

February Issue

IMPD DOWNTOWN NEWS

**Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department
DOWNTOWN DISTRICT**

JANUARY OFFICER OF THE MONTH

“Officer Malcolm C. Smith”

On Sunday, 1/01/2012 at approximately 1826 hours, Officer Smith/E222/S3668, Officer Karwoski/E230/20464, and I responded to a dispatched run, suicidal person, inside the Westin parking garage, 50 S. Capitol Ave. Upon the arrival of Officer Smith and me, Officer Smith initiated a methodical search of the lower level of the garage which is where the victim was reported to be. There were very few cars in the garage, and I could not see the victim's vehicle but I knew Officer Smith was still looking. I went to the next level and began another search.

Within a few minutes Officer Smith located the vehicle in a secluded area of the garage. The vehicle was tucked away in a very dark area between two small walls. As Officer Smith drove closer he could immediately observe the victim, Ryan Miller, w/m/37, lying on the pavement next to the vehicle. Mr. Miller had a plastic bag over his head with duck tape tied tightly around his neck with two tubes tucked underneath the duck tape. The tubes were connected to two large tanks. It was a potentially a very dangerous and life-threatening setting. It was later determined that the tanks contained helium. While helium is not in itself a deadly gas, in a high concentration it will render a person into a numb and helpless state. Mr. Miller was unconscious. Officer Smith did not hesitate but leaped from his police vehicle and quickly ripped the plastic bag from Mr. Miller's head. Officer Smith used his knife to cut the duck tape from Mr. Miller's neck and immediately began rubbing Mr. Miller's sternum with his knuckles[commonly known as a sternum rub] in order to revive him. Officer Smith advised his radio control operator that he had located Mr. Miller and related his condition. Within a few minutes IFD medical responders and other officer arrived on the scene.

Upon the arrival medical first responders, Mr. Miller was conscious. Officer Smith was keeping Mr. Miller's attention by talking to him and assuring him that he would be ok. Mr. Miller was stating he wanted to die, but Officer Smith consoled him by advising him that his problems, no matter how bad, can be worked out. EMS transported Mr. Miller to Wishard Hospital. Officer Smith followed the ambulance to the hospital where he met Mr. Miller's family and discussed the situation with them. [Refer to PD12000329/ I120012158]

I believe Officer Smith's diligence and fast action save Mr. Miller's life. Mr. Miller had planned a suicide and had implemented a very decisive procedure that would have killed him. If it had not been for the methodical search of Officer Smith along with his quick action, Mr. Miller would have died that night. As Officer Smith reacted at the scene, he observed the long clear tubes leading to the two large tanks. He did not know what the tanks contained, but he knew he needed to help Mr. Miller. Officer Smith disregarded an unknown and possibly dangerous situation and acted to save the life of Mr. Miller.

THIS MONTH SPONSOR "MARSH SUPERMARKETS"

Congratulations to the following “Downtown Officers” who received awards during the Honor Awards Program on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at the Indiana History Center.

Certificate of Commendations

- Officer Brad Nuetzman
- Officer Christopher Phemster
- Officer David Drane
- Officer Derric Murff
- Officer Desmond Woods
- Officer Jacqueline Stackman
- Officer Michael Leepper
- Officer Randy Diaz
- Officer Simmea McCoy
- Officer Tim Snyder
- Officer Tracey Lomax
- Officer William Payne
- Sergeant Gregory Gehring
- Sergeant Michael Schenkenfelder
- Sergeant Stephen Butler

Unit Citation - Crisis Negotiations Unit

- Sergeant Todd Wells

Medal of Merit

- Officer Kevin Jensen

Medal of Valor

- Sergeant Todd Wells

Alert community is a safe community!



There are several ways for drivers to prevent a car break-in. The most important action any car owner can take is to hide valuable items whenever the car is left alone. Even if you park your car in a safe area that is well-lit, it could still prove to be appealing if an item of value is left in plain sight. Some commonly stolen items from vehicles include GPS devices, mp3 players, laptops, cell phones, and detachable stereo face plates.

Even if you leave nothing of value in your vehicle, a thief may think that they have spotted something or may break in just to rummage through your car for valuables. Additional steps that you can take to minimize your risk of a break-in include:

- Always lock your car
- Close the windows
- Never leave your car unattended with the engine running
- Do not hide spare keys in or under the vehicle. They can be found
- Secure your vehicle tag with one-way screws
- Invest in an alarm system or theft deterrent device
- Have your VIN etched on all the windows of the car
- Do not leave valuables in plain view
- Never leave registration/insurance card in the vehicle
- Avoid leaving your vehicle in public parking lots for an extended period of time

“Crime Stoppers”



If you wish to remain anonymous call Crime Stoppers at 262-TIPS (8477), 800-222-TIPS (8477), or submit an online tip at www.CrimeTips.org. You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1000 if the information leads to a felony arrest. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards

Crime stats are now at your finger tips!

The following is the link through the Department of Public Safety to get the stats you desire.

<http://imaps.indygov.org/publicsafetymaps/Default.aspx>

- **You view at map site or hit tabular report**

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From Diana Vanarsdall MCSD 911

At meetings I attended this past week at the beginning of my presentation I asked a question of residents; “What keeps you from calling 9-1-1 to report crimes”? Some of the answers were: 1. Fear of retaliation. 2. Just do not want to get involved 3. Do not want an officer to come to my door. I have discussed in past that anyone can remain ANONYMOUS. At the beginning of call tell the dispatcher that you wish to remain anonymous and no information will be broadcast. You will not get an officer at your door. As for involvement, you are involved in a sense because this is your community and neighborhood. The police cannot be everywhere.

**DOWNTOWN DISTRICT 2012
COMMUNITY TASK FORCE MEETING DATES**

Information is power, and we ask that you please accept this as our personal invitation to be empowered with timely and relevant information that can help you to be an active and knowledgeable community member in our unified efforts to maintain and improve the quality of life for our community. Our Task Force Meetings are just one element of your front line communications network with your District Commander and the officers working on your IMPD Downtown District. The purpose of these meetings is to continue enhancing the two way communications between residents, police officers, city agencies, and area businesses. **Our meetings take place in the Historic Union Station, 39 West Jackson Place, suite #500, Indianapolis, IN and are open to all who wish to attend.**

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

January 10th, 2012

Deputy Chief Operations Scott Haslar, IMPD

March 13th, 2012

Battalion Chief Fred Pervine & Capt. Gordon, IFD

May 15th, 2012

July 10th, 2012

September 11th, 2012

November 13th, 2012

IMPD DOWNTOWN DISTRICT IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Emergency

911

Fire, Serious Illness, Crimes In Progress,
Shots Fired, Suspicious Activity

Dispatch Non-Emergency

327-3811

Commander Karen D. Arnett

327-6995

IMPD Downtown District Headquarters

39 West Jackson Place, Suite 500

Indianapolis, IN 46225

District Front Desk

327-6500

Our Public Assistance Officers can provide general information on police related questions; take reports of missing persons, runaways, cases with no suspect information.

District Captain

Captain Dave Allender

David.Allender@indy.gov

327-6526

District Crime Reduction Specialist

Lt. Dulin Nelson

Dulin.Nelson@indy.gov

327-6556

Neighborhood Resource Unit

Lt. Steve Atzhorn

Steve.Atzhorn@indy.gov

327-6512

Community Relations Officer

Officer Tony L. Brown

Tony.Brown@indy.gov

327-6515

District Detectives

Sgt. Dennis McAtee

Dennis.McAtee@indy.gov

327-6503

Downtown District Family Violence Advocate

Devon Kelly

Devon.kelly@indy.gov

327-6501

Downtown District Community Prosecutor (MCPO)

April Fisher

April.Fisher@indy.gov

327- 5291

Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison

Paul H. Ross

Paul.Ross@indy.gov

327-5564

To Report Suspected Illegal Narcotics Activity**327- 6517**

Please leave a detailed message to include the address of the suspected activity, description of why you believe illegal drugs are being sold @ this location, and any other information that can lead to identifying the suspects. **We do not need your contact information, however, if you desire a follow-up call, please leave your name and contact telephone.**

IMPD Citizens Services**327-3591**

City County Building, 200 E. Washington Street, East Wing, #100

This office can provide you with information on but, not limited to obtaining copy of accident reports, criminal history background check, various fees for services, etc.

IMPD Auto Desk**327-3478**

City-County Building 200 East Washington Street, East Wing

This office can provide you with information on but not limited to towed vehicles, vehicle releases, fees for vehicle towing, etc.

For a complete listing of all departments and their contact numbers, please click on the following link for the IMPD Home Page: <http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPS/IMPD/Pages/home.aspx>

Most Used City Services at a Glance

City-County Building General Information

327-3200

Click on any of the below links for more information on all City of Indianapolis Services

www.indy.gov - [Newsletter](#) - [Facebook](#) - [Twitter](#) - [Flickr](#)

Mayor's Action Center (MAC)

327-4622 or 327-4MAC

To access RequestIndy and report a problem/request a service online or contact the Mayor's Action Center (MAC) Click here <http://maps.indy.gov/RequestIndy>

Department of Public Works Emergency Dispatch**327-1620**

(Traffic Lights Out, Lights Flashing, Water Main Break etc.)

Department of Code Enforcement (DCE)**327-8700**

(Licensing, Permitting, Zoning Violations, etc.)

Street Blocking Permits**327-4849****Indy Parks****327-7275 (327-Park)**

911 Community Liaisons

Deputy Diana Vanarsdall

Diana.Vanarsdall@indy.gov

327-4934

Senior Citizen Building

263-6272

Humane Society

872-5650

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful /Adopt a Block, etc.

264-7555**Marion County Health Department:**

3838 North Rural Street

Main Office Number

221-2000

Mosquito Control

221-7440

Rodent Control

221-7584**Department of Housing & Neighborhood Health**

Vacant Building Boarding, Removal of Trash & Rubbish in Yards, Occupied Housing, and Abandoned/Unsafe Buildings

221-2151

Pam Parker – Team Leader

Parker/HHCorp@HHCorp.org

221-3076

Pam Pipher – Team Leader

ppipher@hhcorp.org

221-3091

Help Lines

Connect To Help Referral Help Lines

211 or 926-4357

Adult Protective Services

1-800-992-6978

(If your situation is an emergency please call 911 otherwise leave name and number for call back)

Poison Control Information Line

962-2323

Rape, Crisis, Suicide Line

251-7575

Weather and Time

635-5959

State of Indiana Home Page Click Here <http://www.in.gov>

Office of Indiana Attorney General

232-6201

Attorney General Consumer Protection Division

232-6330

State Police

232-8250

Indiana Child Abuse Hotline

1-800-800-5556

Senior Citizen Building

263-6272

Humane Society

872-5650

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful /Adopt a Block, etc.

264-7555

Better Business Bureau

488-2222