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SEPTEMBER 2025 MONTHLY SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

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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 (29) new cases, screened (74) outside agency reports - (7) of which were screened in for Case Reports. They also closed and/or suspended (22) cases, and closed (1) case with (1) arrest. The crime trend for this month was *Property Crimes*. The Unit served (10) search warrants and/or subpoenas, conducted (30) interviews, completed (1) background investigations and attended (2) Child Forensic Interviews this month.

Captain Barrett Captain Barrett assisted Westfield Police Department as board member for their interview process for Sergeant's and Lieutenant's for (3) days this month. Barrett on boarded the newest Detective Jalen Christian-Moss, and organized/oversaw his Detective Field Training. Officer David Marcum has been temporarily assigned to the Investigations Unit while on light duty status, and completed Basic Detective training as part of his duties.

Barrett is actively investigating two confidential cases. She has interviewed several witnesses for these cases and had meetings with relevant parties. She participated in an interview with a local media representative regarding NNO, and attended a meeting with Executive Staff for Social Media/Recruitment enhancement ideas.

Barrett fielded (9) media inquiries this month from the following: Fox 59, WTHR, Brownsburg Magazine and Brownsburg Current Magazine.

Currently, Barrett with the assistance of Victim Advocate Kim Shupert, are revamping the soft interview room and several offices in the Criminal Investigations Unit as a response to the growth and in preparation for future expansion.

Detective Sgt. Bass made no arrests this month and closed (5) cases. Bass is actively investigating the theft of Burromax electric bikes stolen from a racing team during US Nationals in September. The Bikes have been located and recovered, however the investigation continues to identify suspects. He also responded to an arson at a residence where the occupant was found deceased with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest. The autopsy report is pending. Bass closed out two other DOA's in September where the coroner determined the death was by natural causes. He also closed a Robbery investigation after search warrant return data from CashApp had no record of the transaction being reported. Unfortunately, there were no other means of identifying the suspect and the case was closed. Bass was called out (1) time and was consulted (1) time this month by road personnel. He completed (1) background investigation and attended Defensive Tactics training on the 9th.

Detective Sgt. Stanford made no arrests this month and closed (6) cases. Stanford is actively investigating a theft of prescription drugs by a nurse at the Brownsburg Meadows nursing home. A search warrant in the case is being completed and charges are expected. He closed a Fraud case where the victim clicked a link she assumed was from Verizon but it ultimately compromised her phone and credit cards. Several overseas fraudulent purchases were made in relation to this investigation. Information to mitigate the damage was provided and the case was closed. He was assigned a theft from an unlocked vehicle where several items were taken. Several messages have been left for the victim who has not returned his calls. The case will be closed if the victim does not cooperate in the coming weeks. Stanford responded to what appeared to be a suicide by gunshot where the Coroner's office designated the manner of death as "undetermined" at this time. Additional tests are being run on the firearm, which may take up to two years to complete. Stanford was not called out but was consulted (1) time this month by road personnel. He attended Defensive Tactics training on 9/9.

Detective Sgt. Wells made (1) arrest this month and closed (0) cases. Wells is nearing closing out a *Sextortion* case involving 11-year-old males sharing images while on video games at the direction of the suspect and later at school. The parents did not wish to pursue the case but he submitted a summary to the prosecutor's office at their request. He is investigating a Child Abuse that came in through a "310 Report" where the child was whipped with a phone cord and the injuries were designated as intentional by Peyton Manning Hospital trauma staff. An interview is pending. Wells is actively investigating a report of a Threat involving a BCSC employee allegedly soliciting bodily injury towards four students. He conducted (23) interviews of parents, witnesses, victims and the suspect. Probable Cause was drafted and he is awaiting a response regarding charges from the Prosecutors Office. He also responded to and assisted with a suicide by gunshot, conducting search warrants on the residence and vehicle. Another case involving Rape that occurred in 2024 in our jurisdiction was filed federally when suspect fled the state has resulted in the arrest of the suspect in Miami, Florida. The FBI assisted Det. Sgt. Wells with this case and subsequent arrest. Wells was called out (1) time and was consulted (3) times this month by road personnel. He attended firearms training.

Detective Sgt. O'Brien made no arrests this month and closed (0) cases. O'Brien was investigating a possible *Rape* that occurred between two high school students. After a recent child forensic interview, it was determined that the encounter was consensual and the case was closed. He also closed a possible Assault case after the alleged victim stopped communicating with him after numerous attempts to contact her. O'Brien continues to investigate a Harassment involving a message was left in Spanish for the victim. After review by bilingual Narcotics Intel Analyst Valenzuela, it was determined that the content of the message is not necessarily the admission of guilt that the victim had reported and is more of an argument. He is contacting the prosecutor's office to determine if charges will be pursued. Detective O'Brien was called out (1) time and was consulted (2) times this month by road personnel. He attended Defensive Tactics training.

Detective Sgt. Cronin made no arrests this month but closed (6) cases. Cronin handled a *Death Investigation* at Lucas Oil Raceway during the US Nationals, which appeared to be of medical causes. He responded to a theft of several items at the local Ulta Beauty Store but assigned the investigation to Officer Marcum after assisting with a photo line-up. Cronin closed (2) Fraud cases which were ultimately for report purposes only in order for the victim to recoup their money. He also assigned and assisted Officer Marcum in a case involving two possible stolen guns and a fraudulent check case which was transferred to IMPD after determined the suspect resided in their jurisdiction. Cronin was called out (3) times and was consulted (1) time this month by road personnel. He attended Defensive Tactics training as well.

Detective Cpl. Jeremiah Jones made no arrests this month but closed (3) cases. He followed up on a *310 report* of possible *Child Molest* which resulted in no criminal acts being established, therefore no charges authority of the Prosecutors Office. Jones received a case originally reported to the FBI involving *Sextortion* where money was demanded (which the victim did not give), or nude pictures of the victim would be distributed. The suspect did share two photos but then ceased communication and it was determined they were from Nigeria. The case is being closed. Jones continues to follow up on a previous *Child Molest* case in 2024 where the investigation is being completed by an agency in Pennsylvania. Jones was not called out but was consulted (11) times this month by road personnel. He attended two ERT trainings in September.

Detective Jalen Christian-Moss made no arrests this month and closed (2) cases. Christian-Moss is investigating a report of Shots Fired where several casings were left on the roadway through the neighborhood. He is also investigating a delayed report of a theft of a firearm where the owner had a party in August and the firearm is subsequently missing. There were several people in the residence, some of which the owner did not know. Christian-Moss closed a *Fraud* case involving unaccounted for funds handled by a family friend designated as the Power of Attorney. However, after the initial report, no charges were pressed by the family and the case was closed. He also assisted Detective Cronin on a possible child battered at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital where he conducted (2) interviews. Moss was not called out or consulted this month by road personnel. He attended *Firearms Liaison training* at the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department.

Crime Scene Investigator and Property Room Manager Todd Knowles Called out (7) times. Collected/processed (39) items of evidence from (5) crime scenes this month. Checked in (39) items of evidence, signed out (14) items of evidence to Officers, returned (4) items of property to owners and transferred (0) items to other agencies. Knowles completed (33) Prosecutor Discovery Requests that resulted in the following work product: uploaded (143) pieces of Body Camera footage, (40) 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 (14) sets of fingerprints, collected (6) evidence swabs, uploaded (0) CAC (Vidanyx) interviews, and emptied the lobby Rx box for a total of 53 lbs. Knowles served (0) search warrants. He made (1) trip to the High Tech Crime Unit at ISU. Knowles presented at the Plainfield High School Career Day. He also trained on Defensive Tactics and instructed Undercover Operations at ILEA.

Forensics Analyst Anthony Merckel examined (2) cell phones, (0) tablets and (0) storage devices in September involving a homicide. He was called out (1) time. Merckel assisted IMPD completing a cell phone brute force extraction that had been running the agent in attempts to detect the passcode since November 2024. He also assisted with a confidential phone extraction during afterhours directed by Captain Barrett. Merckel updated all forensic programs and computers as well as maintained the Blocker Locker weekly.

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 September. Shupert made (2) victim contacts via telephone, (3) 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 (19) IDACS/NCIC queries, uploaded (112) 310's, transferred (1) case to other agencies, and sent (0) search warrants. Shupert coordinated a plan for updating the Soft Interview Room along with Captain Barrett and began the process by selecting and purchasing furniture, as well as arranging to have the room repainted.

Intelligence Analyst Michael Langeman was called out (0) times, consulted (5) times, reviewed (32) crime tips or bulletins, disseminated (4) intelligence or safety communications, conducted surveillance (0) times and conducted (3) inter-agency collaborations. Langeman continues to assist Detectives in various cases generating suspect and other information.

Assistant Property Room Manager Kristi Braziel continues to complete property related tasks independently. In the course of her duties, she checked in (123) items of evidence, signed out (12) items of evidence to Officers, returned (20) items of property to owners and transferred (0) items to another agency. Braziel completed (3) Prosecutor Discovery requests 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 (4) trips to the ISP Lab as well as went to the Hendricks County Prosecutor's Office. Braziel completed (3) lab submissions, (4) CAC (Vidanyx) downloads and assisted with emptying the lobby Rx box. She also assisted Records for (1) day to accommodate overlapping absences by assigned employees.

Administrative Services

The month of September was routinely steady for the Administrative Service Unit. Heidi Shepherd conducted (1) car seat installation and (1) car seat inspection in addition to her normal daily duties. Officer Sarena Clay has been temporarily assigned to Admin Services while she is on light duty. Ofc. Clay is assisting with vehicle releases and calls for service that require a report on station.

In the month of September, the Administrative Services Unit processed (53) public access requests, (23) criminal history requests, (5) gun permits, (5) sets of fingerprints, (1) rider request, (17) vehicle releases and (59) alarm permit transactions. Fees generated totaled \$2,002.00 below is a breakdown of the collected fees:




➤ Accident Reports	\$	65.00
➤ Incident Reports	\$	35.00
➤ Vehicle Release	\$	320.00
➤ Criminal Histories	\$	5.00
➤ Alarm Transactions	\$	1530.00
➤ Vin Check	\$	10.00
➤ Notary Fees	\$	2.00
➤ Fingerprints	\$	30.00
➤ Pictures/CD/Video	\$	5.00
➤ Off Duty Mgmt.	\$	0.00

Public Information

The agency received several media contacts/inquires throughout the month of September. 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.

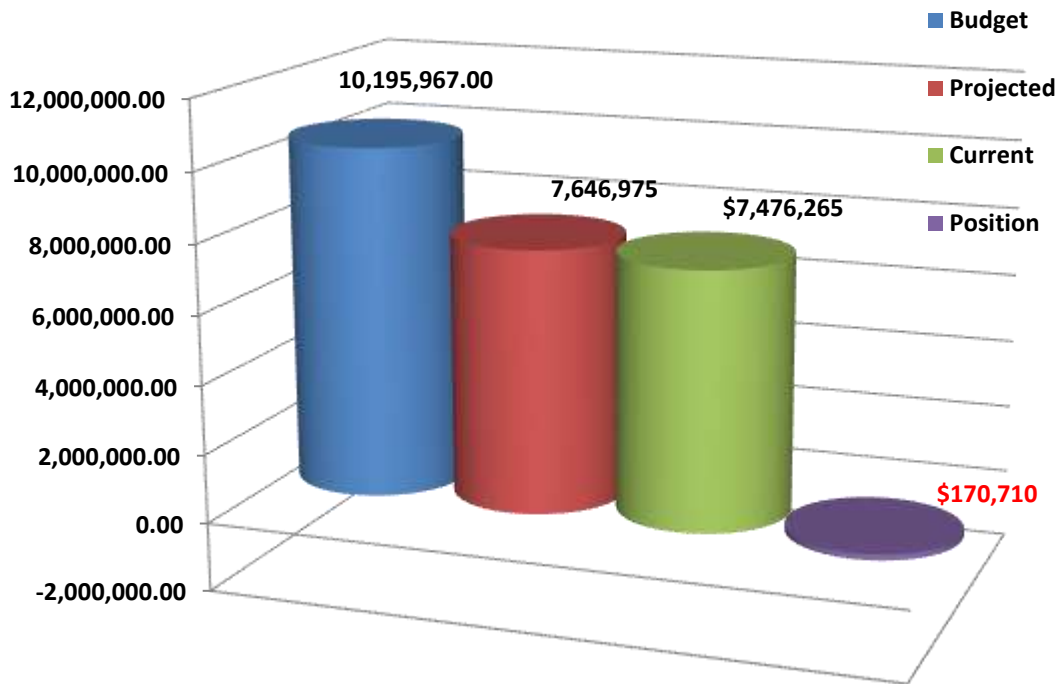
The department also released (25) Facebook posts, (0) Facebook Crime Tips post, (9) Posts from X /Twitter, (11) Instagram Posts

Current subscriber lists report the following number of members:

Media Resource	Subscribers/Contacts
Facebook 	15,697
Facebook Crime Tips 	8,000
Twitter/ X 	3,331
Instagram	1,767

Budget

As of September 30, 2025, the department has expended 73.33% of its budget. As is typical of September, we are slightly under our projected budget. Encumbered funds from 2024 totaled \$15,067 and are reflected in the total budget amount.



Information Technology

Lt. John Depinet Information Technology continued preparing the department for the upcoming Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) radio system transition. He reviewed flashcodes and worked with Raycom to identify radios needing full replacement versus those that can be upgraded. Depinet also requested pricing and configurations options to ensure all radios meet Hendricks County Communications Center (HCCC) requirements ahead of the compliance deadline. This update is designed to upgrade the radio system. In addition, he helped set up and equip several new officers with department-issued technology, including hardware in their vehicles and the necessary account access and system support to ensure they are operational. Depinet also responded to several internal system issues, included CAD-related, body-worn camera activation failures, department roster corrections, and form routing errors within digital workflows.

Lt. Depinet assisted Capt. Bullock to ensure that Town Court proceedings were adequately staffed as it relates to security throughout September.

Human Resources

Brownsburg Police staff currently are operating with (1) sworn officer vacancy after Officer Oliver Hughes resigned his position in late September. BPD currently has two officers on light duty, one is non-work related injuries/treatments the other is an on the job injury being treated through workers comp. The three Brownsburg Police Officers who graduated ILEA on 8/22 (Donna Davenport, Nathaniel Giblin and Austin Hyde) are progressing through their formal Field Training Program (FTO). Officer Morgan Ettenberger is progressing through her Field Training as well. The most recently hired Officer Callahan Baxter was sworn into service on 8/25. Baxter is completing her Field Training as she comes to the BPD with (3) years of service from another LE agency. The sworn number of officers is now at (61). At the last formal PC meeting, a conditional offer was extended to Adam Hazelwood. Adam is working toward completing the conditions set forth and will hopefully be on boarded in the last quarter of 2025. 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 the few remaining candidates from the recent lateral process through the end of 2025. However, staff will be presenting a full recruitment process for 2025-2026 to ensure that an active eligibility list is established and maintained for any future vacancies through 2026. On September 11th, Officer Kevin Huntsman was recognized for his 25 years of service to the community and agency. Kevin has served in the enforcement ranks throughout his tenure with the agency and currently is assigned to the Traffic Unit. His service and dedication are pillars for our younger officers to emulate.



Training

Training Requested/Submitted to the Training Board in September

- Captain Barrett – Use of Force Summit
- Sgt. Bass – Use of Force Summit
- Ofc. Medjeski – NORSE Tactical Patrol Officer Course
- Ofc. Argueta - NORSE Tactical Patrol Officer Course
- Ofc. C. Jones - NORSE Tactical Patrol Officer Course
- Ofc. Singh – NORSE Tactical Patrol Officer Course
- Ofc. See - NORSE Tactical Patrol Officer Course
- Det. Christian-Moss – Sexual Assault Investigations Course
- Civ. Shepherd – Releasing and Redacting Records Indiana Specific
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Hosted Training Courses for September

- Rifle Range Patrol Rifle – Lebanon Range 9/16 & 9/17
- ERT Monthly Training x 2 days – NORSE SUSTAINMENT
- Central Indiana Law Enforcement Training Council (CILETC) Monthly Meeting
- Defensive Tactics In-service – 9/9 & 9/10

Training Facility utilization by outside agencies for the month of September

Outside Agency Facility Usage					
<u>Agency</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Shoot House</u>	<u>Mats</u>	<u>Classroom</u>
Greenwood PD SWAT	9/2		X		
IUPD	9/5	X			
IRS CI	9/11		X		

Training Invoices sent out for September

- IRS CI – 1 Day of Shoot house
- IUPD – 1 Day of Range

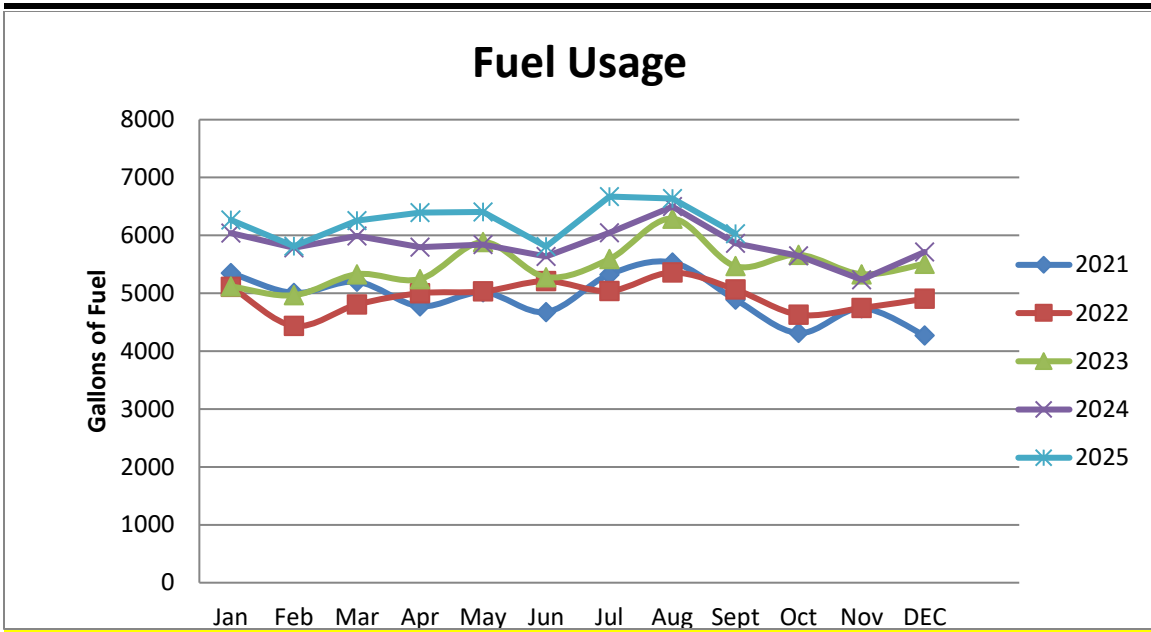
Training Coordinator Business

- Officers Smith and Dixon completed their second 2-week phase of Crash Recon School.
- Officers Christian, Christian Moss, See, Argueta, McAloon and Medjeski attended Gun Liaison Training held at the HCSD.
- Officers A. Hyde, Giblin, Davenport, Medjeski, Plichta, Argueta and Umbanhowar attended Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training at the HCSD.
- Chief Grimes, Captain Barrett and Sergeant Stanford attended Internal Affairs Conference in Louisville, KY.

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. Both installments of 2025 vehicles have arrived and 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. The delay currently is lead-time for the required K9 equipment/kennels for new Expeditions. 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 September was 6,029 gallons used by Police units. This amount is decreased from last month total numbers and increased from the September 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/years considering the number of sworn, reserve 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,
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