

Ypsilanti Police Department &
Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Temporary Collaboration
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



Effective August 7, 2023, the Sheriff's Office will provide temporary, investigative assistance to the City of Ypsilanti Police Department to ensure efficient and effective response to, and investigations of serious or major crimes. This FAQ is intended to offer answers to frequently asked questions community members may have.

- **What is happening?** On August 7th the Sheriff's Office will support the Ypsilanti Police Department by temporarily assuming responsibility for the investigation of any *new* serious or major crimes, upon request.
- **Why is this happening?** Currently, the Ypsilanti Police Department is working to hire staff and build internal capacity. Recruiting, hiring, and training staff requires considerable time and resources. The Sheriff's Office will temporarily assist in this limited capacity while this process takes place.
- **Which crimes are considered serious or major?** Homicides, attempted murder, suspicious deaths, and other high-profile violent crimes.
- **How long will this collaboration last?** The collaboration will span a period of 120 days, approximately four (4) months. Additional time may be added, if necessary.
- **As a community member what changes will I see?** If you live in the City of Ypsilanti, you will still call 911 to report a crime and you will still have a YPD officer respond to your call for service.

However, if the call for service is a serious or major crime the Sheriff's Office may be requested to respond and assume responsibility for the investigation. In such cases, questions or record requests (including FOIA requests) regarding the investigation will be handled by the Sheriff's Office.

If you live outside of the City of Ypsilanti, your Sheriff's Office services will not change.

- **How much will this cost?** This is a temporary mutual aid plan and agreement. It does not include a financial component. Mutual aid agreements between agencies occur from time-to-time. They allow us to obtain assistance from partner agencies when needed. As crime does not recognize jurisdictional boundaries, think of it as neighbors helping neighbors.

Inquires regarding the mutual aid collaboration should be directed to Chief Moore or Sheriff Clayton.

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