



# Holland Township Millage Funded E-Unit and Police Services



## TRAFFIC

Proactive Traffic Enforcement and Education working to reduce crashes and injuries on Township roads.



## E-UNITS(PARAMEDECS)

E-Units comprised 93.8% of Sheriff's Office units responding to emergency medical calls in Holland Township.

## COMMUNITY POLICING

Proactive Community Policing activities of *Crime Free Multi-Housing*, *Business/School* programs and education, Safety/Security inspections for businesses/churches, etc., and impact calls for service by solving problems before they become crime issues.





# HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP

## Police & E-Unit Emergency Medical Response Services



### 2022 Millage Renewal Proposition FACT SHEET

#### **When is the election date for this proposition?**

The millage renewal proposition will be placed before Township electors at the August 2, 2022 state primary election.

#### **What is the millage renewal proposition?**

This proposition is requested to renew and continue a property tax rate of up to 1.5 mills for a period of 4 years, beginning in the calendar year 2023 and ending December 31, 2026. The proposed renewal of 1.5 mills will provide funds to continue and expand contracted Ottawa County Sheriff's Office police and E-unit emergency medical response services for the residents and businesses of Holland Charter Township.

#### **What services are provided from this millage?**

This millage currently provides Township funding for contracted personnel, vehicles and equipment for the following services, which enhance the county-funded basic sheriff road patrol service. The Township cost to provide these contracted police and E-unit services for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 was \$1,722,885.

- Emergency medical response (E-unit), including 8 paramedics which are shared with Park Township on a 75% HT – 25% PT funding ratio based on call volume. In 2021, our contracted Sheriff's E-unit deputies responded to 2,190 emergency calls and 4,815 non-emergency calls in Holland Township.
- 5 community policing deputies, providing ordinance enforcement, neighborhood crime prevention, traffic control, education programs, retail fraud business assistance and public assistance services.
- 1 traffic enforcement unit on a shared basis with Park Township.
- Other law enforcement services, including traffic enforcement, criminal investigations, and increased summer season law enforcement support.
- 2 working supervisory sergeants (also shared with Park Township).
- Over the past four years, millage-funded E-Units comprised 93.8% of Sheriff's Office units responding to emergency medical calls in Holland Township.

#### **When did Holland Township implement enhanced police & medical response services?**

E-unit services were initiated in 1975 by an extra voted  $\frac{1}{2}$  mill as a means to supplement the basic sheriff road patrol service. During the 1980's, the extra voted millage was increased from the original  $\frac{1}{2}$  mill to 1 mill to accommodate increasing calls. After more than 30 years, it is necessary to increase the amount to 1.5 mills. From 2018-2021, Ottawa County Sheriff's deputies responded to an average of 17,056 incidents per year in Holland Township.

#### **What is the cost of this service to the typical homeowner in Holland Township?**

Renewal of the extra voted millage for police and E-unit services at the requested rate of 1.5 mills would cost the owner of a home with a market value of \$230,000 and a taxable value of \$115,000 about \$172.50 a year or \$14.38 a month.