



# Police Crime Alert

## Community Services Section

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## Crime Alert for period ending February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### Troy Chief of Police Charles T. Craft Announces Retirement

Charles T. Craft who has served as the Chief of Police for the City of Troy Police Department since April of 1998 announced that he will be retiring effective February 27, 2009.

Chief Craft began his career as a police officer with the City of Clawson in 1977. In 1980 he was hired as an officer with Troy. He was selected as Troy's Police Officer of the Year in 1986. Prior to his appointment to the Chief's position, he achieved the ranks of sergeant, lieutenant, and captain. As sergeant and lieutenant he had the opportunity to supervise and manage Patrol Operations, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Intelligence, Special Operations, and Internal Affairs. During his tenure as captain, he initially commanded the Patrol Division, and then was appointed as commander of the Criminal Investigations Division.

Chief Craft has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education from Wayne State University and a Master of Liberal Studies from Eastern Michigan University. He attended Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command, Central Michigan University's Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Institute, and the International City Managers Association Local Government Police Management program.

Chief Craft has overseen Troy Police operations as Chief for almost eleven

## Events & Programs

Please click or go to the below link for community events for the coming *February 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> week!*

<http://www.ci.troy.mi.us/calendar/>

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF TROY IN FEBRUARY

February 21: Art Workshop, Library, 2 pm. "Crayon-resist Art" uses paint, chalk, and crayons in an unusual way. Ages: 3+. Registration begins Feb. 6. FREE.

February 21: Ribbon Embroidery II, Museum, 11 am - 12:30 pm. Complete a beautiful bread basket cloth to take home with you. Learn basic stitches. All material provided. Ages: 9 to adult. Register by Feb. 13. Fee: \$10.

February 21: Saturday Family Story Time, Library, 11:15 am. Warm and delight your heart and mind with stories on this cold

years. For the last ten years, the department and community have enjoyed a consistent decrease in serious crime. The City of Troy has been ranked as the safest city in Michigan with a population of 75,000 or more since 2004. In addition to the safest in Michigan, Troy was designated as the fifth safest in the United States in 2006, and the sixth safest in the U.S. in 2005. In 2008, CNN honored Troy as the best community in Michigan and twenty-second nationwide in terms of quality of life, which included public safety. In 2007 Research America ranked Troy in the top one hundred communities nationwide for people searching for a community in which to relocate. In 2005 the Voice of the People Awards recognized Troy for excellence in several governmental service areas, one of which was excellence in police services.

During the Chief's tenure, he established a more personalized approach to management/employee relations. He is a recognized expert in the interest based bargaining process, which has been crucial in this accomplishment. From an environment where grievances and arbitrations were often the course of action when disagreements and conflicts arose, the department now functions in an atmosphere where management and employees assess problems, pursue solutions, and work through issues with minimal conflict.

The Chief has consistently recognized the importance of a broad based approach to public safety. He has supported and stressed the vital partnerships between the police department and other organizations responsible for insuring a strong and vibrant community including the Troy School District, the 52-4 District Court, the Troy Community Coalition for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse, the Troy Boy's and Girl's Club, Troy Youth Assistance, Common Ground, and HAVEN to name just a few.

One of the most significant capital projects accomplished during Chief Craft's tenure was the construction of the new police headquarters building. The community approved this project through a bond proposal. The significance of the project and support of the community reinforce the excellent relationship the department has developed with the citizens it serves; a relationship the Chief has consistently stressed as vital to the success of any law enforcement organization.

The Chief demonstrated his appreciation for municipal budget challenges and the expectations of citizens to provide efficient service when he played an integral role in developing the current consolidation of police dispatch and jail services between Clawson and Troy; one of the first of its kind in this area.

Chief Craft has overseen a continued dedication to professional and career development among the men and women of the Troy Police Department. Command personnel attend advanced training at Northwestern University's

February morning. All ages. No registration. FREE.

February 22: Bulgarian Art Day, Library, 2 pm. Angelina Pashmakova and an American Trio will provide a recital of Bulgarian classical music and songs. No registration. FREE.

February 22: Adult Co-ed Dodge Ball Tournament, Community Center. Register your team by Feb. 11 for an invigorating game of dodgeball! Register. Fee: \$99 per team.

February 24: Playtime at the Library, 10:15 am - 12 pm. Chat with other parents while the children make a craft and play. No registration required. All ages. No registration. FREE.

February 26: Writing Reports, Library, 7 pm. Learn the proper steps to writing a topic research paper. Grades: 4+. Registration begins Feb. 13. FREE.

February 26: Thursdays Tea at Two, Museum, 2 pm. Collector Glenna Jo Christen presents vintage and reproduction clothing to show different women's fashions from the mid-1800s. Register. Fee: \$4 per person.

February 27: Science Fun, Library, 10:45 am. Explore the world of science. Ages: 3-5. Register beginning Feb. 13. FREE.

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The **Troy Police Department** offers the following free talks/seminars:

School of Police Staff and Command. Executive officers have been afforded the opportunity to attend the FBI's National Academy under his leadership. He directed the creation of unique in-house supervisory and management programs aimed at not only training supervisors and managers, but also developing and preparing leaders for the future. The Master Management Development Series hosted by the department and taught by an advanced facility including ex-FBI and other professionals in the field is but one example.

Recognizing the need to re-examine old cases in light of new forensic, scientific, and other crime solving technologies, the Chief established a Cold Case Unit to re-examine several cold case homicides. That unit was recently successful in resolving a homicide that occurred twenty years ago, details of which will be available soon.

The Chief has been instrumental in organizing and supporting multijurisdictional task forces made up of law enforcement from the local, state, and federal levels in areas such as credit fraud, identity theft, organized criminal investigations, and narcotics trafficking.

Chief Craft is the current Chairperson of the Metro Detroit Identity Theft Task Force and CLEMIS Advisory Board. He serves on the boards of the CLEMIS Strategic Planning Committee, Troy Community Coalition, Oakland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council, Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team, Oakland Police Academy, and Macomb Community College Law Enforcement Training Advisory Board.

Chief Craft has consistently reinforced that the success of the Troy Police Department lies with the professionalism, dedication, compassion, and service of the men and women who work here. He has credited our citizens, Troy's exemplary school district, the commercial establishment, as well as City Management and City Council for consistently working together to make this a vibrant and successful community. He has stressed how Troy's success is a community accomplishment to which the contributions of the police department are something he takes special pride in.

Chief Craft has demonstrated his ability to lead, manage, and prepare the department for the future. The professional accomplishments outlined above not only testify to an excellent career, but they reinforce the dedication to the calling law enforcement must be if it is to be truly effective.

The men and women of the Troy Police Department wish retiring Chief Craft and his family all the best as they journey into the future. His influence and contributions will remain alive in our hearts and will impact each of us as we also journey into the future. He is an integral part of the Troy police family and

- \* Work place safety
- \* Alcohol abuse and prevention
- \* Safety with Strangers
- \* Home Security Audit
- \* Personal Security
- \* Got Caught  
(Shoplifting talk for teens)
- \* Choose Wisely  
(Right choices for teens)
- \* Home alone (home personal safety for teens and children)
- \* Drug and drug paraphernalia talk for adults and also teens
- \* Identity Theft
- \* Internet Safety for adults and also teens
- \* Harassing and Bullying Prevention for children
- \* Retail Fraud Prevention
- \* In addition, if you or your organization has a program/ discussion idea or need that a police officer can deliver please call!

For more information or to schedule an officer to present a program please call:  
(248) 524-3464 or e-mail the crime alert at:  
[TroyPDCrimeAlert@troymi.gov](mailto:TroyPDCrimeAlert@troymi.gov)



**Crime Prevention Tips**

as such, a part of him remains even as he takes his leave. We are proud of him, proud of what he has shaped here and sincerely proud to have served with him.

Chief Craft can be contacted at 248-524-3474 for comments.

Altercations/Disorderly Conduct:

Breaking and Entries:

- Since 1/26/09 several storage units at 1320 E. Big Beaver have been broken into and valuables taken. Entry was gained into the units by cutting off the padlock. The padlock was then replaced to conceal the thefts.



Paul Hobert Lowe

Michael McDonald

- Paul Hobert Lowe, W/M, 1/31/84 and Michael Patrick McDonald, W/M, 5/5/69.

Update: On 2/12/09, Officers from the Troy Police Department arrested Lowe and McDonald for their involvement in the B & E of storage units at a storage facility in Sterling Heights. Preliminary investigation has revealed that suspects are responsible for numerous B & E's of storage units in several cities over the past few months.

Auto/Vehicle Thefts:

412 W. 14 Mile Rd. - 2/15 - Between 12:45 - 14:50: While parked on the north side of Macy's unknown took complainant's 1999 Dodge Grand Caravan valued at approximately \$10,000. The vehicle was locked and no one had permission to

***Ø If you would like to have the security of your residence or business inspected please contact the Troy Police Crime Prevention Officer at 248-524-3464!***

**Larcenies from Autos / Car Theft**

**Things that can be done to combat auto theft and larcenies from autos include:**

- Ø **Installing a car alarm.**
- Ø **Using steering-wheel locking applications like the club etc.**
- Ø **Applications of a hidden kill switch to the ignition system.**
- Ø **Park in a well lit well traveled area if possible.**
- Ø **Always maintain security of vehicle keys.**
- Ø **Do not leave anything of value in your vehicle in plain view.**
- Ø **Always lock your vehicle doors.**
- Ø **Never leave a vehicle unattended while running.**
- Ø **There is a trend of things being stolen from vehicles in the parking lots of fitness centers**

take complainant's vehicle. No suspects.

Breaking and Entering:

1400 E. Big Beaver – 1/14 to 2/18: Attempt made to drill out lock cylinder on storage unit padlock.

Crash Investigations:

Credit, Check, Identity Theft, and other Fraud:

Domestics/Family Troubles:

Troy Officers responded to 11 incidents involving family troubles/domestic disputes where investigation revealed no assaults or other crimes occurred, therefore no formal enforcement action was taken.

Drugs/Narcotics:

Drunk/Intoxicated Driving Incidents of Interest:

Embezzlements:

Home Invasions:

Quartz Dr. – 2/13 – approximately 11:10 hours: Complainant heard loud banging and when she went to look outside she saw a male subject running from the west side of her house and jump into an older white SUV occupied by at least two other subjects. Complainant did find the gate to the backyard left open and a cut to a screen of one of her son's bedroom window. No entry was gained.

Colleen Dr. – 2/13 – 1200 to 1230Hours: Attempt entry via patio screen door prying. Possible suspect vehicle: 2001-1002 Silver 4 door Impala occupied by 2 white males.

Boulder Dr. – 2/16 – 2213Hours: Entry via open garage. Cans/bottles of beer taken. Officers arrested 3 juveniles and recovered the beer.

Boyd St. – 2/18 – 1010 to 1110Hours: Entry into residence via front door being pried. \$15,000 in jewelry taken with no suspects.

Hartland -2/18 – 0900 to 1555Hours: Entry via door wall being pried. Cash and jewelry taken with no suspects.

**and fun centers. While going to these places, be extra careful to remove all items of value and secure your vehicle.**

## Home Invasion / B&E

**Always secure your doors and windows.**

Ø **Garages and door walls are targets for thieves.**

Ø **Always ensure your garage door and pedestrian doors are secured.**

Ø **Do not leave garage door remote controls in cars not parked in the garage.**

Ø **Use 1 ½’’ dowel rod in the track of all sliding glass windows and doors to help prevent them from opening.**

Ø **It has been proven time and time again that the proper use and application of physical security will stop a would-be burglar.**

Ø **Burglary alarms are only as reliable as the person setting them. If you have an alarm, make sure that every resident or employee knows how to activate and deactivate it, as well as the security code.**

## Larceny

Ø **Always keep control of all your property.**

Ø **Your belongings are not safe while you are playing sports or at work unless you have**

Woodside - 2/18 to 2/19 - 1500 to 1300Hours: Attempt entry via door wall pried.

#### Larcenies:

3331 W. Big Beaver - 2/12 - 1300Hours: \$450 taken from unattended purse left in desk.

Coachman Dr. - 2/13 - 0800 to 1730Hours: Valentine's wreath taken from exterior apartment door.

506 W. 14 Mile - 2/14 - 1430 to 1545Hours: Wallet taken from unattended purse.

100 E. Maple - 2/16 - 1300Hours: Unattended purse taken from sales area.

Wesley - 2/17 - 1130Hours: \$350 cash taken from unattended coat. Employee at the home suspected in the theft.

1291 Rochester Rd. - 2/18 - 0001Hours: 30 wooden pallets taken from rear lot fenced in storage area. Lock was cut.

#### Larcenies from Autos:

Woodcrest - 2/14 - 0115 hours: After hearing a loud bang, complainant believes she scared off a suspect who attempt to break into her 1997 Chevy Silverado pickup truck. No damage was found and nothing was taken.

Rhodes St. - 2/13 - Between 1800-2130 hours: Entry gained to complainant's 2004 Dodge Intrepid was through unlocked door. The inside of the vehicle was ransacked, but nothing was damaged. Taken were 20 pop bottles, a lighter, cigarettes, and non-winning lottery tickets.

Leafgreen - Between 2/9-2/10 - 1800-0800 hours: While parked in complainant's driveway, unknown suspect stole two hubcaps valued at approximately \$100 from the passenger side of his 1993 Buick Century.

Beach Rd. - Between 2/12-2/13 - 2030-0830 hours: Entry gained to complainant's 2008 Mercury through unlocked door. The vehicle and trunk were ransacked, but there was no damage and nothing taken.

East Long Lake Rd. - Between 2/12-2/13 - 2100-0800 hours: Entry to complainant's locked Ford F250 truck was gained with possibly the use of a coat hanger. Taken from this vehicle that was parked on complainant's driveway was a Motorola cell phone valued at \$100.

**them properly locked or are in possession of them.**

**Ø Thieves wait for the right time and will take property quickly.**

**Ø Unfortunately you cannot always trust co-workers or other business associates.**

**Ø Do not rely on others to watch your belongings. If they fail, you will be the victim, not them.**

**Ø Be cautious of who you allow into your home. If you invite guests that you really do not know into your home you are inviting trouble.**



**Upcoming programs at the:**  
 Stage Nature Center  
 6685 Coolidge Highway  
 Troy, Mi 48098  
 248-524-3567

<http://www.troy.mi.gov/ParksRec/NatureCenter/SpecialPrograms/>

900 Wilshire - 2/13 - Between 0802-1725 hours: Parked in the east lot of this office building was complainant's 2005 Pontiac Montana. Unknown suspects stole the catalytic converter valued at approximately \$700.

Milverton - 2/16 - 0042 Hours: 2002 Dodge Durango left unlocked by owner. A suspect was arrested in the process of removing items (Gameboy & tire gauge) from his vehicle.

Condor - 2/15 to 2/16 - 2100 to 0830Hours: In-dash stereo and backpack taken from vehicle.

Marengo - 2/12 to 2/19 - 1530 to 0900Hours: 2008 GMC Acadia left unlocked and I-pod docking station taken.

4700 Investment - 2/19 - 0900 to 1150Hours: 2007 Buick Rainer broken into via rear window being pried. Taken was a purse.

Malicious Destruction of Property:

Minors and Alcohol:

Neighbor Troubles:

Peace Officer/Civil:

Phone Calls/Harassment/Threats:

Retail Fraud: 5

Robberies:

Suspicious Incidents:

Traffic Altercations:

Vandalism:

Weapons Offenses:

Welfare Checks:

Special Events Information:



**The *Troy Community Coalition* is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all who live or work in Troy, by promoting a lifestyle free from the abuse of alcohol and drugs.**

**Please feel free to contact any [staff member](#) for additional information or contact our office at (248) 823-5088**

**Troy Community Coalition 4420 Livernois Rd.  
Troy, MI 48098**

**We urge you to join us for one of our many exciting upcoming**

**Community Standards for Alcohol Use**



[www.troychamber.com](http://www.troychamber.com)

Miscellaneous Information:



Troy Community Coalition for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

PRESS INFORMATION: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 11, 2009

Contact: Lori Podsiadlik, Program Director 248-823-5210

**Dr. Weaver can be reached for comment at 248-349-5683 or 313-531-2179.**

Sign up now for this FREE Program in Troy and Stop Smoking in 2009!

The Troy Community Coalition has invited **Dr. Arthur Weaver** back for a sixth time to present his highly successful "Breathe Free" seminars to help individuals quit smoking. There is no charge for the series, however donations are appreciated.

Program begins March 19 / 7:30-9:00 p.m.

The program is scheduled for 7 days, March 19, March 23-27 with graduation on Monday, March 30, 2009 at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois. Each class runs from 7:30 – 9 p.m. Space is limited. **Call now for registration, 248-823-5088.**

Successful Treatment

The Breathe Free Smoking Cessation program has been successful in helping more people discard their smoking habit than any other program. It has been used nationally to help millions quit smoking. Dr. Weaver has used this program in the Detroit metropolitan area since 1966 and has helped an estimated 100,000 people become smoke free.

The Breathe Free program is a group interaction, behavioral change seminar

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with an introductory session explaining the program and preparing the individuals for the withdrawal process. There are five successive sessions, and a graduation program the following week.

Participants are instructed how to handle the smoking urges and what to expect in withdrawal symptoms. They also learn how to handle the much longer lasting psychological association that can engender return to the smoking habit.

### Professional Experience

Dr. Arthur Weaver is emeritus professor of surgery, Wayne State University. His professional career involved practicing and teaching cancer surgery to students and residents at the university. In the Detroit area he is recognized as the leading anti-smoking crusader, where for more than 30 years he has conducted hundreds of smoking cessation programs. Each year he conducts clinics for the cities of Livonia, Southfield, Warren, and several school districts.

The Troy Community Coalition is a non-profit agency that has been active in Troy for more than 16 years. A variety of staff and volunteer based programs in the community promote

a healthy lifestyle, free from the abuse of alcohol or drugs. Monthly meetings are open to the public and are held the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Troy Fire and Police Training Center on John R south of Long Lake Blvd. For more information call 248-823-5088 or visit the group's website: [www.troycoalition.com](http://www.troycoalition.com).

### City of Troy Police Department Awarded for Traffic Safety Program "Traffic Crash Avoidance Program"

The Troy Police Department has received an award for excellence in traffic safety by developing a Traffic Crash Avoidance Program for a Troy Community Coalition "Dare to Prepare" program sponsored by AAA of Michigan.

Lt. Dave Livingston and Officers of the Traffic Safety Unit should be commended for their dedication to meeting the traffic safety concerns of our community through creative enforcement and the development of the Traffic Crash Avoidance Program. The leadership and commitment by our Officers' enforcement is critical to addressing traffic safety issues in the City of Troy. The Traffic Crash Avoidance Program was developed to educate young drivers on what they need to know about certain driving situations that lead to five of the most common traffic crashes in the City of Troy. The 52-4 District Court's monthly traffic school that was established to educate young drivers found to be responsible for violating traffic laws was credited for assisting to make this program an exemplary effort and worthy of this award.

The Traffic Crash Avoidance Program was recently presented to the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) for award consideration and at the MACP's Mid-Winter Conference February 4-6, 2009, the Traffic Crash Avoidance Program was awarded first place in the category of departments with 81 or more Officers and presented to Chief Charles T. Craft on behalf of our Police Department.

In addition to the award plaque, the Police Department will receive a \$5,000.00 grant to be applied towards overtime for traffic safety related programs and equipment.

#### Case Updates:

#### Arrest Summary:

In addition to those outlined above, the following arrests were also made during the period:

Drove While License Suspended: 4

Drunk Driving: 9

Warrant Arrest - 3

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