



Special Report



STPD expands presence, training & station without increasing costs

Shelby Township Board, Police boosts police fund balance to \$6.7 M, expand officer count to 82 without tax increase.



Macomb County's
Lowest-cost, full-service
Community

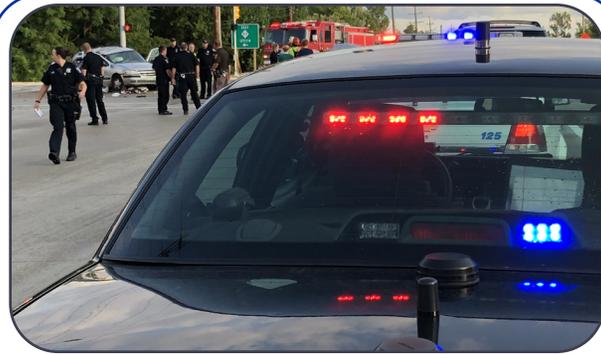
**SHELBY TOWNSHIP POLICE STAFF SPECIAL UNITS
FOR MODERN COMMUNITY IN NEW 27,399
SQUARE-FOOT HEADQUARTERS.
PAID IN CASH - NO DEBT- NO BONDING -
NO TAX INCREASE**



While increasing its fund balance to \$6.7 million, the Shelby Township Police Department increased its ranks to 82 officers, added specialized units & expanded its station to 27,399 square feet, paid in cash with no debt, no bonding & no increase in taxes.



Tactical Response Unit features patrol officers, commanders & tactical medics to protect lives & property with a unified tactical response.



Traffic Services Unit features four officers under one Traffic Sergeant to make our roads safer with enforcement & crash investigation.



Special Investigations' Sergeant & three plain clothes detectives handle serious felonies such as narcotics enforcement.



Community Services Unit with a sergeant, TEAM officer & two school resource officers builds bridges with residents & businesses.



Our K-9 program has three K-9 Handlers & deploys two active dogs. It now includes Macomb County's only firearms detection canine.



The Special Assignments Unit has two officers embedded with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency & one with Macomb County COMET.

THE TOWNSHIP DRASTICALLY BOOSTED POLICE TRAINING WHILE MAINTAINING THE LOWEST TAX RATE AMONG FULL-SERVICE MACOMB COUNTY COMMUNITIES.



Field Training Officers prepare our newly hired officers for solo patrol through a program that lasts, at minimum, 16 weeks.



Scenario training recreates a wide range of encounters such as mental health, high-risk traffic stops, and active assailants to better prepare our officers



The Tactical Responses Unit features police officers and tactical medics working together to address complex high-risk situations.



Nine instructors in the Training & Range Cadre facilitate in-house training for new recruits & continued professional education for all officers.



Each Command & Patrol officer attends quarterly firearms, defensive tactics, taser, first aid & active shooter training.



Solo response to active assailant training provides the necessary tools for a potentially faster response to an active assailant encounter



Officers attend Legal Update training from the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office covering new & changing state laws.



Our Community Services Unit, Range & Training Cadre, & Detective Bureau provide training to residents & businesses.



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Re: Celebrating the leadership and achievements of the Shelby Township Police Department

Dear Shelby Township Neighbors,

I am proud to say that our Shelby Township Police Department is proactive in preventing and deterring crime. It anticipates community needs under the leadership of Chief Robert J. Shelide. As a result, our Police Department exemplifies a beacon of excellence through substantially increased training with three to four minutes response times. Further, it demonstrates an unwavering commitment and unparalleled dedication to the community's safety and well-being.

As an elected member of the Board of Trustees, I am proud to stand with my fellow members of our Board of Trustees in its commitment to unwavering support for our outstanding police officers. By providing the finest equipment and training, we ensure that those who protect us are themselves fortified, equipped and prepared to uphold the law and safeguard our community with the utmost proficiency and courage. This steadfast support underscores our collective mission to maintain a secure and thriving community.

With the substantial growth of our community and greater economies of scale, we have developed a Tactical Response Unit, including patrol officers, commanders, and tactical medics, to protect lives and property. A growing township requires tools like the Traffic Services Unit, led by the Traffic Sergeant, to enhance road safety through enforcement and crash investigations and provide for the contingencies that may arise in our community. We have added the Community Services Unit to build trust and cooperation with residents and businesses. Additionally, officers in the Special Assignments Unit, with officers in the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and Macomb County COMET, and the Special Investigations Unit tackle serious felonies and narcotics enforcement, maintaining justice and order with collaborative crime-fighting efforts.

Remarkably, while adding specialized units, the Shelby Township Police Department has grown its fund balance to more than \$6.7 million since 2014, despite a 28% increase in calls for service, totaling 46,164 in 2023. This financial growth has enabled the department to expand to 82 officers and enlarge its station to 27,399 square feet without incurring debt, issuing bonds or raising taxes. Essentially, we have "Right Sized" our Police Department to meet the needs of our increased population. It was one of the great honors of my career to work closely with Police Chief Shelide and our command officers and help serve as Board Liaison in expanding our fantastic police headquarters.

Our extensive training programs reflect our commitment to constant improvement. Our Police must qualify quarterly with their firearms and train utilizing effective tactical training to effectively respond to active shooter assailants to ensure our community is well served. The Training & Range Cadre and Field Training Officers provide ongoing training. Several members of the Police Department of the Training Cadre have previously served in the Military with Special Operations Units to benefit the Police and our residents.

These achievements underscore the exceptional leadership of Chief Robert Shelide and the dedication of the Shelby Township Police Department. Their efforts have made us Macomb County's safest large community while managing resources to maintain the lowest tax rates among full-service communities.

Sincerely,

John Vermeulen
 Township Trustee

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 Supervisor

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 Clerk

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 Treasurer

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 Trustee

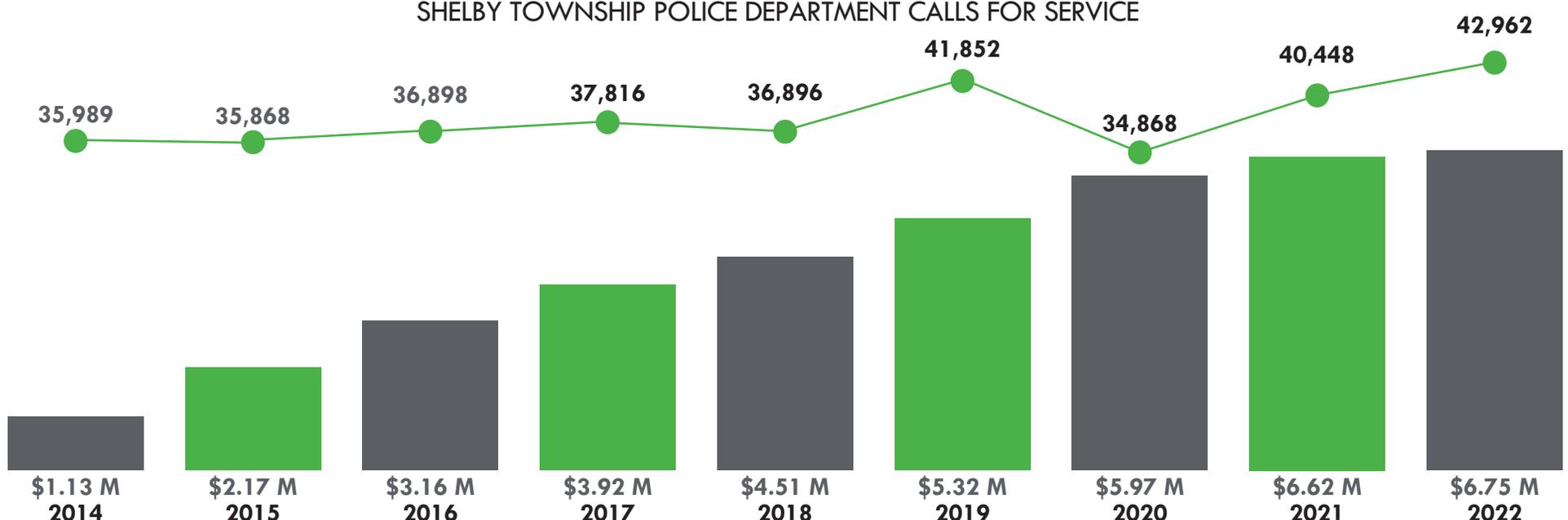
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SHELBY TOWNSHIP POLICE GREW ITS FUND BALANCE TO MORE THAN \$6.7 MILLION, WHILE ANNUAL CALLS FOR SERVICE INCREASED 28% TO 46,164 IN 2023.

SHELBY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE



Shelby Township Police Department Fund Balance



SHELBY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Robert J. Shelide

shelbytownshippolice.org



SAFE TRADE ZONE

Our department has created a Safe Trade Zone in our public parking lot. The designated Safe Trade Zone area consists of two parking spo...

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- Sign up
Sign up for a free account to receive e-mail alerts regarding crime committed in certain areas.
- Submit a tip
Submit a tip to local law enforcement.
- View incidents
View recent incidents and "most wanted" lists.
- Share information
Share information with others through social media.
- Get connected
Get connected with resources and services.

CRIMEWATCH: Access Shelby Township Police's digital crime-fighting tool

- Notifications and Alerts
- Camera Registry
- Online Reporting
- Submit Tips
- Vacation Home Check
- Traffic Complaints
- Mobile App
- And More

ABOUT CRIMEWATCH

Gain direct access to crime and public safety-related information through shelbytownshippolice.org. The Shelby Township Police Department and Police Chief Robert Shelide's website gives people who use email, social networks and mobile devices an easier, more effective way to help fight crime and stay informed. Developed in partnership with CRIMEWATCH Technologies, the site is part of the CRIMEWATCH Network, crimewatch.net.

WHY CHOOSE CRIMEWATCH

Shelby Township Police Department was the first Michigan police department to go live on the CRIMEWATCH Network; a platform developed specifically for law enforcement agencies that allows for geographically targeted information sharing and intelligence gathering. Local residents, schools, churches and business owners are encouraged to visit shelbytownshippolice.org to connect with police department resources or download CRIMEWATCH Mobile from the Apple or Android App Store.

CONNECT TO CRIMEWATCH

For more information or to view the Shelby Township Police Department website visit shelbytownshippolice.org or to learn more about CRIMEWATCH visit crimewatch.net.

