



# Lapeer County Central Dispatch



## National Law Enforcement Day

Our national defense from external threats is provided by the Department of Defense and our esteemed branches of the military. They guard us against foreign threats by nation states and terrorists by bringing what we call "force projection" to the world outside of our borders. We carry the fight and our defense, to them, our foes and would be enemies. We do this as a national strategy to prevent any conflict from occurring on our shores.

In no small part and many personal ways, our nation's civilian law enforcement guards and protects the populace in an equally meaningful and vital way. They are a force projection within our communities.

You, our officers are always on patrol with a watchful and caring eye looking out for the well being and safety of our local communities. You stand at the ready to serve and protect your families, and your communities from those who would do us harm.

You are on the front lines, our streets, and highways, watching over us and caring for us when we are in need. From helping someone down on their luck to find a place stay for the night or to get a meal, to just being that one person who gives a lending ear to someone who is having a rough emotional time while providing them a shoulder to cry on when there was no one else, you are always there for us.

You are there to investigate crimes and bring criminals to justice. You help provide that force in the legal system which brings closure to families who've been affected by heinous acts of incivility. You are the torch bearer who helps guide a light of peace and civility where there is none. You are there to help deliver a new life into this world, and you are also there when life departs this world. You see all facets of society and are there to shoulder the burden it brings. You ensure that balance, common good and prosperity are effectuated for all in our pursuit of happiness.

You put your lives on the line every single day and sometimes you have to give your lives to save an innocent citizen's life. It is because of your sacrifices, your commitments to duty, to family and to the community for which we are all thankful.

On this National Law Enforcement Day, 2019, I wish to express my gratitude for your services to our communities and our nation.

On behalf of myself and all of the people at Lapeer County Central Dispatch, thank you.

Jeffrey Satkowski *Executive Director*