

IMPD DOWNTOWN NEWS



Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department DOWNTOWN DISTRICT



“AUGUST OFFICER OF THE MONTH” *Sergeant Gregory Charles Gehring*

At approximately 8:49pm on August 13, 2011, the grandstand stage at the Indiana State Fairgrounds collapsed during extremely high winds. Seven people were killed and dozens of others injured as a result of this tragedy.

Sergeant Gregory Gehring was on duty that night as a district supervisor when a request was issued for all on-duty Event Response Group (ERG) personnel to respond to the fairgrounds. As a veteran ERG supervisor, he relieved Sergeant Josh Shaughnessy of his role in the unified command structure when he arrived. He then directed the tasking of ERG and non-ERG resources to achieve incident objectives. Sergeant Gehring was able to anticipate problems and needs, and requested resources to address them. When I arrived (Lieutenant Robinson) at the fairground to relieve him in his incident command capacity, he gave me a thorough briefing of the situation and assumed the role of group supervisor over all on-scene ERG officers.

Sergeant Gehring's actions during this incident are worthy of commendation. His actions reflected his grasp of the “bigger picture” beyond ERG response and unquestionably helped to achieve incident stabilization in a remarkably short amount of time.

Submitted by; Lieutenant David Robinson

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Simon Mall

09-25-11



DPW-11314

Wanted for Robbery



Jimmy John's - 605 W. 11th St.

September 30, 2011 8:06 p.m. Case: DP110141374

Lead Det: Randall Cook Tx: 327-3484 Pg: 761-7704

The B/M pictured below robbed the business while armed with a black semi automatic handgun. He came over to the counter, gun low to his side, asked for the money in the registers and he told the customers to get on the floor. The suspect was described as being 6'0" to 6'2", 180-190 lbs, and having a goatee & mustache. He was wearing a black baseball cap, brown hoodie, and tan cargo pants.



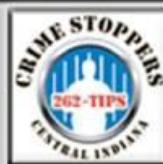
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DPW-11311

Wanted for Robbery



Hardee's - 710 W. 10th St.

September 9, 2011 12:49 a.m. Case: DP110130128

Lead Det: Jason Leitze Tx: 327-1756 Pg: 761-7227

The B/M pictured below robbed the business while armed with a black handgun. He was described as being 6'1", 190 lbs, medium build, and has a goatee. He was wearing a black trench coat, black jeans and white tennis shoes. The suspect struck the victims head numerous times with the gun. The suspect stole money and then fled the scene on foot.



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RJM-11313

Wanted for Burglary



Basey's Downtown Grill - 419 S. West St.

September 23, 2011 1:35 a.m. Case: DP110138075

September 24, 2011 5:20 a.m. Case: DP110138087

Lead Det: Corey Shaffer Tx: 327-6519 Pg: 639-8099

The W/M pictured below broke into the business on consecutive early mornings and took several bottles of beer from a cooler. On the 23rd, he loaded up a red cooler and a black bag and was picked up by a subject driving a black vehicle. On the 24th, he brought in a black trash can, loaded it up, and was picked up by a subject driving a white Buick.



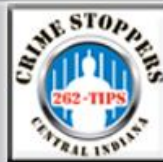
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On September 15th, 2011 at the Indiana Security Summit for Law Enforcement, Officer Tony L. Brown was awarded the Merit Award for Law Enforcement by Simon Property Group.



Officer Tony L. Brown has been the liaison between the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and Circle Centre Mall for over five years. He has been instrumental in creating and maintaining a partnership between IMPD and Circle Centre Director of Security, Kelsey Simms. Officer Brown does an excellent job of communicating with Security Simms on potential issues affecting the property.

Nominated by Commander Karen D. Arnett

An alert community is a safe community!



10 Quick Security Tips

1. Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened. An open window or door is an open invitation for burglars. Thieves are also quick to spot weak locks that may be easily forced open. Doors should have deadbolt locks with a one inch throw and reinforced strike plate with three inch screws. All windows should have window locks.
2. Secure sliding glass doors. Place a metal rod or piece of plywood in the track and install vertical bolts. These will help prevent burglars from forcing the door open or lifting it off the track.
3. Always lock the door to an attached garage. Don't rely on your automatic garage door opener for security.
4. Create the illusion that you are home. By using timers on lights, radios and TV's. Making your residence appear occupied, even when no one is home, will deter criminals.
5. Keep the perimeter of your home well lighted. Installing low voltage outdoor lighting is a cost-effective way to discourage intruders, as well as highlight a house.
6. Never leave clues that you are away on a trip. Have a trusted neighbor collect mail and newspapers while you are away so delivered items do not accumulate. You can also ask a neighbor to park in your driveway or parking place to make it appear that you are present.
7. Keep some shades and blinds up and curtains open to maintain a normal, everyday appearance in your residence.
8. Never leave a message on your telephone answering machine telling people that you are away from home. A message that you will return at a certain time leaves your home vulnerable in the interim.
9. Keep shrubbery trimmed away from entrances and walkways. While large, ornate hedges may be beautiful, they also provide a hiding place for burglars who need only a minute to break in through a window or door.
10. Organize a community watch program to protect your neighborhood.

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Downtown District is working to prevent crimes.....ARE YOU?

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**

[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 Events



Traffic Alert

On **Wednesday, Oct. 5**, Firefighters Local 416 will host the **Reading of the Names** on Massachusetts Avenue, an annual ceremony to honor fallen firefighters. **Massachusetts Avenue between Park and College avenues will be closed from 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**

On **Thursday, Oct. 6**, the Salvation Army will host **Applefest** on the south half of Monument Circle. **The SouthEast and SouthWest Quadrants of Monument Circle will be closed from 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. for this event.**

On **Thursday, Oct. 6**, the **Lilly Day of Service** will be held on Massachusetts Avenue. **Massachusetts Avenue between Delaware and 10th streets will be closed from noon - 7 p.m. for this event.**

On **Saturday, Oct. 8**, Indiana AIDS Fund will sponsor the **AIDS Walk and Ride** starting and finishing at University Park. The route will utilize sidewalks for walkers and normal street lanes for bikers. **Vermont Street between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets will be closed from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. for this event.**

On **Saturday, Oct. 8**, the **Spotlight on Nursing 5K and 10K** will take place Downtown. **The following Downtown streets will have lane restrictions for this event 8:45 - 10:30 a.m.:**

- 10th and 11th streets between West and Bellefontaine streets.
- Massachusetts Avenue between Bellefontaine and New York streets
- New York Street between Delaware Street and Capitol Avenue
- Indiana Avenue between Capitol Avenue and West Street
- West Street between Indiana Avenue and 11th Street

On **Saturday, Oct. 8**, the Athenaeum Foundation will sponsor the **Germanfest Lederhosen 5K Run/Walk** benefitting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. **Michigan Street between East and New Jersey streets will be closed from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for this event.**

On **Sunday, Oct. 9** Lucas Oil Stadium will be the site of the **Indianapolis Colts game** against the Kansas City Chiefs at 1 p.m. **South Street will be closed from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. between Capitol Avenue and West Street** for the game.

DOWNTOWN DISTRICT 2011 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 Goodrich Houk Meeting Room at the Central Branch of The Indianapolis Marion County Public Library, 40 East St. Clair Street, and are open to all who wish to attend.

Please feel free to direct your inquires 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

NOVEMBER 8TH 4:00PM

Speaker/TBA

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. Christopher Bailey	Christopher.Bailey@indy.gov	605-9058
Neighborhood Resource Unit		
Lt. Steve Atzhorn	Steve.Atzhorn@indy.gov	327-6512
Community Relations Officer		327-6515
Officer Tony L. Brown	Tony.Brown@indy.gov	
District Detectives		327-6503
Sgt. Dennis McAtee	Dennis.McAtee@indy.gov	
Downtown District Family Violence Advocate		327-6501
Devon Kelly	Devon.kelly@indy.gov	
Downtown District Community Prosecutor (MCPO)		327- 5291
April Fisher	April.Fisher@indy.gov	
Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison		327-5564
Paul H. Ross	Paul.Ross@indy.gov	

<u>To Report Suspected Illegal Narcotics Activity</u>	327- 6517
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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