POLICE THE RAPIDS

VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Welcome.

The Elk Rapids Police Department consists of a Chief of Police and four Officers. All Officers are MCOLES certified and deputized by the Sheriff of Antrim County. The department provides service to the Village of Elk Rapids with a year round population of 1642 residents. Our area is, and continues to be, a major tourist destination during the summer months, consistently increasing our summer population. Our department also responds to calls outside the Village boundary limits to assist other agencies with emergency services.

Department Officers are trained in numerous specialty areas including crime scene evidence collection, fire investigation, crash investigation, drug investigation, T.E.A.M. education programs and medical first responders.

Officers are assigned twelve (12) hour shifts to provide twenty-four hour coverage. The shifts consist of officer calls for service, follow-up investigation, traffic crash investigation, traffic incremental law enforcement, and responding to medical emergency and welfare check requests. Additionally, Officers provide public education programs including Safety Seat Inspections, T.E.A.M. and other public speaking programs opportunities, and the completion of forms and reports that take up a large portion of our Officers shift time. Most people believe an Officers job consists of issuing citations and arresting individuals, when in reality, these activities represent a small percentage of an Officers time.

The departments patrol fleet consists of one Chevrolet Tahoe and two Ford police SUV interceptors. These vehicles are equipped with the latest equipment to include state-wide 800 mhz and High Band radios, digital recording equipment and radar. The vehicles contain specialized equipment including 12 gauge shot guns, M-16 rifles, stop sticks, tactical Go Bags, PBT's, medical jump kits and AED life jackets and rope throw bags for water rescue and fire extinguishers.

The Police Department, located at 321 Bridge Street, contains a front office, meeting room, high tech interview room, evidence room and armory. The building and equipment represents the commitment of both the citizens of Elk Rapids and the Village Council to provide for a safe, quality community environment for our citizens, businesses and visitors.