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Letter from Commander Arnett

As we turn the page on 2014, I want to take a moment to thank our community, business and law enforcement partners who have played an important role in our crime reduction efforts and accomplishments. IMPD Downtown District officers recognize the importance of working with Neighborhood Associations and Businesses to combat crime and address non-criminal problems on the district. Officers work closely with and have a strong partnership with many neighborhood associations, law enforcement agencies, college, universities and many others. We have developed and implemented a significant number of projects and initiatives aimed at reducing crime and improving the quality of life for residents, visitors and the working population in the downtown area. We have enjoyed thousands of events including the Pacers, Colts, and Indian games, Community Day, IBE, Circle City Classic, Motorcycles on Meridian, Tree Lighting, Big 10 and NYE on Georgia Street just to name a few. We have seen new businesses, condominiums and apartments open with many more on the horizon. Because of the dedication and commitment of the citizens and police working together to ***“Reduce Crime, Reducing the Fear of Crime and Improving the Quality of Life”*** the downtown community is a much safer place. We are excited for what the future holds for the downtown area and look forward to the continued partnerships in 2015. On behalf of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and Downtown District family, we wish everyone a Safe and Prosperous New Year!

IPS School #2 Center for Inquiry "What You Are Thankful For" Coloring Contest



IMPD Downtown District hosted a Coloring Contest in November for the students at IPS School #2 in grades Kindergarten thru Fifth. The students were required to draw a picture illustrating "What You Are Thankful For" and include a brief summary of their drawing. The winners of the contest were recognized and honored during their all school assembly in front of their classmates and teachers. Each winner received a Certificate of Achievement from Downtown District Commander Karen Arnett, books from

Barnes & Noble, a gift bag from our community sponsors at the Indianapolis Pacers and a framed picture of their outstanding art work. The winners were: Jackson Shelly Hayes, Alice Kelly, Oliver Deer and Raleigh Marie Williams. The winners also had lunch with the officers at school. We would like to thank Principal at IPS School #2, Mrs. Hunley for the partnership with IMPD Downtown District.



IMPD Downtown District makes Christmas Cards with Seniors

The Christmas holiday season is one of the busiest times of the year for all of us. We are busy attending work and family parties, shopping and buying gifts for loved ones and preparing for the New Year. Many of our Senior residents are not able to get out and buy gifts or participate in the festivities of the holiday season. IMPD Downtown District wanted to ensure that our Senior residents messages of love to their friends and family were received during this holiday season. Downtown officers made Christmas cards and shared delicious holiday treats with our Seniors at Goodwin Plaza. Please remember to check on those who are homebound during the holiday season and through the cold months.





September Officers of the Month- Sergeant Jeff King & Officer Matt Myers

On Saturday, September 20th 2014 the IMPD Downtown District Bike Units hosted a fundraiser to purchase new bicycles and equipment for the officers. Sergeant Jeff King and Officer Matt Myers fully understand the constraints that this department and many organizations face daily when it comes to funding for the purchase of new equipment. However, these officers understand the importance of having good, functioning equipment

to do their daily jobs safely and effectively. Both of these officers took the initiative upon themselves to organize a fundraiser for the entire Downtown District Bike Unit. They began their mission by going out and talking to the residential and business community. It is not an easy task when seeking out donations during difficult times; these officers displayed a positive can-do attitude, determination and a hard work ethic that resulted in a successful event. The downtown residential and business community recognized their efforts and the worthwhile cause for the fundraiser and hundreds of people from the community attended showing their support. Mayor Ballard and George Hill from the Indiana Pacers supported the bike officers and rode their bikes beside them on a twelve mile bike ride through the streets of downtown. For these reasons mentioned above, Sergeant Jeff King and Officer Matt Myers have been named the Downtown District Officers of the Month for September.

2014 IMPD
Downtown District
"Officer of the Month"
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Association Downtown



November Officer of the Month- Detective Julie Busic

On November 26, 2014 Detective Julie Busic was called out by officers at 4:30 a.m. Detective Busic responded to a very chaotic scene which included three juveniles that were apprehended for Burglary and Theft. At 7:00 a.m. this incident expanded to include a burglary on the Northwest District connected to the suspects from the Downtown burglary. By the time Detective Busic was finished for the day there was a fourth burglary victim. There were

two stolen cars involved, one recovered at that time of the incident. There were also various items of stolen property that were recovered. To further complicate Detective Busic's investigation, the parents of the juveniles were unable or unwilling to respond to the scene. Detective Busic worked with officers from Downtown District, IUPUI Police and Northwest District to recover the stolen property, process the scene and begin to fit the pieces together connecting all the burglaries. Detective Busic used her excellent interview skills speaking with the juvenile in the presence of his mother and was able to obtain a confession incriminating himself and his cohorts. Detective Busic continued working with Northwest and Downtown District to clear up several burglaries that were likely completed by her suspects. The suspect interviewed by Detective Busic had multiple counts of Burglary charges against him from the Marion County Prosecutor's Office. Detective Busic's ability to sort out and organize a very complicated investigation, interview effectively and properly organize and articulate the facts of the above mentioned case was a job well done. Detective Busic improved the quality of life for the residents living in the Downtown District and Northwest District by presenting an excellent case to the Marion County Prosecutor's Office against this serial burglar. For these reasons Detective Busic is named the Downtown District Officer of the Month for November.

Downtown District

2014 Community Task Force Meeting

Our Task Force meetings are just one element of your front line communications network with your District Commander and the officers working on your Downtown District. The purpose of these meetings is to continue enhancing the two way communications between residents, police officers, city agencies, and area businesses.

I would like to thank everyone who attended our November Task Force meeting located at WISH TV. We were greeted by Steve Bray who gave us a guided behind the scenes tour of the news station. Attendees were able to audition in front of the green screen as a news anchor and sit inside the news room during a live taping. There was also a Crime Beat investigative question and answer session. We would like to thank our media partners Nicole Boone and Steve Bray for making this event a wonderful experience for all involved.

Please feel free to direct your inquiries or suggestions for future topic discussions to: Officer Kim Evans, Downtown District Community Relations Officer at 327-6515 or send your email to kimberly.Evans@indy.gov

Next Meeting is scheduled for:

***January 13, 2015 at
4:00pm***

Location:

***Goodrich Hawk
Meeting Room (2nd floor)
Indianapolis Central
Library***



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Downtown District Bike Officers Pay It Forward

The officers from the IMPD Downtown District Bike Unit are anxiously awaiting the arrival of new bicycles for their unit. These officers recognize the importance of giving back to the community and paid it forward donating their used bicycles to the IMPD North District Bike Unit. IMPD North District Bike officers John Wall and Steve Smalley partnered with Freewheelin Community bikes. Two Saturdays a month officers take underprivileged children mountain biking and teach them the skill set of trail riding. This January they expect to break ground on a new Mountain Bike Skills Park where these children can come out and ride bikes with officers reinforcing the commitment to positive police interactions with our youth. For information on how to get involved please email Jeffrey.King@indy.gov or john.Wall@indy.gov.



Hilton and Omni Hotels host Thanksgiving for Downtown District Officers

Downtown District would like to recognize and say "Thank You" to our community partners at the Hilton and Omni Hotels located in Downtown Indianapolis. It is difficult for everyone to be away from immediate family and loved ones during the holidays. The fine men and women of IMPD are committed to serving the community every day. Often, during the holidays there are no stores or restaurants open leaving officers with limited options for food during their shifts. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of the Hilton and Omni Hotels the officers that were working were able to share a delicious Thanksgiving meal with their police families. We are truly grateful to both of these businesses for their commitment to their community and the continuous support they show to IMPD.

Thank You to IFD Station #13

Downtown District would like to recognize and say "Thank You" to Indianapolis Fire Department Captain Eric Rossok and the firefighters from IFD Station #13 for your generosity and hospitality welcoming IMPD Downtown District officers to join them for breakfast on Christmas Day. The outstanding partnership we have with IFD is ALWAYS greatly appreciated!

Downtown Officers Give Back To Their Communities Off-Duty

The men and women of IMPD realize the importance of making a positive impact in their communities on and off-duty. These officers donate their time off duty to further enhance police partnerships with our youth and community members and serve as positive role models.

Officer Chris Faulds serves as the Chair for the Advisory Council for the Block of Hope that encompass the shelters for downtown Indianapolis. Officer Faulds is also a Board Member on the divisional headquarters board for the Salvation Army. Pictured is Officer Faulds and youth from the Salvation Army Officer Faulds took to Christmas at the Zoo.



Sergeant Tony Brown devotes his time off duty coaching youth basketball for his son and several teammates known as the BC Warriors. This outstanding group are not only winners off the court but on the court as well. Pictured with their trophies, the BC Warriors brought home a win in the holiday Thanksgiving Tournament and Season Tournament in their league. Great Job BC Warriors!

Lt. Fred Ilnicki has been officiating high school basketball for several years. Lt. Ilnicki has qualified for the State Tournament multiple times and was selected to officiate the Junior/Senior All-State game last Spring. Lt. Ilnicki is also an officer with the St. Monica Knights of Columbus. He enjoys volunteering his time passing out flags to families of Veterans on Memorial Day, Lt. Ilnicki also sponsors and provides for families through St. Monica who need assistance.



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Officer Jeff Karwoski participates with the Indianapolis Historical Society and enjoys collecting memorabilia, records and artifacts from the beginning of the Indianapolis Police Department to present. The 1953 IPD Bel Aire Police Vehicle shown was titled "Best Police Car" in the Northwest District Car Show. Officer Karwoski owns an m1025 armored HMMWV and you are likely to see this around town as Officer Karwoski proudly uses this vehicle as his daily driver. He also enjoys volunteering his time using his vehicle for Wounded Warrior projects and other Military Appreciation Days and car shows.



Captain Phil Burton is a facilitator for the Center For Leadership Development focusing on Youth Empowerment. Captain Burton mentors young men in grades 7-10 who are a part of the MR-Male Responsibility Program. Captain Burton is also a member of the Alumni Chapter of Indianapolis Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Order and enjoys participating in the Guide Right Program.



Know what is going on in your neighborhood



You may have recently seen the IMPD Public Information Office sending out messages about important information on critical incidents or community events using Nixle. The exciting news is YOU can join and it's completely free. In order to effectively streamline communication all the IMPD Districts have begun using Nixle. One of the great things about Nixle is you choose what information you would like to receive and can customize this in your settings. Your information is private, secure and will never be shared or sold for marketing purposes. You can join Nixle by signing up online at www.nixle.com or you can text IMPDDT to 888777 for important information pertaining to the IMPD Downtown District. It's that simple! You are then signed up and will begin receiving



Downtown District hosts Coffee with a Cop

IMPD Downtown District will host Coffee with a Cop on Tuesday, January 20th, 2015 from 11:00am - 1:00pm at the Hardee's located at 710 West 10th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Please join the IMPD officers from the Downtown District for a cup of coffee. There is no agenda for the event. This is a great way to meet the officers face to face who work in your neighborhoods. Hope to see you there!



DT District Community Prosecution Division Cases of Note:

Allen Dryden – 49G24-1412-F6-055994

600 Block of E. Washington

Dryden has been charged with Auto Theft as a Level 6 Felony. According to the probable cause affidavit on file, officers observed a vehicle pull into a parking lot of the Chef's Academy usually only reserved for students. Since no students were expected to be on campus at the time this led officers to run the plate which came back stolen. The subsequent investigation then led to charges being filed against Dryden. The case is set for a pre-trial conference on January 7, 2015.

Christopher Cousins – 49G15-1406-FD-031619

Wholesale District

Cousins is currently serving a sentence at the Department of Correction for a theft and fraud case originating out of a downtown district hotel. This new case was filed against Cousins on June 18, 2014. The new charge is D felony theft and the allegations also relate to property stolen from a hotel room. This new case is set for a pre-trial conference on January 13, 2015.

David Martin – 12033689, 13000897, 13001311

Mass Ave Area

Martin has been charged with battery on an officer as a D felony, 4 counts of resisting law enforcement, disorderly conduct, and public indecency for events that occurred on May 20, 2012. Martin was arrested again on January 3, 2013, in the Mass Ave area and was charged with misdemeanor counts of criminal recklessness, resisting law enforcement, and possession of marijuana. Martin was also arrested on January 5, 2013, and has been charged with D felony possession of marijuana. On December 1, 2014, the defendant pleaded guilty to D felony Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, D felony Resisting Law Enforcement, A misdemeanor Public Indecency/ Indecent Exposure, A misdemeanor Resisting Law Enforcement, and A misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana. He received 3.5 years of probation.

Charles Williams – 49G01-1311-FB-071755

S West Street

Williams is charged with one count of B felony aggravated battery, two counts of D felony public indecency, and one count of A misdemeanor trespass for an incident which occurred at a downtown hotel on September 22, 2013. On December 19, 2014, the defendant pleaded guilty to B felony aggravated battery and was sentenced to 14 years to be executed in the Department of Correction.

Sean Cole – 49G15-1412-F6-055999

Lockerbie

Cole has been charged with Theft as a Level 6 Felony and A Misdemeanor Battery for events that allegedly occurred on December 19, 2014. According to the probable cause affidavit on file, several individuals eating lunch at the Lockerbie Pub noticed Cole taking a saw from a truck across the street. The individuals stopped Cole and call the police. The case is currently set for a pre-trial conference on January 26, 2015.



DOWNTOWN DISTRICT COMMUNITY PROSECUTION DIVISION REPORT

Downtown District Community
Prosecutor: April Fisher,
317-327-5291

Multi-Jurisdictional Offender
Strategy Team (MOST) Deputy
Prosecutor – Jennifer Jones

Adult Protection Services Deputy
Prosecutor – Cindy Oetjen

**A charge is merely an
accusation and the defendant
is presumed innocent until and
unless proven guilty.**

Robert Kadrovich – 49G06-1408-FA-040680
Wholesale District

Kadrovich has been charged with A felony Attempt Murder and B Felony Aggravated Battery through a grand jury indictment. According to the police report, the allegations arose out of a disturbance which occurred at 300 S. Meridian Street on June 22, 2014. Officers were called to the scene due to individuals fighting. The victim, OhnJay Walker, was found suffering from a stab wound to the head when police arrived. The case is currently set for a pre-trial conference on January 20, 2015 in Criminal Court G06.

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Benefits

2013 Salary Schedule for Merit Police Officer

Probationary Officer - \$39,446 (Pay begins at start of Academy)

2nd Year Patrol Officer - \$47,651

3rd Year Patrol Officer - \$60,967

Incentives

Take home car

College incentive pay, up to a maximum of \$1,250 for a Masters Degree, \$1,000 for a BA or BS degree from a college accredited by MSA, NEASC, NCA, NASC, SACS, or WASC

Overtime pay (as available) at 1-1/2 the officer's hourly base salary rate

11 Bonus Holidays Annually

80 hours of vacation leave for officers with less than 5 years of sworn IMPD police service

90 calendar days of sick leave annually

Excellent Insurance (health, life, dental) available

Annual Equipment/Clothing Allowance

Pension plan under the Public Employees Retirement Fund created in 1977 and administered by the state of Indiana

Voluntary deferred compensation plan

Requirements to Join the Great IMPD Team

Initial requirements for sworn employment with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department are established by the Indiana Code which provides that applicants:

- Must be a resident citizen of the United States
- Must be 21 years old and not have reached their 36th birthday by date of appointment
- Must have a high school diploma or GED certificate
- Must possess a valid driver's license from their state of residence
- Must be a resident of Marion County, Indiana or one of the seven adjoining counties at the time of appointment to the Department



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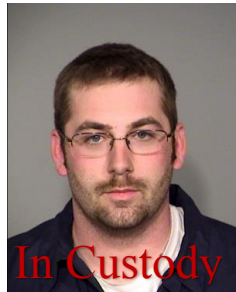


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December 1, 2014



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Dondarius Debro
Aggravated Battery



Kristopher Hunter
Failure to Register as Sex Offender



Jania Bishop
Dealing Cocaine



Rosendo Molina Castro
Murder



Robert OJ Simpson
Robbery



Brandon Johnson
Dealing Cocaine



Aaron Levi
Firearm Poss. SVF



Atilano Salmeron-Angel
Battery



Jerrell Taylor
Battery



Joyce Biven
Dealing Cocaine

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