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JUNE 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 (30) new cases, screened (79) outside agency reports - (27) of which were screened in for Case Reports. They also closed and/or suspended (21) cases, and closed (3) cases with (4) arrests. The crime trend for this month was *Personal Crimes*. The Unit served (29) search warrants and/or subpoenas, conducted (40) interviews, completed (2) background investigations and attended (36) Child Forensic Interviews this month.

Captain Barrett assisted Det. Sgt. Wells in the coordination of case logistics and evidence collection in the *Main Street University* case. Barrett hosted a meeting with the Hendricks County Prosecutor's Office regarding this case, and attended multiple meetings regarding a confidential matter. Barrett fielded (14) media inquiries this month from Fox 59, WTHR, WRTV, and Indy Star reference updates on the *Main Street University* case, as well as inquiries reference information on various other cases.

Detective Sgt. Bass made no arrests this month, and closed no cases. He is actively investigating a fraud where a business in Delaware received an order for products in the amount of \$26,000 and the products were shipped to an address in Brownsburg but payment was never received. The person who resides at the address is already the subject of several frauds and is under current investigation. Bass is also investigating a Robbery at a residence where a *Taser* or stun gun was used to force the victim to provide access to his phone, after which the suspect used *Cash App* to transfer funds. He also responded to (3) separate deceased persons at residences where circumstances are not suspicious. Bass was called out (5) times and was consulted (4) times this month by road personnel. He completed (1) background investigation.

Detective Sgt. Stanford made no arrests this month but closed (3) cases. As the detective on call, he responded to a “person shot” call at a residence where it is alleged a husband shot himself in the chest following a physical domestic dispute with his wife. A search warrant was executed on the residence and the autopsy was attended. The final official determination of the investigation is still pending. However, no charges have been filed at this time. Stanford closed (2) fraud cases where one victim was refunded by the bank and no longer required the investigation and the other victim did not retain enough documentation to facilitate an investigation of an IRS scam. He is also investigating a fraud at a local store *The Hype Vault* where two pairs of shoes may have been fraudulently purchased using a compromised credit card. He responded to a natural cause death investigation as well. Stanford was called out (1) time and was consulted (2) times this month by road personnel.

Detective Sgt. Wells made no arrests this month but closed (2) cases. Wells continues to investigate the *Main Street University* daycare child molestation case. He was assigned as lead detective and continues to screen reports from DCS of potential new victim(s), attend and conduct numerous interviews, enter/update case notes, phone calls, review search warrant/subpoena results, and handle victim contacts and prosecutor consultations. He has received substantial assistance from other members of the unit on this case. Pending search warrants for on-line evidence remain outstanding at this time. Wells was called out (2) times and was consulted (5) times this month by road personnel. He attended the county-wide MDT meeting this month.

Detective Sgt. O’Brien made no arrests this month but closed (2) cases. O’Brien continues to review data as a result of search warrants for the *Main Street University* daycare case. He was able to close a rape case as the victim stated it was consensual and there was no supporting data for rape from her cell phone. He also closed a CHINS case alleging photographs of nude girls were being sold with no evidence supporting the allegations. Another Child Molest case was closed with no charges due to lack of evidence and/or interview disclosure. Detective O’Brien was not called out but was consulted (2) times this month by road personnel.

Detective Sgt. Cronin made (2) arrests this month and closed (2) cases. Cronin is actively investigating a fraud involving persons living at a residence “renting” from an agency who only sells homes and another where the victim’s claim their account was hacked and fraudulent purchases were made. Search Warrants are being requested. He closed out a theft case from the local *Sportsman’s Warehouse* after the suspect was identified using social media as well as closed a fraud case with charges on a suspect who attempted to cash a stolen check at the *First Merchants Bank*. The stolen check suspect is believed to be affiliated with the *Felony Lane Gang (nationwide gang suspected of fraud/theft)*. Cronin also assisted Detective Stanford on the domestic dispute shooting/suicide case. Cronin was called out (1) time and was consulted (4) times this month by road personnel. He attended firearms training for rifle qualification as well.

Detective Cpl. Jeremiah Jones made no arrests this month but closed (4) cases. Jones continues to investigate a possible child molest involving a father that occurred two years ago, as well as another case where he is working with an agency in Pennsylvania who would have jurisdiction of separate child molest incident(s) branching from an active Brownsburg case. He also closed out an alleged child abuse case due to nothing criminal being disclosed by the potential victim in a forensic interview. In addition, Jones may be closing a sexual battery case where the juvenile victim's mother is not cooperating. Jones was not called out but was consulted (9) times this month by road personnel. He also attended ERT training.

Crime Scene Investigator and Property Room Manager Todd Knowles reported the following work product: Called out (6) times. Collected/processed (27) items of evidence from (6) crime scenes this month. Checked in (24) items of evidence, signed out (10) items of evidence to Officers, returned (1) item of property to owner(s) and transferred (0) items to other agencies. Knowles completed (36) Prosecutor Discovery Requests that resulted in the following work product: uploaded (58) pieces of Body Camera footage, (46) Dash/In-Car Camera Footage, and (0) Photos. He made (3) trips to the ISP Lab and completed (3) lab submissions. He made (1) trip to the hospital and (0) trips to the Prosecutor's Office. Knowles obtained/lifted (0) sets of fingerprints, collected (0) evidence swabs, uploaded (0) CAC (Vidanyx) interviews, and emptied the lobby Rx box for a total of (36) lbs. Knowles served (1) search warrant. Knowles continued to train Kristi Braziel in property and evidence functions who is now able to complete many functions independently. He also attended the local *Motorcycle Gang update meeting* and assisted at the Police and Fire Camp on bike day.

Forensics Analyst Anthony Merckel examined (2) cell phones, (0) tablets and (0) storage devices in June involving a child sex crime and a shooting/suicide. He was called out (0) times. Merckel switched out a non-working computer for a new build procured by Dan Maki. He ran tests on said computer, installed three storage drives, and set up a new backup power supply in the event of outages. He also set up a new computer as the dedicated cell device software workstation and upgraded the RAM on the old forensic computer from 64 GB to 128 GB.

Investigations Assistant and Victim Advocate Kim Shupert was called out (0) times on duty, and (1) time off duty this month. Shupert came in off duty as the victim advocate to assist Detective Cronin with a female whose spouse had just shot himself. She made contact with (7) new victims in June. Shupert made (6) victim contacts via telephone, (2) victim contacts via text/email, and (3) victim contacts in person. She completed (0) Public Access requests, (0) redactions needed, assisted the Investigations Unit in (47) IDACS/NCIC queries, uploaded (75) 310's, transferred (2) cases to other agencies, and sent (0) search warrants. Shupert continued the IACP Victim's Advocate online training track completing an additional 2 hours.

Intelligence Analyst Michael Langeman was called out (0) times, consulted (10) times, reviewed (35) crime tips or bulletins, disseminated (8) intelligence or safety communications, conducted surveillance (0) times and conducted (6) inter-agency collaborations. Langeman assisted in identifying and linking suspects to multiple burglaries, auto thefts and thefts from vehicles. He had nothing to report relating to Property and Evidence.

Assistant Property Room Manager Kristi Braziel continues to work with Todd Knowles in the Property and Evidence function. In the course of her duties, she checked in (146) items of evidence, signed out (26) items of evidence to Officers, returned (2) items of property to owners and transferred (1) item to another agency. Braziel assisted in completing Prosecutor Discovery Requests that resulted in the following work product: uploaded (0) pieces of Body Camera footage, (0) Dash/In-Car Camera Footage, and (426) Photos. Knowles completed the video evidence requests for the month. Braziel completed other special evidence requests by the Prosecutor's Office resulting in (7) evidentiary documents or notes and (9) interview videos being submitted. She accompanied Knowles on trips to the ISP Lab as well as went to the Prosecutor's Office and hospital (1) time. Braziel completed (0) lab submissions, (1) CAC download and assisted with emptying the lobby Rx box.

Administrative Services

June was again a busy month for the Administrative Service Unit. Heidi Shepherd and Debbie Umbanhowar assisted with both weeks of Summer Camp in June. Checking in/checking out campers was their primary responsibility. However, they assisted with whatever area had needs during all portions of the camp.

Heidi conducted (1) car seat inspection in the month of June for a citizen.

In the month of June, the Administrative Services Unit processed (34) public access requests, (32) criminal history requests, (10) gun permits, (3) sets of fingerprints, (2) rider requests, (18) vehicle releases and (56) alarm permit transactions. Fees generated totaled \$5,522.00 below is a breakdown of the collected fees:




➤ Accident Reports	\$	45.00
➤ Incident Reports	\$	35.00
➤ Vehicle Release	\$	360.00
➤ Criminal Histories	\$	5.00
➤ Alarm Transactions	\$	2155.00
➤ Vin Check	\$	0.00
➤ Notary Fees	\$	12.00
➤ Fingerprints	\$	0.00
➤ Pictures/CD/Video	\$	2850.00
➤ Off Duty Mgmt.	\$	60.00

Public Information

The agency received several media contacts/inquires throughout the month of June. The majority of the media inquiries (television and written) revolved around the double homicide investigation (from few months ago), a recent stabbing, the Day Care Child Molest investigation 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.

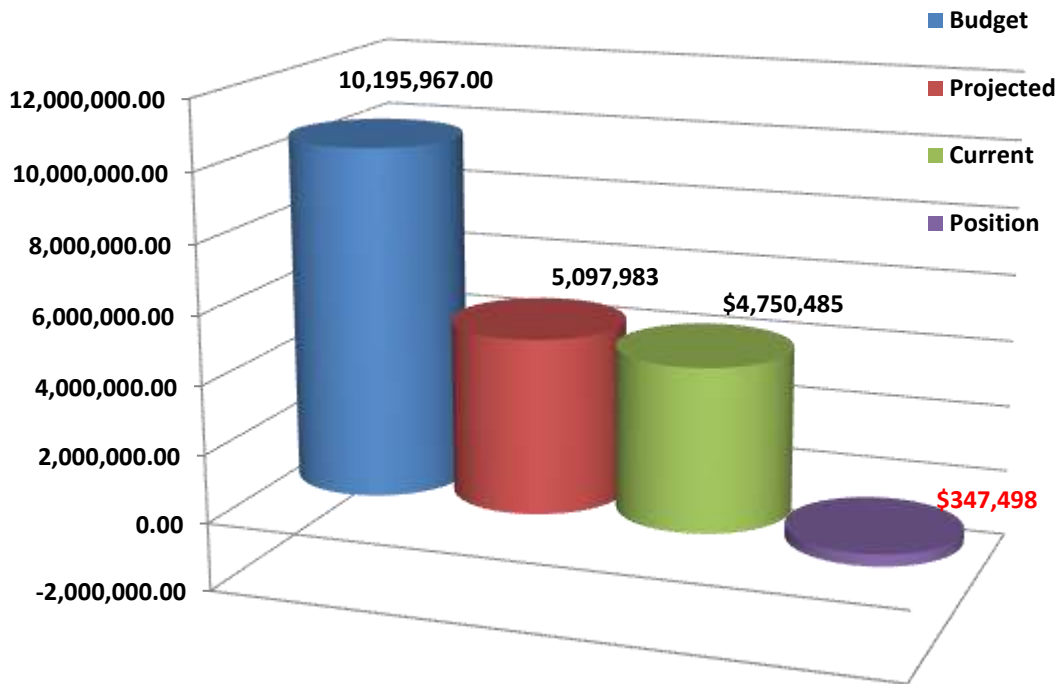
The department also released (26) Facebook posts, (0) Facebook Crime Tips post, (10) Posts from X /Twitter, (18) Instagram Posts

Current subscriber lists report the following number of members:

Media Resource	Subscribers/Contacts
Facebook 	15,364
Facebook Crime Tips 	8,000
Twitter/ X 	3,322
Instagram	1,642

Budget

As of June 30, 2025, the department expended 46.59% of its budget. As is typical of June, 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 reports that he worked with Utility, the in-car and body camera vendor, to troubleshoot an issue where officers were incorrectly listed as the creators of certain in-car videos. He inventoried all out of service mobile data computers and other unused IT equipment so that they can be properly disposed of. Depinet assisted traffic officers in resolving a GPS issue that occurred when switching between patrols cars and motorcycles, including coordinating with Panasonic support to permanently fix the problem. He also recently audited the ARIES accident reporting system and the eTicket system to verify all active users had the correct access and privileges.

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

Human Resources

Brownsburg Police operated through June with (3) officer vacancies. BPD currently has no officers on light duty.

The newest Brownsburg Police Officers: Donna Davenport, Nathaniel Giblin and Austin Hyde reported to the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on May 5th to begin their formal Basic Police Officer Certification training. They are anticipated to graduate on 8/22 and will then be transferred into FTO. On June 30th, Officer Chris Jones was sworn in to the ranks of the BPD. Jones joins us from Zionsville PD and is a former graduate of Brownsburg High School. We have start dates of July 14th for the remaining two vacant positions within the BPD. Morgan Ettenberger and Kenneth McAloon will swear in on Monday July 14th. Once those officers swear into service and are added to our staff the BPD will have (62) sworn staff members. This is the most sworn officers in the history of the agency and we are very pleased with the caliber of officers being recruited and sworn into service. The agency will continue to maintain an eligibility list from the lateral process to help expedite any replacements deemed necessary in 2025.



Major Watts (Left) Officer Chris Jones (Right)

Training

Training Requested/Submitted to the Training Board in June

- Heather Foote – Desert Snow Seminar
- Derek Heller – National Interdiction Conference
- David Koelling – Sandy Hook Debrief – Active Shooter (Free)
- Eustace Mlagan - Sandy Hook Debrief – Active Shooter (Free)
- Sarena Clay - Sandy Hook Debrief – Active Shooter (Free)
- Jeremiah Jones - Sandy Hook Debrief – Active Shooter (Free)
- Kevin Cronin - Sandy Hook Debrief – Active Shooter (Free)
- Doug Abshire - Sandy Hook Debrief – Active Shooter (Free)
- Ben Pyatt National Interdiction Conference
- Derek Heller – Mexican Cartel Investigations
- Joe Steward – Glock Armorers School
- Doug Abshire – Glock Armorers School
- Joe Fults – Glock Armorer’s School Recert
- Andy Watts – Glock Armorer’s School Recert

Hosted Training Courses for June

- NORSE tactical patrol Officers course
- Firearms in service – Patrol Rifle Qualifications
- ERT Monthly Training
- Summer Camp – 2 weeks
- CILETC Monthly Meeting
- TACFLOW – Urban Sniper School – 4 day course (one free host spot)

Training Facility utilization by outside agencies for the month of June

Outside Agency Facility Usage					
<u>Agency</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Shoot House</u>	<u>Mats</u>	<u>Classroom</u>
IUPD	June 2 and 9	X			
Speedway PD	June 6	X			
Avon PD	June 12		X		
BCSCPD	June 3	X			

Training Invoices sent out for June

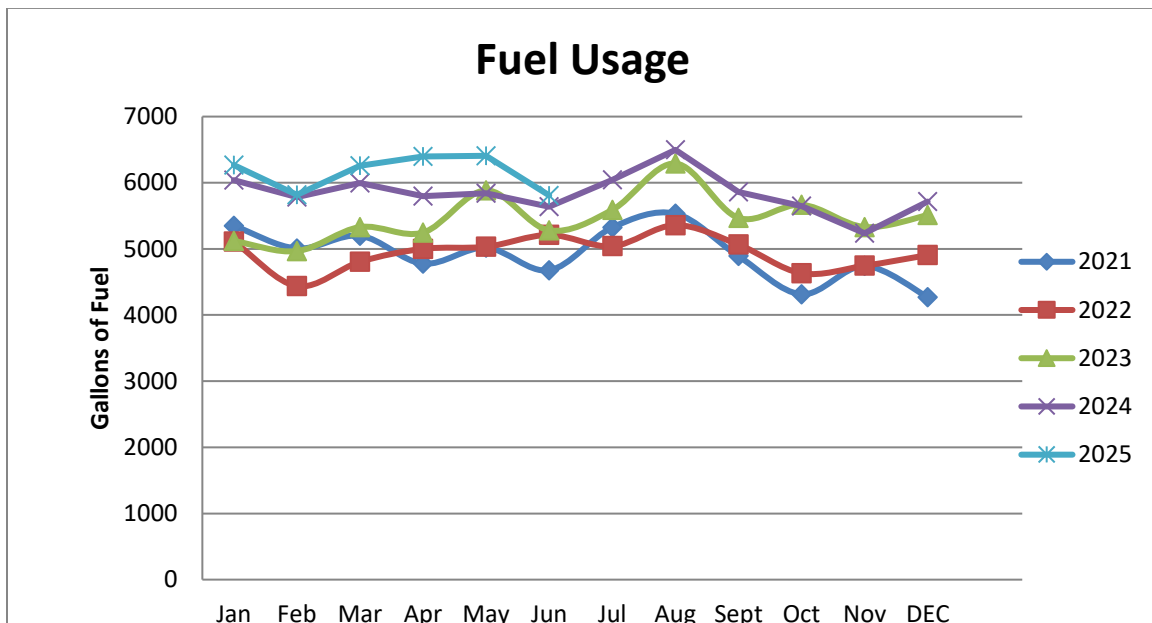
- IUPD- 2 Days of Range

Training Coordinator Business

- **Officers Davenport, Giblin, and A. Hyde** continued their training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) the entire month of June. Each Officer continues to perform well and have completed two of their five breakout weeks. They are on schedule to graduate August 22, 2025.

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 2025 vehicles have arrived and will include (2) K9 replacement vehicles and several patrol vehicles. The (2) K9 vehicles purchased are Ford Expeditions to consolidate the fleet under the Ford product line. The new Expeditions are very similar in size to the previously used Tahoes, but will be using the Ford Eco-boost 6 cylinder engine with turbo platform. This should help with overall gas mileage and fuel economy on the larger SUVs. 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 June was 5,808 gallons used by Police units. This amount is down from last month total numbers and slightly increased from the June 2024 usage amounts. However, the agency is also now staffed with (60) 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*