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# **FEBRUARY 2026 MONTHLY SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT**

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CHIEF OF POLICE  
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BROWNSBURG POLICE COMMISSION



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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
- Administrative Services
- Public Information
- Purchasing/Budget
- Information & Technology
- Human Resources
- Training
- Vehicle Fleet

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## **Investigations**

The Investigations Unit received (26) new cases, screened (41) outside agency reports - (5) of which were screened in for Case Reports. They also closed and/or suspended (29) cases, and made (7) arrests. The crime trend for this month was *Property Crimes*. The Unit served (4) search warrants and/or subpoenas, conducted (8) interviews, completed (5) background investigations, entered (113) case notes and attended (2) Child Forensic Interviews this month.

*Major Barrett* focused on training in areas of her various new job responsibilities this month. Barrett attended a budget meeting, a State SART meeting and a Police Commission Meeting in her new role as Major. Barrett. Major Barrett assigned each respective Investigations Unit Sergeant a designated team for supervision. The Investigations Unit will adopt a rank structure that mirrors the existing structure of the Enforcement Unit. Aligning the organizational framework between the two units is intended to enhance daily operational function, improve internal and inter-unit communication, and promote greater overall efficiency in the execution of departmental responsibilities. This alignment will also support clearer supervisory roles, consistent chains of command, and more effective coordination between units. Due to the CSI position opening, Barrett worked with Administrative Assistant Shupert to develop and launch a recruitment process. The advertisement for the position was officially posted, and within only one week, there have been approximately 58 applications received.

*Detective Sgt. Jacque Bass* was appointed to Captain of the Unit in February. He will be acclimating to the new position in the following weeks. As a Detective during the month, he made (6) arrests and closed (4) cases. Bass is actively investigating a Forgery at a local restaurant where a counterfeit bill was presented for payment. He closed multiple Fraud cases and filed several charges involving the same suspects who were posing as various fraudulent companies ordering several thousand dollars' worth of product that was delivered to their Brownsburg residence and not paying. Captain Bass began a confidential investigation this month that resulted (3) interviews as well as oversaw a forensic examination of a computer. Bass was called out (0) times and was consulted (0) times this month by road personnel.

*Detective Sgt. Stanford* made no arrests this month but closed (7) cases. Stanford as actively investigating a Fraud where the victim had her identity stolen and a credit card opened in her name. She also reported a fraudulent check drawn from her checking account. A search warrant for the bank has been completed. Stanford is also actively working another case involving a fraudulent check written against the victim's checking account. This case also requires a Search Warrant. He closed multiple Theft cases where there were simply no leads contributing to solvability, as well as two Fraud cases where the victim stopped communicating. Stanford was called out (2) times and was consulted (3) times this month by road personnel.

*Detective Sgt. Wells* made no arrests this month and closed (0) cases. Wells responded to a person down, which was a 28-year-old male that had collapsed. The death is expected to be ruled a medical issue. Wells continued to work on the case involving a toddler with an

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STD. Charges will be requested. He completed more work on the largescale daycare case as additional allegations have been made. Wells was called out (1) time and was consulted (14) times this month by road personnel.

*Detective Sgt. O'Brien* made no arrests this month but closed (5) cases. O'Brien is investigating a Fraud where the victim had his Motor Carrier number used to pick up truck loads, stolen after his work email had been hacked. He closed a Vehicle Theft where a purchased 2026 Mercedes-Benz valued at \$216,000 in transit from California to Florida was stolen. At one time, the ping from a tracking device installed on the vehicle was located at an address in Brownsburg, but prior to confirming that, the vehicle was determined to now be in Chicago. He closed a Fraud due to lack of communication by the victim and transferred a harassment to Bloomington PD. O'Brien was called out (0) times but was consulted (1) time this month by road personnel.

*Detective Sgt. Cronin* made no arrests this month but closed (6) cases. Cronin is actively investigating a theft of a trailer and generator from a job site. The victim may have identified the stolen items from pictures generated from Flock. Intel Analyst Langeman is conducting further tracking. He is working a Fraud where the victim bought Apple gift cards after which the suspects entered the gift card information and took the funds. A new trend is suspects take the cards, scratch the card for the numbers, and cover the numbers back up with a substance that mimics the original adhesive scratch off label. They then monitor for funds to be added to the card and use them. Cronin responded to a suicide and a natural cause death in February. He transported an evidence phone to the HTCUC at Indiana State University and completed Internal Affairs Investigation training. Cronin was called out (2) times and was consulted (1) time this month by road personnel.

*Detective Cpl. Jeremiah Jones* made no arrests this month but closed (4) cases. Jones is actively investigating, but likely soon to close, an allegation of rape at a local senior living facility by an elderly victim who suffers from dementia. He is scheduled to speak to the victim's son regarding the circumstances. Jones attended the sentencing of one of his suspects in an extensive Child Molest case from 2024 involving multiple step-sibling victims. The suspect was convicted and received a sentence of 16 years at the Department of Corrections. Jones was recognized for his extensive work with the suspect was residing in another state and success on this case. He was not called out and was not consulted this month by road personnel.

*Detective Jalen Christian-Moss* made (1) arrest this month and closed (3) cases. Christian-Moss closed two Sexual Battery cases after forensic interviews were completed and nothing criminal was disclosed as well as a Child Abuse case after it was determined the injuries were the result of a medical condition. He filed a Probable Cause with the prosecutor's office for a Child Molest case and is attending another forensic interview for Child Molest in early March for an open case. Christian-Moss attended Child Forensic Interview and Public Information Officer Crisis Management training during the month. He also attended a Gun Liaison meeting with other departments in the county on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Christian-Moss was not called out (1) time and was consulted (15) times this month by road personnel.

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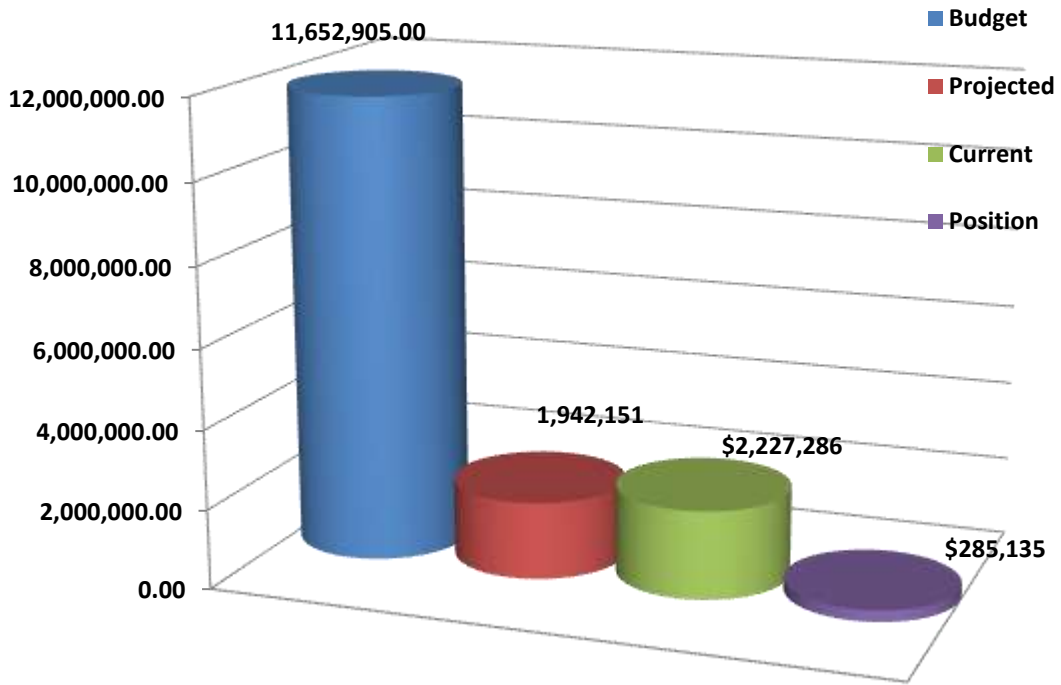
*Investigations Assistant and Victim Advocate Kim Shupert* was called out (0) times on duty, and (0) times off duty this month. She made contact with (4) new victims in February. Shupert made (5) victim contacts via telephone, (0) victim contacts via text/email, and (0) victim contacts in person. Shupert assisted the Investigations Unit in (46) IDACS/NCIC/BMV transactions, uploaded (45) 310's, transferred (5) cases to other agencies, sent (0) search warrants and completed (2) case information requests for the Hendricks County Coroner's Office. She completed a 2-hour online course by the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault (ICESA) on the topic of Understanding Traumatic Brain Injury. Shupert also worked with Major Barrett late in the month to launch a recruitment process for a Crime Scene Investigator.

*Crime Scene Investigator and Ancillary Property Room Manager Todd Knowles* reported the following work product: Called out (3) times. Collected/processed (66) items of evidence from (1) crime scene this month. Checked in (80) items of evidence, signed out (8) items of evidence to officers, returned (0) items of property to owners and transferred (2) 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 (20) Photos. He made (6) trips to the ISP Lab and completed (6) lab submissions. He made (1) trip to the hospital, (0) trips to the jail and (0) trips to the Prosecutor's Office. Knowles obtained/lifted (11) sets of fingerprints, completed (0) firearm traces, collected (15) evidence swabs and he served (0) search warrants. Knowles completed firearms qualification as well. Knowles tendered his resignation as the CSI as of the end of February.

*Property Room Manager Kristi Braziel* reported the following work product: Called Out (0) times. Checked in (119) items of evidence, signed out (13) items of evidence to officers, returned (18) items of property to owners and transferred (1) item to another agency. The department received (23) Prosecutor Discovery requests that resulted in the upload of (7) videos of Body Camera footage, (10) videos of Dash/In-Car Camera Footage, and (0) Photos. She completed (3) CAC (Vidanyx) downloads/packages, (137) IDACS/NCIC/BMV transactions, researched (121) cases and emptied the lobby Rx drop box for a total of 39 lbs. Braziel also assisted the department by covering the Administrative Services department due to absences for required training on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Forensics Analyst Anthony Merckel* examined no devices in February. One phone, potential evidence in a firearms case, was transported to the HTCUC lab for extraction. Merckel updated all forensic programs and computers, as well as maintained the Blocker Locker weekly.

*Intelligence Analyst Michael Langeman* was called out (0) times, consulted (6) times, reviewed (38) crime tips or bulletins, disseminated (5) intelligence or safety communications, conducted surveillance (0) times and conducted (4) inter-agency collaborations. Langeman performed various tasks assisting in the development of suspects and other case information for Detectives throughout the month.



## **Budget**

As of February 28, 2026, the department expended 19.11% of its budget. As is typical of February, we are slightly over our projected budget. Encumbered funds from 2025 totaled \$23,305.86 and are reflected in the total budget amount.

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## **Administrative Services**

In the month of February, the Administrative Services Unit staff processed (47) public access requests, (18) criminal history requests, (5) gun permits, (5) sets of fingerprints, (3) rider requests, (14) vehicle releases, (54) alarm permit transactions and (0) car seat inspections.

Fees generated from services totaled \$2,522.00. Below is a breakdown of the collected fees:

Accident Reports	\$185.00
Incident Reports	\$35.00
Vehicle Releases	\$280.00
Criminal Histories	\$10.00
Alarm Transactions	\$1830.00
VIN Checks	\$0.00
Notary Fees	\$7.00
Fingerprints	\$25.00
Pictures/Videos	\$150.00
Off Duty Management	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2522.00</b>

Administrative Services staff members Debbie Umbanhowar and Heidi Shepherd attended the Indiana Symposium for Public Access Requests on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.





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## **Public Information**

The agency received several media contacts/inquires throughout the month of February. The majority of the media inquiries (television and written) revolved around ongoing or past investigations, including any updates on significant incidents from throughout the last several weeks/months. In addition, BPD received inquiries from local print media with various story ideas that are being contemplated for publication, while others were published.

The department also released (18) Facebook posts, (0) Facebook Crime Tips post, (6) X/Twitter posts, and (9) Instagram posts

Current subscriber lists report the following number of members:

Platform		Subscribers
	Facebook	16,569
	Facebook Crime Tips	8,125
	X (Twitter)	3,320
	Instagram	1,872

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## **Information Technology**

*Lt. John Depinet Information Technology* continued coordination for the planned electronic search warrant system with the Prosecutor's Office and their contracted third-party provider; however, implementation was paused after 2 days because notification that the judges halted the rollout due to training and understanding concerns. Depinet also provided the Chief with a structured report outlining recommendations related to department reorganization and updated division alignment. In addition, he maintained ongoing technology support, adjusted system access and workflow routing to reflect personnel transitions, and monitored MDT and network performance to ensure stable operations across both divisions

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

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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. The light duty assignment is for a non-work related surgery. The sworn number of officers is now at (60) after an anticipated retirement this month. 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 provided extending Conditional Offers of Employment to (2) candidates. One of those candidates has proceeded to the Medical/Psychological and should have those completed by 3/3/26. The second candidate has been removed from the process and the conditional offer has been rescinded based on information discovered during the background investigation. We will be requesting approval of a new recruitment process at the March meeting to aid in developing a hiring list and filling the remaining current vacancies.

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## Training

### Training Requested Approved by the Training Board

- Jacque Bass NIAIA Training Conference
- Jacque Bass IACP Technology Conference
- Jennifer Barrett NIAIA Training Conference
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- Heather Foote Street Crimes Tactical Training
- Bryan Fultz Agency Response to Critical Incidents
- Dustin Johnson Advanced Traffic Stops/Report Writing/De-Escalation
- Matthew Dixon Advanced Traffic Stops/Report Writing/De-Escalation
- Alex Nelson ISOA Counter Sniper Course
- Daniel Brinson ISOA Conference
- Matthew Dixon Pedestrian Crash Level II
- Jalen Christian-Moss PIO Class
- Todd Knowles IDEA Annual Conference
- Matthew Dixon CDR Tool Technician
- Jonathan Staton Brownsburg BJJ Annual Dues

### Hosted Training Courses

- ERT Training – NORSE Sustainment
- Defensive Tactics
- Pittsboro PD Annual Handgun Qualifications
- Retiree Handgun Qualifications (2)
- Women’s Self Defense
- Crisis Negotiation Unit Quarterly Training

### Training Facility Utilization by Outside Agencies

Outside Agency Usage								
Agency	Date(s)	Range	Shoot House	Mats	Classroom	# of Days	Invoiced	Comped
Speedway PD	02/03		X			1	X	
Zionsville PD	02/04 & 02/05	X				2	X	
Homeland Security	02/06	X				1	X	
Pacer’s Security	02/07	X				1	X	
ICE	02/10	X	X		X	1	X	
IRS	02/12	X		X	X			
FBI	02/13 & 02/20	X	X	X	X	Full Year	X	
Airport PD	02/23	X				1		X
VA Police	02/27	X				1		X
HCSD	02/02	X						
Lebanon PD	02/15, 02/19 & 02/26	X	X					

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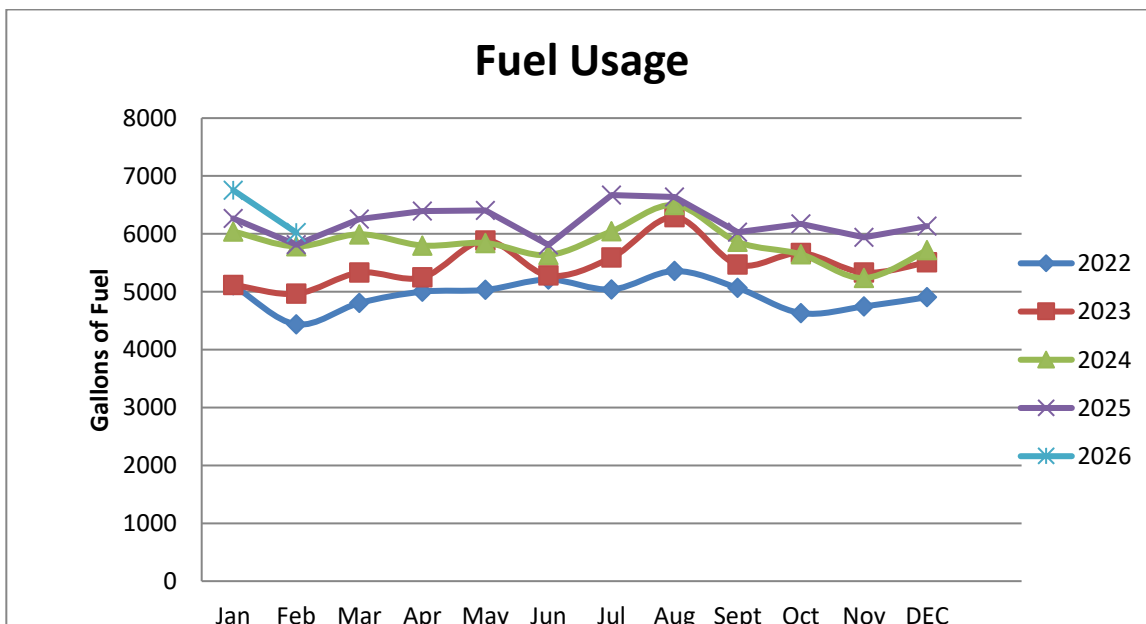
### **Training Coordinator Business**

- First Defensive Tactics training was held. 25 officers attended.
- Sergeant Sentany completed PIT Instructor Course.
- Officer Johnson and Officer Craig were selected to become Instructors and will attend training March 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.
- New Mantis X equipment was purchased to assist instructors with dry fire exercises.
- IRS requested we invoice them after they use the range in March so there is only one invoice.

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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 2026 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 February was 6,022 gallons used by Police units. This amount is decreased from last month total gallons and increased from the February 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*