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APRIL 2025 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.

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Investigations

The Investigations Unit received (31) new cases, screened (32) outside agency reports - (4) of which were screened in for Case Reports. They also closed and/or suspended (23) cases, and closed (2) cases with (2) arrests. The crime trend for this month was *Personal Crimes*. The Unit served (17) search warrants and/or subpoenas, conducted (17) interviews, completed (0) background investigations and attended (7) Child Forensic Interviews this month.

Captain Barrett and the Investigations Unit responded to and investigated a stabbing this month. Officers and Detectives responded to a man stabbed at Hendricks Regional Hospital (Brownsburg) and discovered that the stabbing occurred in the 300 block of South School Street at a residence. Detectives secured and served a search warrant for the residence, interviewed witnesses, the suspect, and ultimately the victim once out of surgery. Detectives required assistance from Spanish interpreter's for the interviews. One interpreter was BPD Officer Argueta and the other was a Special Agent from the FBI. Detectives were able to determine that in the early morning hours, the victim got into an altercation with two of his roommates that resulted in him being stabbed multiple times, and ultimately, resulted in the arrest of one roommate for Level 3 Aggravated Battery, and Level 5 Battery with a Deadly Weapon.

Barrett attended a State SART meeting, consulted with another agency for training prospects for Sexual Assault response, completed (3) media releases, (3) on-camera interviews, (4) phone interviews, and (23) media inquiries this month. All releases and inquiries were from the March Homicide arrests and the April stabbing arrests

Detective Sgt. Bass made (1) arrest this month, and closed (6) cases. He is actively investigating four separate cases involving various forms of fraud as well as theft of a gaming computer with seemingly no leads. Felony charges have been filed for one case where a victim was defrauded after a falsified vehicle purchase. Bass also responded to a DOA involving a male who appeared to have been deceased for a couple of days after being found by a family member. The Coroner's report is pending. In addition, he assisted the Town by being present during the termination of a hostile employee from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Bass was called out (3) times and was consulted (2) times this month by road personnel. He completed Emergency Vehicle Operations training.

Detective Sgt. Stanford made (0) arrests this month but closed (2) cases. He responded to a DOA, which appears to be natural causes, but the Coroner's report is pending. Stanford is actively investigating numerous break-ins of units at a local storage facility where at this time he is awaiting surveillance video. He closed a fraud case involving a bank account being hacked and \$1000 withdrawn from an ATM in Ohio. There were no leads and the victim had their money refunded. Stanford was called out (1) time and was consulted (5) times this month by road personnel. He also completed Emergency Vehicle Operations training.

Detective Sgt. Wells made (0) arrests this month but closed (1) case. Wells is actively investigating child molestation at a local daycare that may involve multiple victims. This will be a long-term investigation and phone forensics are already underway. He closed a rape case from October of 2024 as well as a recent child abuse case, which was determined to be injury as a result of an accidental fall. Wells was called out (3) times and was consulted (2) times this month by road personnel. He conducted (0) background investigations and completed (0) CVSA Examinations. Wells attended Emergency Vehicle Operations and low-light firearms training this month.

Detective Sgt. O'Brien made (1) arrest this month and closed (9) cases. O'Brien is currently investigating a child abuse by a custodial parent with child forensic interviews pending and harassment via social media and telephone by an ex-spouse. He closed a domestic violence case due to the victim not wishing to pursue a criminal investigation as well as a child in need of services report involving a minor where information disclosed during an interview did not ultimately meet the elements of criminal charges. Detective O'Brien was called out (3) times and was consulted (2) times this month by road personnel. He attended tactical medical and low-light firearms training.

Detective Sgt. Cronin made (0) arrests this month but closed (2) cases. Cronin is actively investigating a fraud where the suspect opened a loan in the victim's name. Search warrants are pending. He is also investigating a fraud where the suspect posed as a *Fifth Third* representative who had the victim transfer money using *Apple Pay*. Search warrants are also being completed in this case. In another case, Cronin has asked Avon Police Department for assistance using their facial recognition software to attempt to identify a theft suspect who stole items from the Sportsman's Warehouse. He also assisted the Town by being present during the termination of a hostile employee from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Cronin was called out (1) time and was consulted (4) times this month by road personnel. He completed tactical medical, low-light firearms and EVO training this month.

Detective Cpl. Jeremiah Jones made (0) arrests this month but closed (3) cases. Jones is presently investigating a rape that occurred at a residence involving two people who met on social media. A sexual assault kit was completed and search warrant results are pending. He is going to be closing out two sexual battery cases at a local healthcare facility where it has been determined the incidents did not actually occur. Jones continues to investigate a child molest/rape that occurred in 2024 where he recently interviewed the suspect in jail after he was arrested in California and extradited. More interviews are scheduled. He was called out (1) time and was consulted (9) times this month by road personnel and attended ERT training twice.

Crime Scene Investigator and Property Room Manager Todd Knowles reported the following work product: Called out (9) times. Collected/processed (91) items of evidence from (6) crime scenes this month. Checked in (192) items of evidence, signed out (20) items of evidence to officers, returned (9) items of property to owners and transferred (0) items to other agencies. Knowles completed (24) Prosecutor Discovery Requests that resulted in the following work product: uploaded (17) pieces of Body Camera footage, (22) Dash/In-Car Camera Footage, and (2) Photos. He made (5) trips to the ISP Lab and completed (4) lab submissions. He made (2) trips to the hospital. Knowles obtained/lifted (1) set of fingerprints, collected (13) evidence swabs, uploaded (1) CAC (Vidanyx) interview, and emptied the lobby Rx box for a total of (77) lbs. Knowles served (3) search warrants. Knowles continued to train Kristi Braziel in property and evidence functions and attended EVO training.

Forensics Analyst Anthony Merckel examined (3) cell phones, (0) tablets and (0) storage devices in April involving robbery and battery/assault. He was called out (0) times. Merckel assisted CSI Knowles with case evidence by attempting to salvage corrupt video surveillance. He installed a battery backup for his workstation computer and completed an AX200 Axiom (forensic tool) certification. Merckel completed (3) Prosecutor Discovery Requests that resulted in the following work product: uploaded (11) pieces of Body Camera footage, (14) Dash/In-Car Camera Footage, (0) Photos and conducted (0) uploads into SharePoint.

Investigations Assistant and Victim Advocate Kim Shupert was called out (0) times on duty, and (1) time off duty this month. She made contact with (7) new victims. Shupert made (6) victim contacts via telephone, (5) victim contacts via text/email, and (0) victim contacts in person. She completed (1) Public Access request, (0) redactions needed, assisted the Investigations Unit in (27) IDACS/NCIC queries, uploaded (26) 310's, transferred (2) cases to other agencies, and sent (0) search warrants. Shupert continued with the IACP Law Enforcement Victim's Advocate on-line training completing two new modules that included (3) additional hours covering U & T Visas- Undocumented Victims and Victim's Rights Part 2.

Intelligence Analyst/Ancillary Property Room Custodian Michael Langeman was called out (2) times, consulted (15) times, reviewed (32) crime tips or bulletins, disseminated (13) intelligence or safety communications, conducted surveillance (1) time and conducted (5) inter-agency collaborations. Langeman is currently gathering intelligence on check fraud perpetrated by the “Felony Lane Gang” which is based out of North Carolina but responsible for a multitude of fraud activity throughout the Midwest.

During the course of his Property Room duties, Langeman collected/processed (0) items of evidence this month. He checked in (15) items of evidence, signed out (5) items of evidence to Officers and returned (3) items of property to owners. He transferred (0) items of evidence to another agency. Langeman completed (0) Prosecutor Discovery Requests for physical evidence. He made (0) trips to the ISP Lab, completed (0) lab submissions, (1) trip to the jail and (0) trips were made to the hospital. Langeman attended EVO and low-light firearms training as well.

Assistant Property Room Manager Kristi Braziel recently started with the unit performing property and evidence custodial functions. Kristi has been receiving significant training since her appointment. In the course of her duties, she assisted with checking in (158) items of evidence, signed out (2) items of evidence to Officers, returned (0) items of property to owners and transferred (0) items to other agencies. Braziel completed (0) Prosecutor Discovery Requests that resulted in the following work product: uploaded (0) pieces of Body Camera footage, (0) Dash/In-Car Camera Footage, and (0) Photos. Training in this area of responsibility continues. She accompanied Knowles on numerous trips to the ISP Lab as well as went to the hospital twice and the jail once for evidence purposes. Braziel completed (5) lab submissions and assisted with emptying the lobby Rx box. She completed (6) hours of on-line Property Room & Evidence Training and her unit training by Knowles is ongoing.

Administrative Services

The month of April has again been very busy for the Administrative Service Unit. In addition to their normal daily duties Heidi Shepherd and Debbie Umbanhowar have worked on summer camp supplies as well as registering the children that have been approved to attend the camp. In addition, a Lateral/Certified recruitment was launched on April 9th. As of May 1st, (34) applications have been received and (17) of them are actually qualified for the process based upon their certifications and experience.

In the month of April, the Administrative Services Unit processed (42) public access requests, (21) criminal history requests, (6) gun permits, (11) sets of fingerprints, (4) rider requests, (17) vehicle releases and (70) alarm permit transactions. Fees generated totaled \$1982.00 below is a breakdown of the collected fees:




➤ Accident Reports	\$	40.00
➤ Incident Reports	\$	30.00
➤ Vehicle Release	\$	360.00
➤ Criminal Histories	\$	10.00
➤ Alarm Transactions	\$	1500.00
➤ Vin Check	\$	0.00
➤ Notary Fees	\$	0.00
➤ Fingerprints	\$	30.00
➤ Pictures/CD	\$	0.00
➤ Off Duty Mgmt.	\$	12.00

Public Information

The agency received several media contacts/inquires throughout the month of April. The majority of the media inquiries (television and written) revolved around the double homicide investigation (from last month), a recent stabbing and updates on significant incidents from throughout the last several weeks/months including vehicle pursuit(s)/crash and several ongoing investigations. In addition, BPD received inquiries reference pending Hendricks County Sheriff's cases that occurred adjacent to Brownsburg jurisdiction.

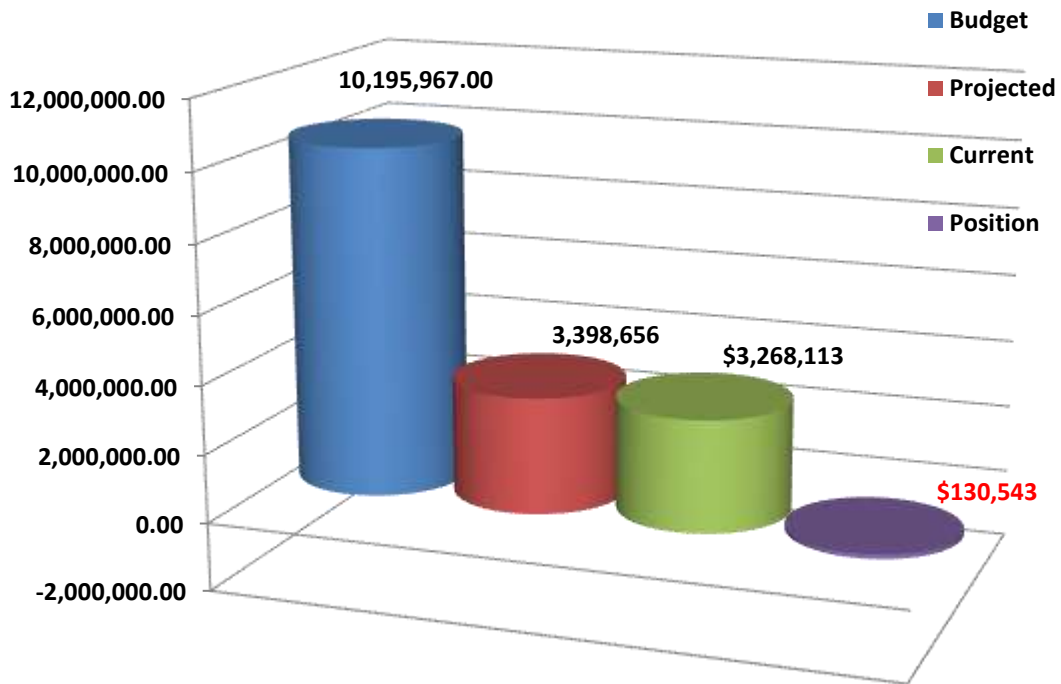
The department also released (23) Facebook posts, (0) Facebook Crime Tips post, (12) Posts from X /Twitter, (6) Instagram Posts

Current subscriber lists report the following number of members:

Media Resource	Subscribers/Contacts
Facebook 	15,217
Facebook Crime Tips 	8,000
Twitter/ X 	3,314
Instagram	1,571

Budget

As of April 30, 2025, the department expended 32.05% of its budget. As is typical of April, we are slightly under budget. Encumbered funds from 2024 totaled \$15,067 and are reflected in the total budget amount.



Information Technology

Lt. John Depinet Information Technology worked on improving several digital forms, formats and workflows throughout April to ensure they are accurate and easy for officers to use. He identified and repaired several small technical issues that came up during the month to keep systems running smoothly. Depinet also reviewed how internal paperwork is handled and made updates for clarity to remain in line with department standards and procedures.

Lt. Depinet has assisted Capt. Bullock to ensure that Town Court proceedings are adequately staffed as it relates to security throughout April.

Human Resources

Brownsburg Police operated up until April 21st with (5) vacancies in the sworn officer category. BPD currently has no officers on light duty.

On April 21st, the following candidates were sworn in as the newest Brownsburg Police Officers: Donna Davenport, Nathaniel Giblin and Austin Hyde. Each of the listed Officers will begin training with BPD staff to prepare them for the upcoming academy session beginning on May 5th. Morgan Ettenberger (who previously received a conditional offer of employment) has already obtained the ILEA certification and can move forward without additional academy training. She is scheduled to be sworn in with BPD in late May early June. With the recent (3) sworn officer being added to our staff the BPD has (59) sworn staff. When Ettenberger is sworn in our number will be (60) sworn. This is the most sworn officers in the history of the agency and we are very pleased with the caliber of officer being recruited and sworn into service.

In addition, at the April PC meeting a Lateral/Certified hiring process was approved and has moved forward with acceptance of pre-apps and full applications. As of the time of this report, we have received (17) validated applications and hope to interview all of the candidates on May 21st. The goal is to obtain (2) candidates from this process and establish a list of eligible candidates for utilization in any additional 2025 vacancies that may occur.

Training

Training Requested/Submitted to the Training Board in April

- Shepherd, Heidi *Management & Leadership Skills for New Managers and Supervisors (2-Day)*
- Umbanhowar, Debbie *Management & Leadership Skills for New Managers and Supervisors*
- Barrett, Jennifer *National Internal Affairs Conference*
- Bass, Jacque *National Internal Affairs Conference*
- Plichta, Bryce *Tactical Patrol Officer 1*
- Stanford, Daniel *National Internal Affairs Conference*
- Knowles, Todd *Forensic Science 101*

Hosted Training Courses for April

- BPD In-Service Firearms – Low Light Training
- Tactical Medicine – Medic Harder and Dr. Nossett
- STOPS Instructor School – ProTrain LLC
- Central Indiana Law Enforcement Training Council Meeting
- BPD In-service EVO Training – ILEA Track
- ERT Monthly Training

Training Facility utilization by outside agencies for the month of April

Outside Agency Facility Usage					
<u>Agency</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Shoot House</u>	<u>Mats</u>	<u>Classroom</u>
Avon PD Warrant Team	April 10		X		
Pittsboro PD	April 16	X			
ICE	April 23, 24	X	X		
IRS CI	April 30	X			

Training Invoices sent out for April

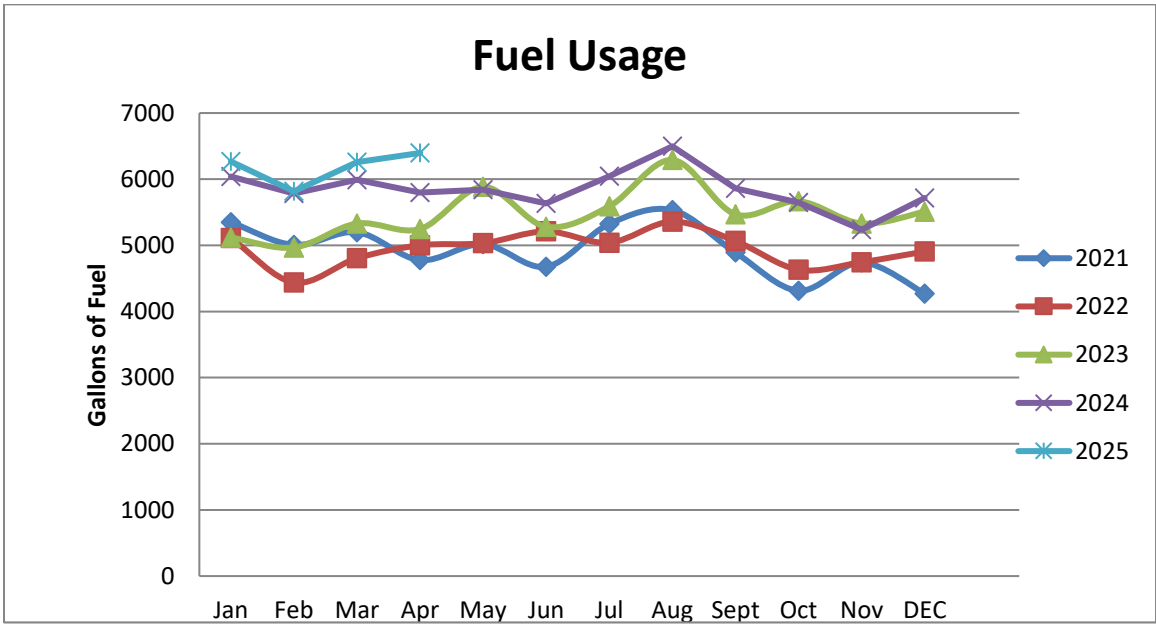
- ICE – 2 days of Shoot house
- IRS CI – 1 day of Range

Training Coordinator Business

- Tactical Medicine training was completed for the Department by Dr. Nossett and Deputy Fire Chief Harder
- Firearms Low Light Training completed
- EVO training as completed at ILEA. (27) Officers were in attendance
- New Hire Training has been taking place since April 21st.
- New Hires all completed the Entry PT test for ILEA class 236, which begins on May 5, 2025.
- All onboarding training for new hires has been completed and they report to the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA).

Vehicle Fleet

The town garage staff continue to prep, outfit and rollout the newest 2025 patrol vehicles. The vehicles being replaced (which are 2018 and 2019) are being rolled into the pool fleet and some are being reassigned to new officers who have been recently hired. We currently have received the additional (6) vehicles from the second installment of the 2024 CCD. Five (5) older units (2013s) have been rotated out and sent to auction. The first installment of vehicles have been ordered and will include (2) K9 replacement vehicles and several patrol vehicles. The (2) K9 vehicles being purchased will be Ford Expeditions to consolidate the fleet under the Ford product line. In the meantime, garage staff continue to perform routine and preventative maintenance to ensure the safety and life of the vehicle fleet is being maintained. The fuel number for April was 6,396 gallons used by Police units. This amount is slightly up from last month total numbers and slightly increased from the April 2024 usage amounts. However, the agency is also now staffed with (59) sworn officers as opposed to last year's number of (56). For all intents and purposes, usage continue to remain very consistent with previous months and years considering the number of sworn, reserves and civilian staff utilizing department vehicles (see below chart). Our officers and staff continue to be mindful and conservative of the fuel utilized both on and off duty.



*Respectfully Submitted,
Major Andrew Watts*