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# **JULY 2025**

## **MONTHLY SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT**

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CHIEF OF POLICE  
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BROWNSBURG POLICE COMMISSION



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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
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- Purchasing/Budget
- Information & Technology
- Human Resources
- Training
- Vehicle Fleet

### Investigations

The Investigations Unit received (30) new cases, screened (19) outside agency reports - none of which were screened in for Case Reports, closed and/or suspended (31) cases, and closed (0) cases with (0) arrests. The crime trend for this month was *Property Crimes*. The Unit served (10) search warrants and/or subpoenas, conducted (16) interviews, completed (0) background investigations and attended (8) Child Forensic Interviews this month.

*Captain Barrett* attended a State SART Board meeting, attended (4) confidential meetings, and is currently investigating (2) confidential cases. Captain Barrett launched the recruitment process for the Investigation Unit's anticipated new Detective. This process requires candidates to submit an essay, interview with the Executive Staff, along with an audit of their personnel file and a point system that reviews their professional background, educational background, and investigative background. Barrett had (7) inquiries from media outlets this month.

*Detective Sgt. Bass* made no arrests this month, but closed (2) cases. He is actively investigating fraudulent purchases of medical supplies totaling over \$30,000. The perpetrator appears to be involved in several additional fraud cases. A search warrant was executed at the suspect's residence and the investigation is still on going. Bass is also investigating numerous instances of vandalism to the B & O trail, the local dog park restroom and Cardinal Elementary. Juvenile suspects have been identified. He also responded to a person shot (accidental discharge of a weapon) and a DOA drug overdose. Bass was called out (5) times and was consulted (4) times this month by road personnel. He attended Active Shooter training.

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*Detective Sgt. Stanford* made no arrests this month but closed (5) cases. Stanford is currently investigating a fraud case involving an unauthorized withdrawal from a *Discovery* account in the amount of \$17,000 and a *PayPal* scam through *Zelle* resulting in a \$500 loss. He is also conducting an investigation of immigration fraud for which he is in contact with ICE for guidance, as well as an instance of a counterfeit \$100 bill deposited at a local bank. A fraud case he was working involving \$500,000 in *Bitcoin* has been suspended due to lack of responses or information from search warrants. It will be reopened if additional information is received. 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 (12) cases. Wells continues to conduct follow up work on the *Main Street University* daycare child molestation case. He responded to an infant death which has been determined to be an accident and after preliminary determinations about a *Child Molest* case, transferred it to the Hendricks County Sheriff. Wells also completed a fraud case involving identity theft and fraudulent product orders where the victim was assisted with stopping deliveries and communication with her financial institutions. Wells was not called out but was consulted (10) times this month by road personnel. He completed (1) CVSA examination and assisted Chief Grimes with a situation involving threatening emails being sent to a neighboring jurisdiction Police Chief.

*Detective Sgt. O'Brien* made no arrests this month but closed (3) cases. O'Brien is investigating two separate harassment incidents where photos involving nudity were circulated or posted without permission. He is also investigating an incident where an unknown substance may have been put into an open container by a person not consuming its contents. It is unknown what the substance was and the investigation continues. O'Brien also closed three cases in July where alleged incidents did not warrant criminal charges. Detective O'Brien was not called out and was not consulted this month by road personnel.

*Detective Sgt. Cronin* made no arrests this month but closed (4) cases. Cronin is actively investigating a theft involving a *Facebook Marketplace* exchange where the suspects took the items without paying and fled from the meet location. He is also working a theft of cargo from the local *Sur La Table*. The cargo is valued at nearly \$500,000. A trailer that the product was being hauled in never arrived at its destination for delivery. This case is ongoing. Cronin reassigned a case involving criminal mischief in the form of damage to a vehicle at the Napa Auto Parts due to road officers having leads and possible video of a suspect. They will continue the investigation. He also responded to an accidental infant death along with Detective Wells. Cronin was called out (1) time and was consulted (3) times this month by road personnel.

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*Detective Cpl. Jeremiah Jones* made no arrests this month but closed (5) cases. Jones was assigned and closed in coordination with the Prosecutor's Office, a *Battery to a Child* case where various CAC interviews as well as two interviews of the mother didn't generate any evidence the battery occurred. He also was called out for a sexual assault at a local nursing home where both the victim and perpetrator have advanced Dementia. At present, the rooms of parties involved have been moved and Jones plans to discuss the incident with a nurse who may be a witness. Considering the state of the victim and suspect, it is possible charges will not be pursued. Jones is also investigating a possible sexual assault between siblings. The case is ongoing. Jones was called out (1) time and was consulted (12) times this month by road personnel and attended ERT as well as Active Shooter training.

*Crime Scene Investigator and Property Room Manager Todd Knowles* reported the following work product: Called out (8) times. Collected/processed (33) items of evidence from (4) crime scenes this month. Checked in (5) items of evidence, signed out (8) items of evidence to Officers, returned (1) item of property to owners and transferred (2) items to other agencies. Knowles completed (31) Prosecutor Discovery Requests that resulted in the following work product: uploaded (56) pieces of Body Camera footage, (64) Dash/In-Car Camera Footage, and (0) Photos. He made (5) trips to the ISP Lab and completed (2) lab submissions. He made (0) trips to the hospital and (0) trips to the Prosecutor's Office. Knowles obtained/lifted (5) sets of fingerprints, collected (5) evidence swabs, uploaded (0) CAC (Vidanyx) interviews, and emptied the lobby Rx box for a total of (83) lbs. Knowles served (1) search warrant. Knowles attended Active Shooter training, obtained his Field Drug Test certification and attended the Motorcycle Gang meeting.

*Forensics Analyst Anthony Merckel* examined (1) cell phone, (1) tablet and (0) storage devices in July involving child sex crimes. He was called out (0) times. Merckel renewed the licensing of two forensic tools. He has an active phone from an IMPD case in the state of being "bruteforced" that continues to try to generate a passcode. Merckel also updated current extraction software to their latest versions and cleared the property room of (4) cell phones on a charging station where the case has been closed. He 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, (0) Photos and conducted (0) uploads into SharePoint.

*Investigations Assistant and Victim Advocate Kim Shupert* was called out (0) times on duty, and (0) times off duty this month. She made contact with (4) new victims in July. Shupert made (5) victim contacts via telephone, (7) victim contacts via text/email, and (0) victim contacts in person. She completed (0) Public Access requests, (0) redactions needed, assisted the Investigations Unit in (14) IDACS/NCIC queries, uploaded (17) 310's, transferred (4) cases to other agencies, and sent (0) search warrants. Shupert continued the IACP Victim's Advocate online training track "Improving Victim Services Provision: Challenges and Considerations". She also constructed specialized binders for various unit tasks and assisted with the community relations table at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event in the park.

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*Intelligence Analyst Michael Langeman* was not called out but was consulted (6) times, reviewed (25) crime tips or bulletins, disseminated (4) intelligence or safety communications, conducted surveillance (0) times and conducted (4) inter-agency collaborations. Langeman also prepared and submitted information for prosecutor review and continues to assist Detective Wells with the Main Street Daycare case reviewing generated data. He had nothing to report relating to Property and Evidence.

*Assistant Property Room Manager Kristi Braziel* continues to assist Todd Knowles in the Property and Evidence function. In the course of her duties, she checked in (195) items of evidence, signed out (38) items of evidence to Officers, returned (14) items of property to owners and transferred (0) items 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 (22) Photos. This task is shared with Todd Knowles. She accompanied Knowles on trips to the ISP Lab as well as acted as a scribe on scene of a search warrant being executed. Braziel completed (7) lab submissions, (7) CAC (Vidanyx) downloads and assisted with emptying the lobby Rx box. She also had the opportunity to tour the High Tech Crime Unit forensic lab at ISU.

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## Administrative Services

July has been a steady month for the Administrative Service Unit. In addition to all daily duties and responsibilities, Heidi Shepherd worked toward getting the department compliant with ICJI reference the grant funded *car seat program*. Debbie Umbanhowar assisted with the NASCAR Truck Race on July 25<sup>th</sup> by providing dispatch services for the event.

In the month of July, the Administrative Services Unit processed (47) public access requests, (27) criminal history requests, (13) gun permits, (7) sets of fingerprints, (5) rider requests, (17) vehicle releases and (49) alarm permit transactions. Fees generated totaled \$1,682.00 below is a breakdown of the collected fees:

➤ Accident Reports	\$	85.00
➤ Incident Reports	\$	70.00
➤ Vehicle Release	\$	340.00
➤ Criminal Histories	\$	5.00
➤ Alarm Transactions	\$	1140.00
➤ Vin Check	\$	0.00
➤ Notary Fees	\$	0.00
➤ Fingerprints	\$	30.00
➤ Pictures/CD/Video	\$	0.00
➤ Off Duty Mgmt.	\$	12.00




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## **Public Information**

The agency received several media contacts/inquires throughout the month of July. The majority of the media inquiries (television and written) revolved around the double homicide investigation (from few months ago), a stabbing (from few months ago), 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 (17) Facebook posts, (0) Facebook Crime Tips post, (11) Posts from X /Twitter, (9) Instagram Posts

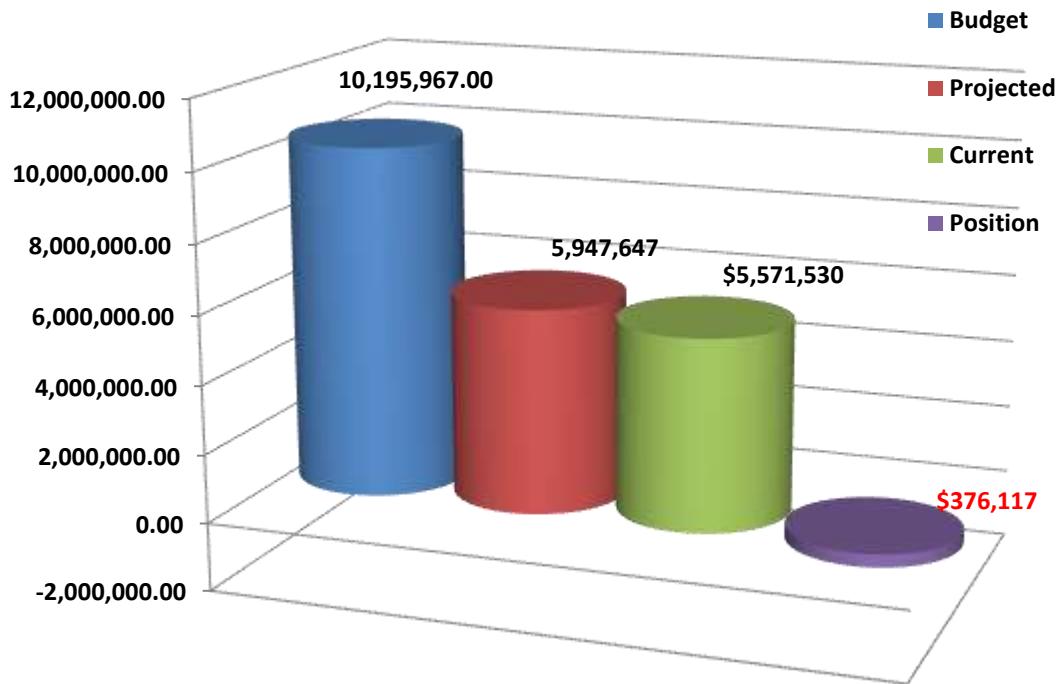
Current subscriber lists report the following number of members:

Media Resource	Subscribers/Contacts
<b>Facebook</b> 	<b>15,429</b>
<b>Facebook Crime Tips</b> 	<b>8,000</b>
<b>Twitter/ X</b> 	<b>3,326</b>
<b>Instagram</b>	<b>1,672</b>

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## **Budget**

As of July 31, 2025 the department expended 54.64% of its budget. As is typical of July, we are slightly under budget. Encumbered funds from 2024 totaled \$15,067 and are reflected in the total budget amount.



The BPD has presented and conducted our first round of 2026 Budget discussions with the town admin. We are waiting on our second round of discussions and have continued to plan accordingly as it relates to 2026 Budget preparation and third quarter 2025 budget analysis.

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### **Information Technology**

*Lt. John Depinet Information Technology* reports he is continuing to focus on improving technology and field efficiency for officers. He ordered new printers and scanners for road personnel. He is continuing with the same proven models that have consistently provided dependable performance for several years. Depinet also began developing and integrating new forms with the LAS (Laserfiche Arrest Suite) system. The developments are designed to simplify data entry to speed up workflows, allowing officers to spend more time on patrol.

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

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## **Human Resources**

Brownsburg Police began July with (3) officer vacancies. BPD currently has two officers on light duty, both are non-work related injuries/treatments. The three Brownsburg Police Officers at ILEA: Donna Davenport, Nathaniel Giblin and Austin Hyde continue to progress through the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in an effort to complete their formal Basic Police Officer Certification training. They are anticipated to graduate on 8/22 and will then be transferred into *Field Training*. On July 14<sup>th</sup> Officer Kenneth McAloon and Morgan Ettenberger were sworn in to the ranks of the BPD. McAloon joins us from IMPD and Ettenberger comes from IUPD Bloomington. Both officers come to us with experience and are expected to move quickly through their formal *Field training*. Officer Jacob Ward resigned from our agency in July to return his family to Illinois where he plans to pursue a career in the fire service. Ward leaves BPD with (4) years of experience. We wish him and his family the best in their move and employment transition. In an effort to fill the vacancy created by Ward's resignation we have the Police Commission extended an offer of employment to Callahan Baxter. Baxter has completed all aspects of the conditional offer at the time of this report and will begin her employment with BPD on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Once she is sworn in to service and added to our staff the BPD will have reached it full staffing allotment of (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 officer 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.



*Ettenberger and McAloon swear in photo*

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**Training**

**Training Requested/Submitted to the Training Board in July**

- Jacob Smith – Basic Motorcycle Course
- Elsiana Crosby - Field Training Officer Course

**Hosted Training Courses for July**

- Red Dot Transition Course – BPD TF with new hire Chris Jones 7/01
- Rifle Range Patrol Rifle – Boone Co Range with new hire Chris Jones 7/03
- Mandatory Fourth Amendment Training – Jayson Marksberry
- ERT Monthly Training x 2
- CILETC Monthly Meeting
- BPD Active Threat Training at East Middle School – 2 days
- Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) Recertification – 2 days
- Red Dot Transition Course – Boone Co Range 2 new hires and 2 Pittsboro Officers
- Patrol Rifle School – Boone Co Range 2 new hires and 2 Pittsboro Officers

**Training Facility utilization by outside agencies for the month of July**

<b>Outside Agency Facility Usage</b>					
<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>
FBI	7/10	X	X		
US Probation	7/14-7/15	X			
ICE	7/16-7/17	X			

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### **Training Invoices sent out for July**

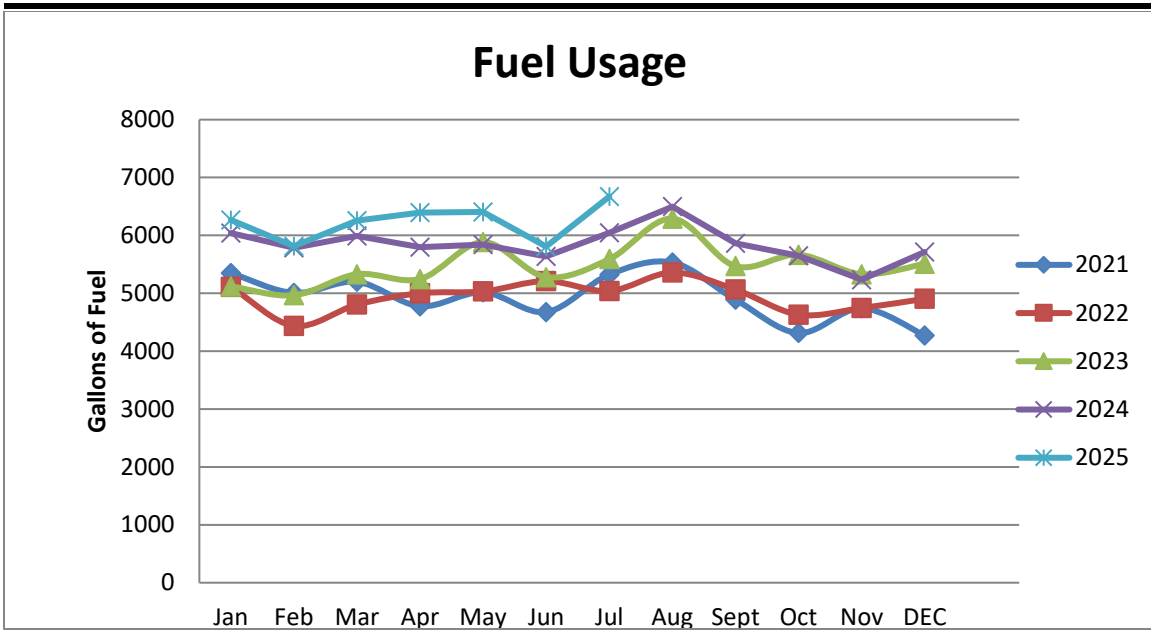
- US Probation – 2 days of Range
- ICE – 2 Days of Range

### **Training Coordinator Business**

- **Officers Davenport, Giblin, and Hyde** continued their training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) the entire month of July. Each Officer continues to perform well and have completed all of their five breakout weeks. All have successfully qualified with their duty weapons as well. They are on schedule to graduate August 22, 2025.
- The Training Unit completed all new hire training for Officers C. Jones, Ettenberger and McAloon.

### **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 July was 6,671 gallons used by Police units. This amount is increased from last month total numbers and increased from the July 2024 usage amounts. However, the agency is also now staffed with (61) 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*