# 2017 Annual Report

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2017 proved to be quite a challenging and atypical year for the Brownsburg Police Department in a variety of ways. Our community experienced an unusual number of violent crimes and major incidents. Within a little over a month time period in the late summer, Officers and Detectives were faced with one homicide and two (2) attempted homicides. Shortly before those incidents in July, the department responded to a missing 8 year old boy and following an extensive multi-agency overnight search, it tragically ended in a recovery mission from a local retention pond. In late February, the department also had the misfortune of experiencing its first police action shooting in decades. Finally, our department heavily assisted in an extensive joint investigation with the FBI regarding a child solicitation case involving a Brownsburg citizen. In addition to these major incidents, the department underwent some significant changes administratively such as implementing the Hendricks County Mass Notification system for our officers and town, transitioning to an entirely new scheduling and time-tracking system, making significant progress towards a new arrest paperwork program and moving towards eliminating usage of the LincDoc product. These major incidents and complex projects thoroughly tested our preparedness level, skills and procedures with a very favorable outcome. Some processes were reviewed and modifications were appropriately developed as a result.

The community continues to experience growth and it is projected that by 2019 our population will reach 30,000. We are continually assessing our staffing levels to ensure that our quality of service is maintained. One area that I as Chief of Police focused on in 2017 was community outreach and department visibility. I made a point to network with community leaders representing organizations such as the American Legion, Kiwanis, Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce and local churches to discuss ways that our citizens can engage with our officers and essentially act as an extension of our department that contributes to the safety of our community. We have developed new interactive programs such as the Citizen’s Academy and the Hendricks County Mass Notification system in order to foster an active relationship with the members of our town.

As previously stated, 2017 was an eventful and taxing year and I couldn’t be more proud of the level of skill and professionalism demonstrated by my staff throughout. The following pages detail the activities and accomplishments of each Brownsburg Police Department division, department or specialized unit for 2017.

Chief of Police

Joseph A. Deiner
The Brownsburg Police Department Enforcement Division is comprised of Road Patrol, Motorcycle Patrol, Bicycle Patrol, K9, Reserves and United Drug Task Force assigned officers.

Activity remained relatively consistent in 2017 with a slight decrease (1.5%) in calls for service from 2016. Traffic Stops conducted were down by 9.8%. Property Crimes reported were down 22.3% and Crimes Against People were up 28.7%. Numbers are still very low in terms of overall crime in our community with seven hundred forty (740) arrests made. Proactive patrols such as “patrols when possible”, business checks, premise checks and bike patrols totaled 7,703 which was an increase over 2016 by 2.8%.

Ninety-eight (98) requests submitted by the public regarding crime tips, drug tips, traffic problems, suspicious activity, extra patrols, and vacation watches were fielded by the division throughout the year. This number is down by 37 or 27% from 2016 when there was 135. The majority (48%) of the requests involved traffic problems and suspicious activity.

As stated in the 2016 Annual Report, the Enforcement Division continues to experience a high volume of drug related crimes, incidents and overdoses involving heroin. Opioid addiction was declared a national public health crisis by President Trump late in the year and drug overdoses are now the leading cause of death among Americans under 50. Statistics suggest the problem continued to worsen throughout 2017. The department remains vigilant with its law enforcement and response methods with officer safety being the top priority as news of inadvertent exposure of the potentially fatal fentanyl to police officers becomes an issue.

During 2017 the department experienced several major incidents including a police-action shooting, a homicide, two attempted homicides and a missing, later to be found deceased, child. Enforcement Division officers are the first on-scene responders to these incidents playing a critical role in incident command, preliminary investigation, information recording and crime scene preservation. As is good practice, debriefings were held following these major incidents where the many facets of the response and investigation could be discussed among those
involved and between divisions to identify both strengths and weaknesses. Overall the Enforcement Division proved to be well-prepared and able to effectively respond to these types of incidents that don’t often occur in our community.

On February 10th, Sergeant Jeff Klayer was recognized for his efforts during a complicated investigation of a fatal vehicular accident that had occurred in December of 2016. His efforts resulted in several charges and an arrest warrant that was served on January 19th for the driver whose actions caused the fatality.

On July 7th, Sergeant April Hyde was the Incident Commander during a missing child case in Creekside Commons. This large-scale situation involved many staff members (sworn and civilian) and other police agencies (local, state and federal) along with fire and EMS departments across the county. Extensive effort was exhausted and many investigative and search methods were deployed. Community volunteers numbering in the several hundreds were organized to conduct a search for the child the following morning. Shortly before the organized effort would commence, the approximate 20 hour case would tragically end with the child’s body being recovered from a nearby retention pond. This incident was by far the most significant of 2017, requiring each and every responder to employ their training, experience, instinct, stamina and determination to their fullest extent. The conclusion was very difficult for all involved but the response and investigation was a testament to the tireless commitment of the entire staff of this department to public service.

On September 12th at the Board of Police Commission meeting Sergeant April Hyde, Officer Jeremiah Jones and Officer Corey Sears received the Award of Distinguished Service for their first responder medical aid efforts that essentially saved a person’s life.
During 2017, the Brownsburg Police Department was involved in four (4) vehicular pursuits which is a significant decrease from 2016 in which there were eight (8). All pursuits were initiated by the Brownsburg Police Department. One pursuit initiated on February 6th involved a Brownsburg Officer responding to an unresponsive person in their vehicle in the roadway near an intersection. Upon arrival the officer placed his police vehicle behind the suspect vehicle and activated his red and blue emergency lights. The officer approached and attempted to wake the driver and tell him to put the vehicle in park. The driver was non-compliant and drove away from the officer. The officer returned to his police vehicle and began to pursue the vehicle. The suspect vehicle proceeded through a red light at State Road 267 and County Road 700 North. The suspect vehicle turned onto Brooks Bend and entered a driveway on Brooks Bend and crashed into the garage. The driver was taken into custody without incident and charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Total distance of the pursuit was two miles and total time was two minutes. On July 23rd a Brownsburg Officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for an equipment violation. The vehicle failed to yield for nearly one mile before stopping. The driver was taken into custody without incident and charged with possession of narcotics. Total distance of the pursuit was one mile and total time was three minutes. On September 15th a Brownsburg Officer responded to a broadcast of a possible impaired driver in the area of 56th Street and Ronald Reagan Parkway. Brownsburg officers located the vehicle in the area of 56th Street and Northfield Drive traveling approximately 14 miles per hour in a posted 40 mile per hour zone. The suspect vehicle was also operating on a flat tire. A Brownsburg officer initiated a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle and it continued west on 56th Street to Green Street. The vehicle turned north on Green Street to Lorraine Drive and turned east. The vehicle continued east on Lorraine Drive to Grant Street and turned south. The vehicle turned onto Greenridge Parkway and came to rest in a parking spot. The driver was taken into custody without incident and charged for operating a vehicle under influence of alcohol. Total distance of the pursuit was two miles and total time was five minutes. On September 30th a Brownsburg Officer initiated a pursuit on a suspect vehicle involved in a robbery. As the officer activated his red and blue emergency lights the suspect vehicle increased speed and did not yield to the officer. The vehicle drove east on U.S. 136 in excess of 95 miles per hour. The vehicle drove left of center passing vehicles in the area of County Road 1000 East and was in excess of 100 miles per hour. The vehicle continued east on U.S. 136 and disregarded a red traffic light at Raceway Road. The vehicle continued east on U.S. 136 and turned the headlights off. The vehicle then turned south on Country Club Road. The vehicle then lost control and crashed into a parked semi at the 2500 block of Country Club Road. The driver and a passenger were transported to a medical facility due to their injuries from the
crash. Total distance of the pursuit was six miles and total time was four minutes. The average distance between the four pursuits in 2017 was 2.75 miles, 6 miles being the longest and 1 mile the shortest. The average time spent in a pursuit was 3.5 minutes with 5 minutes being the most and 2 minutes the least. The highest speed reached during a pursuit was 105 mph, which was on a highway that was not in a residential area but did go through some commercial areas.

In 2017, there were a total of thirty nine (39) incidents involving sixty three (63) documented Use of Force reports. This is a 40% increase from forty five (45) documented reports in 2016. The department remains of the opinion that Brownsburg Police officers exercised excellent application of necessary force and appropriate restraint in time pressured, uncertain, rapidly evolving circumstances throughout the 2017 calendar year. During a review of all Use of Force incidents it was noted that Brownsburg Officers drew and pointed their service weapons on twenty one (21) documented occasions. However, only one (1) of the above situations resulted in a police action shooting. One of the Use of Force reports involved the delivery of chemical agent. None of the Use of Force reports involved the apprehension of a suspect using a police K9. Six (6) of the Use of Force reports involved the application of a Taser CEW device. Twenty-six (26) of the reports involved Weaponless Physical techniques, including but not limited to strikes, kicks, and restraints. The remaining nine (9) incidents involved the “drawing and pointing”
of the Taser CEW device thus resulting in compliance and not requiring the application of an electrical charge. It should be noted that eight (8) suspects were rendered medical attention, including those exposed to Taser CEW devices. There were no incidents documenting injury to an officer. As in previous years approximately half of all Use of Force incidents reported in 2017 involved intoxicated/impaired persons. In addition, the seriousness of the incidents and application of force used were increased across the categories. K9 apprehensions were down from 2016, while all other applications of force were up from the previous year. This is truly indicative of the violence being displayed nationwide upon police officers as they are performing the duties of their occupation. In addition, it is believed the increases are an example of the increasing number of subjects that we are coming into contact with whom are either too intoxicated, inhibited, or mentally detached to “process” the pain compliance based techniques traditionally used by police. Officers are required to escalate or modify their amount of force based upon the severe intoxication and violent behaviors exhibited by suspects involved. Officers of the Brownsburg Police department continue to be some of the best trained and most professional officers in the State of Indiana.

The Brownsburg Reserve Program currently consists of seven (7) officers. This number is down from 2016, when there were eleven (11). The division accepted resignations from Officers Tanya Strawmyer, Neil Beiriger, Jacob Clark and Noah Feldman in 2017. As is routine, the Reserve Division again staffed annual events such as the Easter egg hunt, walk/runs, Fourth of July Extravaganza, the youth summer camp weeks, high school graduation, bicycle tours, and parades. They also staffed the Brownsburg “Tox Away” Day in April. This is all in addition to the hours they volunteer on patrol. The division continues to give back to the community utilizing fundraiser or donated funds. In 2017, the Friends of the Reserve Division (F.O.R.D.) LLC:

- Donated $150 to the Humane Society for dog/cat food
- Donated $50 in fuel cards to the department to distribute as needed (to the public)
- Provided backpacks filled with school supplies for ten (10) local children during an annual giveaway
• Handed out gift cards to families in need during the holiday season

The annual “5-0/5K” run organized by the division raised $1600 in funds and the sales of “Back the Blue” t-shirts generated $700 in funds in 2017.

The Reserve division continues to thrive and positively imbed itself into the community under the command of Sergeant Kiritschenko and Corporal Wilson in addition to Corporal Rob Van who was promoted from the rank of Officer in November.

For 2017, the United Drug Task Force was assigned eighty-seven (87) cases. Investigative efforts, including many that included the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) continue to be focused on heroin and methamphetamine dealers and distributors. Throughout the year narcotics seized included, 550 grams of methamphetamine, 5.5 kilos 172 grams 2 ounces of heroin, 89 grams of cocaine, 73 grams of crack, 12 pounds 266 grams of marijuana, 550 Xanax pills, 249 OxyContin pills and 21 other miscellaneous pills. The UDTF heavily assisted the department with the investigation of two shootings and three robbery cases as well.
The Investigations Division is presently comprised of Division Commander Captain Jennifer Barrett, five (5) detectives, an administrative assistant and a civilian crime scene investigator who also serves as the property and evidence custodian. The division had launched a selection process to add a detective toward the end of 2016 and in January, Officer Josh O’Brien was selected. On June 26th, Detective Jason McCoy transitioned back to Enforcement and the Division welcomed Officer Kevin Cronin as another new detective.

The early part of the year was focused on preparing for the Brabson murder trial that was originally slated for January but was continued until May. Numerous interviews were completed and subpoenas and search warrants served as part of that trial preparation. The trial commenced on May 22nd and convened on the 25th. Justin Brabson was found guilty of murder with an “enhancement” for a firearm. The jury deliberated only two hours. Mr. Brabson was sentenced to seventy-two (72) years in the Indiana Department of Corrections.

On May 30th, the Division began investigating a bank robbery that occurred at the Fifth Third Bank located inside the Kroger store on North Green Street. The suspect did not brandish a weapon but did articulate a threat to harm the bank tellers if they did not cooperate.

The Investigations Division was also heavily involved in the investigation, facets of incident command and the on-the-ground search for missing 8 year old Shalom Lawson in July as previously discussed in the Enforcement Division portion of this report. All members of the division contributed efforts to this tragic incident.
The Division experienced a chaotic August due to a homicide and attempted homicide major case investigation. Brownsburg Officers responded to person(s) shot at a local business and discovered that two victims had been shot multiple times. The male victim was later pronounced dead, but the female victim survived. The accused shooter is the father of the female victim’s children. The shooter was driven to the scene by a second suspect to commit the murder(s). The shooter left the scene and took his three children and hid in the home of a family member while IMPD SWAT attempted to make entry into his last known residence, which was in close proximity to his hiding location. An Amber Alert was issued for the three children, but after continued surveillance on the suspected residential location of the suspect shooter and suspected driver, both individuals were witnessed exiting the suspected home. Both suspects were apprehended within approximately 13 hours of the crime and the children were recovered safely from the suspected residence on exigent circumstances.

Also in August, Captain Barrett traveled to Bakersfield, California to serve a search and arrest warrant for the Brian Kil case that originated in Plainfield, Indiana. This individual, who has now been identified as Buster Jimmie Hernandez, extorted juvenile females for sexual images and videos. The estimate of victims was 100 at that time, but the evidence remained in the early stages of being reviewed. There were victims in 31 states and two other countries. Brian Kil desired to be “the worst cyber terrorist” ever, and threatened to bomb Plainfield High School, Danville High School, The Shops at Perry Crossing, Decatur Township High School, and the Plainfield Walmart. Captain Barrett worked with the F.B.I. and ICAC Task Force for approximately 20 months to get a resolution to this case. She was subpoenaed to testify at the detention hearing and trial.

The division experienced another busy month in September due to an attempted homicide investigation. Brownsburg officers responded to person(s) shot at a local residence and discovered that one female victim had been shot multiple times in the presence of her children. The alleged shooter, who was identified as the victim’s husband, left the scene the morning of the shooting, but was located and arrested within 30 hours of the incident. The children were placed with family members and continue to receive necessary services.
The remainder of the year was spent predominantly on follow up investigation of major incidents, case file construction, trial preparation and auditing 2017 case files in preparation for case review. Several detectives were in trials at the end of November for previous cases as well.

Assigned cases in 2017 decreased by 19.8%. Closed and/or suspended cases decreased by 14.1% but cases closed by arrest increased by 29.8%. Background checks climbed back up to the average annual number following a decrease in 2016.

Some of the more noteworthy cases in addition to the previously mentioned in 2017 are as follows:

- Investigation of a stabbing as a result of a domestic dispute in January. After numerous interviews of the adults and children, it was determined that the female reporter was the primary aggressor and she was ultimately charged.
- A strong armed robbery case that occurred on the south side of town where a female had her purse stolen at gunpoint. Other jurisdictions had the same suspect committing the same crime in their area. Detective Wells worked with Westfield PD to arrest and interview the suspect who admitted to the robbery in Brownsburg.
- An arrest in a burglary of a residence case where approximately $10,000 in coins were stolen. The detective was able to identify and interview the suspects as well as recover $3,000 worth of coins.
- An arrest in Human Trafficking and Attempted Child Molest where the accused communicated his intention to have sexual intercourse and other sexual conduct with a child to an undercover officer. The accused made travel arrangements across state lines and an arrest was made after a sting operation.

Detectives recorded hundreds of hours of training while assigned to the division covering several topics including:

- Interviewing Children and Preparing for Court
- National Crimes Against Children Conference
- DNA Lab Testing
• Kinesic Interview and Interrogation
• Child Death and Homicide
• Forensic Document Examination
• Annual State Mandates, Physical Tactics and Firearms

Administrative Assistant Belinda Sharkey continued her work in Laserfiche by scanning documentation into the electronic filing system. Throughout 2017, she completed 1,154 transactions which may have included multiple items in one transaction such as photos.

In regards to the Property and Evidence function, there were 208 pieces of evidence returned to the owner, destroyed, transferred to another agency, auctioned or forwarded to long term storage and there were 86 items sent to the Indiana State Police for testing. There were 2,438 pieces of evidence checked in throughout 2017 and at year’s end the property and evidence room housed 6,606 pieces of property which does not include property still at the lab, checked out by the court system or checked out by officers.

2017 in the Training Division started with Corporal Steve Sentany taking over the Training Coordinator position previously held by Major Watts. Throughout the beginning of the year Corporal Sentany learned the many facets of the training function.

January was a particularly busy month, as is typical, with several trainings hosted at the Training Facility, including the Department of Corrections shoothouse utilization, Airport Police firearms, IMPD SWAT firearms and shoothouse as well as the Indiana State Police SWAT shoothouse training. January is also the month that all training hours for the previous year need to be calculated and reported to the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board. February was a similarly busy month at the Training Facility with multiple training dates involving our department, as well as the ATF and IRS.

Also in February, the indoor firearms range was shut down for a range rebuild. The process entailed removing debris, replacing mats and rubber pellets and cleaning the range. It was reopened shortly after.

On March 14th and 15th, the department hosted a Taser instructor course. Captain Bullock, Sergeant Fleck and Corporal Sentany attended. This training certifies or re-
certifies attendees as Taser Instructors and permits them to train other department officers on the device’s proper operation.

The Veterans Affairs Police Department was given another tour of the training facility on March 27th in consideration of future usage. Following the tour, the VAPD scheduled several future training dates at our facility.

From April 24th through the 28th, IMPD SWAT utilized the classroom, mat area and shoothouse to conduct their new member selection process. IMPD SWAT typically conducts training at our facility in exchange for instruction or equipment costs to be incurred later in the year. The relationship this department has established with IMPD SWAT is tremendous in terms of immediate availability of resources and assistance.

In May, a company called Protrain used the facility to instruct courses on Understanding Police Use of Force and Officer Survival on Traffic Stops. Our officers were permitted to attend the training at no cost in exchange. Protrain and Instructor Ron Hantz returned on October 30th and 31st to provide Counter Ambush training and additional Officer Survival training.

On July 13th, a Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) debriefing was held at the training facility. This was offered to anyone involved in the drowning incident of Shalom Lawson. The session was orchestrated by Jerry Baker who serves on the State FOP CISM team. The session was conducted at no charge based upon his relationship with our department.

Also in July (18th) the Indiana Attorney General held a Hendricks County meeting at the training facility to personally meet with all department heads and obtain information as it relates to local crime trends or law enforcement concerns.

In August a Citizen’s Academy was announced and opened up for registration by our citizens. Training Coordinator Corporal Sentany organized and managed this program from beginning to end. The full, 25-student academy ran the entire month of October meeting on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Training Facility.
From November 28th through November 30th the department hosted a Safariland Tactical Shield Instructor Course. Our department was able to send two (2) operators at no cost and had to only pay for a third to attend, saving $790.

Officers received 8,154.5 cumulative hours of training during 2017, averaging 153.86 hours of training per officer. The state continues to mandate 24 hours annually per officers and our department consistently remains well above that mandate. It should be noted that there were four officers that attended the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. The added hours of training significantly increased the total number and the average over what was reported in 2016.

Other highlighted formal training topics for the year include:

- Financial Planning
- Officer’s Survival on Traffic Stops Live Fire
- Ambush and Lethal Environment Recognition
- Mexican Cartels and Gangs
- Advanced Firearms Instructor
- Dynamics of Officer-Citizen Encounters
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Accident Investigation
- Policing the Teen Brain
- Hidden Compartments and Other Areas of Concealment
- Critical Incident Stress Management
- PIO Boot Camp

Roll call training conducted by shift supervisors in 2017 covered topics such as “Legal First Aid After a Shooting”, vehicle pursuits and radio traffic, fatal accident response, ERT buy/bust vehicle takedowns, secure and non-secure juvenile detention, Video Vault uploading, felony warrant service and sexual harassment.

During the month of January 2017, records staff conducted year end activities such as reorganizing filing systems in preparation for the new year and compiling year end statistics and revenue totals for 2016.
Also in January, the new evaluation program, designed by Kim Shupert and Lt. John Depinet utilizing Laserfiche Forms and Workflow was completed and staff members were trained on its usage.

From February 7th to February 10th, Records staff member Deborah Umbanhowar attended the annual Laserfiche conference in Long Beach, California. This was the first time any police department employee had attended. Debbie brought back some new ideas and methods for using the Laserfiche system.

Discussion began in February involving the Hendricks County Prosecutor’s Office, Kim Shupert and Lt. John Depinet in regards to electronic submission of arrest paperwork created by officers. At the time, a Records staff member was transporting paperwork to Danville daily. Once a process was established using Laserfiche, Records staff began submitting arrest paperwork in “test-mode” electronically on March 22nd. Following a finalization meeting between Kim Shupert, Lt. Depinet and members of the Hendricks Prosecutor’s Office on April 12th and their subsequent internal training, the procedures were officially implemented on April 19th. To date the practice has worked quite well, essentially eliminating the need for any physical transportation of documents. In addition, data entry has been greatly reduced. Other Hendricks County agencies (Danville and Avon Police Department) met with Lt. Depinet and Kim Shupert at the department to learn and discuss our new submission procedures on June 12th.

A parallel project to the electronic arrest paperwork submission to the Hendricks County Prosecutor’s Office has been the recreation of a replacement electronic forms suite for arrests. Kim Shupert continues to work on this major project with Lt. Depinet when possible. While it is progressing, other projects have taken priority and some decisions regarding charging affidavits remain to be made by the Prosecutor’s Office. This project will continue well into 2018.

Also in February, the 2017 recruitment process was launched by Kim Shupert at the direction of Executive Staff beginning with minor revisions to the pre-application for employment and multi-media advertising. Records staff processed submitted pre-applications from March 15th until May 15th. The physical agility testing and written examination were also scheduled and organized by Records Staff on June 10th. They would also prepare all paperwork for both oral interviews taking place in July and August.

On March 25th, Debbie Umbanhowar conducted the annual Records Retention purge following the 2016 approval by the Hendricks County Commission on Public Records. Forty (40) boxes of expired records were destroyed (shredded) on-site.
The 2017 request was also submitted in April and approved in October. Eleven (11) additional boxes of expired records were destroyed on November 6th.

The latter part of 2017 was spent transitioning all LincDoc environment forms to the Laserfiche Forms environment. This task was completed by Kim Shupert and Debbie Umbanhowar with Lt. Depinet performing the workflow finalization. This project will continue into 2018 as well.

Starting in September, Kim Shupert created a policy review schedule and new meetings with Executive Staff regarding those reviews and any needed revisions began on the 12th. This will be an on-going cyclic (monthly) process for the foreseeable future.

All three Records Staff members (previous dispatchers) again performed communications operations in the command vehicle during the NHRA Nationals at Lucas Oil Raceway from Friday, September 1st through Monday September 4th.

As routine duties assigned to the department, Records personnel continued to provide services to the community such as gun permit application processing, public access requests, criminal histories and fingerprinting. The following tables reflect various activity statistics as well as funds generated for 2017. Most activity remained relatively consistent with last year’s numbers. However, there was a substantial drop in gun permit application renewals or new issues. The permits were down by 203 and the revenue from said permits was down 44%. This type of trend seems to occur as a result of major elections and coincides with the general gun control opinion of political parties in office. As a result of this drop, the overall revenue for the year dropped a little over 15% from 2016. Criminal history requests were notably up by 67.6%.

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**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

In early 2017 the replacement of Interact (current Records Management System) within the next 18 months was announced. Meetings continue to be held by Indianapolis Public Safety Communications (IPSC) and the department awaits a decision regarding its replacement.

On January 20th, a much needed new radio tower was installed in the area of County Road 400 North and County Road 900 East. Radio signal strength increased significantly. After testing, the results showed the strength to be well above the normal range. The increased radio transmission quality greatly improved officer safety.

Throughout 2017 the Information Technology function administrated by Lt. John Depinet and various other multi-leveled personnel focused on seven (7) major projects. These projects have had and will have a major impact on department operations:
**eAgent X2 Project** – This project was designed to provide a two-factor login authentication for computers used inside of patrol cars. This additional security was mandated by NCIC/IDACS and was completed in August. The department is now in compliance.

**Records Management System (RMS) Transition Project** – This project is being designed to prepare the department for electronic submission of records to the Hendricks County Prosecutor’s Office as well as transition existing reports in the current RMS system to Laserfiche in preparation for the new system. This project was nearly complete in 2017 and is awaiting some procedural approval by the Hendricks County Prosecutor’s Office at a later date.

**Laserfiche Forms and Workflow Project** – This project will rebuild all forms in our current environment (LincDoc) inside the Laserfiche environment. Workflows and form functionality are being reviewed and modified concurrently. This project was also nearly completed in 2017 and is expected to be finalized in early 2018.

**New Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Project** – This project was initiated by Indianapolis Public Safety Communications (IPSC) in which we as a county and department are included. This project will replace the 20 year old Z-Client software that is currently being used within our police vehicles. Completion of this project is expected to be late 2018.

**New Records Management System (RMS) Project** – As previously mentioned, this project was also initiated by Indianapolis Public Safety Communications (IPSC) in which we as a county and department are included. This is designed to replace our current RMS called Interact. Completion of this project is expected to be in the second quarter of 2018.

**Everbridge Mass Communication** – The department trained on, advertised and began utilizing this rapid notification system purchased and maintained by the Hendricks County Communications Center from October to December. The system allows citizens to subscribe to emergency notifications involving situations that affect the community such as severe weather, public safety threats, suspects at large, road closures and more. To date the Brownsburg Police Department is the first and only police department in the county to deploy this new technology.

**Aladtec Scheduling and Time-Tracking** – The department implemented new software that schedules personnel and tracks paid time off. This project was completed at the end of 2017 with training occurring in late December and early January of 2018. It is a significant transition from the previous system and procedures.
In September the department received and deployed new mobile data terminals. Additional body cameras were also purchased for Reserve Officers as well.

Department wide radio programming was conducted by Lt. Depinet in November. The reprogramming was able to be conducted at the department and included channel reorganization and enhancements. A future encrypted communications channel for countywide Emergency Response Team (ERT) responses is planned. A radio inventory was conducted at the same time resulting in 100% accountability. The department returned 22 older model portable radios to the Hendricks County Communications Center.

Overall 2017 was a very busy year for the Information Technology function, Lt. Depinet and other support personnel in these areas. A heavy workload involving the aforementioned projects will continue into 2018.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS & JUVENILE INFORMATION**

Community Relations and Juvenile Officer Sergeant Fleck conducted or attended many activities and events throughout 2017. His activities are outlined as follows:

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For 2017, most activity remained relatively the same with exception to Explorer Post 1848 related meetings or trainings. There was significantly more activity within this program last year. While the number of Women’s self-defense classes is down, they increased in 2017.

Some new activities for Sergeant Fleck in 2017 included hosting a mini-academy for Boy Scouts, Beasley Orchard’s “Hometown Heroes” event and attending some “Touch a Truck” events throughout the year. He also attended Grant Writing, Juvenile Jeopardy and “Policing the Teen Brain” training as well as completed state mandated training. Sergeant Fleck also instructed in many areas in 2017 including firearms, defensive tactics, new officer in-service, active shooter and topics at the Citizen’s Academy. Sergeant Fleck continues to heavily participate in the Bike Patrol program each year.

In June of 2017, the seventh Annual Police and Fire Youth Camp commenced. From June 5th through the 16th, two weeks of camp commenced with a total of 85 participants.

Sergeant Fleck conducted his annual diversionary program (criminal and juvenile law, alcohol and drug abuse, violent crimes and toxic relationships) at Brownsburg High School from September 11th through the 15th and presented to seven class periods per day.

The department hosted its first Citizen Academy in several years from October 3rd to the 26th. Twenty-five (25) participants attended class each Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Feedback from students was very positive. An article in Hendricks County Flyer covered the academy and the overall response from attendees indicating it was a great success and should be continued.

As previously mentioned, the Explorer Post 1848 activity increased in 2017. This program currently operates with 13 members. The post met 21 times last year and trained in many different areas. One significant event for the post was attending an Explorer
The Academy held in Noblesville from June 18th through the 23rd. There were a total of 61 participants from multiple departments, ages 14 to 20 years old. Check in for the academy was Sunday at 5:00 pm and Explorers stayed at the East Middle School for the entire week. Cadets woke up at 5:30 am every morning to participate in training. Topics included vehicle operation, scuba diving, bomb disposal, live shooting, archery, team building, Taser and pepper spray, law classes and defensive tactics. Sergeant Fleck was very impressed with the academy.

The annual Night Out Against Crime was held on Tuesday, August 1st. Unfortunately, the event was cut a little short due to severe weather but was still a success as usual featuring many of the same activities as previous years including the Pacer’s Fan Van, Bloodmobile, live music by Darlington Road, bounce houses and free food. The number of participants in this event seems to increase each year. Sergeant Fleck continued his weekly court security details as well as reporting juvenile information using the state mandated database.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

During 2017, the Emergency Response Team was activated or utilized for critical incidents on one occasion, a pre-planned event on one occasion and high risk warrant services on three occasions. The following list does not include all of the
instances where the potential for deployment existed and the team was placed on standby in a state of readiness but essentially did not respond.

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The singular critical incident call out for 2017 involved a suspect who had barricaded himself with a weapon in a detached garage following a domestic disturbance. ERT was activated and coordinated containment and negotiations for over three hours in below freezing temperatures. It was deemed that the suspect was growing more agitated and continued to refuse to exit the garage. ERT attempted to breech the side door using a manual ram and found the door too heavily fortified. The team then utilized the ram on the front the APC (Armored Personnel Carrier) to breech the overhead door. Less lethal pepperball powder was also introduced. The team made entry and gained control of the suspect without injury. A Glock handgun and two loaded magazines were recovered.

In February, the team tested four prospective new members to fill vacancies. Following the testing, Officers Bradley Carr and James Schwartz (Avon PD) were selected as the newest members and placed on restricted status pending training. The team also added another tactical medic. At fifteen operators, two tactical medics and one doctor serving as the medical director, the team is at its largest since inception in 2000. The team did accept the resignation of long time member Scott King with Pittsboro PD effective January 1st, 2018. He had been with the team since 2005.

One of the team’s ballistic shields was replaced in May. The shield had reached its “life-end” as per manufacturer recommendation in terms of ballistic integrity.
The team trained on high risk warrant services, contain and callouts and barricaded persons under the guidance of the Indianapolis Metro SWAT unit in June. Following the training a synopsis prepared by Workhorse Training Group included the following evaluative statement: “The team was well versed in room entry, allowing Workhorse to advance through the training quicker. While there are a few areas that need further work, the overall effectiveness of the team on High Risk Warrant service is excellent. They are well above average for Team of their size. The Chiefs, respective departments and citizens of the community should be assured that the Team will be professional and utilize great decision making if called upon to serve HRW’s.”

The Brownsburg Emergency Response Team again committed to several hours of preparedness training in 2017. The team conducted training eleven (11) times and covered various topics, including:

- Structure Clearing
- Gas Exposure
- Live Fire Range
- Breeching
- Pepperball and Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- Annual Physical Readiness Test and Physical Tactics

The department Honor Guard, consisting of Sergeant Fleck, Corporal Tony West, Officer Kevin Huntsman and Officer David Koelling continues to be active under the leadership of Sergeant Pete Fleck, meeting and training monthly when possible. Corporal Tony West and Officer David Koelling are the newest members of the team with Corporal Jacque Bass resigning his position last year.

Events or ceremonies attended by the Honor Guard in 2017 included the Law Enforcement Memorial, Youth Police and Fire Summer Camp, 9-11 Memorial Ceremony, Homecoming Parade, Fourth of July parade, Night Out Against Crime, Blue Light Ceremony and the presentation of colors at the ILEA Convention.
Public Information Officer Captain Jennifer Barrett remains the department’s primary PIO with Sergeant April Hyde acting as the secondary. Due to the numerous major crimes or incidents which resulted in likely record contact with the media, exact statistics for inquiries are unavailable due to focus being on the follow up investigation efforts as priority. There were multiple on-scene interviews and telephone interviews conducted as well by both Captain Barrett and Sergeant Hyde.

The incidents generating most interest by the media were naturally the police action shooting, homicide, attempted homicides, a bank robbery, and the child drowning. The PIO received several inquiries that involved incidents outside of our jurisdiction such as a child down incident that occurred at a local school and a murder/suicide that occurred in Pittsboro, which were forwarded appropriately. There were thirteen (13) official media releases and one scheduled press conference.

The department continues to utilize Facebook and Twitter and our website to inform Brownsburg citizens and to solicit information (crime tips). Followers or subscribers continue to increase each year. The following are 2017 subscriber numbers as compared to 2016:

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MOTORCYCLE PATROL (Traffic Unit)

In 2017, Corporal Tony West resigned from the Motorcycle Patrol, leaving Officers Rooker and Hunstman remaining on the Traffic Unit. Corporal West had been with the division since inception.

March 24th was the first day of the riding season. Throughout 2017, Officers focused enforcement in high traffic areas including 56th Street, North Green Street and Northfield Drive, B & O Trails and in the area of 200 East Northfield Drive.

The Motorcycle Patrol completed several special details in 2017 which included the following:

- May 21st
  - Nathan Gentry Memorial Ride

- June 5th & 16th
  - BPD Youth Camp Demonstration

- June 15th
  - Ride for the Salute (Blue Star)

- July 4th
  - Fourth of July Parade & Fireworks Traffic

- August 19th
  - Steve Bannon Memorial Bike Ride

- Dec 2nd
  - Christmas Under the Stars Parade

The Division was called upon to complete two comprehensive traffic studies during the year.

By November, all motorcycles had been placed in storage for the winter season.

K9

In 2017, the K9 Division increased to five (5) K9 teams. For the purpose of the annual report we include Officer Kiritschenko for a total of five (5) K9 teams. Officer Kiritschenko utilizes her K9 for duty as a school officer and as a Brownsburg Reserve.
In January of 2017, Officer Josh O’Brien was reassigned to Investigations, leaving a K9 Officer opening. Officer David Shedrow was selected as the replacement and was assigned Officer O’Brien’s K9 “Darro”. In March, Officer Corey Sears was added to the K9 Division. Officer Sears obtained K9 “Tarzan” and both he and Officer Shedrow began K9 training in April.

Sadly, on October 25th the department lost K9 “Darro”, assigned to Officer Shedrow, to an unfortunate accident. Darro joined the department in October of 2013 and during his tenure completed 92 deployments and had 41 K9-related arrests. New K9 “Drago” was procured in November and assigned back to Officer Shedrow. The team attended patrol school in November with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

The current K9 teams are as follows:

- Officer Kevin Hyde and “Czar”
- Officer Corey Sears and “Tarzan”
- Officer David Marcum and “Carro”
- Officer David Shedrow and "Drago"
- Reserve Sergeant Kim Kiritschenko and “Zeus”

During 2017, K9 teams were deployed 168 times and there were sixty-two (62) K9 related arrests. The teams also participated in 116 hours of narcotics training and 119 hours of patrol training. Officer Kiritschenko and her K9 are single purpose for narcotics detection only. The other teams are all dual purpose in narcotics and apprehension.

**BIKE PATROL**

The Bicycle Patrol prepared their bikes for the riding season in April by tuning them up and ensuring proper equipment was in operational readiness. In May, seasonal tactical rides were resumed and Sergeant Pete Fleck began his nearly daily participation on the unit, assisted by Corporal Mike Gill and Officer Jon Flowers as well as new members Officer Jeremiah Jones, Officer David Koelling and Officer Corey Hill when possible. The unit doubled in members last year.

As the bicycle patrol unit is designed to do, riders focused on tactical riding through neighborhoods and public parks throughout the riding season. They again participated in the annual special events in 2017, such as the Fourth of July Extravaganza, in addition to patrolling the NHRA U.S. Nationals at Lucas Oil Raceway Park. Annual recertification took place at the Plainfield Police Department on July 14th and 17th. New bike carriers were purchased in 2017 as well as a new custom bike to accommodate Officer Koelling’s height. It was a typical riding season for 2017 and in October, the bicycles were placed in storage until spring.

**FLEET**

In January, the responsibility of fleet maintenance was reassigned to the Support Services Division with Major Watts meeting with Town Fleet Superintendent Chris Keers to develop a comprehensive police vehicle maintenance and replacement program. The intent of the program is to identify vehicles that are in need of replacement and provide a manageable guide to enhance police vehicle usefulness.
Three (3) 2017 vehicles (two marked and one unmarked) were completed and released to patrol officers in February. These vehicles were purchased in 2016. In the weeks following, an additional four (4) Ford Interceptor sport utility vehicles were ordered to replace other aging fleet vehicles. These vehicles arrived in June.

Of the four vehicles ordered, three were assigned to Enforcement and the fourth was assigned to Community Relations (Sergeant Fleck). His SUV was then outfitted to serve as a much needed K9 pool vehicle allowing the K9 Division to continue seamless operations and K9’s to remain available when their assigned vehicle is unavailable.

In March four older model pool vehicles were removed from the fleet due to age, high mileage or mechanical costs. These vehicles were traded in with the values being applied to the invoice of the most recent orders.

There was a nationwide recall for Ford Interceptors involving exhaust leaks. Two of the department’s vehicles were identified as being part of the recall and were repaired by Ford at no charge.

One vehicle in 2017 was determined to be a total loss as a result of an accident and was replaced.

Towards the end of the year budgetary preparations were made to place an order for an additional four (4) patrol vehicles to be invoiced in December, again to replace aging fleet vehicles. The anticipation is assignment of two of those vehicles to the K9 Division.

Total fuel consumption for 2017 was approximately 53,875 gallons of unleaded and 88 gallons of diesel (APC and Mobile Command Vehicle).

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

For the Human Resource function, the year opened with Officer Nick Pugliese completing the required medical and psychological examinations. Nick had been extended a conditional offer in early January. Once accepted into the Indiana Public Retirement System following these examinations, Officer Pugliese’s start date was March 20th. He
graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on October 6th.

February 10th brought the official retirement of Chief Mike Dove with a celebration at the department and a plaque presentation by new Chief Joe Grimes. Mike Dove was with the department for twenty-five years, in multiple positions including Detective, Enforcement Division Commander, Assistant Chief and ultimately Chief of Police.

Captain Pat Bullock was recognized for twenty-five (25) years of service in February and Lieutenant John Depinet was recognized for twenty (20) years of service in October.

Officer George Glossop tendered his resignation in February and in March Officer Grant Anderson tendered his resignation to be effective May 14th creating two immediate openings. As a result a recruitment effort was aggressively planned.

The physical agility testing and written examination for the 2017 recruitment took place on June 10th. By the application deadline the department had received 277 applications. Of those 277 candidates, 233 were invited to the testing phase. On testing day, eighty (80) applicants attended the physical agility testing with five failing and unable to attend the written examination immediately following. Seventy-five (75) applicants took the written examination. Staff interviews took place on July 10th and 11th of thirty-one (31) candidates selected to continue. Once candidates were selected to continue in the process, they underwent a background investigation. Fifteen (15) candidates were invited to the Executive Interview phase on August 21st. Fourteen (14) candidates attended. The top two candidates, Elizabeth Danai and Daniel Lawson, established after the final interview were offered a conditional offer of employment at the September 12th Board of Police Commission
meeting. The remaining candidates were placed on a hiring list. Officer Danai and Lawson started with the department on October 30th.

On September 28th a promotion process was launched for the ranks of Corporal and Sergeant. Following a process that included a formal essay and oral interview, Corporal Joe Fults was promoted to Sergeant and Officer Mike Gill was promoted to Corporal at the November 14th Board of Police Commission meeting. Reserve Officer Rob Van was promoted to Corporal as well.

At year’s end the Brownsburg Police Department was staffed by forty-six (46) sworn full-time officers, seven (7) civilian employees and seven (7) Reserve Officers.

At year’s end, the department had only 1.11% or approximately $64,000.0 of the 2017 budget remaining which was returned to the Town’s general budget. Of the entire $5,763,043 budget for 2017, $132,258.00 was encumbered for invoices that were received after the claims deadline or because the invoices had not been received yet. The claims will be paid as they are received in 2018 with those funds. We did request and receive a special appropriation of $8,446.75 for the Internet Crimes Against Children reimbursement grant. This grant requires you to pay up front then request reimbursement. We also received $2,280.00 for the Training Facility rental which was deposited into the Towns’ General Fund

Grant money received in 2017 totaled $46,526.30. Grant money consisted of $28,569.31 for seatbelt, Operation Pullover and Drug Enforcement Agency projects deposited into the Town’s general fund. Internet Crimes Against Children awarded our department $10,000 for future needs of equipment and training relating to all crimes against children. The Hendricks County Substance Abuse Task Force awarded the department $4,492.00 to assist in purchasing Portable Breath Test Devices and Narcotics test kits. The vest reimbursement program by the
Department of Justice netted another $4,293.38. Of that, $2,322.85 was from claims filed in 2016, but not received until 2017.

Donations into the Gift Fund for the year totaled $17,975.34. These funds were utilized for the Police & Fire Youth Camp, Night Out Against Crime, parade candy, and the Haunted Police Station. The Reserve Division used some of their Gift Fund monies to purchase book bags & school supplies for several Brownsburg school children. The Reserve Division also provided gift cards to several Brownsburg families during the holidays.

The Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund received $2,636.73 for court user fees. $2,074.55 of this was from the Brownsburg Town Court and $562.18 was from the Hendricks County Courts. We also received $8,144.00 from buycrash.com for 1,018 accident reports purchased on-line.

In 2017, there were 885 purchase orders processed which is a slight increase from the 869 processed in 2016. The 2018 budgeting process began with the first meeting with the Town on May 24th, 2017.

EMPLOYEE AWARDS

At the regularly scheduled Board of Police Commission meeting on December 12th, Employees of the Year were named. From left to right: Civilian Employee of the Year CSI Tiffany Stewart, Support Services Employee of the Year Sergeant Pete Fleck, Operations Employee of the Year Sergeant Jeff Klayer and Reserve Officer of the Year Corporal Rob Van.
Officer Joseph Steward received the 2017 Top Gun Award for his excellent performance in Firearms throughout the year.