



IUPUI Police Department Protection, Dedication, Service

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Welcome to your News Letter! The primary purpose of the document is to serve as a departmental source of communication that is published monthly.

The Staff Corner

Uniform:

The department has received positive comments from staff at Science and Technology on how they appreciate Officer Chris Brown walking through their building and making contact with them. This is an excellent example of building community relationships while conducting foot patrols. Good job Officer Brown!!

The Police Officer interview board has completed the initial interview for Police Officers, as requested by Chief Norris. 16 applicants were interviewed.

Parking-Construction Update

The Wishard project will possibly take more parking spaces (140) from lot 1 by Psych Research. As a result the spaces would be relocated just west of Union Drive - north of Michigan

Crime Prevention and Community Relations: Chief Paul Norris, Jr. has announced the creation of the office of Crime Prevention and Community Relations.

Veteran Officer Dave Briggs has been selected to staff this position, and he will be working within the Police Department to evaluate data and examine how these tasks were completed in the past. Dave will concurrently be reaching out to the Campus Community, and striving to establish partnerships with student, staff and faculty organizations. Dave has been with the IU Police Department for more than 35 years, starting on the Bloomington campus and eventually transferring to the IUPUI campus. He has served as a Patrol Officer, Detective in Investigations, Evidence Technician as well as Shift Supervisor. Dave's years of experience will serve the Police Department and the IUPUI campus community very well, as he takes on his new position.

The primary missions of this position will be twofold. First is to identify trends in call for service, criminal activity and interact with both the Police Department and Campus Community to bring these problems under control through education and enforcement. Dave will also be responsible for coordinating the wide variety of programs the department provides to the campus annually. In the past fiscal year the Police Department has provided over 80 presentations reaching an audience of nearly 2000 individuals. Managing, coordinating these contacts can now be better accomplished.



IU Department of Emergency Management and Continuity: On May 26th, 2010, a tabletop exercise was conducted with the departments on campus that could be expected to respond in an emergency situation. This type of exercise is an opportunity for personnel to discuss how they would react to a scenario, and then evaluate what works and what does not. The scenario began with an active shooter. Then, to complicate matters during the exercise, other elements were included such as videos immediately showing up on the internet supposedly showing carnage, responders reporting a strong chlorine odor from the Natatorium (stronger than usual), and then regional IU campuses receiving bomb threats. In a tabletop exercise, pushing the situation to extremes helps IUPUI identify any flaws in the current procedures so that they can be corrected in the case of a real life emergency. Those participating found the tabletop to be beneficial, not only because it showed where we can improve, it showed what we are already doing well. The exercise program will continue with additional tabletop and full-scale exercises planned within the coming year.

Accreditation: We have completed two new policies – 9-1 Firearms & Ammunition and 11-1 Police Vehicle Operations – Non-Pursuit. Policy 6-1 Uniform and Dress Code is almost complete.

Work has been done in different areas and as a result, Policy 17-6 Bias Based Profiling, a new policy, was discussed, finalized, and has been forwarded to the Chief for his review and approval.

Officer Mowery has begun to work on a Blood borne & Hazardous Materials policy update, and is almost finished. Information is being garnered from OSHA, IUPUI Environmental Health and Safety, and the Indiana State Board of Health. Putting together these sources and the CALEA standards will give us the most up to date policy.

Recently, Capt. Sweeney completed the IMPD CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) Training. As a result of this training she is working on the CALEA standards addressing issues of dealing with homeless and mentally ill individuals. There are a lot of good resources out there that can help with these persons with whom we come into contact.

If you are not aware of the CIT training, you may want to look into it. This is great training dealing with individuals who are mentally ill and/or homeless. They cover services provided by the community as well as the Marion County Criminal Justice System. You will learn how to recognize an individual who may be in crisis and how to deal with that individual. Officers Botts, Davis,

Masterson, Rice, Vastag, and Lt. Baker have completed the training. If you have any questions you may want to talk with one of them.

Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center (IIFC): At the conclusion of a **Major League Sports Tabletop Exercise and Security Briefing** provided by the **U.S. DHS Commercial Facilities Sector** in Washington, DC earlier this year, an outreach effort to **Major League Sports venues** and **Major NCAA Division One Sports venues** throughout the United States was instituted. **DHS Protective Security Advisors** were requested to visit selected venues in their respective states and provide outreach materials developed by DHS and the FBI to provide situational awareness and to make local connections. These venues are considered soft targets which have large attendance and could note major consequences if hit by acts of Terrorism.

The Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center, in conjunction with the federal **DHS Protective Security Advisor**, federal **DHS Intelligence & Analysis** and the **FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force** has been participating in this effort to discuss some of the programs set up here in Indiana to assure all information and contacts are available to assist with protective efforts. The Indiana team has made contact with *O'Reilly Raceway Park, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Conseco Fieldhouse, Lucas Oil Stadium, Notre Dame University, Indiana University* and *Butler University*. Additional facilities to visit are *Purdue University* and *Ball State University* to insure completion of the DHS Commercial Facilities Outreach effort.

Security Tip:



Carjacking is Robbery, the violent form of motor vehicle theft! It is a serious threat to our personal safety because the thief uses force and fear to rob our car from us.

Where Does Carjacking Occur

Carjacking can occur anywhere, but is largely a big city problem like traditional auto theft.

Carjacking occurs most often in a busy commercial area where cars are parked and when the owner is entering or exiting the parked vehicle. Most carjacking's or attempts (65%) occur within five miles of the victim's home. The carjacker wants the keys readily available and the car door unlocked for a quick getaway. Carjackers tend to rob lone victims more often (92%), for obvious reasons.

Popular carjacking locations are parking lots, shopping centers, gas stations, car washes, convenience stores, ATMs, hotels, valet parking, fast-food drive-thru, and outside of retail stores. Close proximity to a freeway onramp is a desirable escape factor from the carjackers prospective.

What Should You Do? Carjacking of parked vehicles depends on the car owner being inattentive to their surroundings. Carjackers, like street robbers, prefer the element of surprise. Most victims say they never saw the carjacker until they appeared at their car door. To reduce your risk of being carjacked, I have listed some common sense steps below:

- Always park in well-lighted areas, if you plan to arrive/leave after dark
- Don't park in isolated or visually obstructed areas near walls or heavy foliage
- Use valet parking or an attended garage, if you're a woman driving alone

- As you walk to your car be alert to suspicious persons sitting in cars
- Ask for a security escort if you are alone at a shopping center
- Watch out for young males loitering in the area (handing out flyers, etc.)
- If someone tries to approach, change direction or run to a busy store
- Follow your instincts if they tell you to walk/run away to a busy place
- As you approach your vehicle, look under, around, and inside your car

The summer time is a popular time for bicycles. Here are a few bicycle theft prevention tips to help people from becoming victims:

Theft prevention tips for bicycles include:

1. Whenever possible, lock your bike to a bike rack and avoid locking it items that can be easily cut, broken or removed.
2. Use a steel U shaped lock and remember two locks are better than one. Lightweight cable or chain locks no longer provide adequate security in most areas.
3. Leave as little space as possible within the “U” of the lock to make it harder for thieves to pry it open. The more time it takes a thief to attack your bicycle the less likely it is that your bicycle will become a statistic.
4. Keep the lock off the ground to avoid giving the thief leverage to hammer or smash it.
5. Position the keyhole of the lock so that it faces the ground. This will inhibit the thief’s ability to manipulate the lock.
6. Remove the front wheel and lock both the wheel and frame together with the “U” lock if it is a quick release wheel.
7. Take your bike seat with you if it’s easily removable and/or expensive.
8. Record your make, model, serial number and take a digital photo to assist police if your bicycle is stolen.

Announcements: This section serves to recognize special occasions. Examples include birthdays, wedding anniversaries, retirements, departmental social gatherings etc. All departmental personnel are encouraged to submit the aforementioned information no later than the 25th of the month before the next publication of the News Letter.

July birthdays

- 7, K. Hall
- 7, D.Sweeney
- 9, L. Lewis-Minor
- 10, T. Remender
- 12, D. Timmings
- 13, J. Denny
- 18, J. O’Rourke
- 24, F. Sloan
- 24, A. Steele
- 27, N. Smith
- 31, M. Jenney