

FORTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Greetings,

The following documents detail the activity for the Fortville Police Department for 2018. The Fortville Police Department prides itself on focusing on Public Safety & Public Service first and foremost. Any revenue generated as a result of this activity is secondary. Further, you will see revenue generated by the department is down from the prior year. I attribute this to many factors. First, officers are busy spending more time on CFS from the EOC. You will see that our CFS decreased **-11.9%** from 2017. We lost three officers last year to other departments & one officer resigned as a result of discipline. We also replaced an officer to implement the SRO position at Mount Vernon Community Schools. With this, we spent approximately 9 months training new officers with current officers. This means less officers on the road resulting in less self-initiated activity. This explains the decrease in CFS.

You will find enclosed the Fortville Police Departments Calls for Service for 2018. Also included are statistics related to the Swat Task Force, NASA (Neighbors against Substance Abuse) Operation Pull Over, and Seat Belt Enforcement & OWI enforcement.

You will also see I have included goals that were accomplished in 2018 along with goals to be accomplished in 2019.

The Fortville Police Department has worked very hard to reach out to our citizens and visitors to make Fortville a safe and desirable place to live and visit. I commend our staff of officers both Full Time and Reserves for assisting in making some of these projects possible.

NASA

(Neighbors against Substance Abuse)

In 2014 the Fortville Police Department joined forces with other agencies in Hancock County to launch the NASA program. Hancock County was the first county in the State of Indiana to start such a program. Under the direction of Director Tim Rutherford, all pay and equipment for officers participating in the program was paid for with funds under a grant. This in turn saves taxpayers money for this important enforcement. In the upcoming years, funds should be available under the same grant to continue this program however in 2018 JAG funds were held up and the award letter was not issued until November. The data year for this program runs from July to July. Although the data shows arrest and parties, it does not show "party patrol hours" where no parties were found or reported. The Neighbors against Substance Abuse Task Force worked a total of 767 hours in 2018 and spent \$26,832.50 and totaled 60 arrest. Attached is the breakdown of those efforts for the past year.

OPERATIONS PULL-OVER (OPO)

Officers of the Fortville Police Department worked several different projects in 2018 related to traffic enforcement and safety. This includes OWI patrol (operating while intoxicated) Seatbelt Enforcement and Aggressive Driving. Below are the numbers associated with these programs. These programs were paid for under both Federal and State funding at no cost to local tax payers for hours worked. This program is coordinated by Officer Matt Fox who oversees all traffic programs for the department.

Total Hours Worked:	116.5
Total Tickets Issued:	78
Total Warnings Issued:	88
Total Traffic Stops:	166
Total Grant Money Paid:	\$3,540.95

Criminal Charges related to arrest for special projects:

Driving while suspended:	4	Operator never Licensed:	2
Habitual Traffic Violations:	2	Dealing in Controlled Substance	6
Operating while intoxicated:	3	Possession of Handgun:	1
Possession of Marijuana:	5	Fleeing Law Enforcement:	1
Possession of Paraphernalia:	5	Persons wanted on warrants:	4

CFS

(Calls for Service)

Officers of the Fortville Police Department receive many different types of calls for service during their tour of duty. We pride ourselves on responding as quickly as possible to each detail in a safe and professional manner. Some of these calls are reports of criminal activity and some are civil in nature. It should be noted not all civil calls are documented in report form. The Fortville Police Department provides coverage for the town 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please remember it's not the number of calls that is most important for the department and the taxpayers but the amount of time spent on a call. This is what affects productivity, manpower and coverage. The department works a four on four off 12 hour schedule. Coverage during daytime hours is usually with one officer at 6:00am with a second officer coming on at 12:00pm. and a third officer on at 6:00pm. This provides double coverage during high call and high traffic hours of the day. Of course this is the goal however, with training, vacation, comp time and other activities, it is not always feasible.

The following page details the number of Calls for Service and the type of call by the Fortville Police Department for 2018. You will also see a breakdown of traffic enforcement and arrest. There is an attachment of the total types of calls for service (CFS). With a recent CAD update in early 2016, the numbers reflected in the attachment are the most accurate numbers available for 2018.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Fortville Police Department handled 7749 calls for service in 2018. This is an average of 21 calls per day. This does not include regular citizen contacts. These numbers do not reflect the amount of time spent on each call or patrolling and meeting with citizens. We must also remember the manner in which CFS are tracked are much more accurate than in previous years through an enhanced CAD (computer aid dispatch) system. I have attached a detailed CAD report from EOC which tracks all activity for the Fortville Police Department. Again, the important thing to remember is the amount of time spent on different types of calls. An example would be, it takes more time to complete an arrest (average of approximately 3-4 hours) then it does to complete a 15 minute citation for a traffic violation. Below are numbers for arrest or enforcement action with a comparison to the prior years. **Calls for service decreased -11.9% in 2018 to 7749 CFS**

	2017	2018	+/- %
State Citations:	342	291	-14.9%
OVB:	919	1117	+17.2%
Traffic Warnings:	1336	1608	+16.9%
OWI Arrest:	47	47	0%
Narcotics Arrest:	83	103	+19.4%
Juvenile Arrest:	29	23	-20.6%
Adult Arrest	286	371	+22.9%
Warrant Arrest:	65	52	-20.0%

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017

The Fortville Police Department made great strides in 2017. Below are some of the programs/projects we have worked on. Each officer on the department has taken some part/ ownership in several of these accomplishments. I have outlined some of these below.

Research and implementation of EAP Program.

Implementation of Guardian Tracking Program for employee performance.

Replaced two vehicles in rotation.

Raised \$8970. for Shop with Public Safety. Balance \$7450.00

Hosted pre-basic and reserve academy for surrounding departments.

Graduated two Command Staff Officers from FBINA.

Upgraded in-car printers.

Base radio installed in PD. No Cost to taxpayers.

Conducted three Coffee with a Cop events.

Received Bullet Proof Vest Grant.

All vehicles equipped with tactical medical equipment.

REVENUE GENERATED

The following is a breakdown of the monies generated through the Fortville Police Department in 2018. The numbers are final totals as provided by the CLERK/TREASURERS office. All OVB monies are allocated by Local Ordinance. The breakdown is as follows:

General Fund:	50%	\$34,743.50
Police Department:	20%	\$36,058.85
Public works:	20%	\$13,897.74
Parks Department:	5%	\$3,474.35
Mt. Vernon Schools:	5%	\$3,474.35
TOTAL	100%	\$91,684.45
INCIDENT REPORTS		\$497.00
GUN PERMITS		\$2,480.00
VIN CHECKS		\$185.00
VEHICLE RELEASES		\$8,400.00
COURT DOCKET FEES		\$1,439.45
FRANCHISE FEES		\$9,160.00
OVB		\$69,487.00
TOTAL		\$91,684.45

Hancock County Joint Task Force (S.W.A.T.)

The Hancock County Joint Task Force is comprised of officers from each agency within the county. The team is under the direct command of Sgt. Mike Schwamberger of the Greenfield Police Department. On any call out, all Chiefs respond to the location at the designated command center. The Commander of the task force consults with the Chiefs as a group prior to any decisions being made for the team. Once the Chief's agree on a course of action, the directive is passed to the team Commander. Fortville police department has maintained three positions on the team over the past several years however we have lost two members from the department leaving only Major Derek Shelley on the team as a "Team Leader". We anticipate placing two additional Fortville Officer's on the team in 2019.

In 2018 the team trained monthly for a total of 108 hours. In 2018 the team was activated on 8 occasions. There were no injuries to officers as a result of call outs in 2018. One person died as a result of a self- inflicted gunshot. The call was dispatched as a "barricaded suicidal subject".

USE OF FORCE BY THE FORTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Fortville Police Department had 11 incidents where use of force was required. Use of Force is defined as the amount of effort required by an officer to compel compliance by an unwilling person. This DOES NOT include basic handcuffing techniques. Every use of force is reviewed by our Defensive Tactics instructors and firearms instructors prior to review by the Assistant Chief and Chief of Police. If there is any question about the use of force, the Chief will assign an outside agency to review the use of force and then forward to the Hancock County Prosecutor for review. Each case in 2018 was deemed to be justified, in compliance with Department policy and within National Standards.

GOALS FOR 2018

Replace 3 additional radar units.	(Completed)
Continue to build partnerships with community.	(On-going)
Host 3 Coffee with Cop functions.	(Completed)
Have in-car radios installed in all vehicles.	(Completed)
Continue to increase Reserve unit.	(On-going)
Replace last 2 Chargers with Explorers.	(Completed)
Destruction orders on all seized weapons over 7 years in property.	(On-going)
Begin K-9 fund raiser.	(On-going)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2018

Implemented SRO Program

Purchased three new radars through grant funds.

Hosted three Coffee with Cop

Traded last two charges from fleet

Officers received CIT training

Upgraded all duty weapons to 9mm

Major Shelley to Force Science School

Successfully trained four new officers

Destruction orders still being received for evidence

Hosted "I LOVE YOU GUYS" training for surrounding agencies.

Hosted two "Town Hall Meetings" for problem solving issues for citizens.

Goals for 2019

Upgrade BWC (body worn camera) system.

Upgrade backup weapons for department.

Increase Reserve Officers.

Purchase three new radars through grant funds.

Continue to work with School on major event training.

Host two “Town Hall” public meetings for citizens.

Host three “Coffee with Cop” events.

Implement final K-9 program to include K-9, training, equipment.