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SEPTEMBER 2020 MONTHLY SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

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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 Andrew Watts.

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Investigations

The Investigations Unit received (63) new cases in the month of September, closed and/or suspended (21) cases and closed (3) cases with (2) arrests. The crime trend for this month was crimes against persons.

The Unit conducted (7) Interviews, conducted (8) child forensic interviews, and served (2) search warrants for various investigations this month.

Captain Barrett lectured at the *Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault (ICESA)* State-wide training this month to approximately 1200 plus participants and investigated a Federal case involving allegations of harassment, conspiracy to commit murder, and felon in possession of a firearm this month. Captain Barrett continues to investigate a child molest/child solicitation case that is revealing more female juvenile victims that span across the country.

Sgt. Bass investigated a burglary case this month. The victim had a large sum of cash stolen from her residence and knew of only one suspect that had knowledge of the cash and its location. The suspect was arrested for another charge and was subsequently interviewed. The suspect denied the accusation. The case remains active. Sgt. Bass conducted (1) interview, and attended patrol rifle qualifications this month.

Cpl. Stanford investigated several fraud reports this month. Many residents are being conned into divulging banking information using various techniques and means of communication. Most of these have been known scams that are identified on the FBI website.

Detective Wells closed (3) cases with (2) arrests this month for sex acts in the presence of minor (Under 14 years of age), indecent exposure, and child molest. Det. Wells was able to identify the suspect in cases of indecent exposure that occurred in March of this year in a local subdivision. Wells interviewed the suspect and obtained an admission to both incidents as well as an additional (3) instances. Det. Wells made another arrest for child molest where the victim was 10 years of age. Det. Wells attended (5) child forensic interviews, conducted (6) regular interviews, and responded to (2) call outs.

Det. O'Brien opened (3) cyber tips and investigated a child molest, child solicitation, and a battery this month. Two of the cases have been deemed unfounded and/or closed. O'Brien sat second chair with the Prosecution in a rape trial this month that concluded with a hung jury. This case is scheduled to be re-tried this year and/or into next year. O'Brien attended (3) child forensic interviews, conducted no interviews this month but was called out and/or consulted (2) times.

Det. Cronin investigated numerous thefts and frauds, and an overdose this month. Again, many of the frauds derive from electronic and/or internet based origins. Detective Cronin conducted no interviews and attended ERT (3) times this month.

CSI Stewart processed 171 pieces of evidence, returned (6) pieces of property, researched (28) dispositions/destruction, and made (4) trips to the ISP Lab. She also completed (18) Prosecutor evidence request, completed (41) discovery list downloads (once an officer submits a discovery checklist, she gets notified that there is evidence that needs downloaded to the Prosecutor's SharePoint drive which includes body/in car video, photos, surveillance, reports, etc.) and processed (1) crime scene.

Investigations Assistant and Victim Advocate Morgan Culley had no in-person victim contacts, (22) victim phone calls, sent/responded to (2) text message conversations with victims. Culley is currently collaborating with (18) different victims in various cases. She has scanned (42) 310's in Laserfiche, scanned (78) items of evidence into permanent storage in Laserfiche system, checked in (7) pieces of evidence, and transferred (2) cases to other agencies. Culley also returned (3) pieces of property to owners, made copies of (23) interviews and/or camera footage, ran (16) 10-27's, (8) III's, and (12) 10-28's. Finally, she attended ICESA's State-wide conference and assisted Captain Barrett with her two presentations for ICESA State-wide conference.

Intelligence Analyst Officer Chad Brandon assisted and/or completed the following this month:

Officer Chad Brandon participated in 3 day ERT training, developed leads for possible suspects of Brownsburg Sprint store armed robbery that occurred in May, and worked with numerous agencies with similar robberies including Mooresville PD, Seymour PD, IMPD, and Louisville, KY area PD's.

Brandon completed and disseminated a Robbery Intelligence report to BPD Exec Staff in addition to other PDs who are victims of robberies by possible same suspects including HC Prosecutors Office. Brandon assisted BPD Narcotics in locating numerous wanted persons with Federal arrest warrants, as well as assisted in determining possible locations of wanted persons involved in this case.

Brandon collaborated with IMPD CGIC regarding active gang members and shooting suspects that occurred in Marion County, who are now residing in Brownsburg and other Hendricks County locations. He created *Officer Special Bulletin* for Brownsburg resident suspected to be involved in a number of Marion county shooting incidents, and met with Fishers PD intelligence unit regarding vehicle theft suspects that appear to be of the same group operating in our area last year.

Brandon assisted Captain Barrett on a child molest/Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) case by conducting digital forensics on a suspect's electronic devices. Thus far, Brandon has identified (2) juvenile female suspects in this case and was able to find contact information for parental contacts. Brandon continues to conduct digital forensics regarding this case in an attempt to locate more ICAC evidence as well as locating any other potential victims in case.

Forensics Analyst and Technology Liaison Kim Shupert extracted, examined and reported on two (2) cell phones involving a narcotics case and completed on-line *Cellebrite Reader* training and assessment. Shupert scanned property and evidence documentation into Laserfiche for approximately (80) cases, and completed a GrayKey on-line introduction training this month.

Shupert continues to work with Lt. Depinet on the pending *Laserfiche Purchasing* process by modifying the forms and plotting the additional phases. This project is nearing completion and is anticipated to streamline the purchasing process by reducing redundancy. Shupert conducted light research regarding system requirements for a new desktop forensic computer.

Administrative Services

Due to the COVID-19 the window remained closed to the public for the majority of September. The window opened to the public on September 30th after the Governor modified his restrictions on public gatherings and crowds. Gun Permit processing was done via phone call and all other requests for service were handled by email and/or phone call. Gun permits continued to be on the rise in September. Citizen's now have the option of coming into the Police Department or completing gun permits by phone call.

Administrative Services continued processing Reserve Officer Pre applications. There were (39) total applicants. (14) applicants attended the Physical Agility/Written testing on September 26th and (13) of those have continued on and are working on their full applications.

Officer Liz Danai (while on light duty) spent the first week of September in Administrative Services and completed a data entry project in which she entered all of our current vendors into the new purchasing database.

In the month of September, the Administrative Services Unit processed (23) public access requests, (23) criminal history requests, (97) gun permit applications, and (82) alarm permit transactions. Fees generated totaled \$5375.00 below is a breakdown of the collected fees:

➤ Accident Reports	\$	40.00
➤ Vin Checks	\$	0.00
➤ Incident Reports	\$	45.00
➤ Gun Permits	\$	3350.00
➤ Pictures/Video	\$	10.00
➤ Criminal Histories	\$	75.00
➤ Fingerprints	\$	0.00
➤ Alarm Transactions	\$	1855.00

Community Relations

Sgt. Fleck hosted a self-defense program as well as a Crime Watch meeting this month. Fleck organized (2) Explorer meetings and focused on Situational Awareness. Fleck provided a Career and Safety discussion for Home Schooled children, and taught at the Brownsburg High School for a week with Captain Bullock's assistance.

Sergeant Fleck was involved in the below events throughout the month of September.

- Sept 2- Crime Watch with a guest speaker from the street department
- Sept 9- Women's self defense
- Sept 10- Career and safety talk for home schooled kids
- Sept 14-17 Teaching at the high school with help of Cpt. Bullock
- Sept 16- Explorer Meeting, sat in with Police Reserve Briefing
- Sept 19- B&O bike ride
- Sept 22- Rifle range
- Sept 26- Explorer Meeting focusing on situational awareness
- Sept 28-30 Emergency Response Training

In addition, Sgt. Fleck provided court security for each court session throughout the month.

Juvenile information was forwarded to the State database before September 10th.

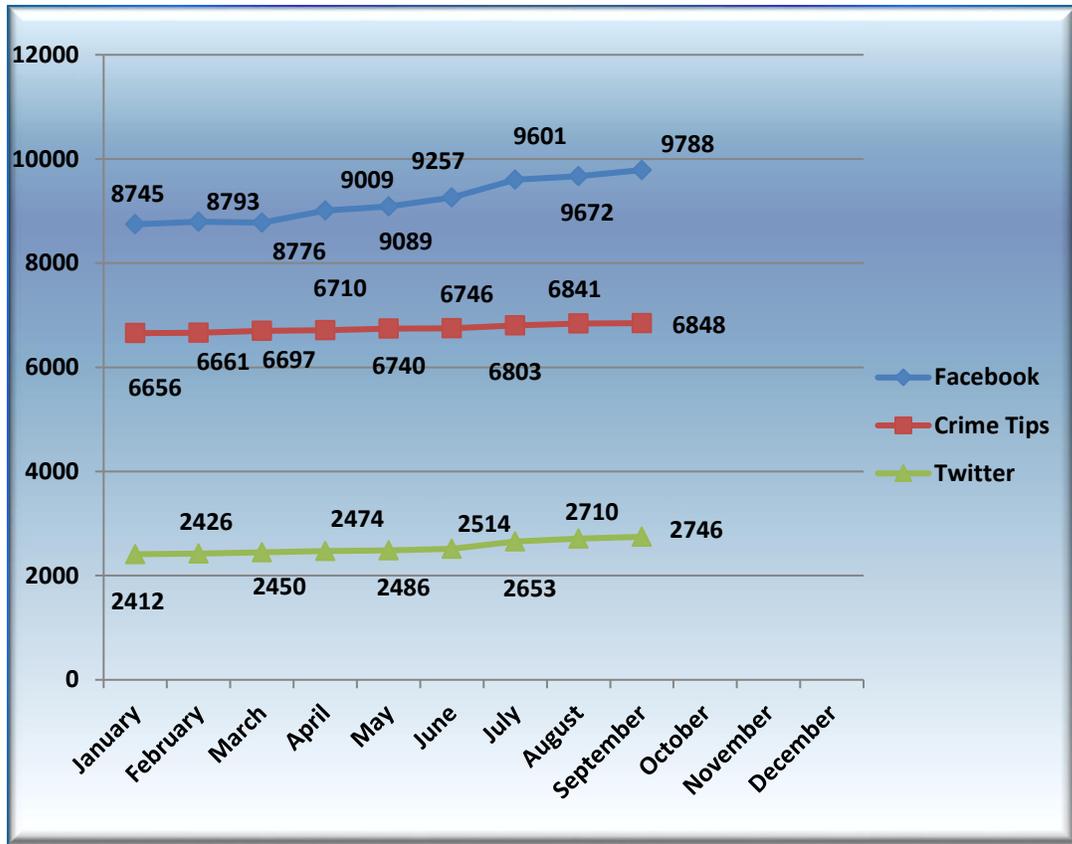
Public Information

The agency received numerous media contacts/inquires throughout the month of September. The majority of the media inquiries (television and written) revolved around significant incidents that occurred in September including a recent death investigation as well as several serious crashes. In addition, we received inquiries reference pending Hendricks County Sheriff's cases that occurred adjacent to Brownsburg jurisdiction.

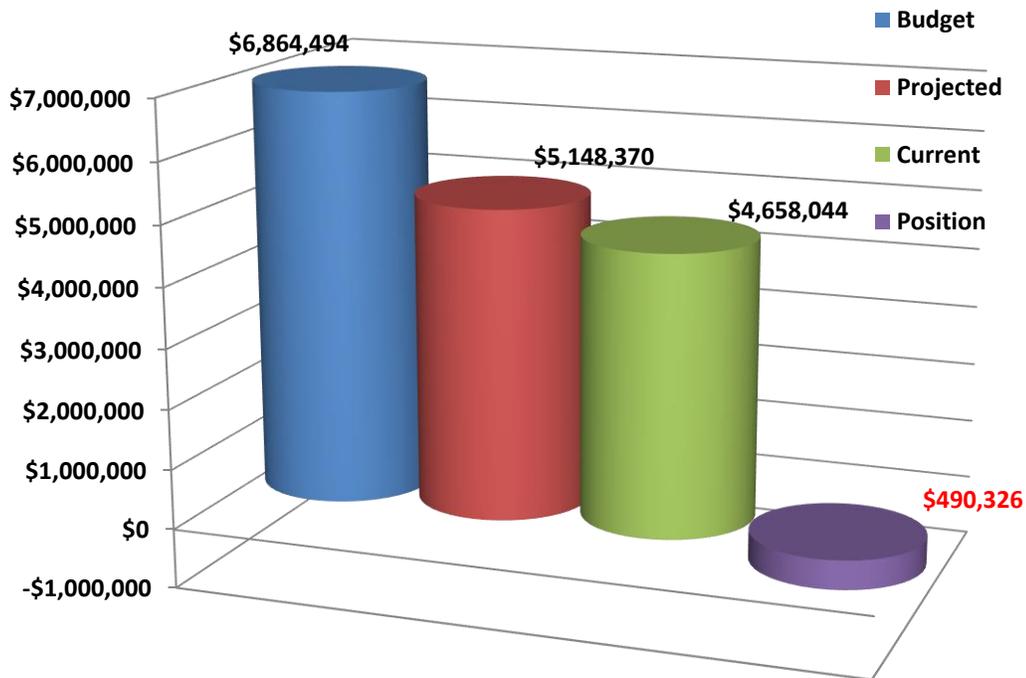
The department also released (13) Facebook posts, (1) Facebook Crime Tips post, (9) Tweets from Twitter, and (0) notifications on the Everbridge notification system.

Current subscriber lists report the following number of members:

Media Resource	Subscribers/Contacts
Facebook 	9788
Facebook Crime Tips 	6848
Twitter 	2746
Everbridge 	1759



As of September 30, 2020 the department expended 67.86 of its budget. As is typical of September, we remain slightly under projected budget.



Information Technology

Lt. Depinet reported that the Department’s intercom police radio was upgraded to a new desktop platform this month. This radio replaces an older technology that has been in use since moving into the building in 2006. We also have deployed a new radio programmer on station that programs our officer’s portal radios via Wi-Fi when they arrive station for reports. This technology makes it incredibly easy for officers to receive the most updated radio programming instantly when it becomes available.

Human Resources

In September, BPD operated (1) officer down due to a vacancy of a sworn officer from the BPD ranks. In addition, the agency operated through this unprecedented time dealing with and policing during the COVID-19 pandemic. BPD currently has no officers on “light duty”.

Officer Cody Smith is detailed to the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy until November 13th. Officer Dimitry Kalyuzhny is well into his Field Training (FTO) and is performing well. He is expected to complete his FTO training in early October and will then be assigned to shift for solo patrol.

BPD has begun to move forward with filling the vacant sworn officer position. The next candidate on the 2019-2020 hiring list has been removed from consideration based upon vetting by the investigations unit. BPD executive staff are evaluating the next candidate(s) on the current hiring list for further eligibility.

Training

The Brownsburg Police Department Training Facility was closed to outside agencies beginning on March 16th due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, some trainings have been re-scheduled based upon the ability to maintain CDC and State guidelines to assist in limiting/restricting exposures.

The end of the month budget lines maintained by the department Training Coordinator is as follow:

- Firearms/Range \$36,625.82
- Range Maintenance \$10,000.00
- Schools/Training \$34,129.00

The Brownsburg Police Department Training Facility was scheduled to host the following classes/meetings for September:

- **September 8th – 11th Five Stages of Interview and Interrogation (CANCELLED)**
 - Brownsburg PD was scheduled to host this course by Legal Liability Risk Management but was cancelled due to lack of enrollment.
- **September 22nd – 25th S.T.O.P.S. Instructor Course**
 - This was a class put on by CILETC and hosted by our agency. As an agency we didn't have any instructors that required recertification at this time.

Training Facility use by outside agencies for the month of September.

- September 8th
 - IMPD SWAT (Shoot House/Classroom)
- September 11th
 - OIG (Range) **CANCELLED**
- September 15th & 16th
 - ICE (Shoot House) **CANCELLED**
- September 16th
 - Speedway PD (Mats)
- September 17th

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- IMPD SWAT (Shoot House/Classroom)
 - September 18th
 - OIG (Mats) **CANCELLED**

Brownsburg Police Department Training for September:

- September 22nd & 23rd
 - The agency conducted patrol rifle qualifications at the Boone County Sheriff's Department outdoor range. Each session was approximately (4) hours long, which consisted of zeroing sights from the 50 yard line. Officers then qualified their rifle with our dedicated 60 round patrol rifle qualification course. All officers successfully qualified with no issues. After the qualification was complete, Captain Bullock provided a block of instruction on long range shooting and rifle familiarity. We were able to take the officers out to 170 yards which taught them the trajectory of the round from different distances.
- State Mandates
 - State Mandate training will be completed in October.

Training Coordinator Business

In addition to normal daily duties Cpl. West completed the following highlights in September:

- Corporal West completed an inventory of range supplies and made an order of targets, ammunition and training aids that should keep the agency in enough supply to complete annual handgun qualifications in the 1st Qtr. of 2021.
- Corporal West has been in discussion with several training companies in order to host classes at the training facility in 2021. At the moment it appears most companies are interested using our facility.
- Captain Bullock completed a Taser X2 certification class for the BCSC PD on September 21st

Emergency Response Team

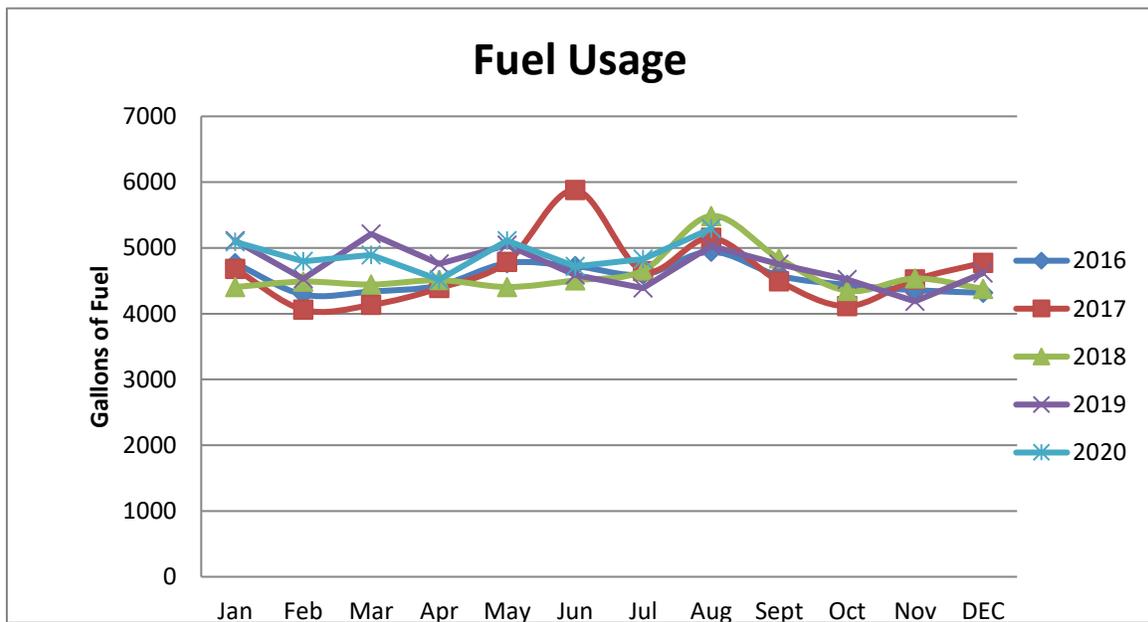
The Brownsburg Emergency Response Team (ERT) trained on September 28th, 29th and 30th this month. The three day training was conducted at various off-site locations. Sites for training included Muscatatuck Urban Warfare Training Center, Indiana Law Enforcement Training Academy, and Boone County outdoor range. The trainings allowed for equipment testing as well as tactic demonstration. Areas covered included structure entry and clearing, multiple subject searches, officer down scenarios, live fire target acquisition and movements within the structures.

Brownsburg ERT continues to maintain their effective readiness in response to situations requiring advanced tactics/equipment, while working toward peaceful resolutions to potentially violent incidents.

Vehicle Fleet

We are in receipt of all pending new police patrol vehicles. Several of the new vehicles have been assigned to patrol and are in service. The remainder of the vehicles are being outfitted and prepped to begin service in the patrol fleet in the coming weeks.

The fuel usage numbers for September reflected 5313 gallons used. This is a slight increase from last month and a slight increase from September of 2019. Usage is still very consistent to previous months and years (see below chart). Our officers continue to be mindful and conservative of the fuel utilized both on and off duty.



*Respectfully Submitted,
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