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# DECEMBER 2022 MONTHLY SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

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# Brownsburg Police Department

## SUPPORT DIVISION REPORT

The following information contained within this report summarizes information deemed pertinent for dissemination from Major Andrew Watts.

- Investigations
- Administrative Services
- Community Relations
- Public Information
- Purchasing/Budget
- Information & Technology
- Human Resources
- Training
- Vehicle Fleet

### Investigations

The Investigations Unit received (26) new cases, closed and/or suspended (11) cases, and closed (2) cases with (3) arrests. The crime trend for this month was Crimes Against Persons.

The Investigations Unit served (24) search warrants, conducted (18) interviews, and attended (1) Child Forensic Interview this month.

This month, *Captain Barrett* led the unit in the recent homicide investigation that occurred on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Dog Park on Hornaday Rd. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 11:00 PM, the victim and his girlfriend met with the two suspects to conduct a narcotic transaction that ultimately resulted in the fatal shooting of a 20-year-old, Brownsburg resident. After exchanging rounds, the suspect stole the victim's vehicle and fled the scene leaving the victim's girlfriend and the victim at the scene. BPD Detectives recovered this vehicle in Indianapolis on December 10th, 2022.

After processing the scene, serving numerous search warrants and conducting several interviews, Detectives were able to arrest the two suspects on December 9<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon hours. Deamonte McIntyre (23 years of age) and Kee Meh (21 years of age), both of Indianapolis, were arrested, interviewed, and subsequently booked into the Hendricks County Jail. McIntyre was charged with felony murder, armed robbery, and theft, while Meh was charged with assisting a criminal.

This case remains active and detectives continue to serve search warrants, review evidence, and conduct interviews.

Barrett completed State Mandates and Firearms training this month.

*Sgt. Bass* assisted the unit with the homicide investigation this month. Bass attended firearms and completed State Mandate training this month. Bass was called out (2) times this month.

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*Cpl. Stanford* assisted the unit in the homicide investigation the majority of this month. Stanford investigated reports of theft, a death investigation and two stolen vehicle cases. Stanford completed State Mandates, and firearms training this month. Stanford was called out and/or consulted (1) time this month.

*Detective Wells* assisted the unit with the homicide investigation this month. Wells also continued to prepare for an upcoming child molestation trial and a conducted a death investigation. Wells completed firearms, State Mandates, sexual assault response training (SART), human trafficking, and room/hall clearing training. Wells was called out and/or consulted (4) times this month.

*Det. O'Brien* assisted the unit with the homicide investigation. O'Brien made an arrest for *Felony Level 6 criminal confinement and sexual battery*, and was called out and/or consulted (4) times this month.

*Det. Cronin* assisted in the homicide investigation the majority of this month. Cronin investigated several attempted thefts and thefts from vehicles as well as a fraud case. Cronin attended ERT (4) times, and completed State Mandate training. Cronin instructed room/hall clearing training this month. Cronin was called out (1) time this month.

*Detective Jones* assisted the unit in the homicide investigation this month. Jones investigated a report of a sexual assault that allegedly occurred in a local park. However, this case was closed due to lack of information and/or evidence. Jones was called out and/or consulted (3) times and attended ERT training (1) time this month.

*Investigations Assistant and Victim Advocate Amanda Earles* is currently working with (3) victims. She also returned and/or sent (1) search warrant, assisted CSI Knowles (1) time with emptying the lobby Rx box, and was called out (1) time this month. Earles continued to assist CSI Knowles in the Property Room Audit, transferred (2) cases to other agencies, completed (1) Public Access request and completed (6) Prosecutor requests. Earles produced (64) body cam, (16) dash cam, (2) In car cams, (1) Data Master video and (12) photos. Earles also assisted investigations unit by completing (12) IDACS/NCIC queries, entered (34) items of evidence into property, ran (13) IDACS queries with (47) various inquiries, and went to the ISP Lab (1) time.

*Crime Scene Investigator and Property Room Manager Todd Knowles* reported the following: called out (5) times, served (5) search warrants, processed (16) crime scenes and made (2) trips to ISP Lab. In addition, Knowles completed (3) lab requests, uploaded (54) body cam videos to Sharepoint and completed no *Vidanyx* downloads. Knowles also emptied the lobby Rx box (2) times for a total of (56) lbs of controlled substances. Additionally, Knowles checked in (185) items of evidence, personally entered (152)

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items of evidence, signed out (12) items of evidence to officers and returned (11) items of property to owners. Finally, Knowles made (1) trip to the Prosecutor's Office, conducted (38) DNA swabs, (3) fingerprint cards, and completed training on *crime scene photos and fingerprinting*.

*Forensics Analyst and Technology Liaison Kim Shupert* completed seven (7) requests for examination of phones involving narcotics for another agency and the recent homicide investigation. In addition to phone examinations, Shupert assisted the Investigations Unit in a variety of ways during the homicide investigation such as gathering and organizing data, as well as logging activity. Shupert actively assisted the team in this investigation after the initial call-out

### **Administrative Services**

December was a routine work month for Administrative Services. The Administrative Services unit staff continued to work together on training on the many functions/facets of the front office. The Administrative Services staff generated the annual "end of the year" totals and reporting. They will be working toward the completion of the agency annual report as well in the coming weeks.

In the month of December, the Administrative Services Unit processed (21) public access requests, (22) criminal history requests, (4) gun permits, (5) sets of fingerprints, (4) rider requests, and 126 alarm permit transactions. Fees generated totaled \$1695.00 below is a breakdown of the collected fees:

➤ Accident Reports	\$	50.00
➤ Incident Reports	\$	25.00
➤ Gun Permits	\$	0.00
➤ Criminal Histories	\$	100.00
➤ Alarm Transactions	\$	1430.00
➤ Vin Check	\$	0.00
➤ Notary Fees	\$	0.00
➤ Fingerprints	\$	85.00
➤ Pictures/CD	\$	50.00

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### **Community Relations**

During the month of December Sgt. Fleck has been out of the office the majority of the month and was unable to provide any detailed information for the monthly activities in the community relations area. Fleck is preparing to retire in February and has been winding down the majority of the community relations programs.

Sgt. Fleck in cooperation with Lt. Depinet and Captain Bullock conducted court security each Wednesday throughout December. All Juvenile documentation was turned into the State database by December 10<sup>th</sup>.




### **Public Information**

The agency received numerous media contacts/inquires throughout the month of December. The majority of the media inquiries (television and written) revolved around significant incidents that occurred throughout the last several weeks including homicide as well as several other significant incidents. In addition, BPD received inquiries reference pending Hendricks County Sheriff's cases that occurred adjacent to Brownsburg jurisdiction.

The department also released (15) Facebook posts, (1) Facebook Crime Tips post, (10) Tweets from Twitter, (8) Instagram Posts.

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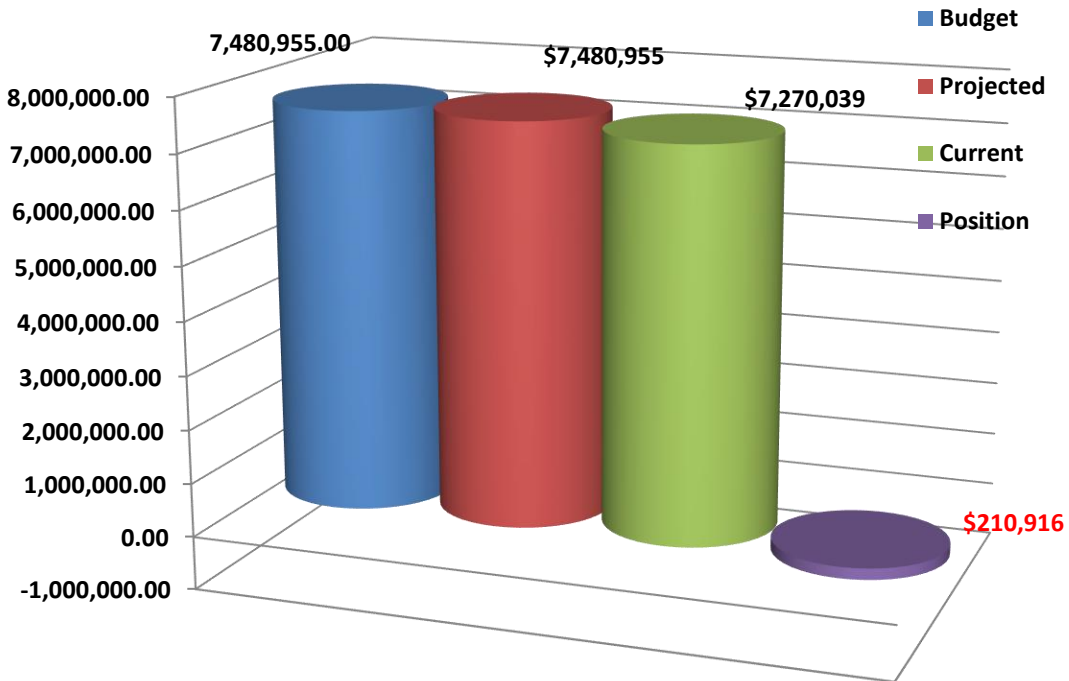
Current subscriber lists report the following number of members:

Media Resource	Subscribers/Contacts
<b>Facebook</b> 	<b>12,369</b>
<b>Facebook Crime Tips</b> 	<b>7,756</b>
<b>Twitter</b> 	<b>3,154</b>
<b>Instagram</b>	<b>1,252</b>

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## Budget

As of December 31, 2022, the department expended 97.18% of its budget. As is typical of December, we completed the year slightly under budget. The vast amount of the overage was in the salary and benefits lines due to unfilled positions through 2022.



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## **Information Technology**

Lt. Depinet reported that after the countywide radio system (HCCC) went encrypted, there were several mobile radios (mostly in administration personnel vehicles) that no longer functioned on the radio system due to it being technologically outdated. Late last year, the PD researched and purchased *Convertacom* units that are a sleeve for the current portable radios that all Officers currently have assigned. The sleeve turns the portable radios into an “in car” mobile radio. The *Convertacom* units are 75% cheaper than a typical mobile vehicle radio unit is and it still provides an equivalent if not better solution. Once testing is complete, the plan is to install the systems in road units as new vehicles are deployed.

## **Human Resources**

In December, two of the newest officers (Jacob Smith and James Lynch) continue to progress through their Field Training (FTO) program and become acclimated to the BPD policing style and requirements.

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the BPD began accepting Pre-applications/Applications for the position of sworn police officer for lateral candidates. Interviews were conducted on August 16<sup>th</sup> for the lateral process. (9) candidates were interviewed and (4) of the top candidates were sent upstairs for background investigations with hopes of extending conditional offers to lateral candidates on October 11<sup>th</sup> police commission meeting. Officer Taylor Adamson was sworn in as the newest lateral candidate on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Adamson comes to Brownsburg from Pittsboro Police Department and has progressed through the FTO process successfully and working as a solo unit on day shift. In addition, the Police Commission extended a conditional offer of employment to Tyler See at the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Tyler started with the BPD on November 28<sup>th</sup> and is working on his field training on night shift. Matthew Dixon was sworn in on December 19<sup>th</sup> and has entered his accelerated FTO under the watchful eye of training officers. Dustin Johnson was sworn in on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 and is preparing to enter the FTO program in an accelerated status as well. With the hiring of these last two candidates, the 2022 Lateral candidate list has been abolished and a new recruitment plan will be prepared and submitted to the Police Commission for approval in February outlining a lateral and non-experienced plan. BPD anticipates the retirements of Sgt. Pete Fleck and Cpl. Tony West in the coming months, which will vacate two positions as we progress into the 2023 calendar year.

Our staff will be approaching the PC in the coming weeks to present a revised recruitment process for anticipated vacancies in 2023.



*Officer Johnson swearing in ceremony.*



*Officer Dixon swearing in ceremony*

### **Training**

*The end of the month budget lines maintained by the Department Training Coordinator is as follows:*

- Firearms/Range- Depleted
- Range Maintenance- Depleted
- Schools/Training \$17,901.

**Training Requests submitted to the Training Board in December**

<b><u>Requests</u></b>					
<b><u>Date request</u></b>	<b><u>Officer</u></b>	<b><u>Course</u></b>	<b><u>Tuition</u></b>	<b><u>Approved</u></b>	<b><u>Denied</u></b>
12/5/2022	Joe Fults	Indiana Trainer's Conference	0.00	X	

**Hosted training courses for December**

- No classes were scheduled for the month of December

**Training Facility use by outside agencies for the month of December**

<b><u>Agency</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Range</u></b>	<b><u>Shoot House</u></b>	<b><u>Mats</u></b>	<b><u>Classroom</u></b>
Speedway PD	12/2 & 12/15	X	X		
IMPD SWAT	12/6 - 12/7	X	X		X
US Customs	12/12 - 12/13	X			
Avon PD	12/14 & 12/16		X		
Homeland Security	12/19 - 12/20	X			
Whitestown PD	12/21 - 12/22	X			

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- As of the last several months, Local and Federal agencies have been trading ammunition or range supplies for training space at the training facility.
  - Invoices sent to US Customs and Homeland Security for December

### Training Coordinator Business

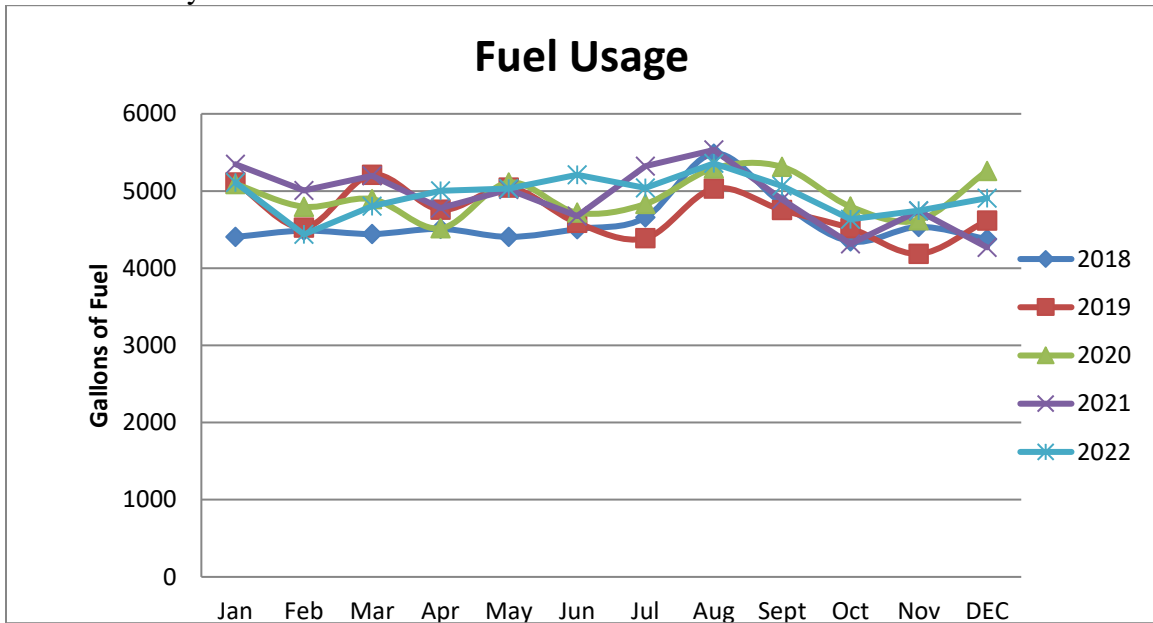
*In addition to normal daily duties, Cpl. West completed the following highlights in December:*

- The agency had a lead abatement range service scheduled for the indoor range the week of 12/5 but the company cancelled last minute. We are still waiting for confirmation of a new date for the service.
- BPD conducted in-service Physical Tactics training on 12/1 with Sgt. Fleck
- BPD had planned to complete the 4<sup>th</sup> phase of the RDS transition course but was forced to cancel due to the ongoing homicide investigation and staffing.
- Cpl West closed out the BPD annual training requirements for the year. The agency was 100% compliant with the state requirements.
- Cpl. West sent out (16) invitations to the BPD 2023 Citizen's Academy. At the time of this report, (11) have responded and committed to attend
- The Citizens academy is scheduled to run January 17<sup>th</sup> through February 9<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 9pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Cpl West has announced his upcoming retirement for March 24, 2023
- Sgt. Joe Fults was announced as the new Training Coordinator and will begin his training with Cpl West on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Vehicle Fleet

As of the time of this report, the town garage has received (2) 2022 Ford Explorers and had (4) additional Ford patrol units on order from the first batch of 2022. Our agency was notified approximately 3 weeks ago that Ford was unable to meet production demands and our (4) patrol units had been 'cancelled'. Fleet Superintendent Chris Keers has advised that the (4) units had been re-ordered and a date of production is pending. Several neighboring agencies have experience the same issues with Ford production. It was brought to my attention that the Town fleet also had several vehicles cancelled by Ford due to production timelines. The two units on hand have been outfitted and assigned for road service. In addition to the (4) Patrol units on order, the agency is still awaiting the arrival of an F150 that has been earmarked to Training Unit as well as a replacement K9 Tahoe to replace a total K9 vehicle from earlier this calendar year. The Harley Davidson Police motorcycles have arrived and have been picked up from Harley Davidson. They are being outfitted/prepped to enter into the fleet in spring. The fuel usage numbers for December

reflected 4,906 gallons used. This is a slight increase from last month and an increase from December of 2021. Usage is still very consistent with previous months and years (see below chart). Our officers continue to be mindful and conservative of the fuel utilized both on and off duty.



*Respectfully Submitted,  
Major Andrew Watts*