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NOVEMBER 2016 MONTHLY SUPPORT REPORT

CHIEF OF POLICE
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SUPPORT DIVISION REPORT

The following information contained within this report summarizes information deemed pertinent for dissemination from Major Joseph Grimes.

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Investigations

The Investigations Division received 49 new cases in the month of November, closed and/or suspended 17 cases, and closed 4 cases with arrests. The crime trend for this month was crimes against property; particularly financial crimes such as credit card thefts/fraud, and check thefts/fraud.

Captain Barrett investigated three new ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) cases this month at the request for assistance from other local Hendricks County agencies. One case involved a 15 year old producing child pornography and disseminating it on her own accord. The two cases remain under active investigation, but the allegations are that of sexual assault. Both alleged victims are teenagers. Captain Barrett has been invited to the Indianapolis F.B.I. Office to meet F.B.I. Director James Comey and receive recognition for the Brownsburg Police Departments assistance in the Terroristic Acts case involving a local Brownsburg man. This will take place in December. Captain Barrett attended the Just (Juvenile Sex Trafficking) Conference and Defensive Tactics this month.

Detective Sgt. Bass fielded numerous 310 reports of child abuse and neglect this month, but many were unsubstantiated and/or unfounded. One child molest case took the majority of his time. This case was an alleged familial child molest between two juvenile brothers. After interviews were conducted, it was determined that the molest did not occur, but the family did require intervention services. Sgt. Bass attended the Just Conference and Defensive Tactics.

Detective Cpl. Stanford investigated numerous check frauds this month. One significant case involved a local victim who believed that someone had stolen one of her business checks and reproduced fraudulent checks from the master. Their checks were cashed out of state at various banking institutions. It has been determined that each jurisdiction involved will be contacted to ascertain if they can make their own case.

Detective McCoy made two arrests this month resulting in the closure of two cases. Each case had a separate victim. The suspects stole wallets out of lockers at a local fitness business and used the credit cards of the victims on various locations throughout Hendricks and Marion County. Det. McCoy was able to obtain video and identify a suspect vehicle that he was able to witness as he was patrolling one afternoon. Det. McCoy was able to interview both suspects and obtain an admission from one. Det. McCoy attended the Just Conference and Defensive Tactics.

Detective Wells is in the process of filing charges on multiple individuals for the CVS Armed Robbery that occurred in June 2016. This investigative process has been tedious. Numerous interviews, subpoenas, search warrants, and surveillance details has finally brought him to the arrests of potentially 5 suspects. Det. Wells was able to investigate this case in the manner he did by identifying a subject that was involved from several other stores in Hendricks County. Det. Wells obtained an admission and identified the other four. This investigation has been important to the FBI, as Det. Wells garnered information that will be used to potentially identify numerous robbers in the Indianapolis and Cincinnati, Ohio areas. Excellent investigation! Det. Wells made another arrest for a victim that resides in a local assisted living facility. The victim had his apartment burglarized and had his credit cards stolen. These cards were subsequently used at various venues in Hendricks and Marion County. Det. Wells was able to obtain video and identify the suspects, and ultimately an admission.

CSI Stewart processed 114 pieces of evidence, researched 76 dispositions, returned 6 pieces of property, and processed 1 crime scene. Stewart had 2 trips to the ISP lab, transported and/or retrieved evidence from ISP Forensic Lab, and handled approximately 6 Prosecutor requests for evidence.

Administrative Assistant Belinda Sharkey covered the property room in the absence of CSI Stewart, scanned 1,200 documents into LaserFiche, and worked in records for coverage twice this month.

PROSECUTOR UPDATE: So far this year the Hendricks County Pros have disposed of 418 OWI cases. 415 resulted in OWI convictions for a conviction rate of 99 percent. In 2016 they have filed 36 robbery cases, this is a record high. Last year they filed 29 robbery cases. In 2016 they have filed 40 burglary cases, last year it was 30. There have been 13 jury trials in 2016 with 10 guilty and 3 not guilty dispositions.

Records

The month of November was relatively uneventful for the Records Department. Kim Shupert directed her focus back to large projects utilizing Laserfiche Forms following the upgrade to Laserfiche 10.0 and some residual troubleshooting. She also participated in a training webinar covering Laserfiche business processes and forms on November 15th.

On November 28th, newest employee and Records Assistant, Amanda Bultman successfully completed her probationary year. Amanda has proven to be an excellent selection and addition to the department.

In the month of November, the Records Department entered 31 hand-written citations and warnings, processed 18 public access requests, 22 criminal history requests, 42 gun permit applications, 162 alarm permit transactions, 0 rider requests, and 13 sets of fingerprints. Fees generated totaled \$3,606.00. Below is a breakdown of the collected fees:

➤ Accident Reports	\$55.00
➤ Incident Reports	\$55.00
➤ Gun Permits	\$1,980.00
➤ Notary Fees	\$6.00
➤ Criminal Histories	\$20.00
➤ Fingerprints	\$100.00
➤ Alarm Transactions	\$1,390.00

Community Relations

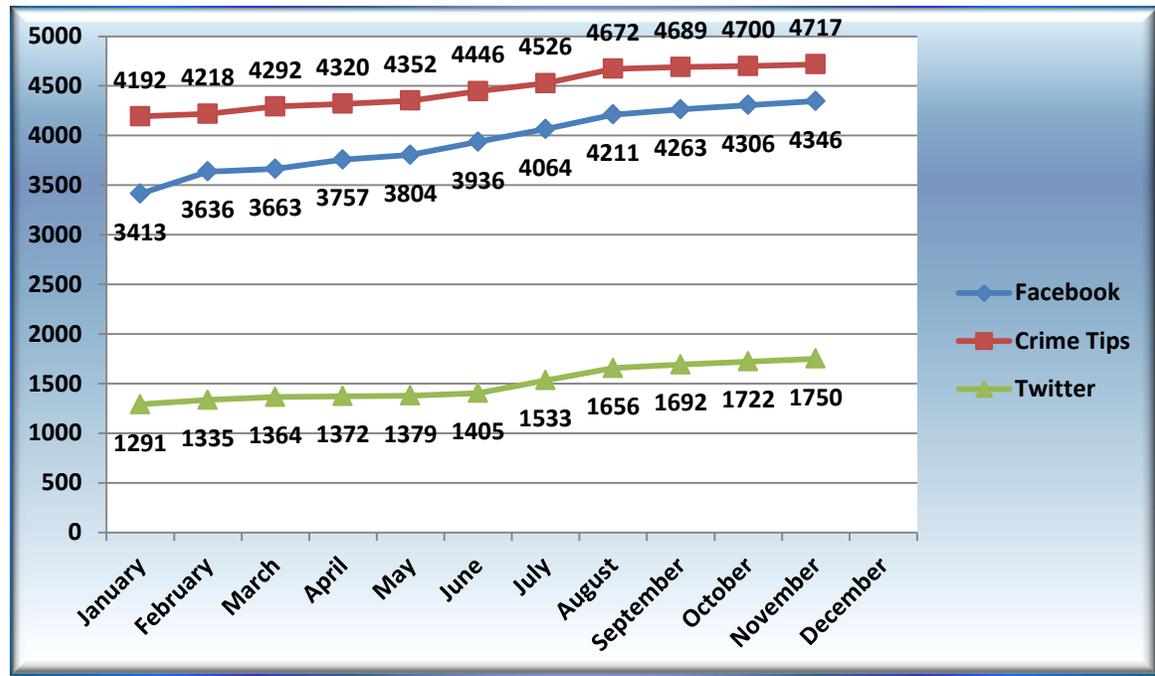
Sgt. Fleck conducted the below listed activities during the month of November:

- Nov 2nd - Crime Watch with guest speaker Detective Tim Wells
- Nov 2nd & 3rd - Honor Guard detail at ILEA.
- Nov 7th - Safety talk at Goddard pre-school
- Nov 9th - Substance Abuse Task force
- Nov 9th - Women's self-defense
- Nov 10th - Stranger/danger talk with students at Bible School
- Nov 12th - Explorer meeting at Xtreme Lazer Tag
- Nov 14th - Safety for pre-school children
- Nov 14th - Women's self-defense class at Brownsburg JR High for school faculty
- Nov 17th - Make up defensive tactics class
- Nov 30th - Defensive tactics make up
- Nov 30th - Women's self-defense at Sheltering Wings
- Juvenile information sent to state data base before Nov 10th
- Court security on Nov 2nd, 9th, and 23rd

Public Information

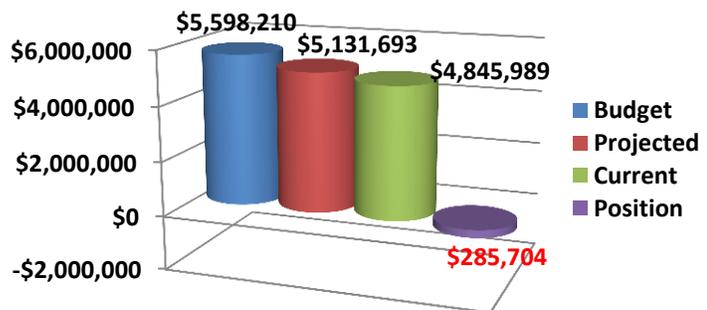
The department had 4 media contacts during the month of November. The contacts covered media releases and inquiries for the fatality crash on US 136 East of Fox Road. The department also released 3 Facebook posts. Current subscriber lists report the following number of members:

Media Resource	Subscribers/Contacts
Facebook 	4346
Facebook Crime Tips 	4717
Twitter 	1750



Purchasing

As of November 30, 2016, the department expended 86.56% of its budget. We remain slightly under our projected budget.



Information Technology

Over the past two months we have been preparing radios and the department for a major operational change. On Tuesday, December 6th starting at 8:00 pm the entire county will

begin the transition from the old radio system to the new IPSC P25. The change should improve radio coverage and quality. With existing towers being brought online as of that date, the new towers at Brownsburg and Bellville are anticipated to be up and operations by January 1, 2017.

Human Resources

Officer Matthew Burks has been registered to attend ILEA Basic Course Tier I session 2017211 on 3/6/17 through 6/16/17. Currently Officer Mark Christian is attending academy training for his certification, and is expected to graduate on February 17th, prior to Officer Burks leaving to attend in March of 2017.

Reserve Officer Sam Leahy has tendered his letter of notice for his impending resignation from the Reserve Division effective December 31, 2016. Officer Leahy has served our department and community since October 18, 2011, and continues to serve as a Police Officer with the Brownsburg School Corporation Police Department. Even with separating from the Reserve Division, Officer Leahy praises our agency for being the wonderful agency it is, but has made this difficult decision based upon family obligations that he would like to focus more of his none work hours to. Thank you Officer Leahy for your years of service, and we wish you well in your future endeavors.

In preparation of transitioning to the appointed position of Chief of Police upon the retirement of Chief Michael Dove, Major Joseph Grimes has officially withdrawn from two specialty assignments within the Brownsburg Police Department as of Tuesday, December 6, 2016. With the change in focus and job responsibilities, Major Grimes shall no longer be able to perform the duties as the Emergency Response Team Commander and member of the Honor Guard. Major Grimes was one of eight developing members of the Brownsburg Emergency Response Team in 2000, and has served as an Operator, Team Leader, and Commander during his tenure. As like with the ERT, Honor Guard was yet another area within the Brownsburg Police Department Major Grimes had served since the later part of 1999. Major Grimes shall miss being a part of these two professional groups of individuals, but knows that both these specialties are in more than capable hands with the operators and members that still fulfill the duties as active members.

Training

On November 2nd and 3rd Sgt. Watts attended the annual ILEA State Trainers conference at ILEA in Plainfield. Topics discussed included those related to additional training for new hired officers prior to attending the academy and a longer academy session beginning in 2018. Currently, officers only require a “40 Hour Pre-Basic” training session before being permitted to work as a police officer in Indiana. In addition, the actual academy session is currently 16 weeks in length and they are anticipating increasing that to a national average of 18-20 weeks beginning in 2018.

On November 7th the Brownsburg Police Department ERT conducted its monthly training at the training facility and the Brownsburg Fire Territory training boxes. Training included structure clearing, use of gas masks, and operating during gas deployments.

On November 16th Sgt. Watts provided assistance to ILEA in the form of instructing and critiquing an instructor development presentation for 12 students. This assistance generated training credits with ILEA that can be applied to future trainings using their facility.

On November 10th Central Indiana Law Enforcement Training Council (CILETC) conducted its monthly meeting at the Brownsburg Police Training Facility to discuss upcoming training classes, budget, and future request for training.

On November the 28th the final session of EVO (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course) was provided to any officer within the BPD that has been unable to attend previously. Upon conclusion of the session, all BPD officers have completed their 2017 EVO requirements.

On November 29th the US Postal Service Inspectors Office of Inspector General utilized the indoor range for their quarterly training. This generated revenue in the amount of \$200 for that day.

On November 30th, Sgt. Watts completed the requirements for renewal of equipment on loan from US Department of Justice for fiscal year 2017. This procedure is conducted each calendar year to maintain 100% accountability and compliance with DOJ equipment issued/loaned to the BPD.

The majority of November includes accounting for and compiling all training records for 2016 to insure officers have meet all required trainings in topic and hours. These records are then prepared and submitted to the State for review in order to maintain compliance with State Statute.

Emergency Response Team

With the resignation of Major Grimes as team Commander, Sgt. Andy Watts was announced as the newly appointed Commander of the Emergency Response Team. Commander Watts shall be aided by Team Leaders Cpl. Joe Fults and Sgt. Bryan Fultz.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Major Joseph Grimes*