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JANUARY 2025 MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT

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OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT

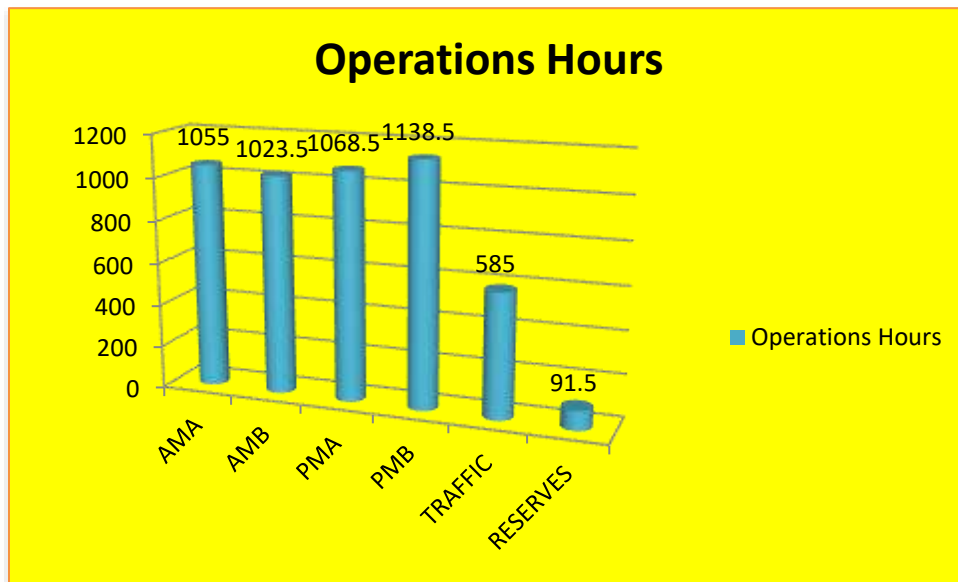
The following information contained within this report summarizes information deemed pertinent for disseminations from Major Bryan Fultz.

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Hours

During the month of January, officers of the Operations Division worked a total of 4,870.5 hours. 91.5 total work hours were completed by Non-Probationary Reserve Officers not in the FTO program.

**Total hours reflect actual road hours (training and meeting hours are excluded).



Highlights

On January 1st, Officer Bryce Plichta initiated a traffic stop for an infraction. Upon making contact with the driver and passenger, Officer Plichta detected the odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. A search revealed suspected marijuana and cocaine in a handbag owned by the passenger. The passenger was charged and transported to jail.

On January 3rd, Cpl. David Shedrow was conducting business patrols at the 1000 block of North Green Street. Cpl. Shedrow observed a suspicious displaying abnormal behavior and made contact. Investigation revealed that the person had an active warrant in Montgomery County for dealing in narcotics. Further investigation revealed the person was in possession of suspected marijuana and prescription narcotics. The subject was charged and transported to jail.

On January 5th, PMA shift officers were conducting a “high risk” traffic stop at the conclusion of a pursuit. A vehicle pulled up to officers in a vehicle and began to speak of the relation to the fleeing person involved in the pursuit. While speaking with that person, officers detected the odor of alcohol about that person. Officers administered sobriety tests to the driver. The driver failed all testing and initially consented to a certified test, then denied consent. A blood draw warrant was requested and obtained by a judge. The driver was transported to a medical facility where the draw was administered. Upon completion, the driver was charged and transported to jail.

On January 6th, PMB shift officers responded to a report of a vehicle that had crashed into a residence. Upon arrival, officers observed a person sitting on the tailgate of a truck that had crashed into the residence. The driver made comments to officers of being tired but admitted to medical personnel of operating the vehicle while being impaired. The driver was transported to an alternate location for sobriety testing due to weather conditions. The driver failed all testing and consented to a certified test in the form of a blood draw. The driver was transported to a medical facility where the draw was administered. Upon completion, the driver was charged and transported to jail.

On January 10th, Officer Mark Christian initiated a traffic stop for multiple infractions. Upon making contact and identifying the driver, Officer Christian smelled the odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Further investigation revealed that there was an active protective order against the driver prohibiting the driver from possessing a firearm. A search of the vehicle revealed a minute amount of suspected marijuana and a firearm. The driver admitted to possessing the firearm and also going to the protected party’s residence to pick up a child. The driver was charged and transported to jail.

On January 15th, there was a report of theft from a construction site on North Ronald Reagan Parkway. The reporting party believed that thefts had occurred on multiple days during January where construction equipment had been taken. Suspect or suspects had entered the site by cutting the fence to access the equipment. Stolen equipment was described as generators, grinders, and impacts. No suspect information could be provided at the time of the report.

On January 18th, Sgt. Joe Steward initiated a traffic stop for an infraction. Upon making contact and identifying the driver, Sgt. Steward detected the odor of marijuana emanating from the interior of the vehicle. A search revealed suspected marijuana and drug paraphernalia. In addition, a bottle of “synthetic urine” commonly used to interfere with drug testing was located in the vehicle. The driver has been charged.

On January 24th, Brownsburg officers initiated a traffic stop for an infraction. Upon making contact with the driver, officers observed open alcohol containers in the vehicle and detected the odor of alcohol about the drivers exhaled breath. It should be noted that the driver was under the age of 21 years. The driver was transported to the Brownsburg Police Department where sobriety testing was administered. The driver failed two of three tests and consented to a certified breath test. Test results were under the legal limit, but due to impairment and age limit, the driver was charged and transported to jail.

On January 31st, Officer Dustin Johnson initiated a traffic stop for an infraction. Upon making contact with the driver and occupants of the vehicle, Officer Johnson detected the odor of alcohol emanating from the interior of the vehicle. Officer Johnson observed signs impairment about the driver and detected the odor of alcohol about the driver. The driver admitted to consuming alcohol and exited the vehicle for sobriety testing. The driver failed all testing and consented to a certified breath test. The driver was transported to the Brownsburg Police Department where the test was administered. Results of the test exceeded the legal limit. The driver was charged and transported to jail.

On January 31st, Brownsburg Officers were called to assisted persons who were unable to exit a gated area of a storage facility on Ortho Lane. Upon arrival, and with the assistance of Brownsburg Fire Territory, the gate was activated for the vehicle to exit. Officers obtained identification to from the occupants to validate their presence at the facility. Investigation revealed that the driver had an active warrant out of Tippecanoe County. The driver was taken into custody and transported to jail.

K9

BPD K9 Division	Ofc. Marcum Carro	Cpl. Shedrow Drago	Ofc. Carr Trip	Ofc. Foote Raptr	Totals
Training Hours	16	16	16	10	58
Deployments	1	14	3	7	25
Arrests	0	10	0	3	13

Monthly countywide K9 training took place on January 16th and 23rd.

January 16th training consisted of narcotics detection in a shoot house. Additional training consisted of building searches with low light utilizing the K9 on and off leash with the instructor adding distractors. Remaining training consisted of group obedience.

January 23rd training consisted of tracking (300 yards) in snow. Conditions were cold, windy, and snowing during tracking times. K9 and handlers continued narcotics searches in classrooms and group obedience for the remainder of training.

Additional monthly training consisted of bite sleeve use, tracking, narcotics hides, and obedience. Brownsburg K9 handlers completed these training activities during their shift time.

FTO

Probationary Officer	Phase	FTO Hours YTD	Program Complete
Lucio Argueta	2	156	No
Jonah Kiritschenko	1	260	No
Joseph Medjeski	2	254	No
Jason Umbanhowar	2	260	No
E=Experienced			

The Field Training Program was active for the month of January as two of the newest Training Officer's began training recent ILEA graduates. To date, three of four officers in field training have advance to phase 2. One officer remains in phase 1 receiving remedial training. Hours reflected in the above chart are through the end of January.

Use of Force

The Brownsburg Police Department documented 20 Use of Force Reports during the month of January. The reports are classified as follows: Firearm Pointing, Other (K9 Apprehension), Weaponless Physical, and Taser.

Documented reports 1-4 involved Brownsburg Officers deploying on a “high risk” traffic stop at the conclusion of a vehicle pursuit. Officers pointed their department issued firearms at the vehicle where the driver and two passengers were uncooperative and would not comply with officer commands. One passenger fled from the stop and the driver and passenger were taken into custody. It should be noted that the driver was uncooperative and was apprehended by a police K9. The driver was provided medical treatment before being transported to jail. The passenger that fled the stop was apprehended a short time later without incident.

Documented reports 5-6 involved Brownsburg Officers attempting to locate a subject wanted on felony drug dealing charges. Officers pointed their department issued firearm/rifle toward the room that the subject occupied and gave commands to exit. Two subjects exited the room and the wanted subject was taken into custody without incident.

Documented reports 7-8 involved Brownsburg Officers responding to a burglary in progress call for service where money had been taken. It was further reported that two subjects were in a vehicle making threats. Upon arrival, officers deployed on the residence utilizing their department issued patrol rifles. Officers gave commands for subjects to exit the residence. Two subjects exited the residence, one being the owner, and the other making the claims about threats. Investigation revealed the subject had lied about threats made.

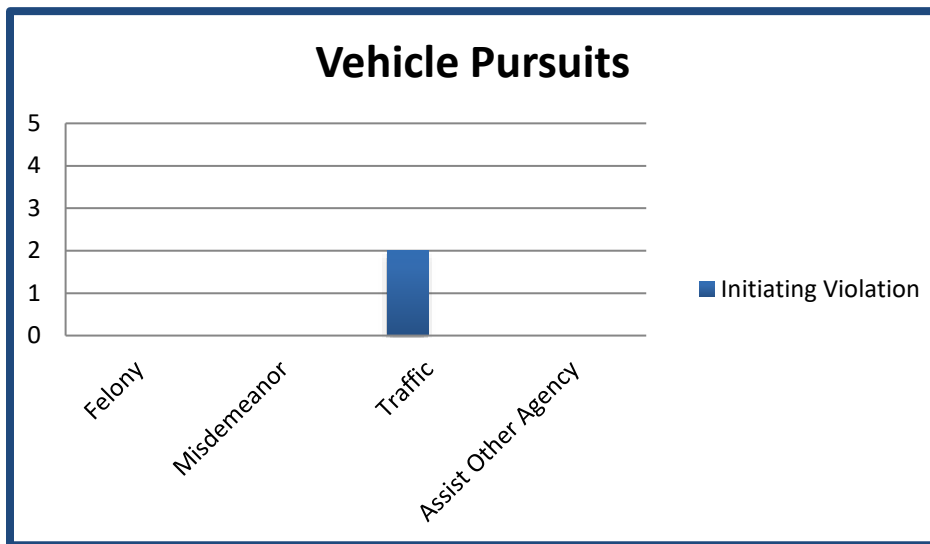
Documented reports 9-13 involved Brownsburg Officers searching for a suspect that had stolen a vehicle and was in possession of a firearm. Officers located and attempted to take the suspect into custody. The suspect resisted officers and a physical altercation ensued. A department issued taser was utilized but had minimal effect as the suspect continued to resist. Officers were eventually able to apply handcuffs. Officers sustained minor injuries and received medical treatment. It should be noted that a firearm was recovered from the suspect.

Documented reports 14-16 involved Brownsburg Officers responding to a report of a subject who had left a medical facility after needing an emergency detention and could potentially be violent. Officers located the subject walking along the roadway and made attempts to have the subject return to the medical facility. The subject refused and took a fighting stance and resisted officers attempts to apply handcuffs. An officer deployed his department issued taser and applied a drive stun with minimal effect. Handcuffs were eventually applied and the subject was transported to a medical facility for an emergency detention.

Documented reports 17-20 involved Brownsburg Officers responding to a report of an intoxicated person knocking on the door of an apartment. It was then reported that the subject had kicked the door open. Upon arrival, officers observed damage to the open door and encountered the resident who stated there was a person on the porch of the apartment. Officers pointed their department issued firearms at the subject and gave commands to surrender. The suspect was detained without incident. Investigation revealed the suspect was a former partner of the resident.

Vehicle Pursuit

The Brownsburg Police Department documented two (2) Vehicle Pursuit Reports during the month of January. The chart below lists the initiating violation(s):



Both pursuits were initiated by the Brownsburg Police Department and both ended where drivers stopped and surrendered.

Pursuit distances ranged from 5 to 9 miles, and lasting 10 minutes. No tire deflation devices were utilized during the pursuits and no department vehicle damage was reported.

Traffic

The Traffic Unit received zero (0) workflow complaints and abandoned vehicles during the month of January.

The Brownsburg Police Department investigated 10 hit and run crashes in January. January 2025 brought two significant snow events, January 6th, and January 10th. January 6th had 27 snow related runs dispatched to shift and traffic units. Only one property damage crash occurred at 1:00am, with the remaining 26 snow related calls being dispatched between the hours of 6am and 2pm. January 10th had 28 snow related runs dispatched to shift and traffic units. Those 28 runs occurred within the hours of 7:25am and 10:50pm.

Statistical information shows Brownsburg Officer's worked 86 crashes for the month of January. The Traffic Unit worked 42, (nearly half), of the total crashes.

The speed trailer was deployed in two different locations on County Road 700 North. The speed trailer is still having issues in being able to pull the data from the speed trailer to upload it for data collection purposes. The deployment of the speed trailer has slowed down traffic on County Road 700 North, but there are still several motorists traveling faster than the posted speed limit.

All Traffic Units successfully completed yearly IDACS training during the month of January.

Narcotics

In the month of January, the Brownsburg Narcotics Unit (BNU) added 2 new members to the Unit. Daniela Valenzuela-Fernandez joined the Brownsburg Police Department this month as a new hire and has joined the BNU as our first Intel Analyst. Secondly, from BNU member Officer Dirk Fentz came back into the BNU and started this month as well. Officer Fentz brings with him a partnership with the US Marshals and his tactics and experience with the Emergency Response Team (ERT) as well as his duties he will have in Narcotics.

Most of the month of January was spent training and working hands on with our new Intel Analyst and with working a wire case with DEA Indianapolis. BNU Officers are the co-case Officers on the wiretap and are directly overseeing the wire and physical surveillance of the case. This case has been ongoing the entire month of January and still ongoing.

BNU was down one Officer with extended maternity leave but will be back to full staff in February.

Even with a month tasked with long term investigations, surveillance and training, BNU was able to assist in the apprehension of 10 wanted subjects, including those wanted for rape, child rape, stalking, armed robbery, child molest and other miscellaneous crimes and also involved in the seizure of 3 firearms. All this stems from BNU's partnership with Indianapolis U.S. Marshals. One example that made headlines in the month of January, BNU Officers assisting U.S. Marshals tracked and apprehend a suspect stalking and threatening Indiana Fever and WBNA superstar Caitlyn Clark.

Emergency Response Team

ERT training was conducted on January 21st and 28th.

On January 23rd, ERT conducted an entire day of Close Quarters Tactics training in the shoot house with force on force training using simunitions with role players.

On January 28th, ERT conducted annual pistol qualifications and inspections, a rifle range, Close Quarters Tactics Training and physical training at the PD gym.

On January 7th, ERT conducted a high-risk search warrant in Avon, reference an armed robbery that occurred at the Avon Walmart and also an additional warrant for a shooting incident at Castleton Square Mall assisting IMPD's Violent Crimes Task Force. The suspect at the residence was involved in both incidents and a machine gun was observed in both surveillance videos. ERT conducted a surround and callout. Nine persons were detained from inside the residence without incident. Multiple firearms were recovered from the scene during the subsequent search of the residence.

On January 28th, ERT Medic J. Andy Northern tendered his resignation from the ERT for personal/family reasons. ERT Medic Northern served the town of Brownsburg for 4 years in the MEDIC Position.

ERT announced an opening for ERT Operator and a process is set to begin on Feb 13, 2025.

Officer Mlagan is back from light duty status. All other ERT members are in an active status.

Community Engagement

There were no events that took place during the month of January. However, several meetings and conversations took place to prepare for the upcoming 2025 calendar year.

Kellie Cummins attended a meeting in Cpt. Bullock's absence to discuss streamlining the Santa Program for the town during Christmas Season of 2025. This meeting took place at the Parks building between the Parks Department, Fire Territory and the Police Department. It was decided to have Santa at one location with a few different "Santa Helpers" involved to facilitate the need and the desire that the community has for children visiting "Santa". As the year progresses there will be further meetings to work out the details as the season grows closer.

Kellie Cummins will be acquiring a list of all HOA's in the community from the town in order to implement the "Neighborhood Crime Watch" program again. We would also like to implement a "Business Crime Watch" and will have further meetings to work out details and businesses interested in being involved in the program. This program will focus on how a business can avoid being a victim and if they do become a victim what steps to take to help the police department with the investigation to bring those responsible to justice.

Reserves

Officer Andy Northern resigned during the month of January to focus on their full-time jobs and family. Officer Northern was in field-training and provided medic services for the BPD ERT. We wish him well in his future.

Sgt. Kim Kiritschenko gave a presentation to the Women's Self Defense class on January 13th. Sgt. Kiritschenko covered self-defense tactics, as well as fraud protection, home defense, and situational awareness.

Reserve Officers accounted for over 90 hours of shift coverage during the month of January.

Roll Call Training

- Traffic Law
- Body Cam Analysis (Officer Involved Shooting)
- Perimeter Responsibilities (Officer Safety/Awareness)
- Evidence Handling/Submission
- Firearms