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# **JANUARY 2026 MONTHLY SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT**

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CHIEF OF POLICE  
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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 Jennifer Barrett.

- Investigations
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- Community Relations
- Public Information
- Purchasing/Budget
- Information & Technology
- Human Resources
- Training
- Vehicle Fleet

### Investigations

The Investigations Unit received (23) new cases, screened (52) outside agency reports - (9) of which were screened in for Case Reports. They also closed and/or suspended (27) cases, and closed (9) cases with (5) arrests. The crime trend for this month was *Property Crimes*. The Unit served (9) search warrants and/or subpoenas, conducted (21) interviews, completed (5) background investigations, entered (96) case notes and attended (2) Child Forensic Interviews this month.

*Major Barrett* attended several meetings this month with various Executive Staff members in preparation for her newly appointed role as Major. Barrett completed a confidential investigation, reviewed multiple policies for editing, and with the assistance of Administrative Assistant Shupert, created monthly reporting workflow forms for Training and Administrative Services.

Ultimately, this form is designed to streamline daily operations and improve overall efficiency with the additional benefits of assisting the user in the areas of time management and accuracy when reporting tasks and duties completed for end of month. This form serves as a standardized template to ensure consistency across individual reporters and eases in tracking progress and responsibilities, which affords the user clarified guidance in the event that an alternate should be required to assume those duties and/or report, all while maintaining continuity without interruption.

*Detective Sgt. Bass* made (3) arrests this month and closed (8) cases. Bass is actively investigating two fraud cases. One case involves the arranged purchase of an item on Facebook Marketplace where the suspect had the victim open a Venmo business account and send \$300 after which the suspect was supposed to send back \$600 as reimbursement and payment for the item. Once the money was transferred to the suspect through the business account, they cut off communication with the seller. The other case involves a victim's estranged husband opening multiple credit card accounts in her name. Due to an active warrant out of another state, the suspect is avoiding law enforcement. Bass was able to identify juvenile suspects in multiple vandalism cases using video surveillance and filed charges against three juveniles closing (7) cases. Bass was called out (1) time and was consulted (1) time this month by road personnel. He completed state mandate training and

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firearms qualification as well.

*Detective Sgt. Stanford* made no arrests this month but closed (4) cases. Stanford is actively investigating a theft of a wallet from Planet Fitness and subsequent unauthorized card usage at local businesses. Surveillance video has been requested and the investigation is ongoing. He is also investigating a Forgery perpetrated by a victim's neighbor where several fraudulent checks were written on her account, some of which were payable to her neighbor. The suspect had been performing work at her residence and had asked for a personal loan, which was denied. Stanford is awaiting the results of two search warrants submitted to banking institutions. He recently posted information on the department's Facebook Crime Tips page regarding a theft at Ulta Beauty. To date, no credible tips have been received. Another theft investigation by Stanford is stolen Apple cards and lottery tickets from a local gas station. Flock footage is being reviewed for a potential suspect vehicle. Stanford was not called out and was not consulted this month by road personnel.

*Detective Sgt. Wells* made no arrests this month but closed (1) case. Wells responded off duty to a possible rape while he was on-call. He conducted some of the initial investigation, including executing a search warrant for the residence, but the case was ultimately assigned to Detective Christian-Moss. Wells investigated a complaint against another agency alleging battery to a child. After numerous investigative steps generating no tangible evidence and the lack of cooperation by the mother, Detective Wells turned all information over to the prosecutor's office to determine charges, which were not pursued. The case was subsequently closed. Wells also investigated and closed a rape case at a local senior health care facility which could not be substantiated and the victim did not want to pursue the investigation or involve the police. The allegation essentially contained no criminal element and the case was closed. However, information was provided to the State Health Department on the incident as per its request. Wells traveled to Wisconsin in January regarding a major Child Molest/Pornography case from 2021 to attend a suppression hearing. Results of that hearing are being appealed and the jury trial is now slated for March. He was called out (1) time and was consulted (14) times this month by road personnel.

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*Detective Sgt. O'Brien* made no arrests this month but closed (3) cases. O'Brien is investigating Threats/Harassment by an ex-boyfriend who also violated a Protection Order against the victim. Messages sent by the suspect are being reviewed at this time and the investigation is ongoing. He followed up on a 17-year-old reported missing who was entered into in IDACS/NCIC, but has since been reported and confirmed as returned home. O'Brien followed up on a possible Sexual Assault after being contacted by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner at Community East Hospital regarding an examination she performed. At this time, the victim is not wishing to identify herself or pursue the investigation, but the sexual assault kit will be retrieved and entered into evidence for possible future use as per procedure. O'Brien was called out (0) times and was consulted (1) time this month by road personnel. He instructed on Report Writing and Documentation at roll call for road personnel on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Detective Sgt. Cronin* made no arrests this month but closed (7) cases. Cronin is actively investigating a theft from a local liquor store. A male counterpart who was with a female suspect has been identified, as well as the owner of a vehicle involved. Efforts to identify the female, who actually stole the liquor, continue. Cronin is also working on a theft of a backpack with credit cards inside. The cards were utilized at a local BP gas station and loss prevention has been contacted to assist with the investigation. He closed three fraud cases that either had no solvability or the victim simply needed a report to recoup their losses. Cronin was not called out but was consulted (1) time this month by road personnel. He complete state mandate training as well as firearms qualification.

*Detective Cpl. Jeremiah Jones* made no arrests this month but closed (1) case. It should be noted that Jones was off on medical leave and was not on-call for the majority of January. He continues to actively investigate a complex Child in Need of Services situation from December that involves possible sexual contact between young biological siblings. An interview of one of the parties involved is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>. Jones was not called out and was not consulted this month by road personnel.

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*Detective Jalen Christian-Moss* made (2) arrests this month and closed (6) cases. Christian-Moss investigated a Sexual Assault and provided the Prosecutor's Office with his probable cause and investigation information for their review and decision on charges. He is investigating another Sexual Assault where the victim is currently in custody at a juvenile facility, therefore an interview is pending. Christian-Moss closed out an Abuse case and another Sexual Assault case where, in both cases, the victim did not disclose any perpetrated criminal acts. He continues to investigate a Child Molest case with the suspect being interviewed via Zoom on January 28<sup>th</sup> since they are located in Oregon. Christian-Moss was not called out but was consulted (7) times this month by road personnel. He assisted IMPD with a homicide case by interviewing a person incarcerated in the Hendricks County Jail and completed Child Homicide Investigation training.

*Crime Scene Investigator and Ancillary Property Room Manager Todd Knowles* reported the following work product: Called out (1) time. Collected/processed (84) items of evidence from (1) crime scene this month. Checked in (0) items of evidence, signed out (67) items of evidence to officers, returned (0) items of property to owners and transferred (0) items to other agencies. Knowles assisted in completing the Prosecutor Discovery Requests that resulted in the following work product: uploaded (0) videos of Body Camera footage, (0) videos of Dash/In-Car Camera Footage, and (84) Photos. He made (8) trips to the ISP Lab and completed (8) lab submissions. He made (3) trips to the hospital, (1) trip to the jail and (0) trips to the Prosecutor's Office. Knowles obtained/lifted (0) sets of fingerprints, completed (1) firearm trace, collected (2) evidence swabs and he served (1) search warrant. Knowles complete firearms qualification as well.

*Property Room Manager Kristi Braziel* reported the following work product: Called Out (0) times. Checked in (112) items of evidence, signed out (33) items of evidence to officers, returned (9) items of property to owners and transferred (0) items to another agency. The department received (14) Prosecutor Discovery requests that resulted in the upload of (2) videos of Body Camera footage, (6) videos of Dash/In-Car Camera Footage, and (0) Photos. She completed (4) CAC (Vidanyx) downloads/packages, (123) IDACS/NCIC/BMV transactions and emptied the lobby Rx drop box for a total of 16 lbs. Braziel also went to the Hendricks County Sheriff's Office in January to receive instruction on the proper destruction of electronics.

*Investigations Assistant and Victim Advocate Kim Shupert* was called out (0) times on duty, and (1) time off duty this month. She made contact with (4) new victims in January. Shupert made (6) victim contacts via telephone, (1) victim contact via text/email, and (1) victim contact in person. She was called out on the evening of January 5<sup>th</sup> by Detective Wells to respond to St. Vincent's hospital to meet with a possible rape victim in order to provide guidance and support during the sexual assault examination process, as well as review victim's rights and sexual assault information. Shupert assisted the Investigations Unit in (74) IDACS/NCIC/BMV transactions, uploaded (17) 310's, transferred (1) case to other agencies, sent (1) search warrant and completed (1) case information request for the Hendricks County Coroner's Office. She also worked on expanding the Monthly Report form to include the additional support departments and their respective monthly data now reporting to Major Barrett

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*Forensics Analyst Anthony Merckel* examined (3) cell phones, (0) tablets and (0) storage devices in January involving child sex crimes and a previous homicide case. He was called out (0) times. Merckel successfully completed a 40-hour online Cellebrite CASA training, expert level, that required him to pass a certification examination. Merckel assisted with Spanish translation on two occasions for vehicle releases to members of the public. He is currently working with the IT department in an attempt to resupply the forensics lab with hard drives for case data storage. At present, there is a worldwide shortage on computer parts. Merckel renewed two forensic tool licenses, updated all forensic programs and computers, as well as maintained the Blocker Locker weekly.

*Intelligence Analyst Michael Langeman* was called out (0) times, consulted (8) times, reviewed (36) crime tips or bulletins, disseminated (4) intelligence or safety communications, conducted surveillance (0) times and conducted (5) inter-agency collaborations. Langeman performed various tasks assisting in the development of suspects and other case information for Detectives throughout the month.

### **Administrative Services**

In the month of January, the Administrative Services Unit staff processed (39) public access requests, (17) criminal history requests, (2) gun permits, (10) sets of fingerprints, (2) rider requests, (19) vehicle releases, (68) alarm permit transactions and (1) car seat inspection.

Fees generated from services totaled \$2,805.00. Below is a breakdown of the collected fees:

Accident Reports	\$55.00
Incident Reports	\$45.00
Vehicle Releases	\$360.00
Criminal Histories	\$125.00
Alarm Transactions	\$1985.00
VIN Checks	\$0.00
Notary Fees	\$5.00
Fingerprints	\$65.00
Pictures/Videos	\$165.00
Off Duty Management	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2805.00</b>

Throughout January, Administrative Services staff Debbie Umbanhowar and Heidi Shepherd conducted routine year-end tasks, such as filing and structuring new files for 2026. Heidi also worked on compiling information and assisted in the completion of the 2025 Annual Report.





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## **Public Information**

The agency received several media contacts/inquires throughout the month of January. The majority of the media inquiries (television) revolved around calls for service taken by Enforcement while on-scene. In addition, BPD received (4) inquiries from print media that were used for relevant stories within the Town.

The department also released (26) Facebook posts, (1) Facebook Crime Tips post, (13) X/Twitter posts, and (8) Instagram posts

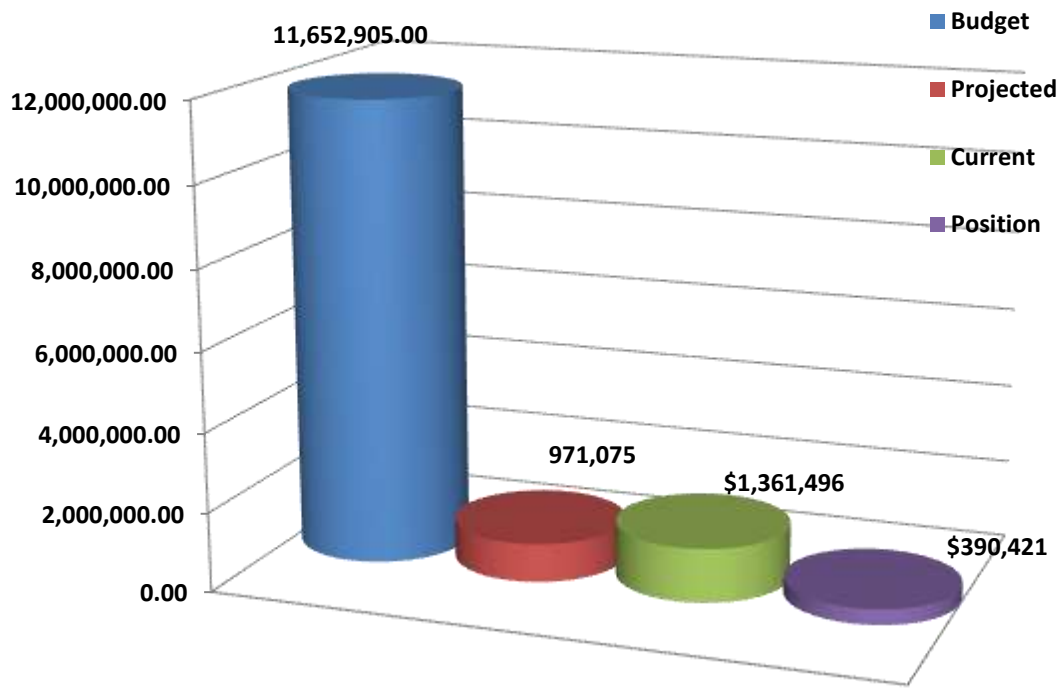
Current subscriber lists report the following number of members:

Platform		Subscribers
	Facebook	16,359
	Facebook Crime Tips	8,125
	X (Twitter)	3,325
	Instagram	1,848

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## Budget

As of January 31, 2026, the department expended 11.68% of its budget. As is typical of January, we are slightly over budget. Encumbered funds from 2025 totaled \$23,305.86 and are reflected in the total budget amount.



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## **Information Technology**

*Lt. John Depinet Information Technology* completed operating system upgrades to Windows 11 on all remaining mobile data terminals to maintain compatibility and performance. He also continued working with the Prosecutor's Office and their third-party vendor to configure a new electronic search warrant system, which will streamline warrant processing. It is scheduled to launch mid to late February. Additionally, Depinet assisted with updates to chain-of-command workflows and system processes to reflect recent personnel transitions, ensuring routing logic and approval paths remained accurate and efficient throughout the department.

Lt. Depinet assisted Road Officers to ensure that Town Court proceedings were adequately staffed as it relates to security throughout January.

## **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 (2) officers on light duty. One for a non-work related surgery and one officer on light duty for a work related injury. 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 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 several candidates to investigations for backgrounds and placed the remaining candidates on an eligibility list. At the February meeting we anticipate extending Conditional Offers of Employment to (2) candidates. We are also evaluating the status of the eligibility list to determine when a new testing process will be developed and presented to the commission for review/approval.

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## **Training**

### **Training Requested approved by the Training Board in January**

- Jacob Smith – Bosch CDR Tool Tech Training online
- Sarena Clay – Blue to Gold 3 days
- Jonathan Staton – Force Encounters 2 days
- Taylor Adamson – Force Encounters 2 days
- Karanveer Singh – Law Enforcement Response to Suicidal Subject (LERSS) online
- Kevin Huntsman – LERSS online
- Elsiana Crosby – LERSS online
- Joseph Medjeski – LERSS online
- Daniel Rooker – LERSS online
- Taylor Adamson – LERSS online
- David Koelling – LERSS online
- Dustin Johnson – LERSS online
- Joseph Steward – ISOA Conference 3 days
- Kevin Cronin – IA Conducting Proper and Effective Investigations
- Taylor Adamson – Payment for BJJ
- Eustice Mlagan – Payment for BJJ
- Taylor Adamson – Patrol Investigator and Strategic Focus Group 5 days - Free
- David Koelling – Patrol Investigator and Strategic Focus Group 5 days - Free

### **Hosted Training Courses for January**

- 2 Days ERT training
- County-Wide K9 Training
- Dynamic Police Training – Street Level Policing was schedule to occur on January 26<sup>th</sup>, but has been postponed.

### **Training Facility Utilization by Outside Agencies for January**

Outside Agency Usage					
Agency	Date(s)	Range	Shoot House	Mats	Classroom
ICE	1/5, 1/9, 1/19 & 1/21	X			
VA Police	1/6	X			
ATF	1/7 & 1/8	X			
FBI	1/22-23, 1/29 & 1/30	X			

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### **Training Invoices Sent out for January**

- ICE – Invoiced for 4 days of Range
- VA Police – Invoiced for 1 day of Range
- ATF – Invoiced for 2 days of Range.
- FBI - Comped

### **Training Coordinator Business**

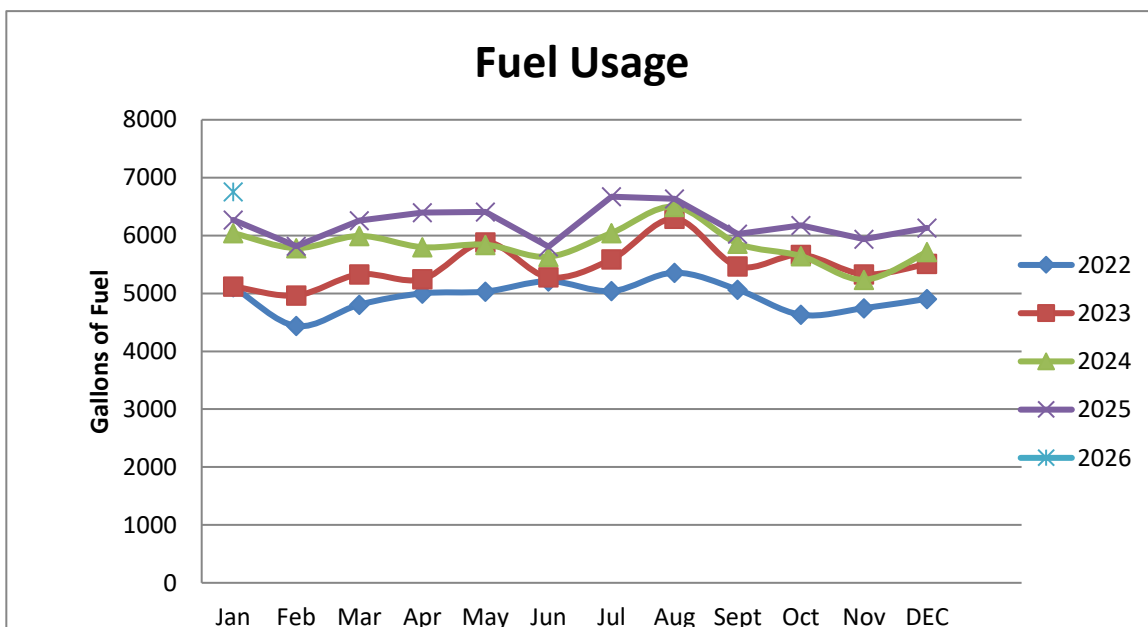
- Most of the officers attended the mandatory handgun qualifications and successfully qualified with their primary handgun. Some of the officers also qualified with their off-duty and personal weapons. During this time, rifles, primary handguns, and back-up handguns were armored.
- Sergeant Abshire sent out the SCOTUS syllabus for Case v. Montana and advised the shift supervisors to conduct roll-call training on the unanimous decision.
- State Mandated training through Moyars was sent out to all officers. Some have already completed the training.
- Sergeant Abshire met with EVO Instructors and devised some new, innovative training plans for 2026.
- Sergeant Abshire held the first Training Committee meeting of the year.
- Sergeant Abshire met with the Firearms Instructors as well to discuss training ideas for 2026.

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## Vehicle Fleet

The Town Garage staff continue to prep, outfit and rollout the remaining 2025 patrol vehicles. The vehicles being replaced (which are 2018 and 2019) are being rolled into the pool fleet. 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. The Garage has been working toward identifying the vehicles to be purchased out of this year's CCD order. The agency is evaluating moving to some larger framed vehicles (F150) that can accommodate a pursuit mitigation system. Several platforms are being evaluated for purchase and implementation in the 2026 year. 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 January was 6,754 gallons used by Police units. This amount is increased from last month total gallons and increased from the January 2025 usage amounts.

However, the agency is also now staffed with (61) sworn officers as opposed to last year's number of (58) and the extreme cold that units have been dealing with has resulted in significant engine idling while on duty. 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 Jennifer Barrett*