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Pittsfield Township residents have supported a Public Safety millage since 1987. The existing 10-year millage expires this year.

We are requesting you to help us decide – on May 3rd – on whether or not we can levy a 1.95 mill that will be effective 2012-2021 (10 years) and allow us to maintain the existing level of police, fire, and dispatch services.

The new millage will not be levied until after the existing millage expires, which will be in 2012.

We are reaching out to you at:

April 14th; 6:30-8pm

Harvest Elementary School; 1155 Campus Parkway, Saline MI

April 17th; 1-3pm

Pittsfield Township Open House

April 26th; 5:30-7:30pm

701 Ellsworth Road; Pittsfield Twp. Parks and Seniors Building



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Pittsfield's Public Safety COST PROFILE

The reason we are asking for a higher millage is to compensate for declining revenues and a commitment to maintaining existing level of services.

- Nearly 60% of the cost for police, fire, and dispatch services is drawn from the Township's General Fund. The ability of the General Fund to continue supporting public safety services at this level has been severely compromised in recent years because of cutbacks in revenue sharing by the state, fall in interest revenues, and a general fund that was burdened, in the last 10 years, by debt as a result of numerous land purchases.

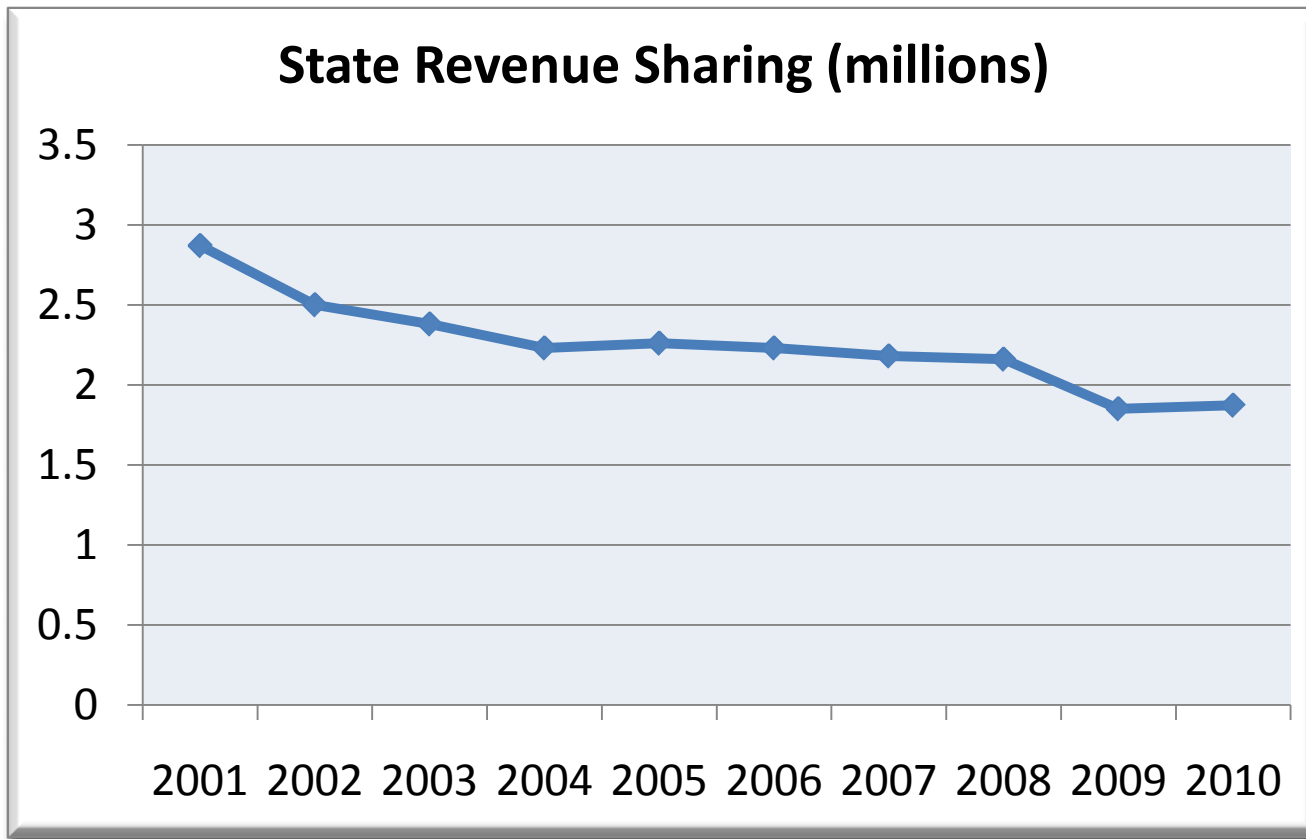
- The remaining 40% is drawn from the Public Safety Millage Fund (which is currently set at 1.0 mill and expires this year).

For the reasons above, revenues to this fund have also declined. In addition, the millage rate has not been adjusted in 20 years to reflect the increased demand. Pittsfield's population has jumped by approximately 20,000 residents during this period. Between 1990 and 2010, Pittsfield has undergone a transition from a rural environment to an urbanized Township. As such, the need for a broader and more responsive level of public safety services exists in 2011.



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General Fund: Cutbacks in State Revenue Sharing



2001 State Share Revenue

2,871,067

2010 State Share Revenue

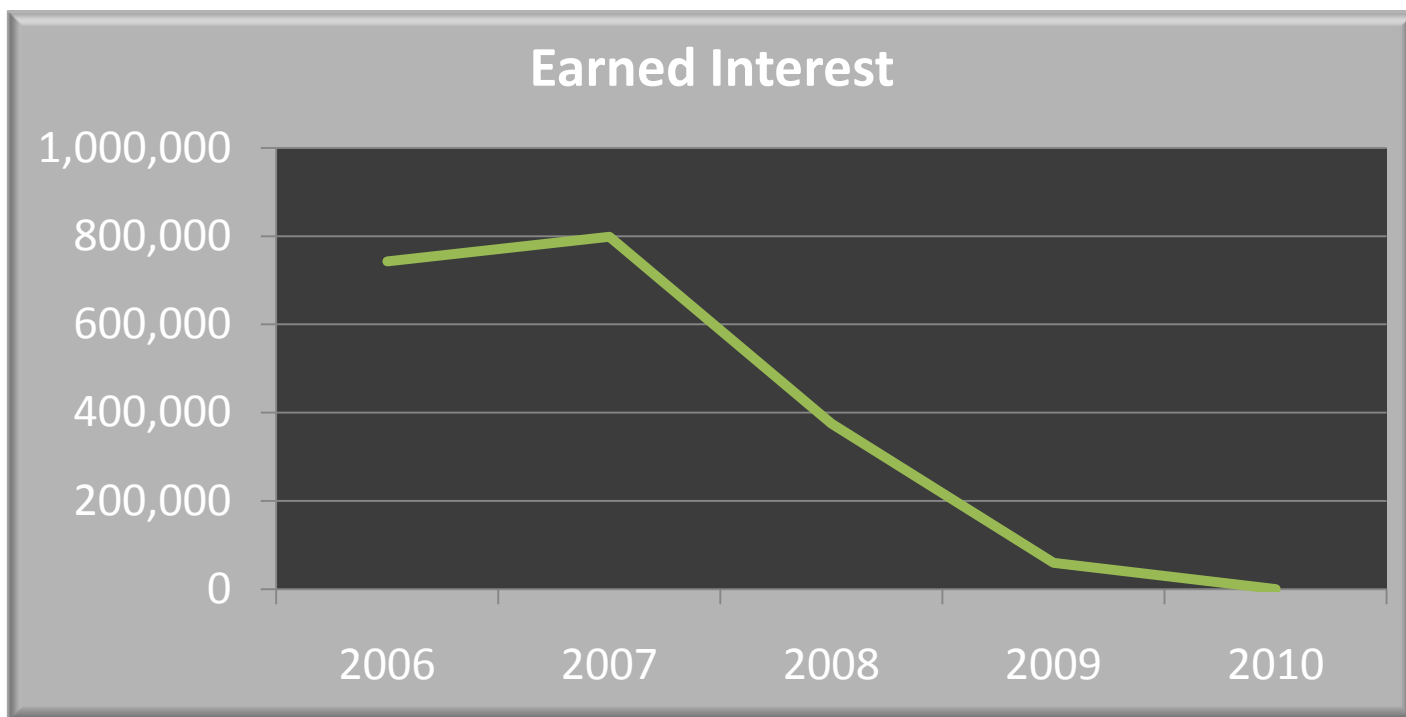
1,872,216

Lost Revenue = \$998,851



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General Fund: Decline in Interest Earnings

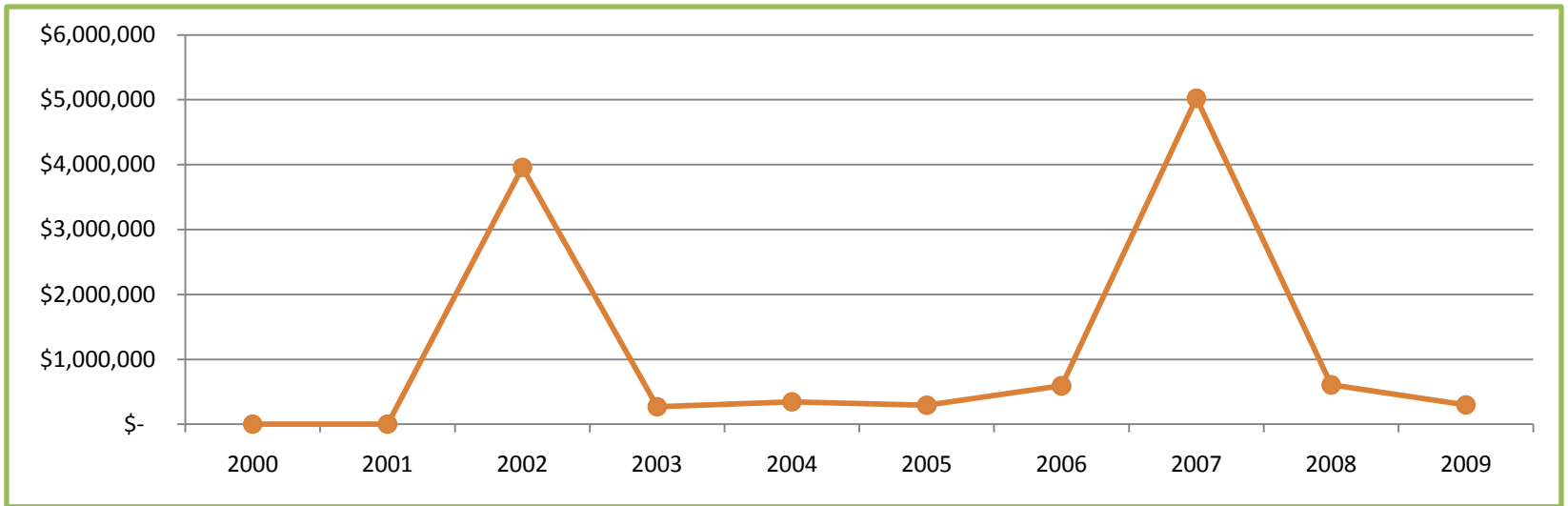


- 2007 = \$798,583
- 2009 = \$59,774
- 2010 = \$13,332



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General Fund: Debt Burden from Land Purchases



2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,959,739.00	\$269,155.00	\$344,235.00	\$292,210.00	\$591,730.00	\$5,023,432.00	\$605,761.00

Between 2006-2008 the general fund balance was depleted by 50% in order to pay for land purchases.



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General Fund: Administrative Cost Savings (2011)

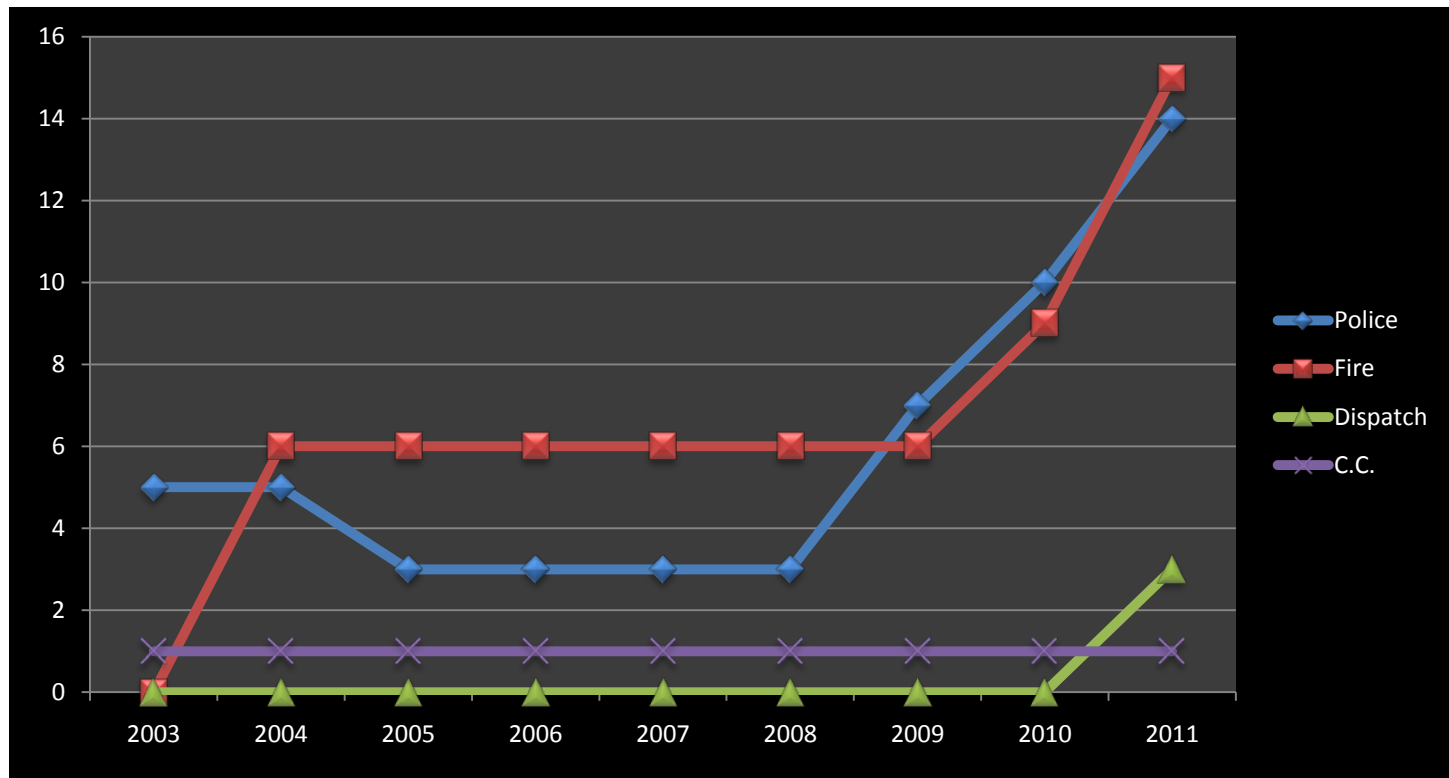
Department	Job Title	Eliminated	Vacant	Wage Savings
Administrative Services	Administrative Services Specialist		\$31,528.00	\$31,528.00
Building Services	Department Assistant II		\$29,286.00	\$29,286.00
	Housing Inspector		\$39,102.00	\$39,102.00
Planning	Director of Planning	\$72,499.00		\$72,499.00
Public Safety	Road Patrol Officer		\$39,791.00	\$39,791.00
	Dispatcher		\$33,238.00	\$33,238.00
	Deputy Fire Commander		\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
	Administrative Secretary		\$34,760.00	\$34,760.00
Supervisor	Department Assistant I		\$25,688.00	\$25,688.00
Treasurer	Department Assistant II		\$29,286.00	\$29,286.00
		\$72,499.00	\$337,679.00	\$410,178.00

- Most personnel have taken 0% wage increases in the last two years.
- All union contracts were finalized in 2010 for a period of five years.
- In upgrading Pittsfield Township's bond rating, to the second highest category of AA, Standard & Poor's specifically called out our 'sound financial practices [since 2008].'



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Public Safety Millage Fund: Picking Up the Slack



Positions Funded by the Public Safety Millage

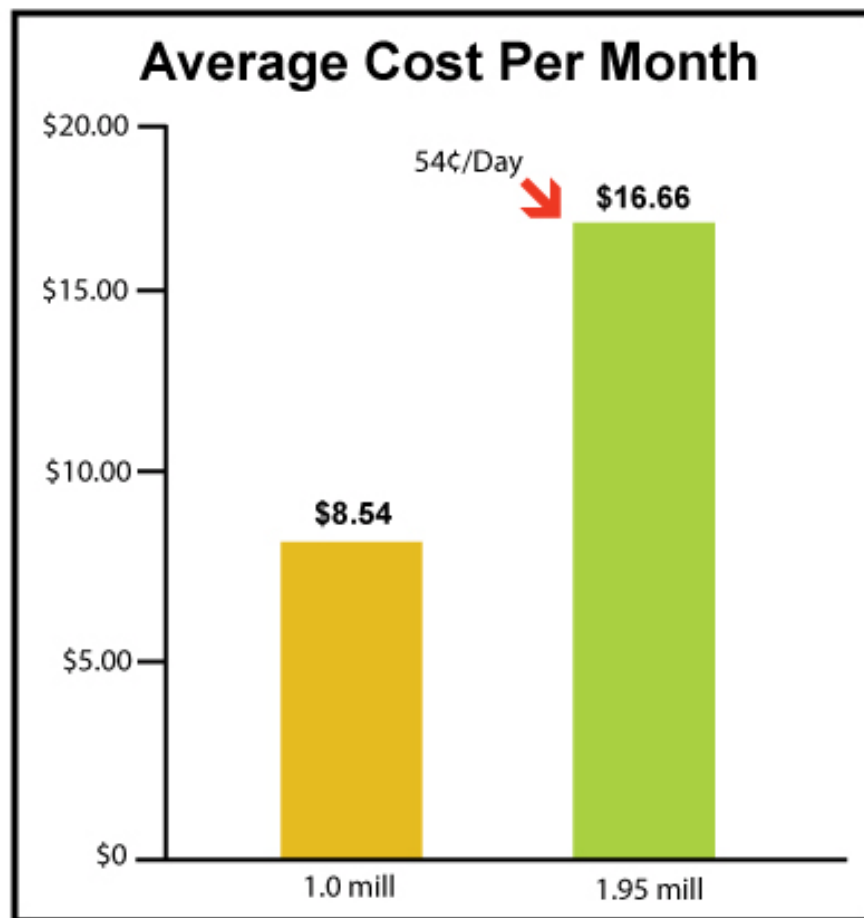
2003: 6 Personnel (5 Police Officers, Community Coordinator)

2011: 33 Personnel (14 Police Officers, 15 Firefighters, 3 Dispatchers, Community Coordinator)



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Your Budget Impact Under 1.95 Mills





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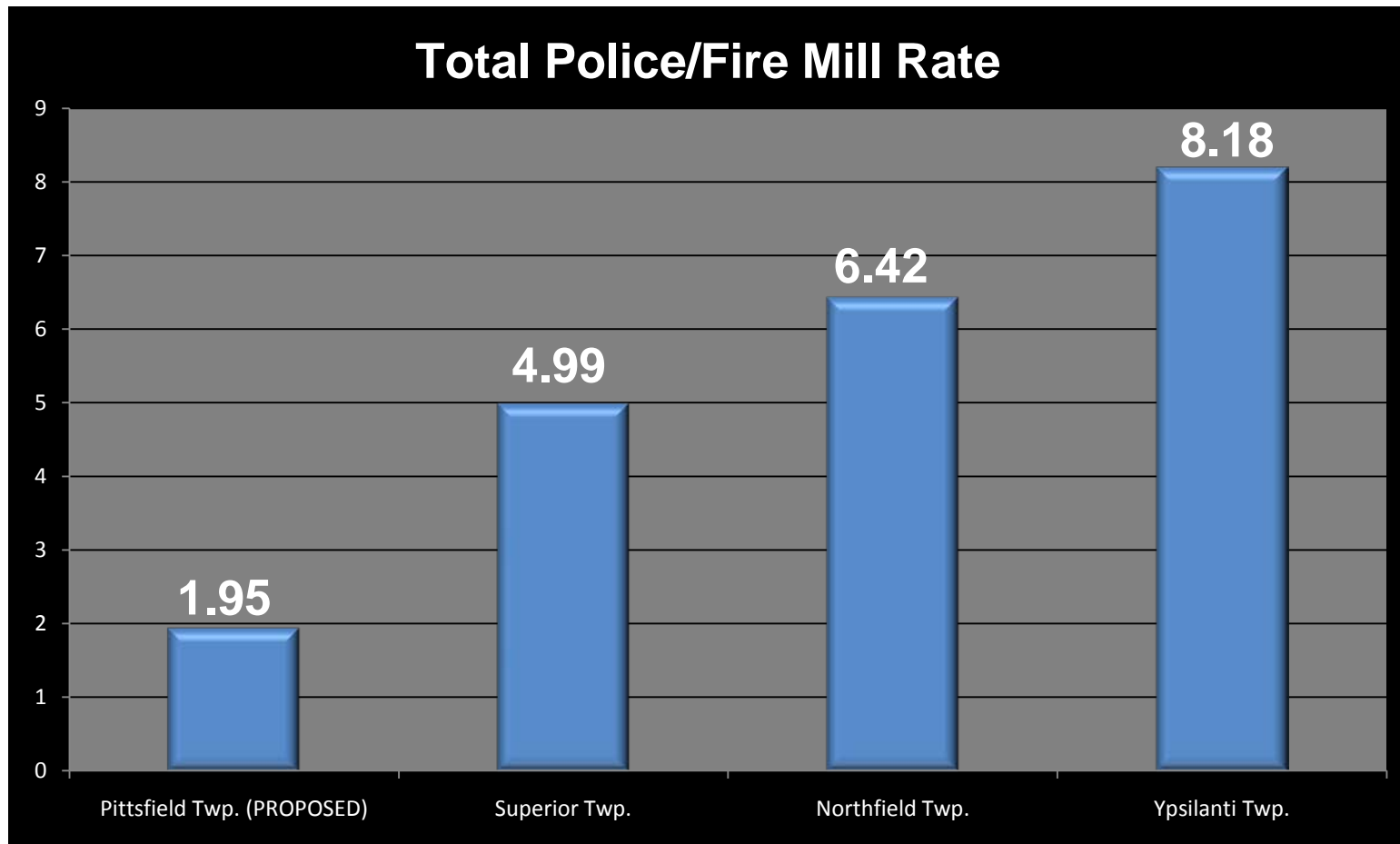
Pittsfield's Public Safety SERVICE PROFILE

- One of the lowest tax rates. Even if the proposed 1.95 mills is approved, we will have one of the lowest tax rates for public safety services in Washtenaw County.
- One of the best response rates of under 6 minutes.
- One of the lowest crime rates. During a time when most communities are witnessing an increase in crime because of the economic downturn, Pittsfield Township has reduced its crime rate by 18% in the last two years. This is primarily due to our efforts to partner and engage with the community.



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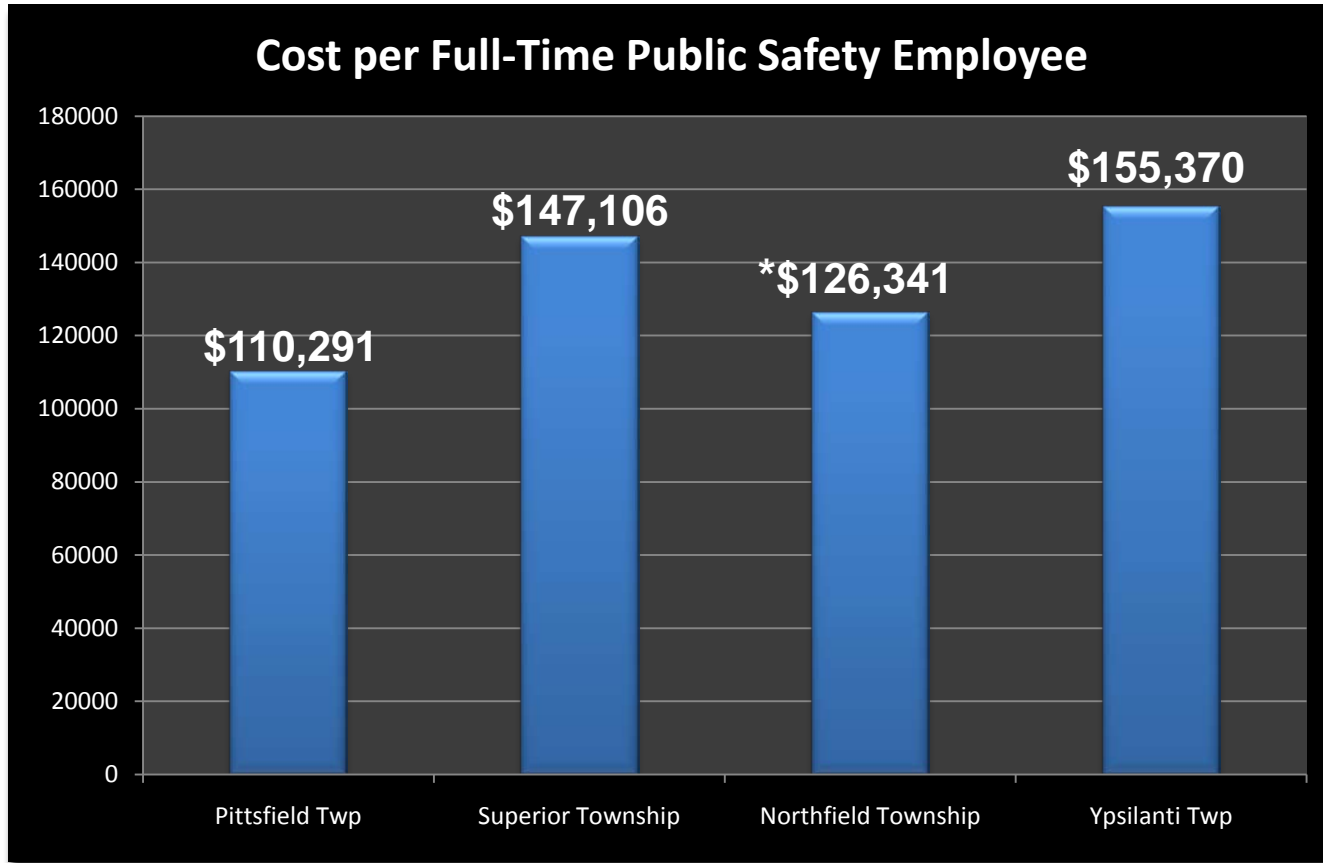
Taxes for Public Safety Services





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Cost for Public Safety Services



*Northfield Township number is police only/Paid-On-Call Fire Department

Total Public Safety Budget divided by number of Full-Time employees



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Police Wages & Fringes (including Pension)

When examining the pay levels of public safety employees, one most often compares police personnel as the measure of cost for service in a community. To provide an accurate picture of the **actual** cost (wages and fringes) for senior-level police officers, police sergeants and police lieutenants in Pittsfield Township, the following cost information is provided for the 2011 fiscal year. The amounts include annual wages, all fringe benefits, and pension costs.

Police Officer (29 patrol, detective, CPU)	Sergeant (5 sergeants)	Lieutenant (2 lieutenants)
\$85,503	\$107,444	\$111,862



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Crime Rates

Class	Description	YTD 2010	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	% CHG FROM 08-10	Class	Description	YTD 2010	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	% CHG FROM 08-10		
100	MURDER/MANSLAUGHTER	0	1	1	-100.00%	1100	FRAUD	19	20	29	-34.48%		
200	FORCIBLE SEXUAL OFFENSES	40	25	22	81.82%	1750	OTHER SEX OFFENSES	8	10	12	-33.33%		
300	ROBBERY	21	14	34	-38.24%	200	NON-VIOLENT FAMILY OFFENSES	36	27	25	44.00%		
400	ASSULT OFFENCES	376	328	308	22.08%	2100	OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR	81	103	126	-35.71%		
500	BURGLARY/HOME INVASION	173	216	220	-21.36%	2200	LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	45	89	85	-47.06%		
600	LARCENY VIOLATION	890	1008	915	-2.73%	2300	OBSTRUCT/ESCAPE	101	67	79	27.85%		
700	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	94	79	86	9.30%	2400	DISORDERLY CONDUCT/VAGRANCY	625	494	565	10.62%		
800	ARSON	1	4	4	-75.00%	2500	STATE/LOCAL OFFENSES	111	93	104	6.73%		
900	KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	3	3	1	200.00%	2600	STATE/FEDERAL OFFENSES	155	110	132	17.42%		
1000	FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	14	25	8	75.00%	2700	LOCAL ORDINANCES - GENERIC	271	277	342	-20.76%		
1100	FRAUD	188	203	198	5.05%	2850	JUVENILE VAGRANCY	27	42	34	-20.59%		
1200	EMBEZZLEMENT/BRIBERY/EXTORTION	21	30	29	-27.59%	2900	TRAFFIC OFFENSES	4	5	2	100.00%		
1300	STOLEN PROPERTY	11	11	7	57.14%	GROUP B TOTALS				1483	1337	1535	-3.39%
1400	DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	207	242	273	-24.18%	2800	JUVENILE OFFENSES AND COMPLAINTS	89	141	126	-29.37%		
1500	WEAPON OFFENSES	31	26	39	-20.51%	2900	TRAFFIC OFFENSES	447	418	344	29.94%		
1600	COMMERCIALIZED SEXUAL OFFENSES	0	0	0	0.00%	3000	WARRANTS	295	269	180	63.89%		
1700	NON-FORCIBLE SEXUAL OFFENSES	0	0	0	0.00%	3100	TRAFFIC CRASHES	1576	1322	1461	7.87%		
1770	PORNOGRAPHY-OBSCENE MATERIAL	1	2	1	0.00%	3200	SICK/INJURY COMPLAINT	190	148	141	34.75%		
1800	DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATION	148	92	93	59.14%	3300	MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS	4173	4155	4317	-3.34%		
1900	GAMBLING	0	0	0	0.00%	3400	WATERCRAFT COMPLAINTS/ACCIDENTS	4	2	0	400.00%		
GROUP A TOTALS		2219	2309	2239	-0.89%	3500	NON-CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS	1285	1425	4205	-69.44%		
						3600	SNOWMOBILE COMPLAINTS/ACCIDENTS	0	0	1	-100.00%		
						3700	MISCELLANEOUS TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS	422	438	524	-19.47%		
						3800	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	176	135	82	114.63%		
						3900	ALARMS	1082	1177	1316	-17.78%		
						GROUP C TOTALS				9739	9630	12697	-23.30%
						TOTALS				13441	13276	16471	-18.40%



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Department of Public Safety: E-911

- Answers 9-1-1 calls
- Answers non-emergency calls
- Dispatches police and fire units
- 24 hours a day walk-in service
- Social networking updates
- Records Bureau
- Gun Registrations
- CCW Applications
- Fingerprinting Services
- FOIA requests





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Department of Public Safety: CPU

In 2009, we established a new unit designed to implement community-orientated policing efforts through a different lens. A framework toward community problem solving initiatives and dedicated to working directly with citizens, businesses, home owners associations, and public safety watch groups to solve problems. Officers focus their time on responding to crime trends and bridging the divide between the police department and community to work together more effectively on crime prevention and quality of life issues for all township residents.





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Department of Public Safety: Police

- Community Patrol Unit (New in 2009)
- Road Patrol
 - *Response to 911 and Non-Emergency Calls for Service
 - *Traffic Enforcement
- Field Training Unit
- Firearms Training Unit
- Investigations Bureau
- Arson Investigations
- Accident Investigations Team
- Domestic Violence Investigations
- DARE
- LAWNET (Multi-jurisdictional Undercover Narcotics Investigations)
- Court/Property Room Officer
- Community Coordinator





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Department of Public Safety: Fire

- Fire Suppression
- Medical First Response
- Technical Rescue
 - Extrication
 - Collapse Rescue
 - High Angle Rescue
 - Trench Rescue
 - Confined Space Rescue
 - Water/Ice Rescue
- Hazardous Materials Response
- Fire Inspections
- Fire Prevention and Education
- Fire Investigation





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- Do you want to retain this level of service?
- Do you want us to continue ensuring one of the lowest crime rates?
- Do you want us to continue providing one of the best response times?
- Do you want to pay an additional 27¢ a day?

Let us know on May 3rd.



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For More Information

<http://www.pittsfield-mi.gov>

QUESTIONS?