

# LUDINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



## 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

City of Ludington  
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**Memorandum**

To: John Henderson, Mayor  
Ludington City Council  
John Shay, City Manager

From: Chief Mark A. Barnett *MB*

Date: February 1, 2013

Re: 2012 Annual Report

**POLICE ACTIVITY**

Attached you will find a series of documents providing a summary of the various activities conducted by the Ludington Police Department in 2012.

Attachment #1

This report covers 2000 through 2012 and includes the following information:

- Departmental staffing levels
- Activity conducted (**New category**)
- Complaints Investigated
- Enforcement activity conducted
- Individual officer activity averages
- A chart illustrating trends of average officer activity

In 2012 the amount of Total Activity **decreased by 70** from 2011. The total number of Complaints Investigated **decreased by 313**, the number of Arrests **decreased by 166**, Traffic Citations **decreased by 147** and Parking Violations **increased by 33 citations**.

**NOTE:** It is important to remember that for the first half of 2012 the department wall 1.5 F.T.E. under appropriate staffing. We have not yet replaced 1 F.T.E. vacancy that occurred in May of 2009 and we were ½ F.T.E. short for the first half of 2012.

As you know a large portion of the department's activity is "officer initiated". With fewer officers there are fewer crimes detected, arrests made and citations issued.

## Attachment #2

The Reported Crime Summary lists the most serious reported Person Crimes and Property Crimes, as well as the two most problematic Public Order Crimes encountered by the Ludington Police Department. It covers the time period of 2001 thru 2012.

In 2012 we experienced an **increase of 3** reported Person Crimes and an **increase of 40** in reported Property Crimes over 2011. However, we saw a **reduction of 116** when comparing the most problematic Public Order Crimes in 2012 versus 2011.

## Attachment #3

The Enforcement History Report summarizes arrest activity for the same crime categories that are listed on attachment #2.

Also included in the Enforcement History Report is information on traffic crashes, traffic citations and Operate While Intoxicated (O.W.I.) arrests, for the same time period.

In 2012 the number of arrests for Person Crimes **decreased by 18** over 2011, the number of Property Crimes arrests **decreased by 9** over 2011 and the number of Public Order Crimes **decreased by 3** from the previous year.

On a positive note the number of Traffic Crashes in 2012 **decreased by 15** and the number of O.W.I. arrests also **decreased by 17** over those in 2011.

## Attachment #4

This chart is generated by the T.I.M.S. Record Management Software and illustrates the types of activities that are conducted by L.P.D. officers.

Starting at the top of the chart you will notice that officers handled 1,681 General Non-Criminal C.F.S. (Calls For Service) and 856 General Assistance C.F.S.

Moving down the chart you see that officers handled 1,010 Inspections/Investigations. These C.F.S. consist mainly of Civil Disturbances, Suspicious Situations, Property Checks, Vehicle Inspections, and Lost & Found Complaints.

The middle of the chart illustrates the 607 Disorderly type complaints that were handled. And the 148 number illustrates the number of warrant arrests that are made for other departments as well as local bench warrants.

File classes from 3600, down to the bottom of the chart, represent the various Property and Person Crimes reported on the previous attachments.

While the General C.F.S. are greater in number, the investigation of the C.F.S. that are illustrated on the bottom third of the chart take a greater amount of time to complete.

## Attachment #5

The 2012 Organizational Chart illustrates the total number of Ludington Police Department personnel and how they were utilized.

- 1 Chief of Police
- 1 Police Captain
- 3 Sergeants assigned to road patrol (+ 1 vacancy)
- 6.5 Patrol Officers assigned to road patrol
- 1 Detective
- 1 S.S.C.E.N.T. Officer
- .5 School Resource Officer
- 1 Administrative Assistant
- 1 Part-time Clerical Assistant
- 15 Police Reserve Officers (Volunteers)
- 3 Part-time (Sworn) Officers assigned to road patrol

## **SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS**

The following information highlights incidents investigated by the Ludington Police Department that were significant due to type of incident, circumstances, amount of loss, required resources and/or the potential effect on the community.

### Baby Kate Investigation

Sean Phillips was tried and convicted of Unlawful Imprisonment of Katherine Phillips (a.k.a. Baby Kate). Based on a number of factors the investigation has transitioned to a Homicide Investigation and is ongoing.

### Ling Yang Zou Death Investigation

On June 2, 2012 a body was found in the Ludington Municipal Marina basin. The victim was identified as Ling Yang Zou, an employee of a local restaurant. The death was determined to be a suicide, however, due to language barrier, country of origin of victim and her family, process required to obtain medical records and the unavailability of family to take custody of the deceased's body, the resolution of the case took an extended period of time.

### Officer Shooting on 707 N. Delia St.

On June 26, 2012 Sgt. David Maltbie and Ofcs. Aaron Sailor and Jason Smith, assisted by Deputies Davila and Wilson of the Mason County Sheriff's Office, responded to a domestic violence call at 707 N. Delia St. The suspect, Lowell Fetters exited his house armed with a long gun and fired several rounds at these officers. Sgt. Maltbie was injured by projectiles that struck him in the face and torso area and was pulled to safety by follow officers. Ofc.

Smith was also struck by a shotgun wadding when fired upon.

Mr. Fetters, who was also wounded during the incident, barricaded himself inside the house. His wife was trapped outside the house and was ultimately rescued by the S.E.R.T. Team and Mr. Fetters was taken into custody immediately after the rescue.

Thankfully Sgt. Maltbie recovered and all the officers and deputies are back to work.

### Arsons @ 301 N. William St. & 407 N. Robert St.

In the October Investigation of these fires it was determined that they were both intentionally set. Three suspects were developed and one has pled guilty. Warrants have been issued for the other two.

In a closely related Ludington case the two suspects yet to be arrested were also charged for Unauthorized Driving Away of an Automobile. This vehicle was taken from Ludington to Pentwater, crashed through the wall of the Wishing Well where the suspects committed a Breaking & Entering/Larceny from a Building.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

The following information highlights a number of initiatives that the Ludington Police Department is involved in. While some projects are directly linked with "traditional" law enforcement efforts, others involve activities that, if successful, assist in making the community safer in a more indirect manner.

### Collaboration between the City of Ludington and the City of Scottville Police Departments

As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 the Cities of Ludington and Scottville have operated under a shared police chief concept for seventeen (17) months. The process has been fairly smooth and Scottville city officials and residents seem well-satisfied with the arrangement.

The following is a list of accomplishments for Scottville P.D. in 2012:

- The Scottville Police Department remodeling project was completed and officers moved from the City Hall, back into the new police office.
- Conducted increased traffic patrol in downtown area to address violations that cause traffic crashes.
- Conducted combined in-service training (S.V.P.D. & L.P.D.)
- Streamlined Complaint Investigation process.
- Organized S.V.P.D. Complaint files.
- Purchased A.E.D. for Patrol Vehicle.
- Implemented new Electronic Traffic Crash Report System.

## Ludington Police Reserve Unit

Under the supervision of Captain Michael Harrie Reserve Unit has been expanded to include 8 Reserve Patrol Officers and 6 Reserve Marine Officers, and 1 Reserve Officer that conducts forensic exams on digital devices.

Reserve Patrol - All 8 members completed at total of **571** hours of voluntary time donated to the department. The following activities were completed in 2012:

- Special event staffing (Macker, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Lakestride, etc.)
- Overnight security details at event sites
- Marine patrol
- Unit meetings
- Riding as the second officer on road patrol
- House checks
- Critical incident perimeter security

Reserve Marine - The Reserve Marine Officers (which includes active duty members of the U.S. Coast Guard- Station Ludington) assisted in staffing the Fire & Police Boat in 2012 and conducted the following activities:

- Harbor patrol
- Response to several marine incidents
- Special events (Macker, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the Triathlon)
- Combined fire boat & pumper training)
- Crew member training for both the Fire & Police Departments
- Equipment recovery
- Beach closings

Reserve Officer – Forensic Examiner – R/O Stephen Marx has volunteered his time to help set-up and operate the Digital Forensic Lab (D.F.L.) at the Ludington Police Department. With the help of Gary Ferguson and several donors we have collected \$30,000.00, built the physical office space, purchased the hardware and software and have the D.F.L. up and running.

The D.F.L. is a cooperative effort and is currently staffed by R/O Marx and Detc. Mike Kenney of the Mason County Sheriff's Office. In January of 2013 R/O Marx and Detc. Kenney, along with another Ludington officer and a Mason County deputy, will be attending training in Forensic Exams in Holland, MI funded by Homeland Security funds.

By the end of December 2012 the D.F.L. has assisted in ten (10) investigations with examinations of twenty-three (23) devices.

## Networking Group

The Ludington Police Department continued to coordinate the Networking Group throughout

2012 to respond to criminal issues that affect the Ludington/Mason County Community.

All the cooperating agencies continue to benefit by partnering together to address issues that are common challenges. Major issues that have been addressed by this group include gang related incidents, abuse of prescription medication and the distribution of "Spice" in the Mason County area.

The listed groups continue to partner with L.P.D. in this effort:

Mason County Prosecutor's Office  
Juvenile Court  
Probation/Parole  
Journey High School  
Ludington Area Schools

Mason County Central School District  
Mason County Eastern School District  
Staircase  
Mason County Sheriff's Office  
Michigan State Police

T.A.P.S. – Sgt. David Maltbie

In 2012 the T.A.P.S. committee identified 7 target areas during the year in which officers were assigned to focus their attention. The identified target areas and problems to be addressed were as follows:

**Neighborhood(s)**

**Problems**

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|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • Neighborhoods 102-103-104-202-205-206 | Larcenies & MDOP's                    |
| • Neighborhoods 501-501-503             | Larcenies                             |
| • Neighborhoods 303-304-305             | Parking/ Traffic Enforcement          |
| • Neighborhoods 502 & 504               | Speed/ Traffic Issues                 |
| • Stearns Park                          | Loud Music/Loitering/Impeding traffic |
| • Neighborhood 307 & 308                | MDOP's & Larcenies                    |
| • Neighborhood 601-602-603              | Larcenies & MDOP'S                    |

The following enforcement activities were conducted in these areas.

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| • Felony Arrests                | 4   |
| • Misdemeanor Arrests (Custody) | 53  |
| • Appearance Citations          | 2   |
| • Juvenile apprehensions        | 3   |
| • Traffic Citations             | 151 |
| • Parking Violations            | 2   |

A total of 215 pieces of enforcement were conducted as a result of the volunteer efforts of the T.A.P.S. committee members working together with L.P.D. officers. Their participation is truly appreciated.

### Neighborhood Watch – Sgt. David Maltbie

Neighborhood watch has been difficult to keep afloat as there is not a lot of interest. There is currently one neighborhood watch group and they meet quarterly. There were two occasions last year where the group attempted to raise their numbers by passing out 200+ fliers to their neighbors but had no effect on turnout to the meetings.

This watch group is spearheaded by T.A.P.S. Committee members and there always seems to be a good flow of information back and forth highlighted by speakers which were requested by them. They include a representative from the Mason County Health Department speaking about prescription drug abuse and prescription drug collection for unwanted drugs as well as the mayor speaking about long term plans for the city as well as answering any questions they had.

This year an attempt to reach out to more people will be made by using social media along with the departmental website to relay information to the public and keep them informed.

### Sex Offender Monitoring – Sgt. Dean Schultz

In 2012 the City of Ludington had forty five (45) registered sex offenders within the City during the January 2012 compliance check with all offenders being complaint. The April check had forty five (45) offenders with all being complaint. The October check had forty six (46) offenders with three (3) offenders showing they were noncompliant for failing to verify their addresses during this quarter. An investigation was conducted on the three (3) offenders for failing to verify which resulted in one offender found to be in a state correctional facility, one was deceased, and the third was located at a residence which the offender had not registered. A complaint was forward to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for appropriate charges for this offender.

The department conducted a sweep/residence check of the offenders residing within the City from October 26<sup>th</sup> through November 12<sup>th</sup> of 2012. During this sweep two (2) offenders were found not to be residing at their registered address. Investigations were conducted and appropriate charges were sought through the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Also on Halloween in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Corrections Parole Office we conducted four (4) home visits of offenders currently on parole. A stipulation of parole prohibits sex offenders from participating in Halloween tradition of handing out candy to children.

During 2012, three (3) investigations were conducted for offenders failing to register the required information, i.e. internet information, email information, per the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act.

Our ability to keep track of the registered sex offenders would not be possible without the efforts of Ms. Lindsay Bronson - Administrative Assistant for the police department. Each quarter Ms. Bronson is visited by the fifty-three (53) offenders living in both Ludington and Scottville. She verifies the required information and enters it into the State computer system, which then allows the officers to conduct their follow-up on any violations.



## Drive Safe, Drive Sober Program

The 2012 ***Drive Safe, Drive Sober*** campaign was a great success again this year making this New Years Eve celebration was a safe and enjoyable one. This success was due to the combined efforts of Abrahamson's Towing, Quinn's Tires & Tows, Oceana Auto and the Ludington Mass Transportation Authority. A total of **1,355** individuals were transported to and from their holiday destinations, rather than driving themselves this year, and three **(3)** of those individuals had their vehicles towed free of charge.

There were no reported traffic crashes involving injuries of any kind! A total of six **(6)** property damage crashes were reported during this year's celebration.

A review of Mason County Law Enforcement Agencies' activity reveals that one **(1)** arrest for Operating While Intoxicated (O.W.I.), four **(4)** other arrests involving alcohol, three **(3)** assault arrests and 4 other warrant arrests were made. A total of twenty-three **(23)** traffic citations were issued.

This program would not be possible without the cooperation and resources of Abrahamson's Towing, Quinn's Tires & Tows, Oceana Auto, Ludington Mass Transportation Authority, Mothers Against Drunk Driving of Mason County, SADD, Ludington Beverage Co. Inc., several Ludington-Mason County area businesses, the Convention and Visitors Bureau and Mason County Law Enforcement.

## Movies in the park

*Movies in the Park* continues to be a popular event with attendance during the 2012 season averaging around 400 per night. Movies were shown all four of the Thursdays in August in City Park at the Kiwanis Band shell.

This event would not be possible without assistance of Ms. Gail Lyons, Ms. Kaye Ferguson-Holman, Ms. Jackie Steckel, Ms. Carol Perez and the Ludington High School Business Professionals of America Group, "Captain" and Ms. Jerry Welton and the Baby Badger, as well as Mr. Ron Maluchnik (R.C.M. Audio) and Mr. Caleb Nordine, the Downtown Ludington Board and various financial sponsors.

## Equipment

The Ludington Police Department received funding for three **(3)** complete sets of scuba diving equipment and an engine guard for the fire & police boat. This equipment will be purchased entirely with Federal Port Security Grant Funds. The successful grant application was prepared by Community Development Director Heather Venzke. Because of her efforts the Ludington Police Department and the Mason County Sheriff's Office will be better equipped to conduct marine search and rescue operations.

## OBSERVATIONS / GOALS

A review of the above data leads us to the following conclusions and goals:

1. 2012 was a year of great change for the Ludington Police Reserve Unit and saw the expansion of both the Patrol and Marine portions of the unit, as well as the completion of the Digital Forensics Lab, staffed by a member of the Reserve Unit.

**2013 Goal: To increase Reserve Unit's role in preventative land and marine patrols as well as providing technical investigative assistance.**

2. The department, with the assistance of Ms. Heather Tykoski, received funding for dive equipment.

**2013 Goal: Once equipped the Ludington Police Department will assign officers to join the Mason County Sheriff's Department Dive Team to provide a greater response capability to search, rescue and recovery operations in a marine environment.**

## CONCLUSION

The men and women of the Ludington Police Department are a group of professional police officers and clerical staff that continue to do a great job! They look for ways to improve communication with, and provide better service for, the residents of the City of Ludington.

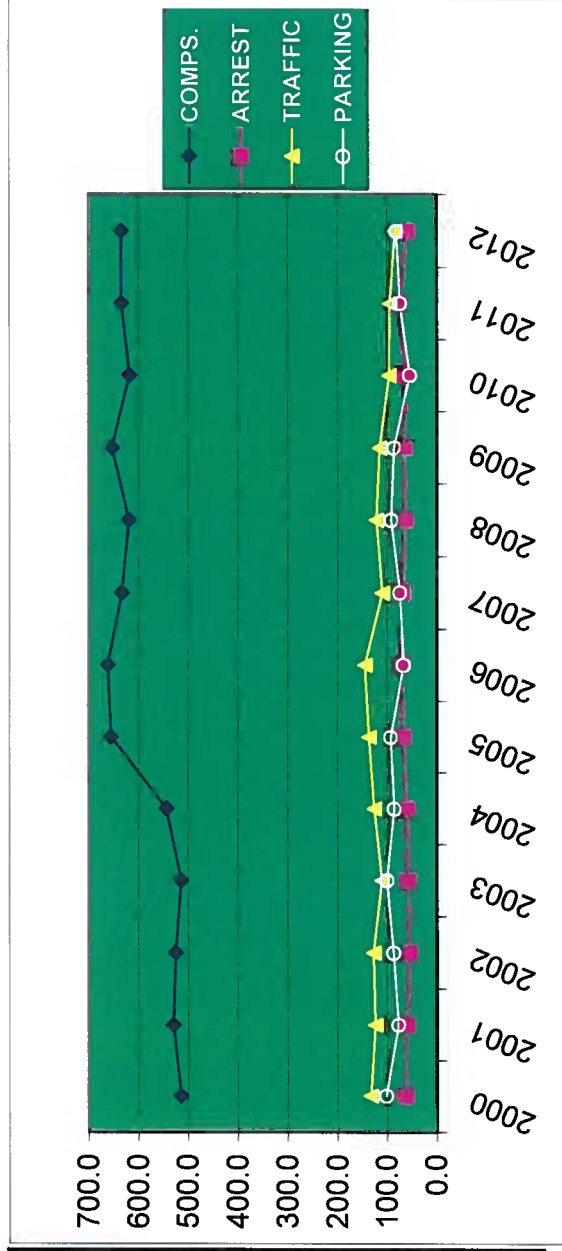
We appreciate the continued support of the citizens of Ludington, Mayor Henderson, the City Council and City Manager John Shay. We will continue to do all that we can to make Ludington safe.

**LUDINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
DEPARTMENT AND INDIVIDUAL OFFICER STAFFING AND PRODUCTIVITY REPORT**

YEAR	DEPT. TOTAL	SWORN	CLERICAL	ADMIN.	SUPPORT	BUDGETED PATROL POS.	ACTUAL PATROL POS.	TOTAL ACTIVITY	COMPS. INVEST.	ARRESTS	TRAFFIC	PARKING
2000	16	14	2	1	2	11	11	-	5,655	701	1,460	1,123
2001	17	15	2	1	3	11	11	-	6,356	728	1,496	930
2002	17	15	2	1	3	11	11	-	6,304	678	1,541	1,055
2003	17	15	2	1	3	11	10	3,637	5,659	653	1,230	1,115
2004	16	15	1	2	3	10	9	9,132	5,441	608	1,269	864
2005	16	15	1	2	3	10	10	10,739	7,203	736	1,514	1,031
2006	16.5	15	1.5	2	3	10	10	11,317	7,275	807	1,603	743
2007	16.5	15	1.5	2	3	10	10	10,718	6,966	774	1,216	821
2008	16.5	15	1.5	2	3	10	10	11,007	6,811	693	1,343	1,017
2009	16.5	15	1.5	2	3	10	9	10,111	6,529	657	1,153	868
2010	15.5	14	1.5	2	3	9	9	9,573	6,181	640	966	547
2011	15.5	14	1.5	2	3	9	9	9,898	6,340	743	951	747
2012	15.5	14	1.5	2	3	9	8.5	9,828	6,027	577	804	780

**INDIVIDUAL OFFICER ACTIVITY AVERAGES**

YEAR	COMPS.	ARREST	TRAFFIC	PARKING
2000	514.1	63.7	132.7	102.1
2001	529.7	60.7	124.7	77.5
2002	525.3	56.5	128.4	87.9
2003	514.5	59.4	111.8	101.4
2004	544.1	60.8	126.9	86.4
2005	654.8	66.9	137.6	93.7
2006	661.4	73.4	145.7	67.5
2007	633.3	70.4	110.5	74.6
2008	619.2	63.0	122.1	92.5
2009	652.9	65.7	115.3	86.8
2010	618.1	64.0	96.6	54.7
2011	634.0	74.3	95.1	74.7
2012	634.4	60.7	84.6	82.1



LUDINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
REPORTED CRIME SUMMARY

**PERSON CRIMES**

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Homicide (incl. Att.)	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Abduction (incl. Att.)	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	1
Robbery	0	2	4	4	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	0
Sexual Assault	25	18	21	21	23	23	18	16	29	15	21	28
Assault	150	149	129	153	167	169	159	151	140	128	131	148
Stalking	6	7	7	0	9	4	6	5	2	13	7	7

**PROPERTY CRIMES**

Arson	3	3	2	2	3	0	3	7	3	0	9	0
Burglary	46	38	35	55	53	70	76	73	67	56	65	95
Controlled Sub.Vio.	47	78	51	38	44	50	45	33	24	29	45	27
Damage to Property	133	122	136	162	154	182	208	176	157	249	204	183
Embezzlement	2	6	1	2	2	1	7	7	3	2	5	2
Fraud	49	40	53	43	61	35	63	31	52	30	57	59
Larceny	289	248	223	257	280	288	311	350	282	345	214	293
Retail Fraud	20	21	17	24	13	10	14	6	8	6	11	12
Vehicle Theft	8	3	7	6	11	9	11	17	12	9	11	15
Weapon Offenses	6	4	9	5	5	7	10	6	12	9	14	13

**PUBLIC ORDER CRIMES**

Disorderly	607	694	617	652	589	496	496	539	459	649	N/A	N/A
Liquor Violations	46	75	78	69	104	94	97	100	66	95	108	127

<b>TOTAL (Catagories Above)</b>	<b>1438</b>	<b>1511</b>	<b>1391</b>	<b>1495</b>	<b>1520</b>	<b>1442</b>	<b>1527</b>	<b>1519</b>	<b>1317</b>	<b>1636</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>1010</b>
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**LUDINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
ENFORCEMENT HISTORY REPORT**

**PERSON CRIMES**

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Homicide (Includes Att.)	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Abduction	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Robbery	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Sexual Assault	4	1	1	2	4	5	5	0	7	4	8	10
Assault	65	86	55	63	58	70	73	56	48	54	69	78
Stalking	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	3	2

**PROPERTY CRIMES**

Arson	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	8	0	2	0
Burglary	10	6	3	25	5	26	22	11	8	12	21	15
Controlled Sub. Vio.	42	44	54	30	24	44	47	31	21	23	31	26
Damage to Property	13	7	7	10	8	12	18	8	5	25	5	9
Embezzlement	1	2	1	0	1	0	5	2	0	2	3	3
Fraud	1	6	3	8	4	6	7	4	6	10	9	12
Larceny	14	28	28	14	28	31	20	18	10	20	17	39
Retail Fraud	15	13	12	15	13	6	10	4	6	5	4	9
Vehicle Theft	4	1	3	3	2	3	3	5	1	5	4	8
Weapon Offenses	3	2	3	3	4	3	4	3	6	6	7	11

**PUBLIC ORDER CRIMES**

Disorderly	81	73	81	63	87	57	81	86	53	44	12	26
Liquor Violations	64	75	70	129	117	163	113	148	96	138	153	165

<b>TOTAL (Categories Above)</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>414</b>
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**TRAFFIC**

Traffic Crashes	204	219	210	252	271	259	292	335	359	350	308	342
Traffic Citations	804	951	966	1153	1343	1216	1603	1514	1269	1230	1541	1496
Operate While Intox. Arrests	36	53	39	49	66	78	80	65	54	66	65	75

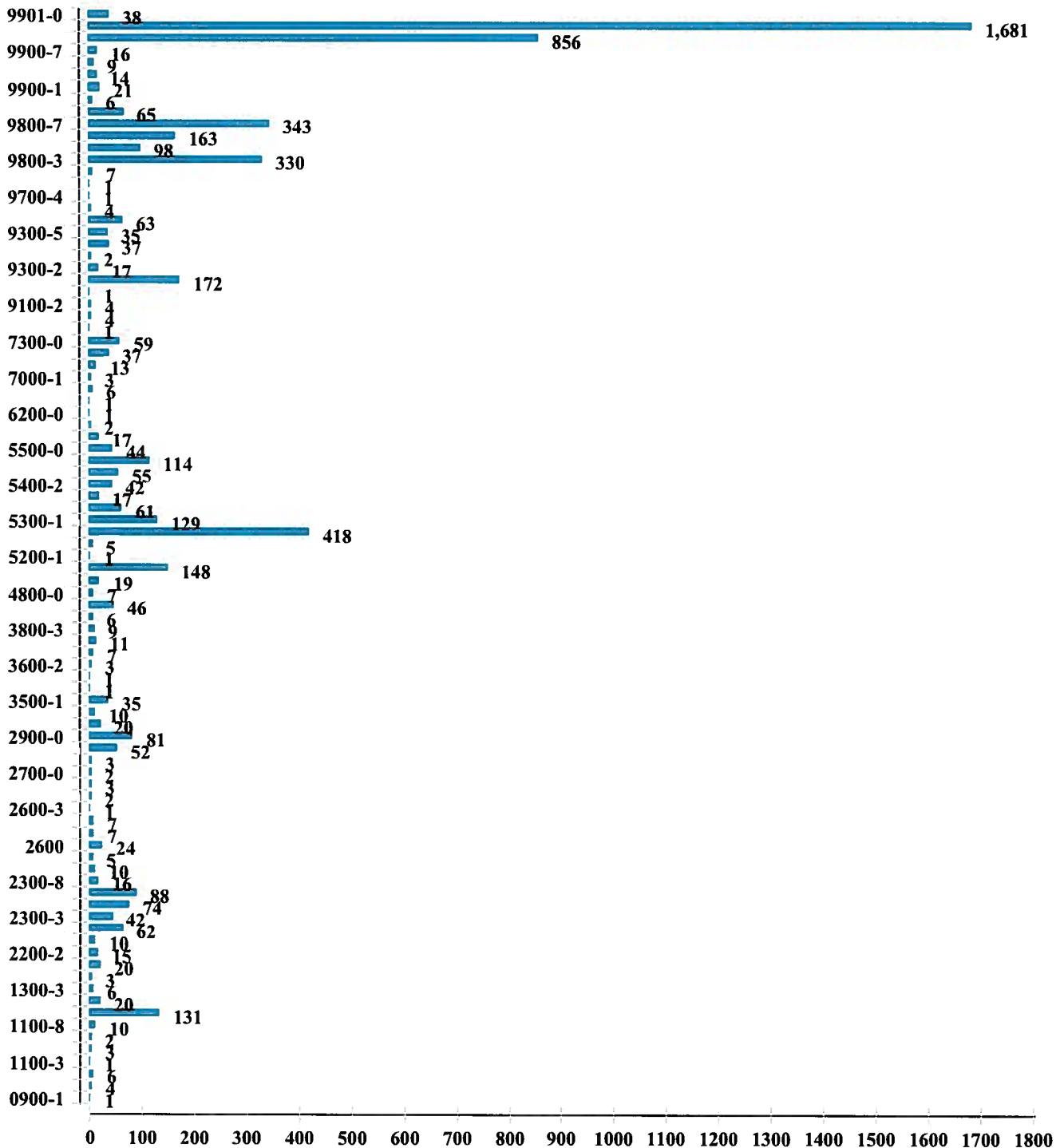
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Number	Section/NBH	1	2	3	Report Date	Location	Officer
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File Class Activity Counts



LUDINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2012 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

