



City of  
**Troy**

# Police Crime Alert

## Community Services Section

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## Crime Alert for period ending May 8, 2009

### Special Event Information

May 15: Police Memorial Day, In Front of Police Department (500 W. Big Beaver), 10 am. Pay homage to the officers who lost their lives while serving the City of Troy.



## Events & Programs

Please click or go to the below link for community events for the coming: May 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> week!

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF TROY IN MAY

May 9: 17th Annual National Food Drive Day. All Troy residents are encouraged to leave non-perishable food at their mailboxes to support our local letter carriers in their food drive to help alleviate hunger in our community and throughout the region.

May 9: Museum Tour and Candle Making, Troy Museum, 1-3 pm. Enjoy a tour of Troy's crown jewel and learn about your community's history. Optional candle making will follow the tour. Ages 7 to adult. Fee: \$3 per person.

Crash Investigations:

Square Lake Rd. & Rochester Rd., 05/05, 2:45 PM: A 22-year-old male resident of Troy, driving a Suzuki motorcycle was stopped for the red light on W/B Square Lake at Rochester. As he started to move on the green light, he lost control in the intersection and slid into and underneath a 2009 Ford Escape stopped in traffic on E/B Square Lake. The Ford Escape was driven by a 16-year-old male resident of Troy. The motorcyclist was transported to an area hospital by Alliance EMS. His condition is reported to be serious. However, he has no life threatening injuries. The driver of the Ford Escape was not injured. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor. However, driver inexperience may have contributed to the crash.

Credit, Check, Identity Theft, Other Fraud:

Best Bank, 315 John R, 01/21, 11:46 AM: The victim wired \$1000.00 from the bank to a person in Ohio as full payment for the purchase of a saw. The victim has not yet received the saw. He recently learned that the subject in Ohio sold the saw to an Ohio company.

## Other reports:

- 1 Credit Card Fraud report
- 2 Identity Theft report

Domestic/Family Trouble:

Police Officers responded to 2 incidents involving a domestic dispute in which there was no reason for formal enforcement action.

Drugs/Narcotics:

W/B W Big Beaver Rd., west of Livernois, 05/04, 9:03 PM: An Officer on patrol observed a 2004 Pontiac Grand Am abandoned and unoccupied in the roadway. While conducting an impound search of the vehicle, the Officer found a digital scale and cigarette tin containing a small amount of marijuana. The Officer confiscated the items and impounded the vehicle.

Home Invasions:

Residence on Newgate, 04/01 – 05/02, 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM: Unknown person(s) attempted to gain entry to the home by using an unknown object to pry on the

May 9: Family Night, Community Center, 5-8 pm. An inexpensive, fun night out for families living in Troy! Enjoy the gym, pool and family activities, including basketball at 8' goals, badminton, parachutes, an inflatable castle and more. Free for members. \$5 daily pass must be purchased for non-members.

May 10: Chamber Music Festival, Library, 3 pm. Celebrate Mother's Day with a piano concert presented by Troy siblings Catherine and Steven Chang. Free.

May 15: Police Memorial Day, In Front of Police Department (500 W. Big Beaver), 10 am. Pay homage to the officers who lost their lives while serving the City of Troy.

May 15: Virtual Arts and Cultural Advocacy, Library, 12-1 pm. A discussion about this one-of-a-kind ArtServe Michigan virtual conference, where arts and cultural leaders will share their vision for the future. Free.

Contact Numbers: City of Troy Community Affairs Dept: 248.524.1147; Troy Public Library: 248.524.3538; Stage Nature Center: 248.524.3567; Troy Community Center: 248.524.3484; Troy Museum: 248.524.3570.

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

- \* Work place safety
- \* Alcohol abuse and prevention

rear door wall. Entry was not made and the home's alarm system did not activate.

### Larcenies:

Troy Community Center, 05/03, 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM: The victim reports securing his personal items in a locker in the men's locker room. When he returned, the lock and his personal items, which included his wallet and contents, were missing. According to the victim, an unknown subject made a purchase with his VISA card in Detroit.

Residence on Hartwig, 04/02 – 04/25, 8:00 AM – 8:00 AM: Unknown person(s) stole numerous credit cards and identification cards from a bedroom at this residence. The victim suspects an employee of a drywall contractor who had worked in the home during the time frame of the theft.

Residence on Patterson, 05/02, 6:15 PM – 8:30 PM: Unknown person(s) stole a white Adirondack chair from the front porch of the home.

Office Building, 1475 W Big Beaver Rd., 05/01- 05/02, 6:00 PM – 6:30 AM: Unknown person(s) stole a Toshiba laptop computer from a locked office. There were no signs of forced entry. Several people have keys to the office.

1639 E Big Beaver Rd., 05/04, 5:57 AM: Unknown person(s) stole a landscape trailer containing landscape equipment from the parking lot at the rear of the building. The suspect vehicle that towed the trailer from the lot is described as a white Ford Ranger pickup truck.

Residence on Coachman Drive, 05/03, 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM: Unknown person(s) stole 13 CD's from the family room of this apartment. The resident suspects his former girlfriend.

Chicago & Technology, 05/04, 4:10 PM: The victim reports that while walking southbound on Chicago, a suspect ran from the bushes and grabbed her wallet from her hand. He took a \$10 bill from the wallet and threw the wallet on the ground. He fled westbound into the brush. The suspect is described as a white male, 5' 8" tall, wearing a black hoodie, with the hood pulled over his head.

Wal-Mart, 2100 W Maple Rd., 05/05, 4:45 PM: The victim reports leaving her purse in a shopping cart. When she returned to the store, it was no longer in the cart. The suspect vehicle is described as a red Dodge Durango.

### Larcenies from Autos:

- \* 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

*Ø If you would like to have the*

Sterling Cleaning Services, Inc., 1080 Naughton, 05/02 – 05/03, 6:00 PM – 11:30 AM: Unknown person(s) stole 4 catalytic converters from three company vehicles parked in the lot of this business. It appears the suspect(s) used a reciprocating saw to cut the converters from the vehicles.

Residence on Hertford, 05/02, 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM: Unknown person(s) entered an unlocked 2008 Pontiac G6 and stole a satellite radio and auxiliary cable while it was parked at this residence.

Starbucks, 5385 Crooks Rd., 05/13, 6:15 AM: Unknown person(s) stole a purse from an unlocked 2008 Dodge Charger while parked in the parking lot of this business.

Residence on Charter Blvd., 05/03 – 05/04, 10:30 PM – 2:00 AM: Unknown person(s) stole the license plate from a 2008 Chrysler Town and Country minivan while it was parked in the lot of the apartment complex.

Air Center Inc., 1207 Wheaton, 05/01 – 05/04, 5:00 PM – 8:00 AM: Unknown person(s) stole a catalytic converter from a 2003 GMC Savannah minivan while it was parked in the business parking lot. It appears the suspect(s) cut the converter from the vehicle with a reciprocating saw.

Troy Community Center, 05/05, 5:30 AM – 6:00 AM: Unknown person(s) broke the front passenger window on a 2004 Cadillac Deville and stole the victim's purse. A possible suspect vehicle is a Jeep Liberty, red in color, with a white top.

Wetherbee, 05/04 – 05/05, 10:30 PM – 7:15 AM: Unknown person(s) entered an unlocked vehicle and stole 2 GPS units.

Hooter's, 2950 Rochester RD, 05/05, 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM: Unknown person(s) stole a catalytic converter from a 1997 Pontiac Transport minivan.

Mr. Pita, 3130 Rochester Rd., 05/05, 8:30 AM – 4:15 PM: Unknown person(s) stole a catalytic converter from a 1994 Pontiac Transport minivan.

#### Malicious Destruction of Property:

Residence on Timmer, 04/30 – 05/01, 8:00 PM – 7:00 AM: Unknown person(s) sprayed orange paint on the front of a camper parked at this residence.

Residence on Isabell, 05/02 – 05/03, 9:45 PM – 1:30 PM: Unknown person(s)

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

smashed the windshield of a 1994 Plymouth Sundance with a landscape rock while it was parked on the street.

Fox Studios, 3236 Rochester Rd., 05/02 – 05/03, 5:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Unknown person(s) threw a rock through a window at this business.

#### Phone Calls/Harassment/Threats:

3 harassing or threatening telephone call reports.

#### Retail Fraud:

Kroger, 1237 Coolidge, 05/03, 5:50 PM: Employees report that two suspects exited the store with a shopping cart full of groceries without paying for the items. They fled in a white Pontiac Grand Am with license plate #BWJ-696. Suspect #1 is described as a black male, 5' 9" tall, with braided black hair. Suspect #2 is described as a black male, 5' 4" tall, with short hair. There is no record on computer for the license plate obtained by witnesses with the Michigan Secretary of State.

Wal-Mart, 2001 W Maple Rd., 05/01, 2:30 PM: Loss Prevention Officers (LPO) observed a female suspect with a small child, subsequently identified as her three year old daughter. LPO's recognized the female as a possible retail fraud suspect. The suspect selected items from display and instructed the child to place them in her makeup bag. She had the child carry the bag, with concealed store property, through the cash register line, while she paid for other items. The female suspect and child exited the store without paying for the concealed items. LPO's arrested the 32-year-old Oak Park resident and recovered the stolen property.

#### Suspicious Incidents:

Residence on Century Drive, 04/27, 12:00 PM: A resident reports applying to become a mystery shopper on the Internet. It was her understanding that she was supposed to shop at various retail locations and report on her shopping experiences to the online company. After applying, the resident received two money orders, each in the amount of \$899, delivered by UPS. The package included instructions for her to cash the money orders, keep \$300 for each order, report on her shopping experiences and send the balance of the money to the online company. She attempted to verify the authenticity of the money orders at a local retailer. She subsequently learned that the money orders were of no value.

Highbury, E/of John R, 05/05, 4:30 AM: Officers stopped a suspicious 2001

**and secure your vehicle.**

## 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 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.**

## Fraud Prevention:

**Ø Remember that nothing that is worth anything is free.**

**Ø If someone that you do not know offers to do you a favor, they probably have an ulterior motive.**

Chevrolet Monte Carlo, silver in color, occupied by 3 males, that was driving slowly in the subdivision. Two of the occupants have previous police contacts for Breaking & Entering and drugs. There was no evidence of criminal activity. Therefore, the subjects were released at the scene.

Troy Public Library, 510 W Big Beaver Rd., 04/16, 5:32 PM – 5:42 PM: A library patron reports that a male subject approached him in the parking lot and asked if he wanted to have sex. When the patron refused, the subject left in a 2004 Chevrolet Malibu, 4 door, silver in color. Based upon information provided by the patron, Officers identified a 32-year-old Troy resident as the possible subject.

Timbercrest, 05/05, 11:00 PM: A witness reports a suspicious full size Chevrolet pickup truck, white in color, with stakes for sides on the bed, cruising the neighborhood.

Case Updates:

***Timbercrest, 05/05, 11:00 PM: A witness reports a suspicious full size Chevrolet pickup truck, white in color, with stakes for sides on the bed, cruising the neighborhood.***

Plain clothes Officers located a possible suspect vehicle on May 6 in the area of Colonial and Washington Crescent. Officers determined that the occupants were in the area looking for scrap metal.

Area of John R & Long Lake Rd., 05/06, 2:35 PM: A 15-year-old female was walking northbound on John R, when a small red vehicle and a mid size black SUV approached her. An occupant of the red vehicle asked her if she wanted to get into the car. The female walked into a nearby party store to avoid the occupants of the vehicles. The vehicles left the area. The female described the occupants of the red vehicle as 3 white males, possibly Middle Eastern descent, with 2 being approximately 20-years-old and 2 with black hair.

#### Vandalism:

Residence on Cheltenham, 05/04, 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM: Unknown person(s) spray painted an obscenity on the front lawn. The resident suspects two 18-year-old male acquaintances of his daughters.

#### Weapons Offenses:

**Ø Never give any personal information out to an unknown source over the phone or Internet.**

**(If someone asks for personal information, ask to speak to his or her supervisor and inform him or her you will be calling the Police to make a fraud report.)**

**No reputable business will call you or email you for this information!!!**

**Ø If you receive a phone call or email telling you that you have won something that you did not apply for, it is more than likely a fraud.**

**Ø No legitimate organization will ask for any money or a Credit Card number in order to claim a prize**

**Ø Protect yourself against identity theft by shredding all documents and safe guarding your account numbers, social security numbers and credit card numbers.**

**Ø Always maintain your credit cards and secure the credit card numbers.**

**Ø If you suspect that you have been the victim of credit fraud, call your credit card company and have them run a query of your charges.**

**Ø Never give your bank account numbers over the phone. Especially if unsolicited!**

Unasource Health, 4600 Investment Drive, 05/04, 1:06 PM: The victim was seated in his vehicle while familiarizing himself with a newly purchased revolver. The handgun accidentally discharged, causing the bullet to strike the victim in his left leg. An ambulance transported him to an area hospital for treatment. He possesses a valid Concealed Pistol License.

Welfare Checks:

Police Officers responded to 1 incident involving a person with emotional or psychological issues and assisted with transport to a hospital for evaluation and possible commitment.

Arrest Summary:

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

- 1 Domestic Felonious Assault
- 4 Domestic Assault & Battery
- 3 Prescription Frauds
- 2 Operating While Intoxicated 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense
- 1 Operating While Intoxicated 2<sup>nd</sup> Offence, Drove While License Suspended, Misdemeanor Warrant
- 4 Operating While Intoxicated
- 4 Drove While License Suspended
- 1 Drove While License Suspended 2<sup>nd</sup> offense
- 8 Retail Frauds
- 1 Retail Fraud, Misdemeanor Warrant
- 9 Misdemeanor Warrant
- 1 Open Burning (citation only)
- 1 Felony Warrant
- 1 Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia

Miscellaneous Information:

*Identity theft continues to be the fastest growing crime in the world, and the city of Troy is no exception. We continually get reports of identity theft and fraud on a regular basis.*

**While it may not be totally avoidable, detecting the early signs of identity theft is one of the best ways to avoid extensive losses and damage to your credit history.**

**If your wallet/purse etc. gets stolen, cancel all stolen credit and ATM cards immediately.**

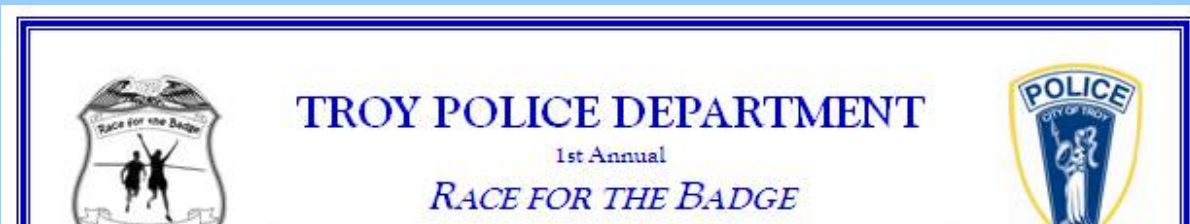
**Checking your credit history regularly is a great way to keep appraised on the status of your credit.**

**Here are three sources for checking your credit history:  
(The titles are links to the webpages)**

**[Equifax](#)  
1-800-525-6282**

**[Experian](#)  
1-888-397-3742**

**[TransUnion](#)  
1-800-680-7289**





**SATURDAY  
MAY 16, 2009**

*To benefit the Troy Police/Fire Benevolent Association  
and the family of  
**OFFICER MASON SAMBORSKI**  
killed in the line of duty on December 28, 2008*

**COMPETITIVE 10k RUN & 5k RUN**

**FAMILY & INDIVIDUAL 5k WALK**

**FAMILY FUN 1k WALK**

AGE & GENDER BRACKETED AWARDS

**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:00 a.m.**

EVENT TIMES

- 8:30 am - Competitive 10k Run
- 8:45 am - 5k Run & Individual or  
Family 5k Walk
- 9:00 am - Family fun 1k walk

ENTRY FEES

- 10k - \$20
  - 5k - \$20
  - Family - \$25  
(same household)
  - Team of Four - \$50  
(PD/FD/Company Teams Only)
- Teams can only register through  
Officer Harrison



**START AND FINISH AT THE  
TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
500 WEST BIG BEAVER ROAD - TROY**

ONLINE REGISTRATION

GoRaceGo.com

REGISTRATION DAY OF RACE  
WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL  
\$5.00 ON ENTRY FEE

QUESTIONS

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248-452-9932

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

[http://www.troymi.gov/ParksRec/  
NatureCenter/SpecialPrograms/](http://www.troymi.gov/ParksRec/NatureCenter/SpecialPrograms/)



**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**



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