

## From the Desk of Supervisor Bloomquist

On August 23rd, Meridian Police department provided an opportunity to meet with residents and reviewed services offered to the Township. I wanted to highlight a few of the items discussed.

There are several numbers to use to receive service: issue

- 911 for emergencies. If in doubt of whether it classifies as an emergency, please call 911. Better to err than to not get an immediate response.
- 517-332-6526 non-emergency number. Please use this number to call for concerns not considered an emergency such as code enforcement, thefts (not in progress), damage to property reports and any other situation where you wish to speak to an officer in person.
- 517-853-4800. This is the administrative number. If you have praise or concern over the handling of a situation or have a question on upcoming programs, etc.

You may request a property check while vacationing or on extended absences. This can be done by calling the administrative number or filling a request form on-line. You will find the link on the Township website under Departments/Public Safety/Meridian Police.

You may also sign up for community alerts by visiting [www.meridian/mi.us/police](http://www.meridian/mi.us/police). Another service you may not be aware of is [smart911.com](http://smart911.com). This service gives you the ability to provide more personal information that may be helpful to emergency responders such as health issues and number of occupants.

The Police Department also has Facebook page and a Blog. Please check these sites for what is going on in the area.

The Department will hold a Citizens' Academy starting September 7th at the Meridian Township Police Department. [Click here for details](#). A Youth Academy will be held in the spring of 2018.

If you are interested in creating a neighborhood watch and/or network, please consider attending the Neighborhood Leader Meeting on October 11 at 7 p.m. held at Meridian Township Hall. There is also a website called [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) that you may find useful.

While the Meridian Police patrol the area, and sometimes issue a citation, I want to clarify that neither Williamstown Township, nor Meridian Township, receives any revenue produced from traffic tickets. There is a misconception that this is a revenue generator for the Township.

Please feel free to contact the Meridian Police with any questions and/or concerns. With the positive feedback received from this meeting, we will plan another for sometime early next year.

~ Wanda Bloomquist,  
Township Supervisor