FLETCHER POLICE DEPARTMENT

TEAMWORK - PROFESSIONALISM - DEDICATION

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To: Town Manager Biberdorf and Council
From: Chief D. Terry
Ref: 2024 Crime Rates and Police Operations

Manager Biberdorf and Town Council,

Below you will find the crime rate for the Town of Fletcher for the last eleven years. We have records for the last seventeen years. In both scenarios you will find the last two years to have the lowest crime rate, with rates of 1473.1 and 1435.3 respectively.

The 2024 crime rate, 1435.3, is based upon a population of 100,000. If Fletcher had 100,000 residents, we would expect 1435 of them to have been victimized during 2024. This is how crime numbers are determined so comparisons can be made across different locations.

There are a lot of variables that relate to crime causation and trends tend to go up and down for various reasons. When statewide crime rates are released I believe we will see a general decrease in crime overall across the state and nation.

However, I do believe what we do as a department makes a difference, and has a direct impact on crime, disorder, traffic safety, attitude of the community, etc. Some of the principles we operate from as we strive to "be the best" are:

- Working together as a team, no one person is greater than another
- Being visible in the community
- Making it uncomfortable for would be criminals
- Not tolerating poor behavior, even activities considered low-level criminal behavior
- Conducting thorough and detailed investigations
- Promoting ongoing training for staff
- Hiring only those that fit the professional culture of the department
- Providing "above and beyond" service when possible
- Being responsive to authentic needs and concerns of the community

What you can do to support our operations and help keep crime low are:

- Support our goal to increase and enhance training opportunities
- Ensure staff are paid appropriately for a professional police department
- Continue to recognize the efforts and positive performance of staff when appropriate.

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				Town of Fletcher Crime Index						
	Index	Violent	Property	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	MVT
2014	1701.7	26.8	1674.9	0	0	1	1	51	67	7
2015	1624	52.8	1571.2	0	0	2	2	59	55	5
2016	2182.4	90.9	2091.5	1	1	0	5	71	84	6
2017	1524.6	37.5	1487.1	0	1	1	1	42	68	9
2018	1647.2	73.8	1573.4	0	1	1	4	58	61	9
2019	2921.6	84.9	2836.7	0	0	1	6	153	70	11
2020	2237.7	212	2025.7	0	1	1	16	76	78	18
2021	2074.5	87.5	1987	1	0	1	5	48	100	11
2022	1872.7	162.3	1710.4	0	5	2	6	43	84	10
2023	1473.1	49.1	1424	0	0	2	2	30	73	13
2024	1435.3	73	1362.4	1	1	1	3	34	70	8

Please let me know if there are questions, concerns, or additional details needed to elaborate on any of the aforementioned principles.

Respectfully,



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