



APRIL

NEWSLETTER



Message From The Chief

Dear Inkster Community,

As we welcome April and the start of spring, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership in keeping our city safe. With the warmer weather comes more outdoor activities, and we encourage everyone to stay alert, drive safely, and look out for one another.

This month, we recognize **National Distracted Driving Awareness Month**, reminding all drivers to stay focused behind the wheel. Our officers will be increasing efforts to reduce distracted driving and promote safe road habits. A simple decision—like putting your phone down while driving—can save lives.

As always, our team is here to serve and protect. If you ever have concerns, questions, or ideas to improve our city, we want to hear from you. Let's continue building a strong and safe Inkster together! Stay safe, and enjoy the season ahead.

DRIVE SAFE CAMPAIGN

Please scan the QR code to complete a brief anonymous survey for the National Sheriffs Association (NSA). Thank you for your participation and please engage online with Inkster's social media campaign to save lives! .



313-563-9850



26279 Michigan Ave.

HOSTED BY: INKSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRAP BINGO! NIGHT

Bingo with a twist — R&B and Old School music vibes all night!
PRIZES, GIVEAWAYS, AND COMMUNITY FUN
Building bridges between the community and law enforcement

FRIDAY
4/18/25

BOOKER T. DOZIER COMPLEX
2025 MIDDLEBELT RD
INKSTER, MI 48141

5:30 PM-
7:30 PM

COST - \$10 (INCLUDES 2 BINGO CARDS & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS)
For more information and to purchase tickets contact
Director Lisa B: lburney@cityofinkster.com or 313-460-4992



TAMIKA L. JENKINS
CHIEF OF POLICE



INKSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS



Dance Your Heart Out!

ZUMBA BLAZE

\$10

📅 Thursday, April 24th
🕒 06:00Pm - 07:00Pm
📍 Booker T. Dozier Rec Center
2025 Middlebelt Rd
Inkster, MI 48141

Instructed by
LeKeisha

For tickets contact Director Lisa B
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INKSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

HUSTLE & GROOVE

WITH DJ CHRIS KELLY



April 3, 2025
6PM - 8PM

Cost
\$5

BOOKER T. DOZIER
2025 MIDDLEBELT RD | INKSTER, MI 48141

Attendees will have a chance to win gift cards!
Tickets can be purchased at the station

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INKSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

PROJECT PROM BOUTIQUE



SELECT YOUR DRESS
TAKE YOUR PICK FROM A
SELECTION OF AMAZING GENTLY
USED OR NEW PROM DRESSES (ALL
SIZES)
SHOES, CLUTCHES, JEWELRY, AND
OTHER ACCESSORIES

WHEN:
SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH
1P-3P


WHERE:
BOOKER T. DOZIER REC CENTER
2025 MIDDLEBELT RD
INKSTER, MI 48141

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Thank you for your support! ❤️



STAY FOCUSED, STAY SAFE: APRIL IS NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH



Each day, distracted driving puts countless lives at risk on our roads. Whether it's texting, eating, adjusting the radio, or even chatting with passengers, taking your eyes off the road for just a few seconds can have devastating consequences. Distracted driving is 100% preventable. Let's work together to make Inkster's roads safer—one focused driver at a time.

The Facts on Distracted Driving

- According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), distracted driving claimed 3,308 lives in 2022.
- Texting while driving is one of the most dangerous distractions—reading or sending a text takes your eyes off the road for an average of 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of a football field blindfolded.

Michigan Laws on Distracted Driving

To combat this issue, Michigan enforces a "hands-free" driving law, which prohibits:

- ✓ Holding or using a mobile device while driving.
- ✓ Sending, reading, or typing text messages.
- ✓ Watching or recording videos while behind the wheel.

Inkster PD's Efforts to Keep Our Roads Safe

Throughout April, the Inkster Police Department will increase enforcement of distracted driving violations. Our officers will be on the lookout for drivers using mobile devices and other distractions that endanger public safety.

We also encourage residents to take the **"Just Drive" Pledge**—commit to keeping your phone down and your focus on the road.

Safe Driving Tips

- ✓ Put your phone away – Use "Do Not Disturb" mode while driving.
- ✓ Set your GPS & music before driving – Minimize distractions before hitting the road.
- ✓ Be a role model – Encourage safe habits for teen drivers and passengers.
- ✓ Pull over if necessary – If you need to take a call or send a message,



PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, healthy, and supportive environment. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect, and to encourage communities to work together to protect our most vulnerable.

The Reality of Child Abuse

Child abuse affects millions of children each year. According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services:

- Over 3 million cases of child abuse are reported in the U.S. annually.
- Neglect is the most common form of abuse, followed by physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.
- Most cases involve someone the child knows and trusts—a parent, guardian, or caregiver

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNS OF ABUSE

Abuse isn't always visible, but there are warning signs to look for:

- Physical Abuse: Unexplained bruises, burns, or broken bones.
- Emotional Abuse: Extreme behavior changes, withdrawal, or fearfulness.
- Sexual Abuse: Knowledge or behaviors inappropriate for their age.
- Neglect: Poor hygiene, hunger, or lack of medical care.

If you suspect abuse, it's crucial to speak up. Reporting can save a child's life.

LOCAL RESOURCES & SUPPORT

Inkster and Wayne County offer several resources to help protect children and support families:

- Michigan Child Abuse Hotline: ☎ 1-855-444-3911 (24/7 confidential reporting).
- Wayne County Department of Health & Human Services: Provides family support services.
- First Step (Domestic & Child Abuse Services): Offers emergency shelter, counseling, and advocacy.
- Inkster Police Department: If you witness abuse or need immediate assistance, call 911 or contact our department directly.

How You Can Help

Be a trusted adult – Children need safe people to turn to.

Educate yourself – Learn the signs and how to report abuse.

Spread awareness – Share information on social media and in your community.



Speak Up & Support Survivors

Prevent Abuse

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Sexual violence affects millions of people across the U.S. each year, yet many cases go unreported due to fear, stigma, or lack of resources. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), a time to educate our community, support survivors, and promote prevention efforts.



Understanding the Reality of Sexual Assault

Sexual violence is a widespread issue, and the statistics are alarming:

- Every 68 seconds, someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted.
- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men experience sexual violence in their lifetime.
- More than 60% of sexual assaults are never reported to law enforcement.
- In 8 out of 10 cases, the survivor knows their perpetrator.

Sexual assault can happen to anyone, regardless of age, gender, or background. It's never the survivor's fault—and as a community, we must work together to support those affected.

How to Report Sexual Assault

- Believe survivors – Show support by listening without judgment.
- Educate yourself and others – Learn about consent, boundaries, and how to prevent sexual violence.
- Speak up – Challenge harmful language and behaviors that normalize sexual assault.
- Share resources – The more awareness we raise, the more survivors will feel empowered to seek help.

Sexual assault is preventable, and everyone has a role to play in making Inkster a safer place. Together, we can support survivors, hold offenders accountable, and stop sexual violence before it starts.

For more information or assistance, please reach out to the Inkster Police Department

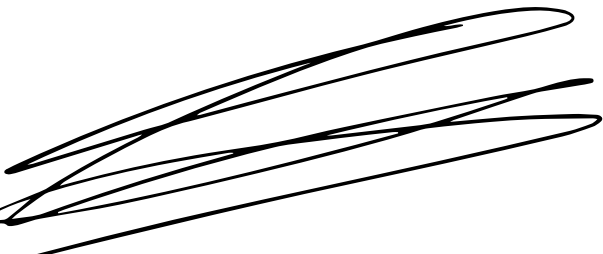
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Support Services for Survivors

If you or someone you know has experienced sexual violence, help is available:

- ☎ Wayne County SAFE (Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner) Program
 - Provides free medical exams, crisis counseling, and advocacy for survivors.
 - 24/7 Hotline: (313) 964-9701
- ☎ First Step (Domestic & Sexual Violence Services)
 - Offers emergency shelter, therapy, legal advocacy, and support groups.
 - 24/7 Helpline: (734) 722-6800
- ☎ National Sexual Assault Hotline (RAINN)
 - Call 800-656-HOPE (4673) for confidential support.



NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH: PROMOTING SAFE CHOICES & WELL-BEING



April marks National Alcohol Awareness Month, a time to educate, reflect, and encourage responsible choices regarding alcohol use. As police officers, we see firsthand the impact alcohol can have on individuals, families, and communities. From DUI incidents to alcohol-related domestic disturbances, the effects of excessive drinking are far-reaching. However, this month is not just about enforcement—it's also about promoting awareness, self-care, and support.



Understanding the Risks

While moderate alcohol consumption can be part of social gatherings, excessive drinking can lead to serious health risks, including:

- ✓ Increased stress and anxiety
- ✓ Sleep disturbances and fatigue
- ✓ Impaired judgment and decision-making
- ✓ Long-term health risks like liver disease and high blood pressure

Alcohol & Mental Health

In high-stress professions like law enforcement, alcohol is sometimes used as a coping mechanism. However, relying on alcohol to manage stress can lead to dependency and affect job performance, relationships, and overall well-being. Instead of turning to alcohol, consider healthier ways to decompress, such as:

- Exercise or outdoor activities
- Connecting with family and friends
- Practicing mindfulness or meditation
- Seeking support from peer networks or counseling services

Encouraging Safe & Responsible Choices

As public safety professionals, we have a responsibility to lead by example. Here are some ways to promote alcohol awareness and responsible choices:

- 📅 Plan Ahead - If drinking, arrange for a designated driver or rideshare.
- 📅 Know Your Limits - Be mindful of how alcohol affects you.
- 📅 Support Each Other - Encourage colleagues to seek help if needed.

Resources for Support

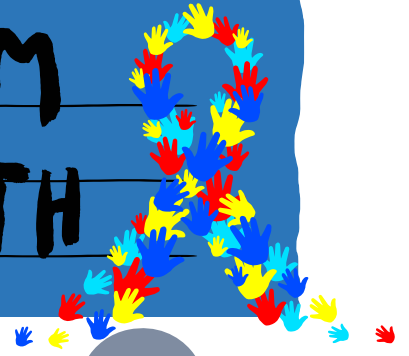
If you or someone you know is struggling with alcohol use, resources are available:

National Helpline: 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) - Confidential support for officers

Local Support Groups - AA meetings, peer mentoring programs

NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH



April is National Autism Awareness Month, a time to educate, advocate, and foster inclusivity for individuals on the autism spectrum. The Inkster Police Department is committed to supporting and engaging with our community to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents, including those with Autism Spectrum Disorder



UNDERSTANDING AUTISM

Autism is a neurological condition that affects communication, behavior, and social interactions. Since autism is a spectrum, each individual experiences it differently. Some may have difficulty with verbal communication, while others may struggle with sensory sensitivities or social engagement

JOIN US IN SPREADING AWARENESS

Throughout April, the Inkster PD will be sharing resources and information about autism awareness. We encourage residents to participate by educating themselves, supporting families in our community, and advocating for inclusivity.



HERE'S HOW WE CAN ALL CONTRIBUTE:

- Promote Awareness
- Practice Patience and Kindness
- Utilize Community Resources
- Emergency Preparedness



WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

APRIL 2, 2025

COMMUNITY REMINDERS



ACCOUNTABILITY: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY IN INKSTER

Accountability is the foundation of trust between the Inkster Police Department, the citizens, and the city government. It ensures that each party upholds its responsibilities in fostering a safe, fair, and thriving community.

The Police Department's Accountability to Citizens

The Inkster Police Department is committed to serving and protecting all residents with integrity, fairness, and professionalism. This means being accountable by:

- **Transparency:** Provide clear communication about policies, procedures, and incidents that affect the community.
- **Ethical Enforcement:** Ensuring that laws are applied fairly, without bias, and with respect for individual rights.
- **Community Engagement:** Building relationships through programs, town halls, and outreach efforts.
- **Officer Conduct & Training:** Upholding high professional standards, addressing misconduct, and continuously improving through training on de-escalation, diversity, and crisis response.

Citizen Accountability to the Community

Residents also have a role in making Inkster a safe and unified city.

Accountability from citizens includes:

- **Respecting the Law:** Following regulations that promote order and safety.
- **Engaging with Law Enforcement:** Reporting crimes, participating in community programs, and working with officers to improve neighborhoods.
- **Civic Involvement:** Attending city meetings, voicing concerns, and voting to shape local policies.
- **Personal Responsibility:** Treating neighbors and public servants with respect, fostering a culture of mutual understanding.

INKSTER COMMUNITY EVENTS

There's always something exciting happening in Inkster! This month, we're bringing you a lineup of events and activities designed to connect, inspire, and celebrate our community. Whether you're looking for family fun, opportunities to give back, or a chance to meet your neighbors, there's something for everyone. Check out what's happening around town and join us in making Inkster an even stronger, more vibrant place to call home. We can't wait to see you there!

Coffee with a Cop

Thurs. April 10th 11am-1pm

Cherry Hill Place

29477 Cherry Hill Rd

Inkster, MI 48141

Forgotten Harvest On The Go

2nd Tuesday of the Month

2 pm - 4 pm

Envision Center

4360 Hickory St.

The Director's Cut Story Time

Every Saturday @ 12pm

Leanna Hicks Library

2500 Hamlin Dr.

info@inksterlibrary.org

Unity In The Community Easter Egg Hunt

April 12, 2025

11 AM - 2 PM

Floyd B. Simmons Multi-Purpose Center

29150 Carlisle St, Inkster, MI 48141

Forgotten Harvest On The Go

4th Tuesday of the Month

2 pm - 4 pm

Lemoyne Gardens

29999 Pine St.

Inkster Chamber of Commerce

Small Business Resource Fair

Tuesday April 29th @ 6pm

LeAnna Hicks Inkster Library

2500 Hamlin | Inkster, MI 48141

RSVP to:

inksterchamberofcommerce@gmail.com

Medicine Take Back Day

Saturday, April 26th

10am-2pm

Dozier Rec Center





IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- Personal Protection Order.....313-224-6291
- Domestic Violence Shelters.....1-888-453-5900
- National Domestic Violence Hotline... 800-799-7233
- Child Protective Services:.....1-877-716-2234
- Adult Protective Services..... 1-877-963-6066
- Rape Counseling Center.....313-833-1660
- First Step (DV Assistance)..... 734-722-6800
- DTE Street Lights Out.....1-800-548-4655
- Suicide Prevention Hotline.....1-800-273-8255
- Poison Control Center.....1-800-222-1222
- Michigan State Police.....734-287-5000
- Wayne County Sheriff.....734-721-2222
- Inkster Fire Department.....313-563-9874
- Water Department..... 313-563-4232
- Ordinance313-563-9850
- DHWIN800-241-4949
- Face Addiction Now833.202.4673

- Inkster Police Department.....313-563-9850
- City Hall313-563-4232
- 22nd District Court.....313-277-8200

LOBBY HOURS

- Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Tuesday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Wednesday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Thursday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Located inside the
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