMMEDIATELY!

RESIDENTIAL BREAKING AND ENTERING



RESIDENTIAL BREAKING & ENTERING

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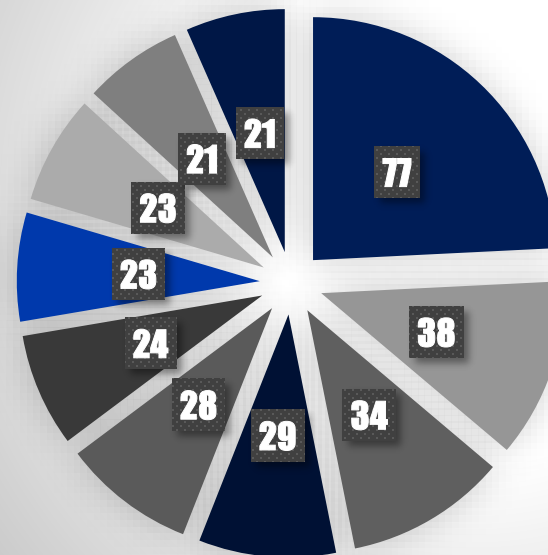
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

S.A.D.

- The Special Assessment District (S.A.D.) was founded in 1986. The S.A.D., paid exclusively by over twenty commercial property owners along Telegraph Rd and 13 Mile Rd. in Bingham Farms, provided for the hiring of two Police Officers to provide dedicated and specialized police patrol to the commercial district.
- The special assessment has been renewed every year since 1986. The 2023-2024 S.A.D. budget was **\$390,532.04**. As a direct result of the S.A.D. Officers' efforts, utilizing the latest crime prevention methods and engaging the business community, major crime has been significantly reduced and a safe environment has been created for the thousands of people working throughout the district.
- Our midnight shift Officers perform random building security checks on a nightly basis within the S.A.D. In the event an unsecured door is discovered, the Officers search the entire building and make sure that each interior office suite is secure. On the next business day, the Chief of Police, or his designee, will then follow-up with property management and advise them of the breach in security.
- During 2023, our Officers conducted **8,808 business checks** over the course of the year. Officers found **74 incidents** involving unsecured buildings, which pose a significant threat to the businesses which operate within those buildings.
- The chart shown right represents the top 10 responded to buildings within the S.A.D. District. A review of police calls for service identified the addresses listed in this chart as being the most responded to in the S.A.D.



Top 10 Calls for Service Locations in the S.A.D.



- 24005 Thirteen Mile =77
- 30400 Telegraph Rd =38
- 31500 Telegraph Rd =34
- 30800 Telegraph Rd =29
- 30100 Telegraph Rd =28
- 30700 Telegraph Rd =24
- 30600 Telegraph Rd =23
- 32270 Telegraph Rd =23
- 30752 Telegraph Rd =21
- 31000 Telegraph Rd =21

DEPARTMENT TRAINING



ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE



FBI - LEEDA



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

FIELD TRAINING OFFICER

POLICE STAFF & COMMAND

CPR & Emergency Medical Response

TASER INSTRUCTOR

LEGAL UPDATE 2023

INTERVIEW & INTERROGATION

Officers undergo extensive training each month as a requirement. As laws continue to amend and new laws enter our legislature, continued training is necessary. Presented above is a partial list of the training our Police Officers attended in 2023.

COMMUNITY



The Franklin-Bingham Farms Police Department is committed to servicing our community and individuals in need through events. This year, our Officers were able to participate in the annual Law Enforcement Run for the Special Olympics, raising money for disabled athletes in Michigan. An event our department looks forward to each year.

The Police Department continues to operate a program known as **Police and Seniors Together (P.A.S.T.)**. Our purpose is to assist any senior citizen within our jurisdiction who may be without support from family or friends. On occasion, an Officer will stop by and check on the well-being of a senior in need of assistance, in order to assist them with periodic challenges. Send an email to FranklinPolice@Comcast.net to **register for the P.A.S.T. program** or contact the station at telephone number **(248) 626-9672**.

Operation Medicine Cabinet is a great program that our department participates in where residents can anonymously drop their unwanted prescription medication. The narcotics are then collected and destroyed in a safe and clean manner, so that the medications do not end up in a landfill.



The police department is proud to partner with the Birmingham Youth Association (BYA) for the Touch-A-Truck event that's held at the Bingham Farms Elementary School each year. Our Officers appreciate working with all the children who get to go hands-on with many different types of vehicles. Police cars, fire trucks, County snow plows, ambulances, and many other types of vehicles are available for the kids to climb on and enjoy. The event is very well attended and enjoyed by both the Officers and the attendees.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CRIME PREVENTION

CLEMIS PUBLIC CRIME SEARCH

The **CLEMIS PUBLIC CRIME SEARCH** is an innovative search engine through Oakland County CLEMIS which allows residents to receive personalized crime reports to your email. Residents who sign up can choose their preferred notifications, (Examples: Burglary, Fraud, Breaking & Entering, etc). When a crime occurs which fits the criteria chosen, an email will be sent to your inbox.

REGISTRATION LINK:

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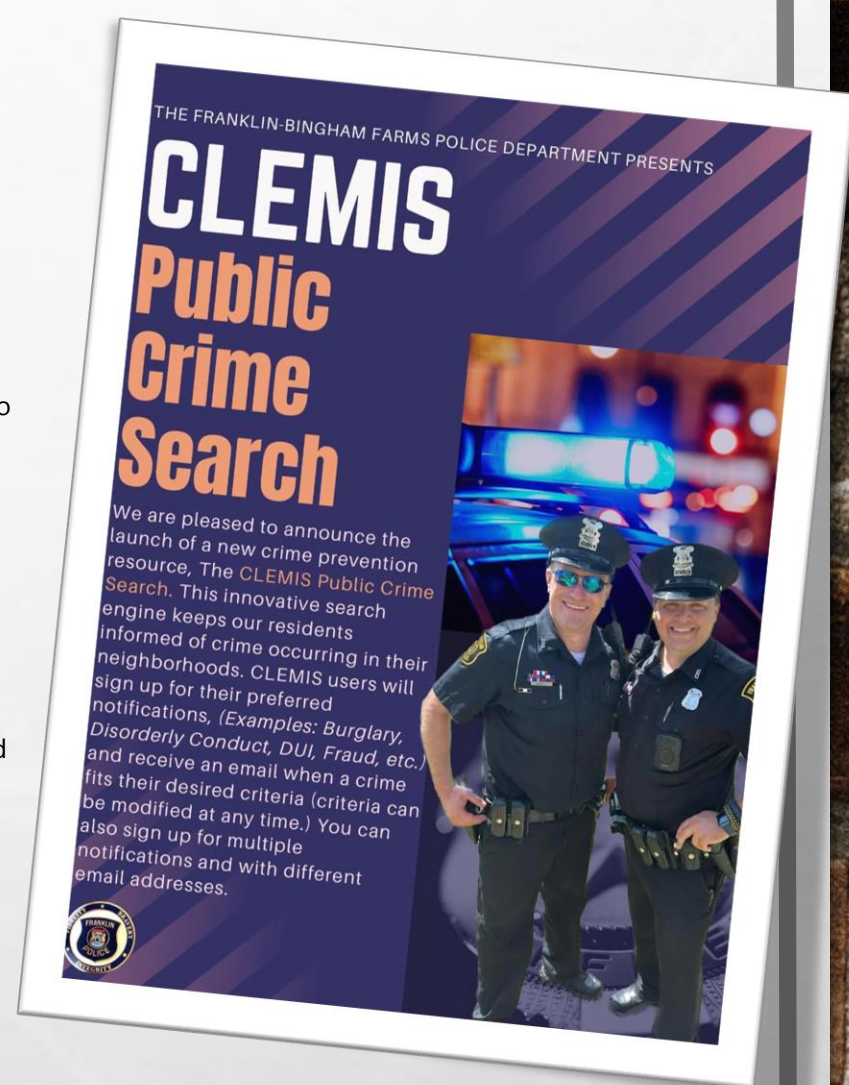
GOVDELIVERY

If residents are interested in receiving crime or emergency alerts through the police department, they can sign up for email/texts from our **GOVDELIVERY** message system. This system is designed to alert our residents and business owners/operators of current crime activity in our two villages. We encourage all residents and businesses to sign up and receive **GOVDELIVERY** notifications. You can sign up for the email alert program through the Village of Franklin website.

CRIME TIPS

The best deterrent for burglaries are trustworthy neighbors who will **report suspicious activity** and a good burglary alarm system. We encourage our residents to fill out the Police Department's **Vacation House Check Form** any time they staying away from their home. Lock up your valuables and lock your vehicles. Residents should stop their mail, keep the lawn and driveway cared for, and install timed lights, security cameras and alarms.

The Police Department partnered with Birmingham Public Schools and the private Huda School to conduct joint security response training for students, teachers and school administrators. Schools in our district have security system cameras and alarms, in consultation with our police department command personnel.



CONTACT INFORMATION



EMERGENCIES

Call 9-1-1

Alarm Services

(248) 626-5444



find
Us



Police Administration

Station Phone (248) 626-9672

Dispatch Direct..... (248) 626-5444

www.franklin.mi.us

Services

Police & Seniors Together
Email Alert Program | Mobile Watch
Vacation Checks | Medicine Disposal

Fire Administration

Station Phone (248)626-9862

Dispatch Direct..... (248)626-3221

www.fbfd.com

Services

Burn Permit Program | Knox Home Box
Home Inspections
CPR Group Training | Vial of Life

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- IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.
- REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY RIGHT AWAY.
- THE FRANKLIN – BINGHAM FARMS POLICE DEPARTMENT SERVES OUR COMMUNITY 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.

