

# FORTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Greetings,

The following documents detail the activity and revenue generated by the Fortville Police Department in the year 2015. The Fortville Police Department prides itself on focusing on Public Safety first. Any revenue generated as a result of this activity is secondary.

You will find enclosed the Fortville Police Departments Calls for Service for 2015. Also included are statistics related to the Swat Task Force, NASA (Neighbors against Substance Abuse) Operation Pull Over, and Seat Belt Enforcement and OWI enforcement.

You will also see that I have included goals that were accomplished in 2015. Several of these goals would not have been possible without the support and dedication to the department from the Police Commissioner's & Town Council. I have also included goals for 2016.

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 for officers participating in the program was paid for under a state grant. In the upcoming years, funds should be available under the same grant to continue this program. The Neighbors against Substance Abuse Task Force worked a total of 750 hours in 2015. Attached is the results of those efforts for the past year.

# OPERATIONS PULL-OVER (OPO)

Officers of the Fortville Police Department worked several different projects in 2015 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 was coordinated by Officer Matt Fox whom oversees all traffic programs for the department and reports directly to Lt. Bratton.

Total Hours Worked:	466
Total Tickets Issued:	457
Total Warnings Issued:	449
Total Traffic Stops:	705
Total paid to Officers:	\$14,213.84

## **Criminal Charges related to arrest:**

Driving while suspended:	19	Operator never Licensed:	8
Habitual Traffic Violations:	2	Wanted Persons:	2
Operating while intoxicated:	7	Criminal Recklessness:	0
Possession of Marijuana:	7	Fleeing Law Enforcement:	0
Possession of Paraphernalia:	6	Persons wanted on warrants:	2

# **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 that 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 that it's not always the type of call that is most important for the department and the taxpayers but the amount of time spent on a call. This is what affects productivity, and 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 times of an evening. Of course this is the goal however, with training, vacation, comp time and other activities, is not always feasible.

The Fortville Police Department along with every agency in Hancock County went live in 2014 with InterAct RMS. The CAD (computer aid dispatch mobile) was scheduled to go live on January 19, 2015. This has been pushed back to a date not yet determined. The projected date is sometime in February 2016. This program will allow us to track every detail and the amount of time spent on each detail for 2016 which will allow us to better allocate resources in areas that need attention.

The following page details the number of Calls for Service and the type of call by the Fortville Police Department for 2015. You will also see a breakdown of increase/decrease for each of the types of calls.

# CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Fortville Police Department handled 7,755 total calls or activity for 2015. This is an average of 21.3 contacts per day in one fashion or another. These numbers do not reflect the amount of time spent on each call or patrolling and meeting with citizens.

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>+/- %</b>
Citations:	635	853	+34.0%
OVB:	1041	1252	+20.3%
Traffic Warnings:	2016	1912	-5.2%
OWI Arrest:	48	48	+0%
Narcotics Arrest:	47	55	+17.0%
DWS/HTV Arrest:	132	134	+1.5%
Juvenile Arrest:	22	37	+68.1%
Adult Arrest/Criminal:	65	87	+33.8%
Warrant Arrest:	60	92	+53.3%
Domestics:	71	74	+4.2%
Thefts/Burglary:	73	61	-16.4%
Alarms:	130	151	+16.2%
Welfare Checks:	491	517	+5.3%
Assist Motorist:	302	242	-19.9%
VIN Checks:	60	47	-21.7%
Vehicle Lock Outs:	79	98	-24.0%
Assist Fire/EMS	143	160	+11.8%
Vehicle Tows:	315	312	-.96%
Calls on Station:	568	628	+10.6%
Assist Other Departments:	396	349	-11.9%
Civil Disputes:	129	127	-1.5%
Accident Reports:	79	102	+29.1%
Criminal Reports:	433	259	-40.2%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>7,677</b>	<b>7755</b>	<b>+1.0%</b>

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2015**

The Fortville Police Department made great strides in 2015. Below are some of the programs/projects we have worked on. Each officer on the department has taken part and ownership in several of these accomplishments. It is with the support of the Town Council that many of these projects were able to be completed. I have attempted to outline some of these below however I may have overlooked a couple.

Replaced and updated server system.

Trained and released for patrol 3 new officers including Reserves

Raised over \$13,000 for “Shop with Public Safety” program.

All Officers issued patrol rifles.

Conducted 4 “Coffee with a Cop” promotions.

Implement “Leads on Line” program.

Reduce contents of Property Room by 25%.

Qualify all Officers for less lethal use of force with shot guns.

All sworn officers now have dress Class A uniforms.

All cars equipped with Narcan. (for herion overdoze)

# REVENUE GENERATED

The following is a breakdown of the monies generated by the Fortville Police Department in 2015. This numbers are final totals as provided by the CLERK/TREASURERS office with the assistance of Beth Marsh. Please again, remember that OVB monies are allocated by Local Ordinance. All OVB monies are a result of Officers doing their jobs, enforcing public safety within our community on a daily basis. We are not in the business of “making money off our citizens”. We simply enforce the laws as determined by Federal, State, and Local Laws. Revenue is only generated as a result of that enforcement.

INCIDENT REPORTS	\$439.30
GUN PERMITS	\$3,130.00
VIN CHECKS	\$240.00
VEHICLE RELEASES	\$14,222.00
COURT DOCKET FEES	\$1,551.50
FRANCHISE FEES	\$12,480.00
OVB	\$86,172.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$118,234.80</b>

# **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 Major Derek Towle of the Greenfield Police Department. On any call out, all Chiefs respond to the location at the Command Center. Major Towle 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 onto the team Commander. Fortville Police Department has maintained three positions on the team over the past several years. Major Derek Shelley is a "Team Leader" on the team. We anticipate placing another Fortville Officer on the team in 2016.

In 2015 the team trained monthly for a total of 140 hours. Of course one of the goals is for the team to not have to be used. In 2015 the team was activated on four occasions. Each call-out resulted in no injuries to officers and four individuals taken into custody. One person died as a result of self-inflicted gunshot.



# GOALS FOR 2016

Increase Reserve Officers to 10.

Order 2 new vehicles. (funding has been secured)

Replace 3-4 radar units.

Replace 6 in car computers.

Send Major Shelley to leadership development. (FBI National Academy)

Continue to build partnerships with community.

Host 3 Coffee with Cop functions.