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Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary March 20th - 26th, '16

Crime Map for the Week March 20th - 26th, '16
(Click the image below for details)



[US National Weather Service: "Be ready - Thunder Storms, Lighting and Tornado's"](#)

A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from the base of a thunderstorm down to the ground. Tornadoes are capable of completely destroying well-made structures, uprooting trees and hurling objects through the air like deadly missiles. Tornadoes can occur at any time of day or night and at any time of the year. Although tornadoes are most common in the Central Plains and southeastern United States, they have been reported in all 50 states. This website is designed to teach you how to stay safe in a tornado. If you know what to do before, during, and after a tornado you can increase your chances of survival. You'll also find links to research, past events and other topics of interest.

Download the free [Thunderstorms, Lightning and Tornado](#) booklet for more information.

Severe Thunderstorms is considered severe if it produces hail at least 1 inch in diameter or has wind gusts of at least 58 miles per hour. Every thunderstorm produces lightning, which kills more people some years than tornadoes or hurricanes. Heavy rain from thunderstorms can cause flash flooding. High winds can damage homes and blow down trees and utility poles, causing widespread power outages. Every year people are killed or seriously injured because they didn't hear or ignored severe thunderstorms warnings. The information in this section, combined with timely watches and warnings about severe weather, could save your life.

- Listen to local news or [NOAA Weather Radio](#) for emergency updates. Watch for signs of a storm, like darkening skies, lightning flashes or increasing wind.
- If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be in danger from lightning. If thunder roars, go indoors! Don't wait for rain. Lightning can strike out of a clear blue sky. Learn more about [lightning safety](#).
- Avoid electrical equipment and corded telephones. Cordless phones, cell phones and other wireless handheld devices are safe to use.
- Keep away from windows.
- If you are driving, try to safely exit the roadway and park.
- Stay in the vehicle and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends.

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If you are outside and cannot reach a safe building, avoid high ground; water; tall, isolated trees; and metal objects such as fences or bleachers. Picnic shelters, dugouts and sheds are NOT safe. [Click on the image below to see the video "Get Weather Ready during a tornado"](#).



WEEKLY FIRE SUMMARY

Total Calls for Service 2016: 624

Fire Incident: Gas Leak
Fire Report #16-590

On March 22, 2016, at 3:50 p.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to the 5200 block of W. Michigan Ave. for a reported gas leak.

Fire Incident: Wires Down
Fire Report #16-613

On March 22, 2016, at 11:07 a.m. Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to E. Morgan Rd. and Stone School Rd. for wires down.

Fire Incident: Structure Fire
Fire Report #16-624

On March 26, 2016, at 1:28 p.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to the 2400 block of Carlton Dr. to put out a small kitchen fire.

WEEKLY CRIME SUMMARY

Significant Police Events:

Total Calls for Service for the Week: 272

Total Calls for Service 2016: 3,526

Police Incident: Home Invasion
Complaint #16-3515

On March 26, 2016, at 6:50 p.m., Pittsfield Township Police responded to the 2100 block of Glencoe Hills Dr. for a reported Home Invasion of an X Box gaming system. There was no force entry.

The above named incidents remain under investigation. If anyone has any information about or has been a witness to any of these crimes, please contact the Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety at 734-822-4911 or the confidential tip line at 734-822 4959. Residents are encouraged to sign up for Pittsfield Township alerts and department notices through "[Notify Me](#)". Please go to www.pittsfield-mi.gov to sign up.