



## 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 President of the Ransom Place neighborhood association met with Chief Norris, Capt. Abston and other representatives from IUPUI to discuss how IUPUI could be more involved in neighbor policing. Issues discussed included the IUPUI police working with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police to increase visibility in the neighborhood and sharing information.

### Kudos

Sgt. Thomas Remender founded Alpha & Omega Youth and Family Services Inc. a non-profit 501(c) company that works with at-risk youth in central Indiana since 1997. For the past 13 years, Thomas has been taking a group of young men to Camp Alpha & Omega for a week, this year we at Atwood State Park in Ohio. He works with these young men on anger management skills, communication skills, team building skills and met their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Often, kids tell him it was their best experience of the year. Parents often say ask Thomas "what did you do to my child, they are changed for the good".

**Training:** August 12<sup>th</sup> 6 new cadet candidates will enter the IUPUI Police Department Cadet Program. These IUPUI students have completed an extensive process to be accepted into the cadet process. The 5 new students selected are: Andrew Danner, Kevin Kinghorn, Andrea Mitchell, Nathan Schaller, and Ryan Sobierajski.

August 14<sup>th</sup> four cadet officers will graduate from the Bloomington Law Enforcement Academy. These four cadets are part of a historic milestone with the cadet program. This class will graduate the 1000<sup>th</sup> cadet from the program. IUPUI Cadets graduating this session are: Arwen Bhe, Brian Deubner, Andrew Mark Rushing, and Paul David Wheeler.

### **IU Department of Emergency Management and Continuity:**



Please help Emergency Management and Continuity welcome Joe Romero as the new Regional Director of Emergency Management and Continuity. Joe comes to IU from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security where he served as Emergency Planning Section Chief.

**Accreditation:** Most of the items on the current "to do list" are the same. We have had vacations and other events going on. However, another meeting will be scheduled shortly and I anticipate more policies being completed.

Did you know CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) and IACLEA (The International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, Inc.) have a joint accreditation process? IACLEA is the campus equivalent of The International Association of Chiefs of Police. CALEA is the organization we are currently pursuing accreditation through.

Why is this important to know? First it is another professional group who has found value in this process. IACLEA is currently using the same standards manual with an additional chapter dealing

specific with campus public safety. Topics in this chapter include the Annual Campus Security Report (CLERY Act); Emergency Access and Response; Physical Security; and Personal Security. These are all things we deal with on a daily basis. Another point is with an application to IACLEA, we could achieve accreditation with two international groups.

Once again, if you have any questions or would like to have some input, contact your shift supervisors. We do want to hear from everyone during this process.

**Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center (IIFC): Bryant Lucas, Assistant Executive Director** for the **Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center**, was recently selected as a *Team Leader* for a group of local, state & federal officers, to assess the status of other Fusion Centers across the United States. Bryant and his team are currently on a 3 month mission of ensuring that the Fusion Centers they visit are following the **Fusion Center Guidelines** and the **Baseline Capabilities for State & Urban Fusion Centers** established by the *US Department of Justice* and the *US Department of Homeland Security*. Bryant, a Captain with the *Law Enforcement Division of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources*, has been with the **IIFC** from its inception and continues to provide professional leadership and dedication to duty. His selection as a Team Leader is an asset to his agency, the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center, and the State of Indiana.



#### **Security Tip: Dealing with Homeless People**

Homelessness is an extremely complex social problem that impacts the quality of life in our community. There are no easy solutions. Many homeless are on the street because of substance abuse, mental illness, or both. Often the disorder issues associated with homelessness are criminal in nature but difficult to enforce. While being homeless is not a crime, many kinds of public conduct are illegal and should be reported to the police. These include being intoxicated, loitering, prowling, fighting, trespassing, aggressive panhandling, soliciting, urinating and defecating, consuming alcoholic beverages in certain public places, camping or sleeping in parks, littering, obstructing sidewalks, living in a vehicle parked on a public street, disturbing the peace by loud and unreasonable noises, using offensive words, behaving in a threatening manner, etc.

#### **Avoiding Problems**

The following tips will help you avoid problems with homeless people.

- Avoid confrontations and maintain a safe distance. Use caution is dealing with them.
- Do not offer food or money. It may encourage more panhandling. If you are inclined to help the homeless, it is better to contribute to local charities, missions, food banks, or social service organizations that assist the needy.
- Do not permit anyone to camp or loiter on your property.
- Do not allow anyone to store shopping carts, bedding, or other personal belongings on your property.
- Restrict access to sidewalk overhangs, alcoves, or other areas protected from inclement weather.
- Lock or remove handles from water spigots.
- Keep trash dumpsters locked when not being filled or emptied.
- Secure outside storage sheds or containers.
- Lock or turn off exterior power outlets.
- Lock gates after hours.
- Install motion-activated exterior lighting after hours.
- Trim landscaping to eliminate hiding places. Canopies of mature trees should be maintained at least 8 feet above the ground. Bushes should be trimmed to less than 3 feet except where privacy or environmental noise mitigation is a primary concern, or where higher plants would not block any views, lighting, or camera coverage, or provide hiding places.
- Keep property free of trash, litter, junk, etc.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> of the month before the next publication of the News Letter.

August birthdays 02, K. Figg 04, M. Heinze 13, W. Brown 17, J. Starnes 21, B. Perkins 28, V. Floyd, 31 D. Mack