



# Garfield Township Police Department

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**TO: SUPERVISOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**FROM: NELSON J. CANNON, CHIEF OF POLICE**  
**SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT SINCE JANUARY 2024 MEETING**  
**DATE: FEBRUARY 06, 2024**

We got our brand new 2024 Polaris 550 Voyager LXT Snowmobile, got it registered along with all new safety equipment and what happens... Winter departed. There's still time, but 50 degrees in February is ridiculous. The weather was worse further inland; when we picked up the sled in Houghton Lake, they had no snow and dangerously thin ice on the lake as they were celebrating their Tip Up Town Parade. They were referring everyone our way. Somewhat related; Taffeltown had their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vintage Sled Show which was packed with entries and enthusiasts; they've done a great job bringing people back to our "Old Watering Hole". Their next event will on Valentines Day.

Angell Road Bridge Coordinator, Fire and Police Chiefs met and discussed signage locations for load limit and other minor improvements for spring; all agreed the enhanced access for public safety has never been better. Once all is done, the Gillow Road Detour signs will be removed, the road restored and will probably revert back to a backup status. Once all the loose ends are tidied up, we hope to move upstream with a plan to improve the Cannon Bridge Road crossing.

As you know, the Moorestown Road Cell Tower is structurally complete; no year long delays, it went up very quickly for reasons only known to the Tower Company. It will not be operational until the Cellular Company gets all their equipment installed; and the rate their going my guess it will be functional by Spring of this year.

Because of our road network, we always have people we know nothing about passing through our community. We also, never know about the crimes that are not reported; but when they are, some incidents are just unusual for our rural community. We've had several of these events recently; not a crime wave, just unusual. By comparison, our community crime rate is relatively low for Kalkaska County, but the blessings of safety and security are grounded in our collective vigilance in its preservation.

### **Preliminary February 2024 Activity to Date:**

- 892-55-24 Health & Welfare Check/Senior
- 892-56-24 Vacation Home Security/Sharon
- 892-57-24 Speeding 76/55 Citation #403
- 892-58-24 Car/Deer Crash
- 892-59-24 Speeding 71/55 Citation #404
- 892-60-24 Speeding 70/55 Citation #405
- 892-61-24 Speeding 69/55 Citation #406
- 892-62-24 Speeding 72/55 Citation #407
- 892-63-24 Expired Plates Citation #408
- 892-64-24 Speeding 70/55 Citation #409
- 892-65-24 Speeding 70/55 Citation #410
- 892-66-24 Speeding 72/55 Citation #411
- 892-67-24 Sex Offenses
- 892-68-24 Dogs at Large/W Garfield
- 892-69-24 Suspicious Situation/Smithville

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