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# NOVEMBER 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 (15) new cases, screened (42) outside agency reports - (8) of which were screened in for Case Reports. They also closed and/or suspended (25) cases, and closed (2) cases with (2) arrests. The crime trend for this month was *Property Crimes*. The Unit served (9) search warrants and/or subpoenas, conducted (16) interviews, completed (0) background investigations and attended (9) Child Forensic Interviews this month.

*Captain Barrett* continued to primarily focus on the two confidential investigations this month. Barrett conducted several interviews, reviewed large quantities of evidence, and edited (2) policies for review. Barrett instructed “Sexual Assault Investigations: Best Practices for Law Enforcement” for the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault (ICESA), attended a State Sexual Assault Response Team Board meeting, assisted a local agency with their respective unit and its development, and attended Defensive Tactics training.

*Detective Sgt. Bass* made no arrests this month but closed (4) cases. He continues to investigate the theft of multiple Burromax electric bikes stolen from a racing team during Nationals. He is also investigating a fraud where an insurance claim was filed against the victim’s insurance for damage to a rental vehicle she did not rent. Bass transferred a case involving the extortion of money through an app to avoid nude photos being made public. The app was registered to a subject out of Maryland, and therefore the case was transferred. He also closed out a robbery case from June involving the unauthorized transfer of money using an app on the victim’s phone while threatening him with a Taser device. There was not sufficient lead information and suspect identity could not be established. Bass also closed out two DOA cases following the receipt of the Coroner’s report stating the deaths were natural. Bass was called out (1) time and was consulted (2) times this month by road personnel.

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*Detective Sgt. Stanford* made no arrests this month but closed (2) cases. Stanford is actively working a theft case from Wal-Mart where the juvenile suspect was identified and he is working to make contact with the mother to follow up. He also has an open fraud case where a son is alleging his sister, who is the Power of Attorney for their mother, may be using money for personal use. Stanford closed a case of theft of Rx narcotics at a local nursing home due to the Attorney General's office requesting to take over the case. He closed out another theft case where the victim failed to call him back after multiple attempts at contact. Stanford was not called out but was consulted (1) time this month by road personnel. He completed state mandate training.

*Detective Sgt. Wells* made (1) arrest this month and closed no cases. Wells is actively working a Child Molest case where a 3-year-old presented at Riley hospital with an STD. There are multiple potential suspects. He has conducted (12) interviews to date, and has been in constant contact with DCS and FCM. Review of forensically extracted phone data reveals possible related videos. This is a complex case and is ongoing. He closed a threats case at the high school involving a teacher where the prosecutor's office decided against filing charges. The extensive Child Molest case at a local daycare continues with depositions occurring throughout October and potentially identified a new victim. An attempted rape from early in the year is coming to a close as the suspect was arrested by the FBI. He is also being charged with federal weapons charges and is in custody at the Hendricks County Jail. Wells was called out (1) time and was consulted (3) times this month by road personnel.

*Detective Sgt. O'Brien* made no arrests this month but closed (7) cases. O'Brien is investigating an incident where he was contacted by "814 Pred Hunters" out of Pennsylvania and given information that a Brownsburg man had been in sexually oriented contact with a 15-year-old in their state. Intelligence is being gathered in an attempt to obtain further information on the suspect and O'Brien will be discussing the contents of the contact with the prosecutor's office. O'Brien closed out a case of alleged burglary where the victim suffers from mental illness rendering her uncooperative and indicating the described events were a delusion. On the 24<sup>th</sup> he was notified of a female newborn that was still born at Riley the day prior. The mother, who resides in Brownsburg, is alleged to have been an illicit substance abuser throughout her pregnancy. The autopsy was inconclusive and toxicology results are pending. The case is ongoing. He closed an investigation into sexual misconduct that occurred up to (6) years ago and ended in 2022 where the reporting person is no longer communicating. She had previously stated she was unsure if she wished to pursue the incident. Detective O'Brien was called out (1) time and was consulted (2) times this month by road personnel.

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*Detective Sgt. Cronin* made no arrests this month but closed (4) cases. Cronin worked with Officer Marcum on a fraud case where the victim's computer was "locked up" and the help number provided was actually the suspect's number used to defraud the victim. They ended up buying multiple Sephora gift cards and giving the card numbers to the suspect. The case is being transferred to multiple other agencies where the suspect(s) appear to reside. He is also investigating a fraud where the victim received an email that she had some overdue charges that she did not make, finding out that a bank account was opened in her name. A search warrant is pending. Cronin was called out (1) time but was not consulted this month by road personnel. He completed state mandated training.

*Detective Cpl. Jeremiah Jones* made no arrests this month but closed (2) cases. Jones took scheduled time off during several days in October. He followed up on a *Chins* case involving consensual sex between a 15-year-old and a 19-year-old where the female thought the male was 17. The incident was reported to the grandmother by the victim, had seemingly developed on Snapchat, and ultimately occurred at a meeting at a hotel. The case is being reviewed by the prosecutor's office but at this time, no charges are planned. Jones was not called out but was consulted (1) time this month by road personnel.

*Detective Jalen Christian-Moss* made (1) arrest this month and closed (6) cases. Christian-Moss is investigating a report of rape involving a teenage female that occurred over the summer. A forensic interview was conducted and the case is ongoing. He closed out a Child Molest due to events occurring in South Bend and a battery where prosecution was declined due to the age of the perpetrator. Moss also closed out a theft of HVAC equipment due to no camera footage or suspect information as well as the fact the owner had no serial numbers to provide for entry or identification were stolen items located. He continues to investigate a *Shots Fired* incident where a suspect who appeared to be in possession of the firearm had been identified but declined to speak, requesting a lawyer. Christian-Moss was not called out and was not consulted this month by road personnel. He will be added to the "detective on-call" rotation in November. He attended Sexual Assault Investigator training at the Franklin Police Department for two days as well as completed his state mandate training.

*Crime Scene Investigator and Property Room Manager Todd Knowles* reported the following work product: Called out (4) times. Collected/processed (18) items of evidence from (3) crime scenes this month. Checked in (27) items of evidence, signed out (10) items of evidence to Officers, returned (0) items of property to owners and transferred (0) items to other agencies. Knowles completed (31) Prosecutor Discovery Requests that resulted in the following work product: uploaded (7) pieces of Body Camera footage, (8) Dash/In-Car Camera Footage, and (0) Photos. He made (6) trips to the ISP Lab and completed (2) lab submissions. He made (1) trip to the hospital and (1) trip to the Prosecutor's Office. Knowles obtained/lifted (19) sets of fingerprints, collected (9) evidence swabs, uploaded (0) CAC (Vidanyx) interviews, and emptied the lobby Rx box for a total of 44 lbs. Knowles served (2) search warrants. He made (0) trips to the High Tech Crime Unit at ISU. Knowles instructed Field Test Certification at ILEA on the 29<sup>th</sup> and attended the IAI Annual Educational Conference at Fort Benjamin Harrison the 7<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>.

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*Forensics Analyst Anthony Merckel* examined (2) cell phones, (0) tablets and (0) storage devices in October involving child sex crimes. He was called out (0) times. Merckel assisted Knowles with copying evidence to a new hard drive for the prosecutor's office. He also assisted in setting up Detective Christian-Moss and Knowles computers in their new offices due to relocation. Merckel practiced LCD soldering for future screen repairs as well as practiced circuit board solder repair. 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 October including a cold call victim. Shupert made (7) victim contacts via telephone, (2) victim contacts via text/email, and (2) victim contacts in person. She completed (0) Public Access requests, (0) redactions needed, assisted the Investigations Unit in (59) IDACS/NCIC queries, uploaded (31) 310's, transferred (2) cases to other agencies, and sent (0) search warrants. Shupert completed the update of the Soft Interview Room, as well as created an electronic Laserfiche form to be utilized by the Coroner's Office to request reports, videos or photos for death investigations. Shupert will be addressing these inquiries and be the contact for the Coroner's office going forward.

*Intelligence Analyst Michael Langeman* was called out (0) times, consulted (4) times, reviewed (35) 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 developing suspect and other lead information. He met with Fishers PD Intelligence Unit to network on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Assistant Property Room Manager Kristi Braziel* continues to complete property related tasks independently. In the course of her duties, she checked in (135) items of evidence, signed out (38) items of evidence to Officers, returned (14) items of property to owners and transferred (2) items to another agency. Braziel assisted Knowles with Prosecutor Discovery requests that resulted in the upload of (5) pieces of Body Camera footage, (5) Dash/In-Car Camera Footage, and (87) Photos. She accompanied Knowles on (5) trips to the ISP Lab as well as went to the Hendricks County Prosecutor's Office (1) time. Braziel completed (7) lab submissions, (2) CAC (Vidanyx) downloads and assisted with emptying the lobby Rx box. She also provided multiple items such as copies of consents to search, chain of custody reports, interview videos, other videos, search warrants, etc. to the prosecutor's office throughout the month.

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## **Administrative Services**

October has been a very steady month for the Administrative Service Unit. A Full Recruitment process was launched on October 15<sup>th</sup> and to date Admin Services has processed 114 applications in the Non-Experienced process and (27) applications in the Lateral/Certified process. The physical agility and written test portion of the process will be administered to the Non-Experienced candidates on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 October, the Administrative Services Unit processed (53) public access requests, (23) criminal history requests, (3) gun permits, (5) sets of fingerprints, (1) rider request, (27) vehicle releases and (60) alarm permit transactions. Fees generated totaled \$2,419.00 below is a breakdown of the collected fees:

➤ Accident Reports	\$	90.00
➤ Incident Reports	\$	25.00
➤ Vehicle Release	\$	500.00
➤ Criminal Histories	\$	10.00
➤ Alarm Transactions	\$	1170.00
➤ Vin Check	\$	0.00
➤ Notary Fees	\$	4.00
➤ Fingerprints	\$	20.00
➤ Pictures/CD/Video	\$	600.00
➤ Off Duty Mgmt.	\$	0.00




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## **Public Information**

The agency received several media contacts/inquires throughout the month of October. 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 (32) Facebook posts, (0) Facebook Crime Tips post, (18) Posts from X /Twitter, (16) Instagram Posts

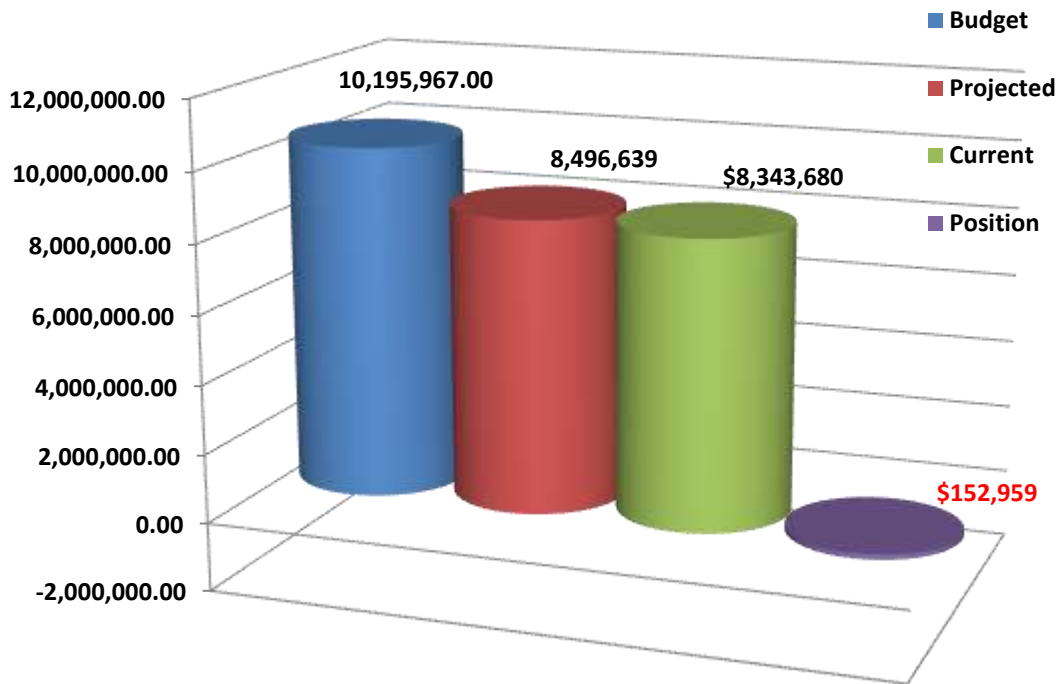
Current subscriber lists report the following number of members:

Media Resource	Subscribers/Contacts
<b>Facebook</b> 	<b>15,876</b>
<b>Facebook Crime Tips</b> 	<b>8,000</b>
<b>Twitter/ X</b> 	<b>3,329</b>
<b>Instagram</b>	<b>1,796</b>

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## Budget

As of October 31, 2025, the department has expended 81.83% of its budget. As is typical of October, we are slightly under budget. Encumbered funds from 2024 totaled \$15,067 and they are reflected in the total budget amount.



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## **Information Technology**

*Lt. John Depinet Information Technology* carried on preparing the department for the upcoming TDMA radio system transition. His work continued to involve reviewing flash codes and working with Raycom to identify radios needing full replacement versus those that can be simply upgraded. Depinet also requested pricing and configuration options to ensure all radios meet Hendricks County Communication Center (HCCC) requirements ahead of the compliance deadline. He also helped set up and equip several new officers with department-issued technology, including hardware in their cruisers and the necessary account access and systems support to get them operational. Depinet responded to several internal system issues, including CAD-related body-worn camera activation failures, department roster corrections, and form routing errors within Workflow.

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

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## **Human Resources**

Brownsburg Police staff currently are operating with (1) sworn officer vacancy after a sworn Officer resigned his position in late September. BPD currently has one officer on light duty for 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 and Officer Callahan Baxter have completed their formal FTO training and are operating as solo units on their respective shifts. The sworn number of officers is now at (61). At the last formal PC meeting, a conditional offer was extended to candidate Adam Hazelwood in hopes of filling the officer vacancy. However, Mr. Hazelwood requested to be removed from the hiring process just prior to completing his conditional elements. BPD initiated a recruitment process and have begun to gather Pre-applications for Non-experienced, Certified and Lateral candidates. The response has been promising as of the time of this report with (107) Non-experienced and (28) Certified/Lateral pre-apps received. These numbers are up from previous processes. However, we frequently see a drastic drop in participation as the process moves forward. Regardless our current staffing reflects 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.

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, Captain Jennifer Barrett was recognized for her 25 years of service to the community and agency. Captain Barrett has served in the enforcement and investigations ranks throughout her tenure with the agency and currently is assigned to the Investigations Unit as its commander. Her service and dedication is very much appreciated and admired.



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Finally, it should be noted that Reserve Sergeant Kim Kiritschenko has resigned her position with the BPD after nearly 16 years of service to the community and agency. She was a leader in the Reserve Unit for several years and helped develop its foundation. Kim's dedication and commitment will be missed by the agency as well as her colleagues. We wish her the best.



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**Training**

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

- Ofc. Dixon – Pedestrian Crash Investigations 1 - 2026
- Civ. Shepherd – PRI Indiana 2 Day Symposium Police Records Management – 2026
- Civ. Umbanhowar – PRI Indiana 2 Day Symposium Police Records Management - 2026
- Ofc. Dixon – Street Cop Pro Active Tactics 11/25
- Det. Christian-Moss – Q1 Child First Training (Child Forensic Interviews)- 2026
- CSI Knowles – Forensic 101 11/25
- Ofc. Dixon – Dynamic Police Training- Street Level Policing (host spot) 2026
- Det. O’Brien – Use of Force Summit 2025 – 12/25

**Hosted Training Courses for October**

- Central Indiana Law Enforcement Training Council (CILETC) Instructor Development – 5 days
- ERT Monthly Training x 2 days
- CILETC Monthly Meeting
- Defensive Tactics In-service – 10/14-10/15
- NORSE Tactical Patrol Officer Course – 3 day

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

<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>
Speedway PD	10/24,25 &31	X			

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### **Training Invoices sent out for October**

- Speedway PD-Comped

### **Training Coordinator Business**

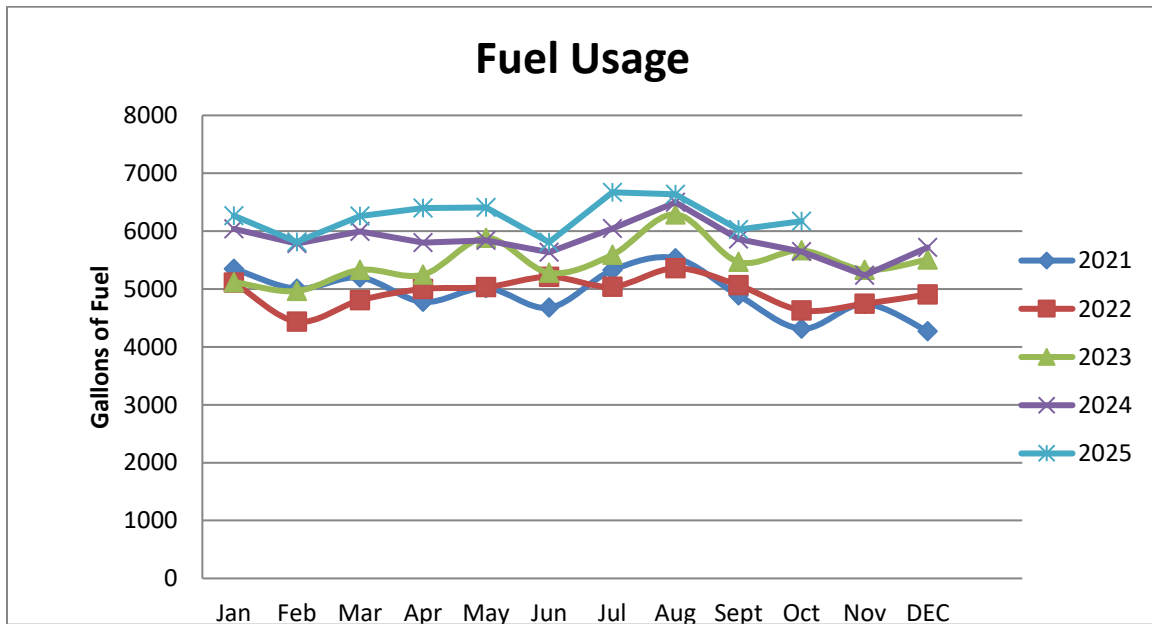
- Officers Medjeski, Singh, Argueta, See, Jones and Staton completed Norse TPOC 1.
- Sgt. Fults completed Defense Technology 4-day ICP training that recertified him as an instructor in OC, LLIM, NFDD and Chemical Munitions.
- Det. Christian-Moss completed Sexual Assault Investigators Course
- CSI Knowles attended the INIAI Educational conference
- Officer Christian completed a course on Auto Theft and Vehicle Crimes
- Purchase was complete for (10) new Patrol Rifles through Maxim Defense – (5) have arrived and are being assembled for patrol utilization.

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## 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 October was 6,174 gallons used by Police units. This amount is increased from last month total numbers and increased from the October 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,  
Major Andrew Watts*