

How to find your Jurisdiction/Police Department

Every incident is unique and has varying circumstances that determine jurisdiction (the police department's area that they enforce and regularly patrol). This instruction is to help you find your jurisdiction/police department, but if you have any questions or are still struggling to find who to file with, you should always contact a police department for further guidance. Phone numbers located below. Each incidents' situation can change the jurisdiction and we are here to help you through it. This guide is meant for your convenience only and is not a replacement for Law Enforcement to review and decide jurisdiction.

Most of the time, Incident jurisdiction and police department are determined by the location your situation happened in. In the County of Kent, if your incident happened at your home, it is likely going to be the location of the incident. If something happened while you were on a road other than the interstate highways, at a friend or family member's home, a store, park, that location is your incident location. If something happened over the internet – the starting point for jurisdiction is going to be where you were/are when the crime occurred – usually at home but always subject to change.

The interstate highways (express ways) of Kent County are handled by Michigan State Police (MSP). MSP is not part of Kent County (our agencies work together for incidents; however, their jurisdiction is typically on a State basis and focuses patrol on interstate highways; I-131, I-196, I-96, M-6, etcetera).

1. Click on <https://www.accesskent.com/Departments/GIS/> and the below will come up

Geographic Information System

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i For all Parcel Line and Property Information related concerns or questions please contact Kent County's [Bureau of Equalization](#) or the local City/Township Assessor's Office.

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A geographic information system (GIS) integrates hardware, software, and data for capturing, managing, analyzing, and displaying all forms of geographically referenced information. A GIS helps us visualize, question, analyze, interpret, and understand data to reveal relationships, patterns, and trends.

GIS has become an integral tool at Kent County in supporting the delivery of services from property mapping, health, public safety, to the judicial process. The investment in these technologies has also afforded Kent County the ability to provide GIS tools to business and the public for general consumption.



2. Click on the circled Kent County iMap from the link
3. Hit accept to use the map (see below)

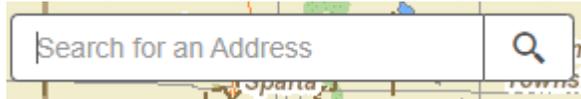
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4. At the top left is a search image, click this:
5. Search for the address that the incident took place and press enter (if you have a cross street or just a street name, you are able to google this, but beware that the same street can go through multiple jurisdictions (Example: 28th Street goes through Grandville, Wyoming, Kentwood, and Cascade

Township (Kent County))!



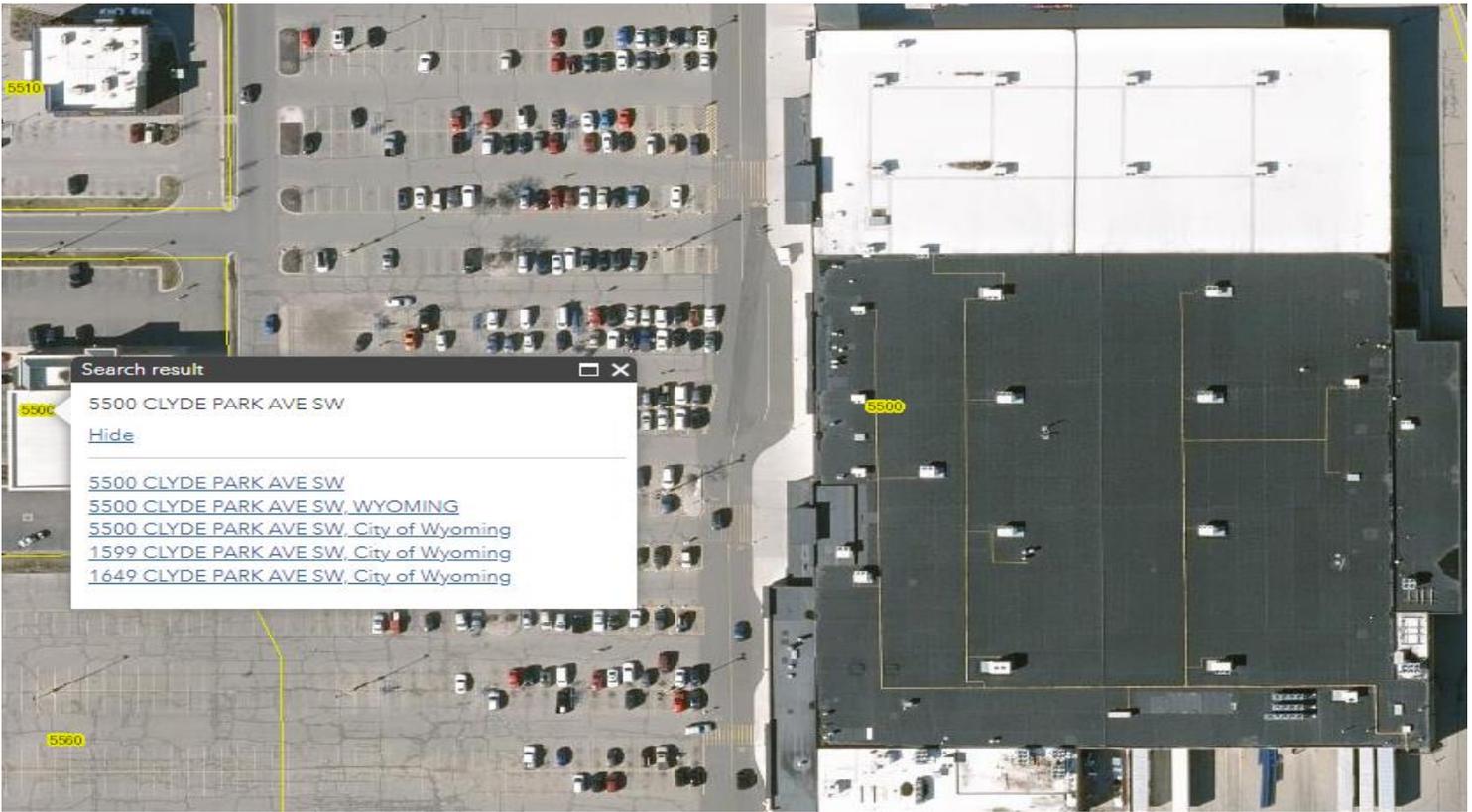
**note that when searching for an address, try to add in the NW, SW, SE, or SW of the address portion to get accurate locations. Sometimes the address will have variations of the cardinal directions.*

Examples:

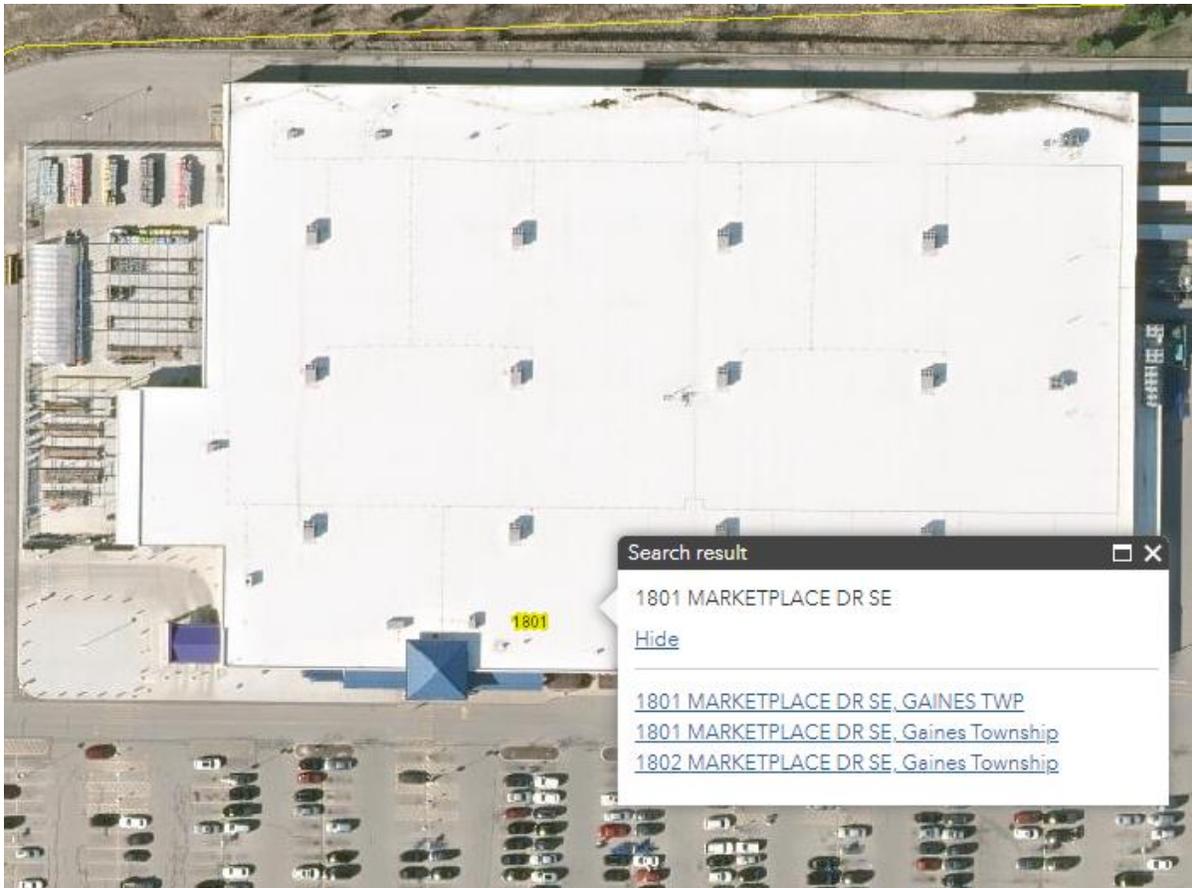
- Search for 3434 Century Center St SW – image below shows that it is Grandville, so Grandville DPS would be the proper jurisdiction



- Search for 5500 Clyde Park, image below shows that it is Wyoming, so Wyoming DPS is the proper jurisdiction to file your report with



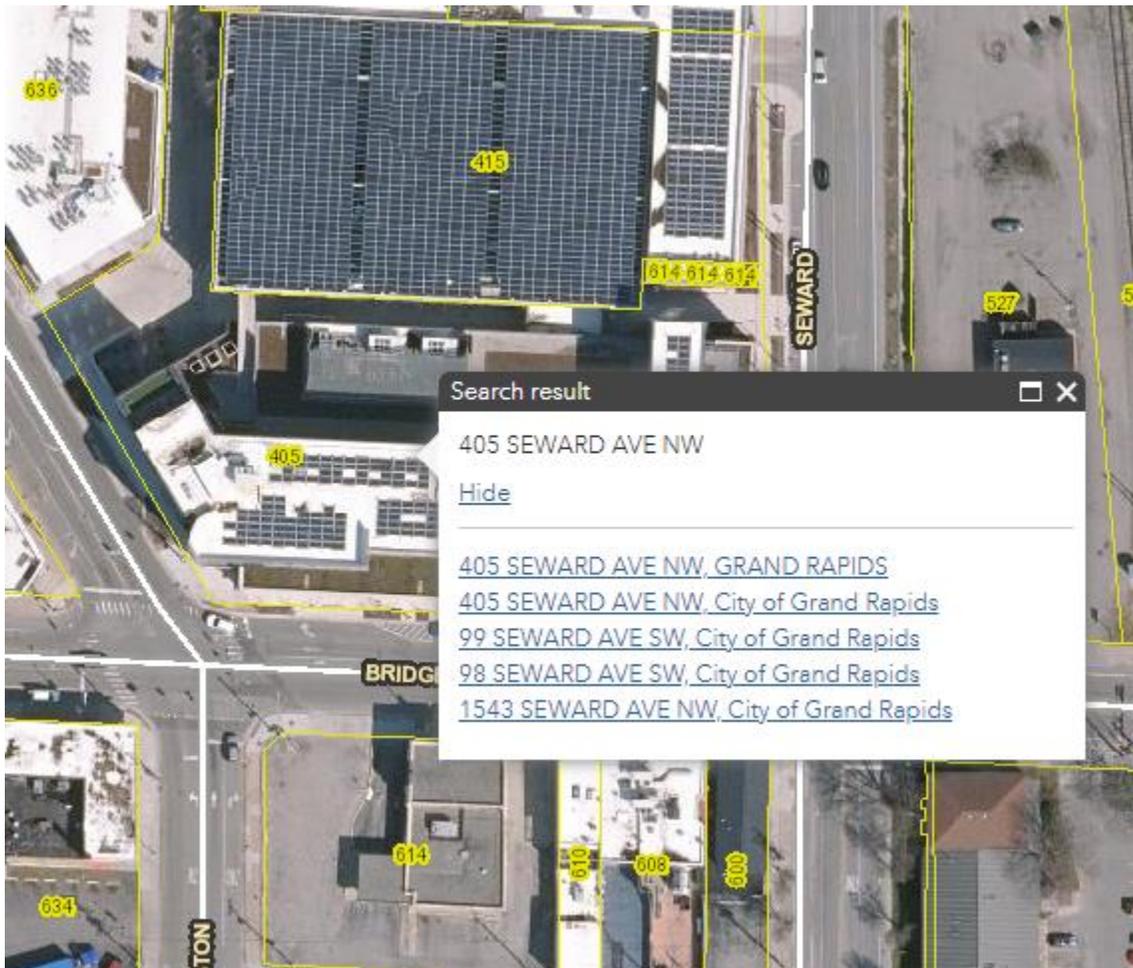
- Searching 1801 Marketplace, comes up with the image below, which is Gaines Township. The Townships are very likely going to be the Kent County Sheriff's Office. Very rarely it will come up with another County Sheriff's Office Townships and is reliable to use.



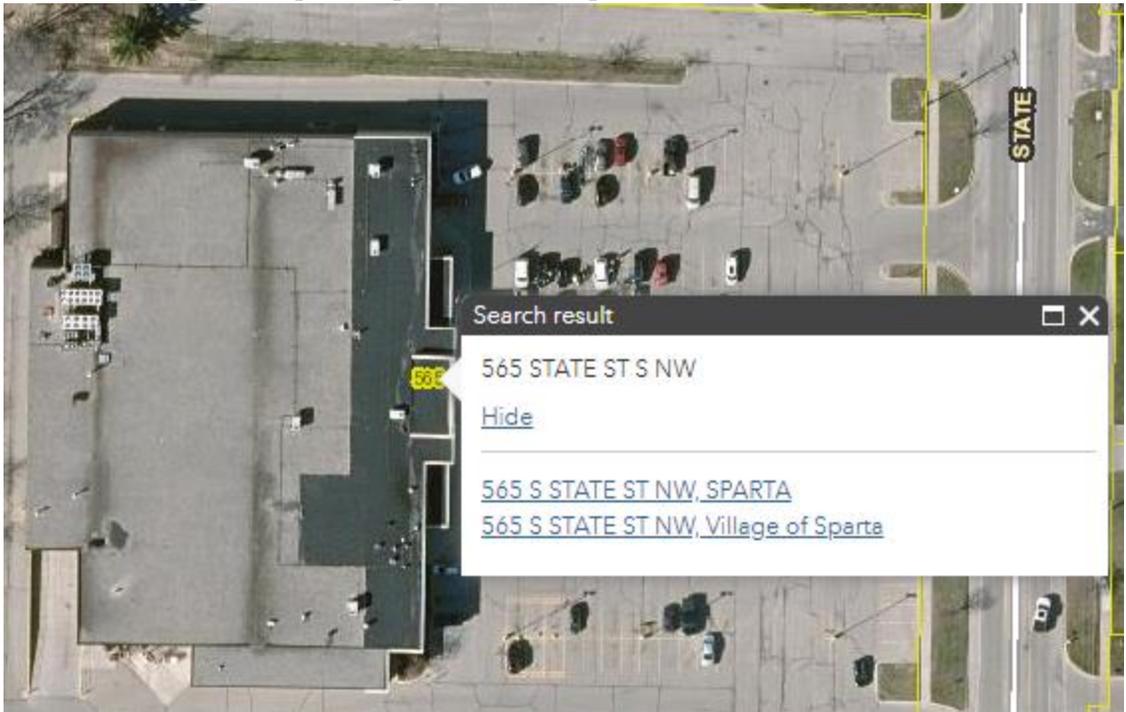
- Searching 2425 Alpine Ave NW shows up with Walker, this is a Walker Department of Public Safety address



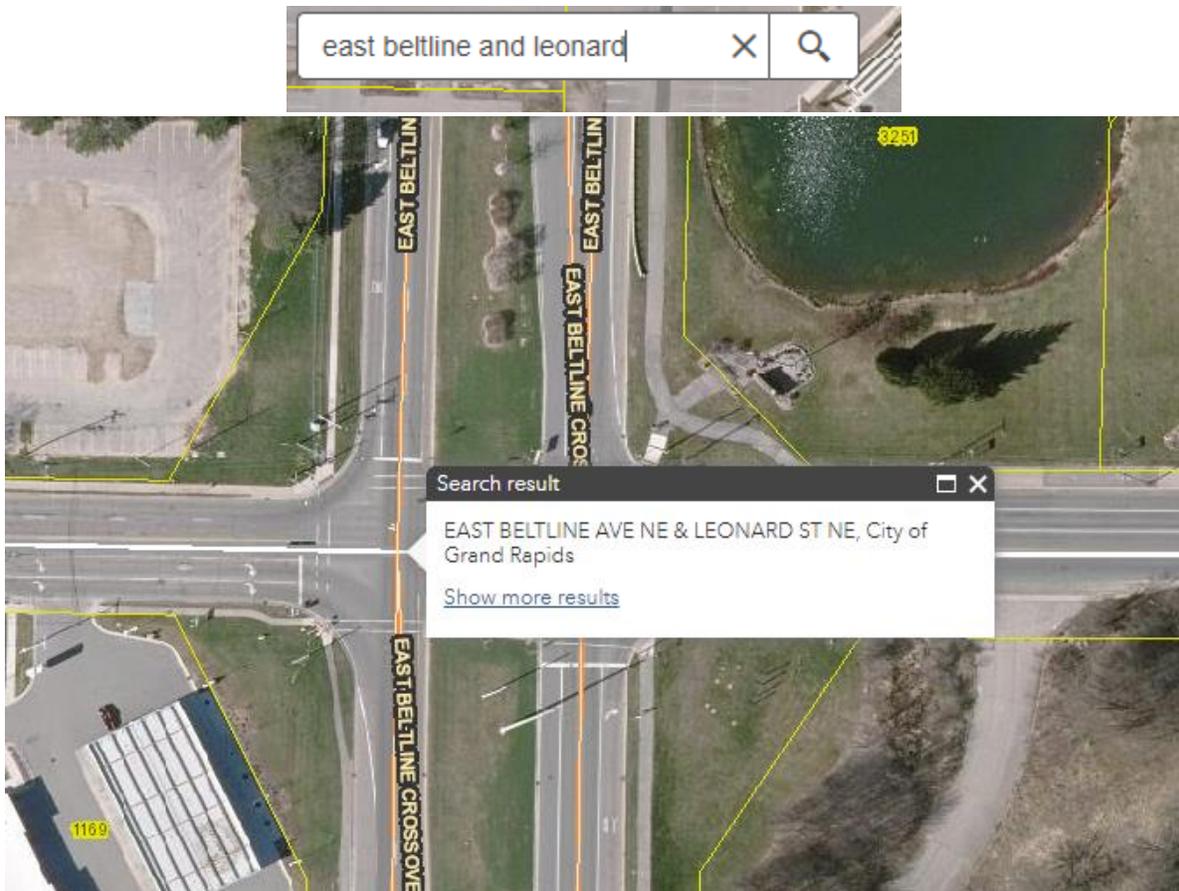
- A search of 405 Seward comes up with GRAND RAPIDS, which means it is Grand Rapids Police Department



- 565 S State St comes up with Sparta; Sparta Police Department



- Searching a cross street where it happened between two roads (example is east beltline and leonard)
 - This one is more to it than just saying it is Grand Rapids. It is an intersect of City of Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Township. Depending on the cardinal direction you are in, you will either be in the North West Corner (Grand Rapids), North East Corner (GR Township), South West Corner (Grand Rapids), or South East Corner (GR Township)!



Areas and phone numbers for the interactive map

Grand Rapids = Grand Rapids Police Department **616-456-3400**

Wyoming = Wyoming Department of Public Safety **616-530-7300**

Kentwood = Kentwood Police Department **616-698-6580**

Grandville = Grandville Department of Public Safety **616-538-6110**

Walker = Walker Police Department **616-453-5441**

Sparta = Sparta Police Department (keep in mind Sparta Township is Sheriff's Office, Village of Sparta is Sparta PD) **616-887-8716**

Lowell = Lowell Police Department (keep in mind Lowell Township is Sheriff's Office, City of Lowell is Lowell PD) **616-897-7123**

Rockford = Rockford Department of Public Safety **616-866-9557**

Kent County Sheriff's Office = Tyrone Township, Solon Township, Nelson Township, Spencer Township, Village of Cedar Springs, Sparta Township, Algoma Township, Courtland Township, Oakfield Township, Alpine Township, Plainfield Township, Cannon Township, Grattan Township, Grand Rapids Township, Ada Township, Vergennes Township, Cascade Township, Lowell Township, Byron Township, Gaines Township, Village of Caledonia and Caledonia Township, and Bowne Township **616-632-6100**

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