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Grand Ledge a Safe Community *- Top 50 rated community according to Safewise Report-*

GRAND LEDGE, MI. – Grand Ledge is honored to be named #40 out of 50 in the State of Michigan as a top rated safe community according to a report by Safewise. According to the report Grand Ledge's Violent Crimes per Capita per 1,000 was less than 1 (0.77) and Property Crimes per 1,000 less than 14 (13.38).

To identify the 50 safest cities in Michigan Safewise looked at cities with a population of more than 5,000 residents in 2013. From there analyzed the most recent FBI Crime Report Statistics as of 2013 for each city, including both property crime and violent crime. Then, to make everything equitable calculated the chance of these crimes occurring out of 1,000 people in each city." Grand Ledge is pleased to receive this recognition from Safewise," said, City Administrator Adam Smith. "It also gives us an opportunity to review the best practices of the 50 Top Safe Communities in Michigan and consider implementation of those best practices here in Grand Ledge."

A highlight in the report is the Teaching Education, and Mentoring School Liaison Program put on by the Grand Ledge Police Department (T.E.A.M). This program is a hands-on effort to promote responsible citizenship, increase safety in schools and communities and reinforce positive behavior. "Our Police department is honored to be a part of the Safewise Top 50 award", said Grand Ledge Police Chief Martin Underhill." Grand Ledge is a community where Police and Community building together is not just our Department's vision statement, but a way of life. A great example of this, is the teamwork that exists between the School District with its over 5000 students and our Police Department. With programs such as TEAM, Mid Michigan's first school liaison program, and its combined intruder training for law enforcement and educators, Grand Ledge strives to lead the way in school safety and community well-being".