

Elmer Hitt

Class of 1997

- Elmer Hitt was born and raised in Pleasant Lake, the youngest of nine children. Today he resides in Jackson, Sandstone Township.
- He attended Northwest Schools from kindergarten through 12th grade and graduated in 1995.
- Elmer was always involved in sports and participated in football, wrestling, and baseball all four years in high school. While in high school, he took an interest in law enforcement after attending a career fair.
- In January 1996, he was hired by the Jackson Police Department as a police cadet and began attending Jackson Community College. Originally, the excitement of the job drew him in, but as he got into the field and progressed, he found that a sense of pride and the ability to help others, often in their most trying times, kept him going.
- He attended and graduated from the Mid-Michigan Police Academy at Lansing Community College in 1997. After he completed the Police Academy, he was promoted to the rank of police officer for the City of Jackson.
- Elmer graduated from Baker College in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.
- He worked his way up through the ranks and was hired as the Director of Police and Fire Services in 2017.
- His work is never boring; everyday seems to bring a new adventure. "I have always appreciated, as well, having firsthand knowledge of what is going on in the community. Police officers get to see and experience many things throughout their career than many people do not experience in their lifetime."
- In addition, his honors include completion in 2006 of the Jackson Leadership Academy, and in 2008 completion of the Michigan State University School of Staff and Command.
- In the community, he serves on the Board of Trustees for the John George Home. He is the most recent past president of the board.
- Elmer is married to wife, Dawn, with one son and two daughters.
- In his free time, he enjoys the outdoors and spending time with family.