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# AUGUST 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.

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### Investigations

The Investigations Unit received (22) new cases, screened (48) outside agency reports - (4) of which were screened in for Case Reports. They also closed and/or suspended (19) cases, and closed (1) case with (1) arrest. The crime trend for this month was *Property Crimes*. The Unit served (4) search warrants and/or subpoenas, conducted (7) interviews, completed (0) background investigations and attended (3) Child Forensic Interviews this month.

*Captain Barrett* attended a State SART meeting, a State CFR meeting, and assisted an IMPD Detective with a confidential investigation this month. Barrett created a new transparent and competitive Detective Selection process that consisted of requiring candidates to apply utilizing a workflow form that requested information from their various areas of experience, education, and years of service in law enforcement and military (if applicable), along with training records and personnel file reviews. Candidates were required to write an essay that was graded using a third party AI source for content, grammar, punctuation and spelling. All candidates participated in an interview with a board that consisted of Chief Grimes, Major Watts, Major Fultz, and Sgt. Bass. The process resulted in a list of well-qualified candidates that the Investigations Unit will be utilizing to fulfill openings for Detective as needed.

As a result, the Investigations Unit welcomed Detective Jalen Christian-Moss. Christian-Moss joins the Investigations Unit with nearly five years of Detective experience, specifically in the aggravated assault unit, at his former place of employment, IMPD.

Captain Barrett concluded her assist with one of the confidential investigations she was assigned this month, but continues to investigate two more cases that are confidential. Barrett attended the National Internal Affairs Conference this month.

*Detective Sgt. Bass* was on medical leave during the entire month of August with nothing to report

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*Detective Sgt. Stanford* made no arrests this month but closed (5) cases. Stanford is following up on a Fraud case where student loans were taken out in the victim's name. He is also investigating a Theft where the victim had their Instacart account hacked and money she had earned was stolen. Stanford closed a case due to lack of leads involving Burglary of vapes from a gas station due to lifted fingerprints returning a negative result and the suspect could not be identified using security video. The FBI has taken over a case where the victim was defrauded out of over two million dollars. Stanford was not called out but was consulted (1) time this month by road personnel. He attended an Internal Affairs conference in Louisville, Kentucky on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Detective Sgt. Wells* made no arrests this month but closed (5) cases. Wells is actively investigating a Child Molest. He continues to work on the *Main Street University Daycare* case, most recently conducting interviews in an attempt to identify a child. Wells is working with Jefferson County Sex Crimes in Kentucky regarding adjudicated case of a suspect who now may be charged in Kentucky for acts occurring in that jurisdiction by providing some of his work product. Wells was called out (1) time and was consulted (4) times this month by road personnel. He attended a week long *Child Crimes Conference* in Dallas, Texas on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Detective Sgt. O'Brien* made no arrests this month and closed (0) cases. O'Brien continues to investigate three separate harassment incidents where photos involving nudity were circulated or posted without permission. He is also conducting a follow up on a disturbance where a father is alleged to have brandished a weapon while forcibly picking up his juvenile daughter from his ex-wife's residence (Kidnapping was ruled out). A forensic interview of the daughter may be completed by DCS. O'Brien will be closing out a report involving an incident where an unknown substance may have been put into an open container by a person not consuming its contents. CSI Knowles provided information that the substance was determined to be "backwash" and no more avenues of testing would be completed. Due to there being no adverse effects on the recipient. The case is not being pursued. Detective O'Brien was called out (1) time and was consulted (2) times this month by road personnel.

*Detective Sgt. Cronin* made no arrests this month but closed (5) cases. He is actively investigating a reported Fraud involving the victim sending money to a person posing as country singer Morgan Wallen. The loss totaled \$10,000. Search Warrants are being requested. Cronin closed a case where the victim of theft of his phone and wallet at a local hotel stopped cooperating and stopped communicating. He is also investigating another Fraud where the victim was told they needed to pay bond money to the Brownsburg Police Department and they did so using gift cards. In addition, another Fraud involving a Venmo account was hacked and money sent to an unknown person is being investigated. Search Warrants are pending in both cases. Cronin was called out (1) time and was consulted (0) times this month by road personnel.

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*Detective Cpl. Jeremiah Jones* made no arrests this month but closed (6) cases. Jones closed out a missing runaway case by following up with DCS who confirmed the teenager was accounted for and placed with a new foster family. Jones is taking steps to have the runaway removed from IDACS/NCIC. He is also actively investigating Child Solicitation of a worker at Wal-Mart where a customer is alleged to have been sexually harassing the worker for the last three (3) years. The victim states that previous Loss Prevention at the store had not taken any steps to stop the harassment but new LP employees have now addressed the situation. The suspect has been identified and trespassed from the premises. Jones is working on making contact with said suspect. Jones was called out (0) times and was consulted (6) times this month by road personnel. He attended two ERT trainings.

*Detective Jalen Christian-Moss* started with the Unit on August 25<sup>th</sup>. He has begun his training as a new Detective and is working through the training program. Moss has already begun casework and made (1) arrest this month and closed (2) cases. Moss was able to identify a suspect using social media who was committing fraud by gaining access to a company email and redirecting a check payment. Moss coordinated with Purcellville Virginia PD to gain the identity of the person using a vehicle registration. This case is ongoing. Moss also filed for an arrest warrant on a suspect who stole a gas-powered saw from the bed of a work truck at a local gas station. Using the Flock camera system, he identified the suspect vehicle, which led to identifying the suspect. Moss was not called out, but was consulted (6) times this month by road personnel.

*Crime Scene Investigator and Property Room Manager Todd Knowles* reported the following work product: Called out (9) times. Collected/processed (31) items of evidence from (2) crime scenes this month. Checked in (9) items of evidence, signed out (6) items of evidence to Officers, returned (0) items of property to owners and transferred (0) items to other agencies. Knowles completed (25) Prosecutor Discovery Requests that resulted in the following work product: uploaded (102) pieces of Body Camera footage, (67) Dash/In-Car Camera Footage, and (0) Photos. He made (5) trips to the ISP Lab and completed (1) lab submission. He made (0) trips to the hospital and (3) trips to the Prosecutor's Office. Knowles obtained/lifted (2) sets of fingerprints, collected (5) evidence swabs, uploaded (0) CAC (Vidanyx) interviews, and emptied the lobby Rx box for a total of 62 lbs. Knowles served no search warrants but made (2) trips to the *High Tech Crime Unit* at ISU. Knowles attended the MC gang meeting, had 520 pounds of drugs destroyed at Covanta and had to appear in court on August 28<sup>th</sup> for an evidence return hearing.

*Forensics Analyst Anthony Merckel* examined (0) cell phones, (0) tablets and (0) storage devices in July involving child sex crimes. He was called out (0) times. Merckel completed all updates of software on all forensic machines as well as updated the blocker locker, moving phones from the locker to standard evidence storage. He also participated in the training of the new detective by reviewing digital forensics procedures with him.

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*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 August. Shupert made (4) victim contacts via telephone, (1) 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 (4) IDACS/NCIC queries, uploaded (16) 310's, transferred (2) cases to other agencies, and sent (0) search warrants. Shupert continued the IACP Victim's Advocate online training track "Victim Services and PIO Collaboration". She assisted in constructing an IA binder, created a comprehensive flow chart for responding to and completing APRA requests and generated training checklists for the new detective. Shupert also created a Laserfiche form application, assembled interview forms and produced a ranking spreadsheet for the new Detective recruitment. She conducted some training with the new detective regarding her tasks as well.

*Intelligence Analyst Michael Langeman* was called out (0) times, consulted (8) times, reviewed (35) crime tips or bulletins, disseminated (4) intelligence or safety communications, conducted surveillance (0) times and conducted (4) inter-agency collaborations. Langeman instructed the "*Brownsburg Older Alliance*" group along with Captain Bullock regarding fraud recognition and protection at the library on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Assistant Property Room Manager Kristi Braziel* has received significant training in the property and evidence function and is now completing tasks independently as well as has direct access to the *Property Room*. In the course of her duties, she checked in (183) items of evidence, signed out (16) items of evidence to Officers, returned (21) items of property to owners and transferred (0) items to another agency. Braziel completed (1) Prosecutor Discovery request solo and assisted Knowles in completing others that resulted in the work product reported in the Crime Scene Investigator and Property Room Manager segment of this report. She accompanied Knowles on (3) trips to the ISP Lab as well as went to the *High Tech Crime Unit* at ISU. Braziel also assisted with the drug destruction at Covanta. Braziel completed (6) lab submissions, (3) CAC (Vidanyx) downloads and assisted with emptying the lobby Rx box.

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## **Administrative Services**

August has been a steady month for the Administrative Service Unit. Heidi Shepherd and Debbie Umbanhowar provided assistance at the US Nationals event at Lucas Oil Raceway by providing dispatch services Aug 29-Sept 1. This was in addition to their normal daily duties in the front office.

In the month of August, the Administrative Services Unit processed (59) public access requests, (32) criminal history requests, (4) gun permits, (8) sets of fingerprints, (2) rider requests, (24) vehicle releases and (37) alarm permit transactions. Fees generated totaled \$1,955.00 below is a breakdown of the collected fees:

➤ Accident Reports	\$	50.00
➤ Incident Reports	\$	65.00
➤ Vehicle Release	\$	440.00
➤ Criminal Histories	\$	10.00
➤ Alarm Transactions	\$	1370.00
➤ Vin Check	\$	0.00
➤ Notary Fees	\$	0.00
➤ Fingerprints	\$	20.00
➤ Pictures/CD/Video	\$	0.00
➤ Off Duty Mgmt.	\$	0.00




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## **Public Information**

The agency received several media contacts/inquires throughout the month of August. The majority of the media inquiries (television and written) revolved around ongoing or past investigations (from few months ago), including any updates on significant incidents from throughout the last several weeks/months. In addition, BPD received inquiries reference pending Hendricks County Sheriff's cases that occurred adjacent to Brownsburg jurisdiction.

The department also released (10) Facebook posts, (0) Facebook Crime Tips post, (6) Posts from X /Twitter, (8) Instagram Posts

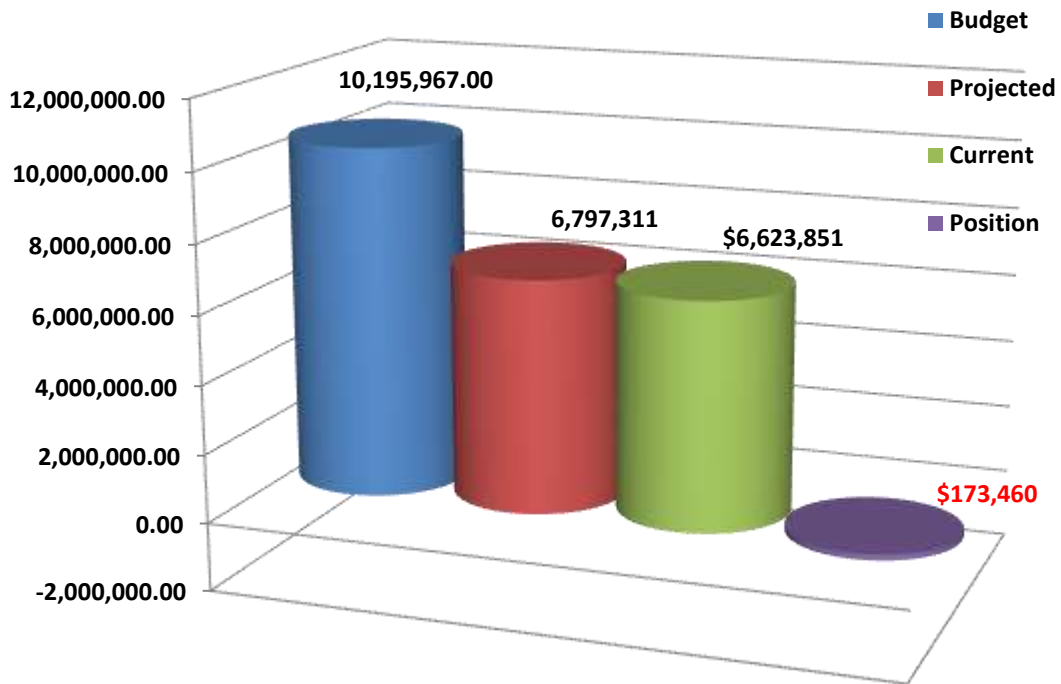
Current subscriber lists report the following number of members:

Media Resource	Subscribers/Contacts
<b>Facebook</b> 	<b>15,502</b>
<b>Facebook Crime Tips</b> 	<b>8,000</b>
<b>Twitter/ X</b> 	<b>3,329</b>
<b>Instagram</b>	<b>1,716</b>

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## **Budget**

As of August 31, 2025, the department has expended 64.97% of its budget. As is typical of August, we are slightly under budget. Encumbered funds from 2024 totaled \$15,067 and are reflected in the total budget amount.



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## **Information Technology**

*Lt. John Depinet Information Technology* continued supporting department operations by helping to outfit several newly assigned officers with the necessary technology, both inside and outside of their issued commissions. He also worked with the department's communications partners to review current radio inventory and determine which units will not be compatible with the new TDMA system scheduled for 2026. This included reviewing flash codes, verifying required upgrades and gathering quotes for replacements ahead of key deadlines. In addition, Depinet began expanding available forms in the LAS system to make it easier and faster for officers in the field to complete reports.

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

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## **Human Resources**

Brownsburg Police began August with (1) officer vacancy. BPD currently has two officers on light duty; both are non-work related injuries/treatments. The three Brownsburg Police Officers who graduated ILEA on 8/22 (Donna Davenport, Nathaniel Giblin and Austin Hyde) have begun their formal Field Training Program (FTO). Officer McAloon has completed his FTO and is now on solo patrol. Officer Ettenberger is working on progressing through her Field Training. In an effort to fill the vacancy created by Jacob Ward's resignation last month, Callahan Baxter was sworn into service on 8/25. Baxter is working on her Field Training as she comes to the agency with (3) years of service from another LE agency. The sworn number of officers is now at (62). 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 recent lateral process to help expedite any replacements deemed necessary in 2025.



*Baxter swear-in photo*

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## Training

### Training Requested/Submitted to the Training Board in August

- Chief Grimes – IA Conference Louisville
- Todd Knowles – INIAI Educational Conference

### Hosted Training Courses for August

- Brownsburg Town Leadership Academy 8/12
- Red Dot Transition Course – 8/26 (Baxter, Davenport, Giblin, Hyde)
- Physical Tactics Vehicle Extraction Course 8/14 & 15
- Rifle Range Patrol Rifle – Lebanon Range 8/27 (Baxter, Davenport, Giblin, Hyde)
- ERT Monthly Training x 2
- Central Indiana Law Enforcement Training Council (CILETC) Monthly Meeting
- Taser Training 8/28

### Training Facility utilization by outside agencies for the month of August

<b>Outside Agency Facility Usage</b>					
<u>Agency</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Shoot House</u>	<u>Mats</u>	<u>Classroom</u>
ICE	8/4	X			
FBI	8/11		X		
US Marshal	8/6		X		
MCSD Warrant	8/7		X		
Speedway PD	8/8 & 8/22	X			

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### **Training Invoices sent out for August**

- ICE – 1 Days of Range

### **Training Coordinator Business**

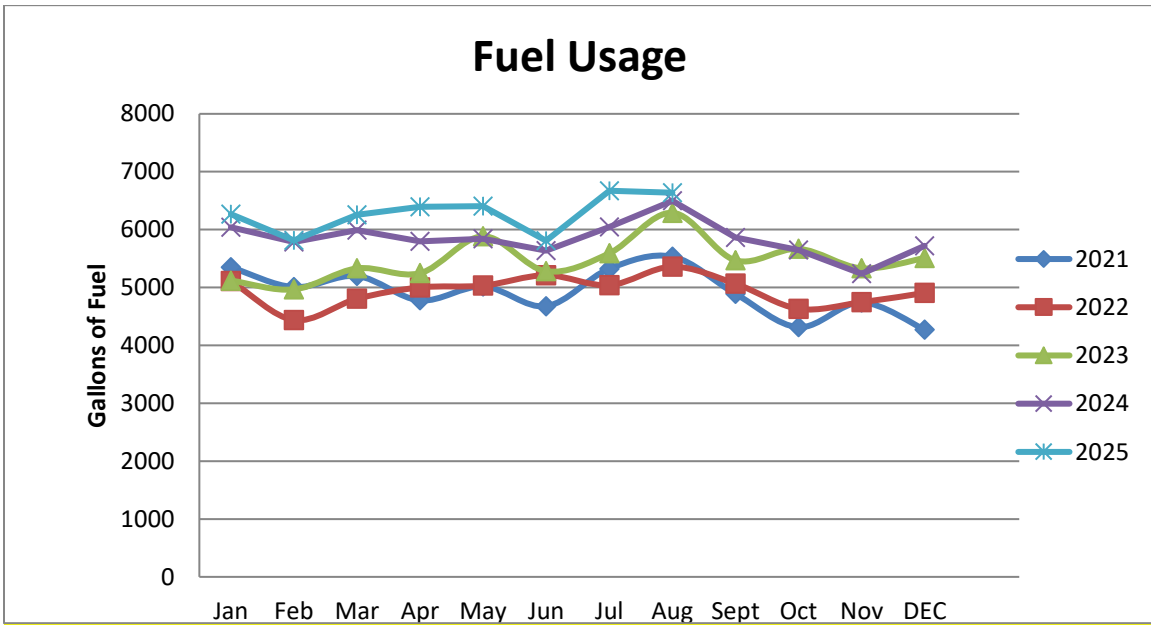
- Officers Davenport, Giblin, and Hyde successfully completed the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) Tier 1 Basic Course on August 22. They will move on to Field Training starting 8/29.
- The training unit completed all new hire training for Officer Callahan Baxter who started 8/25.
- Recent Academy graduates completed Red Dot Pistol Training as well as a Patrol Rifle training in August.
- Corporal Brinson successfully completed the Firearms Instructor Course at ILEA. He will join the Firearms Training Staff.
- Officers Smith and Dixon completed the first 2-week phase of Crash Recon School.
- Five Patrol rifles were budgeted for and purchased from Maxim Defense and are currently being built for assignment to patrol officers.

### **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 6,636 gallons used by Police units. This amount is decreased from last month total numbers and increased from the August 2024 usage amounts.

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However, the agency is also now staffed with (62) 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*