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# DECEMBER 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.

- Investigations
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### Investigations

The Investigations Unit received (33) new cases, screened (34) outside agency reports - (4) of which were screened in for Case Reports. They also 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 (5) search warrants and/or subpoenas, conducted (11) interviews, completed (0) background investigations and attended (2) Child Forensic Interviews this month.

*Captain Barrett* attended a week long *Use of Force Summit* out of state and completed a confidential investigation this month. Barrett completed a restructuring project for Investigations, edited various upcoming policies, created rough drafts for new workflow projects, and set training plans for the Investigations Captain position as well as various extra duties.

*Detective Sgt. Bass* made (0) arrests this month but closed (6) cases. Bass is actively investigating a *Fraud* case where the victim received a text from Apple because allegedly her account was being tampered with. After calling, she spoke to the suspect, who posed as law enforcement, who then threatened her with a warrant if she did not do as instructed. She was directed to purchase \$5,000 in Apple and Target gift cards and send the information from the cards. The victim complied. Bass is also working another *Fraud* involving *Facebook Marketplace* and *Zelle* transactions as well as multiple thefts from vehicles. Bass closed a *Fraud* case where the victim became uncooperative. He also closed another *Zelle* transaction case with a loss of \$4800 after transferring it to the agency with jurisdiction in Missouri and an Arson after it was determined to be accidental. He closed several other cases due to the lack of solvability and inability to develop a suspect. Bass was called out (1) time and was consulted (0) times this month by road personnel. He attended the *Use of Force Summit* in Connecticut the first week of the month.

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*Detective Sgt. Stanford* made (0) arrests this month but closed (6) cases. Stanford was assigned a *Theft* of a forklift from the local Sunbelt Rental. However, it was discovered the equipment could have been stolen anytime over the past several months. The last ping from the forklift was reported in November from Terre Haute. The equipment was entered as stolen into IDACS/NCIC but the case has since been closed due to no leads. He is attempting to investigate a case involving a fraudulent deposit by a suspect into the victim's account that subsequently resulted in the victim buying \$1500 in Apple cards for the suspect. He is currently attempting to get in contact with the victim but has not had any success to date. Stanford closed a case involving the purchase of headphones on *Facebook Marketplace* where the buyer did not receive them. He made contact with the seller who immediately refunded the money, which was confirmed and the case was closed. He is also investigating a *Fraud* where the victim has been communicating with the suspect on Snapchat and since August has sent the suspect approximately \$8000 in Apple cash. The suspect is now sending threatening messages to the victim. Stanford was not called out and was not consulted this month by road personnel. He completed the "Handle with Care" student-related training presented by the Avon School Corporation in December.

*Detective Sgt. Wells* made no arrests this month but closed (8) cases. Wells continues to investigate a *harassment and stalking* case, by reviewing phone records of the suspect. The investigation has developed into four (4) associated cases and the suspect is already incarcerated for other unrelated charges. He continues to investigate the case of the three-year-old child presenting to Riley with an STD. Information is being collected for the Prosecutor's Office. He was able to close several other cases due to the natural conclusion of the investigation or charges not being accepted. Wells will be traveling to Wisconsin in January to a suppression hearing involving a large *child molestation and pornography* case from 2021. The jury trial is slated for later in the month as well. He was called out (1) time and was consulted (5) times this month by road personnel.

*Detective Sgt. O'Brien* made no arrests this month but closed (1) case. O'Brien investigated a possible *sexual battery* of a 15-year-old by her uncle. However, the information disclosed by the victim during a forensic interview did not meet criteria for criminal charges and the case was closed. O'Brien is attempting to continue investigating information received from "814 Predator Hunters" in a November case but has not received requested information as of the completion of this report. He is also attempting to investigate two other *Harassment* cases. For one he is presently reviewing Facebook account data and the other he is awaiting a call back from the suspect's parents (and has not received one), which is hindering continued investigation. O'Brien was called out (2) times and was consulted (2) times this month by road personnel. He also attended the *Use of Force Summit* in Connecticut.

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*Detective Sgt. Cronin* made no arrests this month but closed (4) cases. Cronin is investigating a *fraud* where the suspect indicated the victim's daughter was in jail and money was needed for a "recovery program". A search warrant is pending for the case. He is working another theft case from a local business, *The Hype Vault*, with assistance from the Intel Analyst. Cronin closed out another *theft* case where the alleged stolen item was located by the owner and another case that was determined to be civil in nature. Similar to Bass, he is investigating multiple *thefts from vehicles*. Cronin was not called out but was consulted (2) times this month by road personnel. He started a background investigation and also completed the "*Handle with Care*" training in December.

*Detective Cpl. Jeremiah Jones* made no arrests this month but closed (1) case. Jones is investigating a *Child in Need of Services* report that involves potentially consensual sexual contact on multiple occasions between young biological siblings. The circumstances and details of the case are complex and it has proved difficult working with the various entities tasked with examining the case. One forensic interview has occurred and DCS is currently involved as well. The case remains open at this time with another forensic interview pending. It is anticipated that Jones will soon be closing another *Child in Need of Services* case where there was ultimately no disclosure of criminal activity during the forensic interview. Jones was not called out but was consulted (5) times this month by road personnel.

*Detective Jalen Christian-Moss* made no arrests this month but closed (3) cases. Christian-Moss is investigating a *fraud* where the victim sent \$2000 via *Zelle* posing as a representative from Chase Bank's fraud department. A search warrant for *Zelle* is pending. He identified a suspect in a theft case from the local *WaWa* gas station and a meeting has been scheduled with the suspect and their mother on January 5<sup>th</sup>. He has two *child abuse* cases pending, awaiting child forensic interviews to be conducted at *Susie's Place*. Christian-Moss responded to a DOA, which was determined to be natural causes and closed out another *child molestation* case due to nothing criminal being disclosed. He is also developing probable cause in a *Child Molestation* case where the suspect must be interviewed in Oregon by the Oregon State Police. Christian-Moss was not called out but was consulted (3) times this month by road personnel.

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*Crime Scene Investigator and Ancillary Property Room Manager Todd Knowles* reported the following work product: Called out (1) time. Collected/processed (13) items of evidence from (1) crime scene this month. Checked in (33) items of evidence, signed out (12) items of evidence to Officers, returned (0) items of property to owners and transferred (0) items to other agencies. Knowles assisted in completing (19) Prosecutor Discovery Requests that resulted in the following work product: uploaded (36) pieces of Body Camera footage, (21) pieces of Dash/In-Car Camera Footage, and (0) Photos. He made (5) trips to the ISP Lab and completed (11) lab submissions. He made (0) trips 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 he served (0) search warrants. Knowles, along with Langeman, completed the full audit and inventory of the cage evidence storage and narcotics room in the basement. He also made (1) trip to the Hendricks County Coroner's Office.

*Forensics Analyst Anthony Merckel* examined (1) cell phone, (0) tablets and (0) storage devices in December involving a child sex crime. He was called out (0) times. Merckel began a 40-hour online Cellebrite CASA training which is considered expert level training that includes a certification exam. Merckel assisted Detective Cronin with decoding an Apple search warrant with encrypted files, posted a crime tip on Facebook with Detective Stanford and assisted Corporal Huntsman with a P1 mobile program issue. He updated all forensic programs and computers as well as maintained the Blocker Locker weekly. Merckel also completed training on the Beast program and submitting evidence in order to enter his own evidence going forward.

*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 (2) new victims in December. Shupert made (3) victim contacts via telephone, (0) victim contacts via text/email, and (0) victim contacts in person. She completed (0) Public Access requests, (0) redactions were needed. This task has been significantly reduced due to the new fee structure, as well as the majority of videos now being stored in the newer video system as opposed to the previous one to which Kim has access. She assisted the Investigations Unit in (15) IDACS/NCIC queries, uploaded (25) 310's, transferred (3) cases to other agencies, sent (0) search warrants and completed (1) case information request for the Hendricks County Coroner's Office. She digitized (1) binder for a confidential investigation, as well created a new evidence envelope with a custom label for Digital Forensics to improve tracking of chain of custody.

*Intelligence Analyst Michael Langeman* was called out (0) times, consulted (6) times, reviewed (38) crime tips or bulletins, disseminated (4) intelligence or safety communications, conducted surveillance (0) times and conducted (3) inter-agency collaborations. Langeman is assisting Detective Cronin with the theft case from The Hype Vault by generating intel. He also completed 2 hours of online training presented by the FBI discussing ATM Jackpotting on the December 10<sup>th</sup>.

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*Property Room Manager Kristi Braziel* has fully assumed property related tasks with Knowles assisting when necessary. In the course of her duties, she checked in (109) items of evidence, signed out (19) items of evidence to Officers, returned (2) items of property to owners and transferred (0) items to another agency. Braziel completed (23) Prosecutor Discovery requests that resulted in the upload of (27) pieces of Body Camera footage, (27) pieces of Dash/In-Car Camera Footage, and (11) Photos. She made (1) trip to the lab accompanied by Detective Cronin, and completed (3) lab submissions. Braziel completed (8) CAC (Vidanyx) downloads and emptied the lobby Rx drop box for a total of 29 lbs. She also assisted the Prosecutor's Office with determining if the amount of drug evidence collected for a case was enough to be tested by the ISP lab.

### **Administrative Services**

December has been a very steady month for the Administrative Service Unit. Staff prepared interview packets for the Sworn Officer oral interviews that took place on December 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

Heidi Shepherd and Debbie Umbanhowar also assisted with FOP sponsored *Shop with a Cop* on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Meijer in Avon

In the month of December, the Administrative Services Unit processed (43) public access requests, (33) criminal history requests, (2) gun permits, (1) set of fingerprints, (2) rider request, (16) vehicle releases and (100) alarm permit transactions. Fees generated totaled \$2,274.00 below is a breakdown of the collected fees:

|                      |    |         |
|----------------------|----|---------|
| ➤ Accident Reports   | \$ | 50.00   |
| ➤ Incident Reports   | \$ | 25.00   |
| ➤ Vehicle Release    | \$ | 320.00  |
| ➤ Criminal Histories | \$ | 15.00   |
| ➤ Alarm Transactions | \$ | 1690.00 |
| ➤ Vin Check          | \$ | 0.00    |
| ➤ Notary Fees        | \$ | 7.00    |
| ➤ Fingerprints       | \$ | 0.00    |
| ➤ Pictures/CD/Video  | \$ | 155.00  |
| ➤ Off Duty Mgmt.     | \$ | 12.00   |




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## **Public Information**

The agency received several media contacts/inquires throughout the month of December. The majority of the media inquiries (television and written) revolved around ongoing or past investigations (from current and 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 (20) Facebook posts, (0) Facebook Crime Tips post, (11) Posts from X /Twitter, (11) Instagram Posts

Current subscriber lists report the following number of members:

| Media Resource   | Subscribers/Contacts |
|--|----------------------|
| <b>Facebook</b><br>           | <b>16,141</b>        |
| <b>Facebook Crime Tips</b>  | <b>8,000</b>         |
| <b>Twitter/ X</b><br>       | <b>3,327</b>         |
| <b>Instagram</b>   | <b>1,831</b>         |

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### **Information Technology**

*Lt. John Depinet Information Technology* worked with Langeman, Braziel, and Knowles to streamline the property destruction process by building an online LF form with an integrated approval workflow. Depinet resolved multiple IT Support issues, including email filtering, Microsoft Group delivery problems, and tracking of retired assets. System names were assigned for several new domain devices with routine tasks including spam filtering and updating RMS user permissions completed. Depinet supported the CAD paging and submitted documentation to the Chief for upcoming command vehicle technology options.

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 (1) officer on light duty for a non-work related surgery and (1) officer on light duty for a work related injury. The three Brownsburg Police Officers who graduated ILEA on 8/22 (Donna Davenport, Nathaniel Giblin and Austin Hyde) have completed their formal Field Training Program (FTO) and are on solo patrol. The sworn number of officers is now at (61) with an anticipated retirement in February. BPD initiated a recruitment process and conducted physical agility and written testing for Non-Experienced candidates. The testing yielded (30) non-experienced candidates testing at West Middle school on Saturday 11/22. Of those, (4) candidates failed some aspect of the physical testing and were subsequently removed from the process. The remaining (26) candidates continued into the written testing portion. BPD conducted formal interviews of Non-Experienced, Certified and Lateral candidates on 12/18 and 12/19. Based on those interviews we have pushed (4) candidates to investigations for backgrounds and placed the next (16) candidates on an eligibility list. The hope is to extend conditional offers at the February PC meeting if backgrounds are acceptable.

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**Training**

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

- Interview and Interrogation Dave Marcum
- IMPD Leadership Academy Steve Sentany

**Hosted Training Courses for December**

- High Risk Vehicle Stops – Brownsburg Training Facility
- Retiree Qualification – Jeff Gray
- (2) Days ERT training
- County Wide K9 Training (Host)

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

| <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> |
| ICE                                  | 12/02/2025<br>&12/03/2025 | X                   |                           |                    |                         |
| OIG Postal                           | 12/4/25                   | X                   |                           |                    |                         |
| US Marshals                          | 12/1/25                   |                     | X                         |                    |                         |
| VA Police                            | 12/12/25                  | X                   |                           |                    |                         |
| IRS                                  | 12/15/25                  | X                   |                           |                    |                         |
| ATF                                  | 12/19/25                  | X                   |                           |                    |                         |
| US Marshals                          | 12/23/25                  |                     |                           |                    |                         |
| FBI                                  | 12/29/2025<br>&12/30      | X                   |                           |                    |                         |

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### **Training Invoices sent out for December**

- ICE – Invoiced for 2 days of Range
- OIG Postal – Invoiced for 1 day of Range
- US Marshalls – Comped
- VA Police – Invoiced for 1 day of Range
- IRS – Invoiced for 1 day of Range
- ATF – Comped
- FBI -Comped

### **Training Coordinator Business**

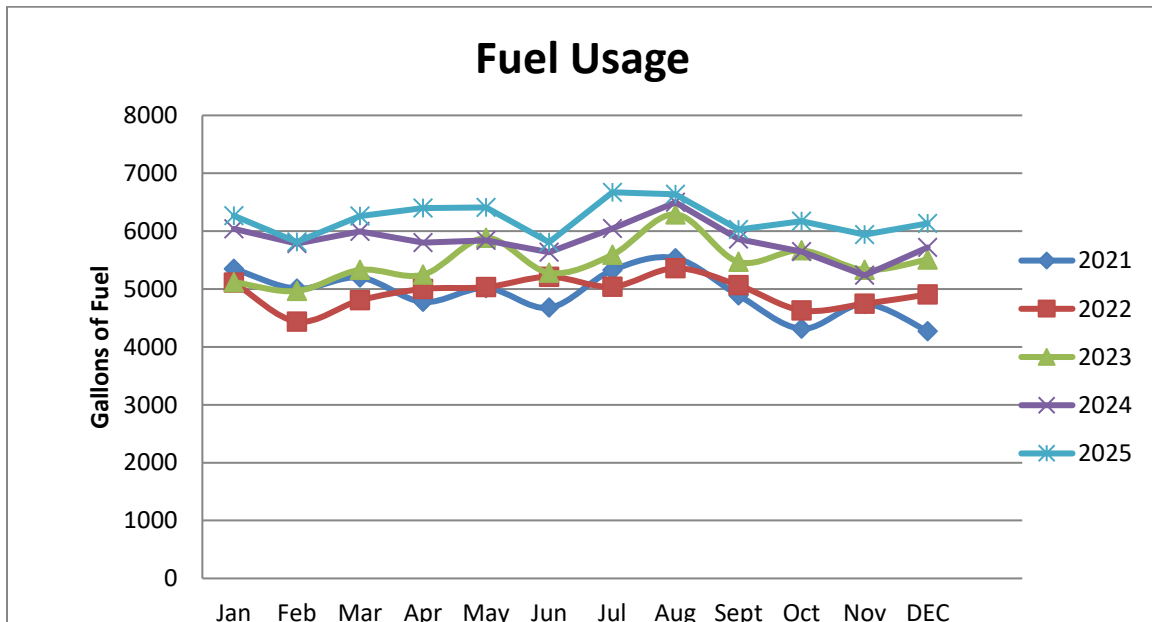
- Officers Smith and Johnson completed CPR Instructor training.
- Officers Clonce and Clay attended the Detection Dog School put on by Deputy Hibschan with HCSD. Officer Clonce also attended K9 Detection- Imprinting and Basics also instructed by Deputy Hibschan.
- Officers Brinson and A. Nelson instructed the High Risk Vehicle Stops training. It was attended by (38) officers from Enforcement.
- All officers completed the *Handle With Care* power point training sent by Chief Leahy with the Avon Community Schools Police.
- Officers in the Enforcement Unit covered Hendry V. State in roll call trainings. This case dealt with prosecution of a first amendment auditor and the limitations of free speech and conduct.
- Sergeant Fults provided training to Sergeant Abshire pertaining to the Training Coordinator position.
- Sgt Doug Abshire has assumed the roles and responsibilities of the agency Training Coordinator. Sgt. Abshire comes into this position after over (22) years of enforcement experience. Sgt. Abshire is an Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor and a Firearms Instructor. These certifications will be very helpful as he transitions into this assignment.

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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 with some 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. 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 December was 6,133 gallons used by Police units. This amount is slightly increased from last month total gallons and increased from the December 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*