Welcome once again to our newsletter!

In this issue, there are a few new instances of officers interacting with community children. There is also an introduction to another one of our new officers that started in May.

See who is the Officer of the Month for July and take a peek at our community partner spotlight.

In this month’s Victim Services Update, you are introduced to our new Victim Services Specialist—Brittany House.

In the coming month, representatives from the International Association of Chiefs of Police will be stopping in to meet with myself and members of the department.

**A note to partner agencies:** If you notice any of our officers exhibiting noteworthy professionalism and/or building positive relationships in the community, please let us know. We want to recognize those officers within our department.

Chief Robert Ruth

**Officers in the Community**

Towards the beginning of July, Saginaw Police officers helped recover two stolen bikes from a known bike chop shop. Those bikes belonged to two young boys who were very excited to get them back! Way to go SPD for making two little kids very happy!

Around July 17th, an SPD officer was spotted making a bet with some local neighborhood children. Once a basketball hoop gets put up, the officer is going to play a game with the kids. If the kids win, the officer will dance in the intersection. If the officer wins, the kids will help clean up the community.
New Officer Spotlight

Meet Officer Vincent Jackson. He is one of five new officers who started in May.

Vincent grew up in Saginaw and dreamed of becoming a police officer. He is now living his life long dream as he serves the city of Saginaw as a police officer.

During his off time, Vincent enjoys spending time with his family. He is married and has a son. The family also has one dog. With a son and dog, it sounds like Vincent has plenty to do when he is not working.

Please take a moment and welcome Officer Jackson to the Saginaw Police Department if you see him!

Victim Services Unit Update

The new Victim Services Specialist started at the end of June. Let’s take a moment to learn a bit more about Brittany House and welcome her to the team!

Brittany earned her Bachelor’s of Arts degree in Political Science Pre-Law and Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. She then earned her Master’s in Criminal Justice from Kaplan University in Chicago.

Before becoming the Victim Services Specialist she worked for the Saginaw Sheriff’s Department in the jail. She also worked for two domestic violence non-profit organizations outside of Saginaw County.

Brittany loves sports and is a big outdoors person. She also has two dogs who keep her busy outside.

She is excited to help the Victim Services Unit, continuing to develop.

Welcome Brittany! I look forward to seeing even more exciting developments from our VSU.

Please be sure to welcome the ELERV committee when they arrive for their visit!

Officers in the Community

Around July 10th, Officer Williamson and Officer Neuman made good on a promise they made to A’mire Rogers Perkins when they stopped by to play basketball with him.

The promise came about when A’mire came up to the two officers while they were out on a call the week before. A’mire told the officers he wanted to play basketball with them and he wanted to play them one on one. The officers promised they would stop in sometime for a game and A’mire gave them his address so they would know where to find him.

When the officers showed up for the game, A’mire was happy because they kept their promise. Both officers plan on going back to play more basketball with A’mire, so this sounds like it will not be the end of their new friendship.

Way to go Officer Williamson and Officer Neuman!
Community Partner Spotlight—Prosecutor’s Office Victim Advocates

When victims of crime are in need of a Personal Protection Order, they can go to the lower level of the courthouse to get assistance with filling out the appropriate paperwork. Victims of domestic violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault are common types of victims who seek PPOs. There is no charge for filing a PPO.

In addition, when a victim’s case goes to court, the victim may request an advocate be with him or her throughout the court process. This advocate is provided by the Prosecutor’s Office.

Having someone by their side while they go through the court process can be a huge benefit to victims or survivors of crime. Thank you to those advocates in the Prosecutor’s Office who help survivors of crime!

Officer of the Month

On July 4th, at approximately 11:00 a.m., Saginaw County Central Dispatch received a frantic phone call from a mother whose child had gone missing at the north end of Ojibway Island. The mother was only able to give a description of a seven-year-old black female wearing pink clothing.

While performing his traffic control assignment as several hundreds vehicles and thousands of pedestrians were trying to leave, Ofc. Brad Holp observed a child matching the description of the missing child. Ofc. Holp observed that the child may be autistic. This observation helped confirm that this child was indeed the little girl missing.

Due to the attention, quick action, and observation skills of Ofc. Holp, the child was quickly and safely reunited with her parents. Way to go Ofc. Holp! Job well done!

Photo found on Ofc. Holp’s Linkedin page.

Roll Call Trainings

On August 3 and 10, Nancy Johnson will be stopping by the Saginaw Police Department once again. This time, she will be presenting on Alzheimer’s, Delirium and Dementia. This should prove to be an interesting training!

Thank you Nancy Johnson

The SPD would like to take a moment and thank Nancy Johnson for recognizing SPD officers who are displaying excellent de-escalation techniques and strategies when faced with challenging circumstances and/or individuals in crisis. The positive notes and letters received by SPD are being reviewed at the monthly Awards Board meetings and are considered in the selection process for Officer of the Month.

We would love for more of our agencies to consider recognizing officers that exhibit noteworthy professionalism and are building positive relationships in the community.
Saginaw Police Department Calendar of Events

- To everyone celebrating an August birthday, Happy Birthday!
- For those who would like to have their names added to the calendar during their birth month, please email me (cwazny@svsu.edu) with your birth month and day.
- Friday Night Live series continues until August 18th.
- Free movies shown Friday Aug. 4th (Lego Batman) and Aug. 18th (Sing!) at Huntington Event Park.

Website of Interest - Cold Cases

Did you know that there is a website where you can find information about Cold Cases in Saginaw? To locate the page, visit www.Michigan.gov/msp. You will see a “Services” tab near the top of the page (refer to picture). Hover your mouse over this tab to bring up the drop down menu and select “Investigations.” The first option listed will be Cold Cases.

When you click on “Cold Cases,” you will see various pictures of cold case victims. To learn more about a case, click the name at the top after the picture turns over. If you have any information regarding any of the cases shown, or any cases not shown, please contact the number at the top of the page. Or send an email to the email address given.

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Looking:

Know anyone who would be interested in helping local crime victims? The Victim Services Unit is looking for volunteers to help out at the department. They can contact Victim Services Specialist, Brittany House, for more information at bhouse@saginaw-mi.com.


Mission: To build relationships within our diverse and vibrant community to meet the challenges of reducing crime; to help our citizens feel safe; and to render the highest ethical standards demanded of professional law enforcement.

Vision: We recognize our responsibility to better the lives of those in our community and will provide quality support and resources to all persons in need. Our collaboration with citizens and community partners creates meaningful relationships that sustain a safe environment for all.

Values: As a professional organization, we believe in the dignity of all people and respect individual and constitutional rights. We are dedicated to upholding the public trust, by serving our community with integrity, professionalism, and individual leadership that embraces diversity and open communication, in the pursuit of excellence.

To accomplish our Mission and Vision, we, the Saginaw Police Department value:

Integrity: We will treat all citizens with respect and professionalism as we believe all citizens are equal.

Communication: It is important for all citizens to have access to the Saginaw Police Department.

Professionalism: We will hold each other accountable for our actions and continue to provide quality services to our community.

Diversity: We will engage in continuous education about different cultures and people within our community.

Leadership: We will utilize trainings and consistent collaboration with our community partners.

Excellence: We will strive for personal and professional excellence.

We will continually develop and embrace relationships with our citizens, community leaders and community partners, to keep our community safe.

We will find innovative ways to enhance our service to the community.