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DEPARTMENT

2016

ANNUAL REPORT



Integrity Professionalism Dedication

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CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Dave Button
Chief of Police

2016 was a difficult year for law enforcement. Nationwide, 63 officers were killed by gunfire. An additional 30 officers died in motor vehicle accidents. Locally, five officers died in the line of duty. Two Des Moines Police Officers and a West Des Moines Officer died in motor vehicle accidents. An Urbandale Police Officer and a Des Moines Police Officer, a former member of the Indianola Police Department, were gunned down.

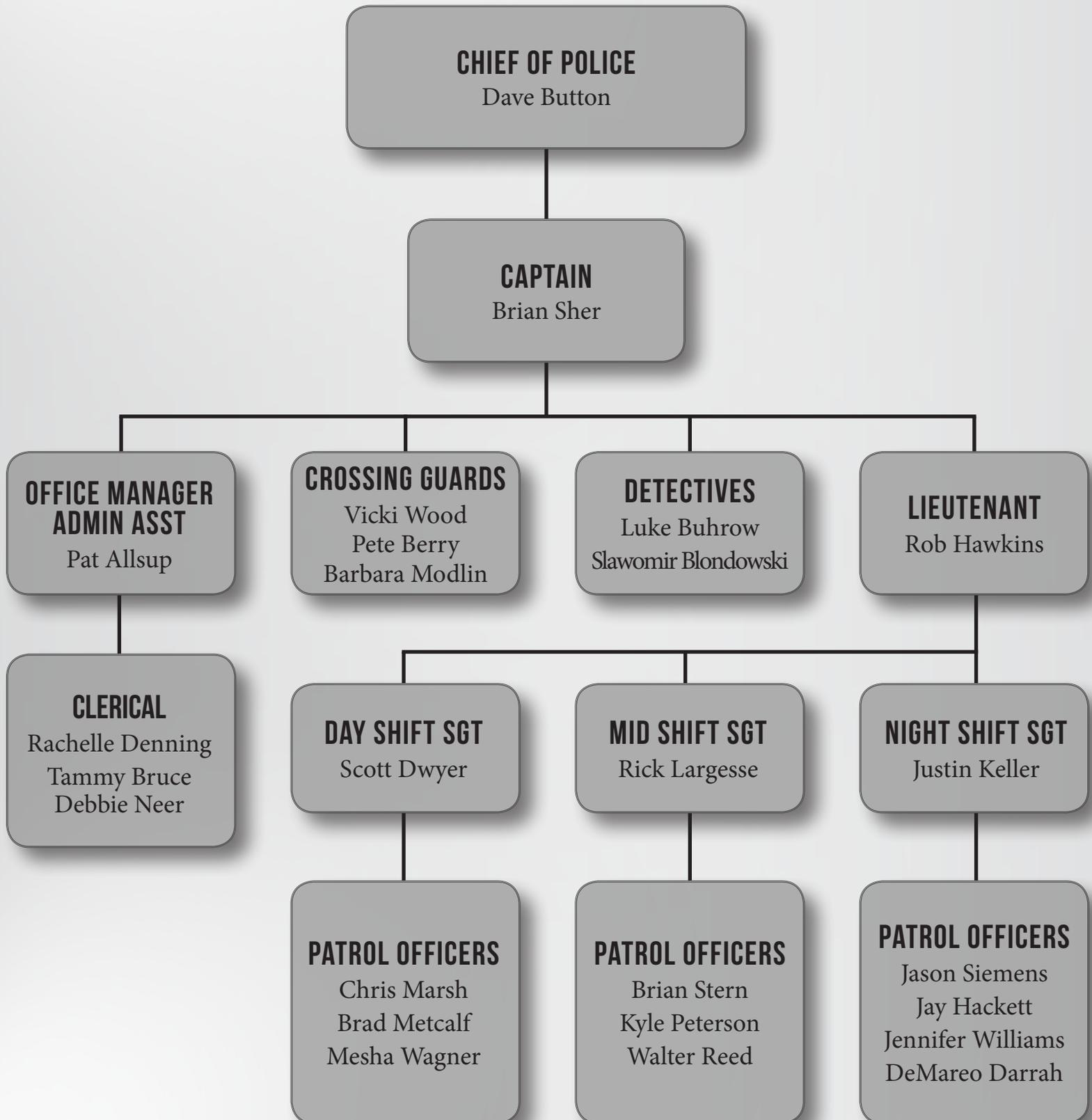
Throughout those difficult times, the officers of the Indianola Police Department continued to go to work each and every day, providing public safety for the citizens they are sworn to protect. The community of Indianola overwhelmed us with support. It is my honor to serve as the Chief of Police working with these dedicated officers in this caring community.

This 2016 annual report is a synopsis of the various activities and duties performed by the Indianola Police Department. The statistics within the report reflect a portion of what we do as a Department. What is not reflected statistically but is at least as important is our effort to be engaged in our community, working with them in a partnership to provide a safe and secure environment where quality of life is expected.

On behalf of the Indianola Police Department, we thank our community for the support we received during a trying 2016. We will continue to work hard for you, continuing our pledge to serve our community with *Integrity, Professionalism, and Dedication.*



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



STAFFING ASSIGNMENTS

DAVE BUTTON *CHIEF*

After a 28 year career with the Iowa Department of Public Safety, Chief Button began serving as the Indianola Chief of Police in July 2013. The Chief functions as the Chief Executive of the Department and serves as the final authority in all matters of policy, operations, and discipline.



BRIAN SHER *CAPTAIN*

Captain Sher began his law enforcement career by joining IPD in 1994. During his career with IPD, he has served as a patrol officer, detective, detective sergeant, and captain. He is second in command of the Department under direct command of the Chief. The Captain oversees the Lieutenant, the detective division, the administrative assistant, and is responsible for administration and oversight of Department operations including the budget, scheduling, payroll and public information matters.



STAFFING ASSIGNMENTS



ROB HAWKINS
LIEUTENANT

After working as a patrol officer for the Pella Police Department, Lt. Hawkins joined IPD in 2000. He has served IPD as a patrol officer, patrol sergeant, and lieutenant. The Lieutenant is responsible for administration and oversight of the patrol division, the fleet, equipment and supplies, training, and social networking.

PAT ALLSUP
ADMIN ASSISTANT

Pat has been working for the Department since 2001. She leads the three clerical support staff and is responsible for oversight of the overall office management including records management, auditing all criminal justice information systems, computer equipment, and technical operation of the public safety emergency system.



STAFFING ASSIGNMENTS



SERGEANT SCOTT DWYER

DAY SHIFT 6:30 AM TO 4:30 PM

Sergeant Dwyer's law enforcement career began when he joined IPD in 1997. During his career he has served as a patrol officer and patrol sergeant. Sgt. Dwyer leads the three patrol officers on day shift and is responsible for in-car video retention and coordinating the Department's Field Training and internship programs.



SERGEANT RICK LARGESSE

MID SHIFT 4:00 PM TO 2:00 AM

Sergeant Largesse has been serving IPD since 2003. He has served as a patrol officer, detective, Metro Star tactical team member, and patrol sergeant. Sgt. Largesse leads the three patrol officers on mid shift and is the Department's lead firearms and rifle instructor. He also coordinates the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau program.



SERGEANT JUSTIN KELLER

NIGHT SHIFT 9:00 PM TO 7:00 AM

Sergeant Keller has been serving IPD since 2005. He has served as a patrol officer and detective until his promotion to Sergeant in 2016. Sgt. Keller leads the three patrol officers on night shift

STAFFING ASSIGNMENTS



DET. LUKE BUHROW
Serving since 2010
Detective Bureau



DET. SLAWOMIR BLONDOWSKI
Serving since 2007
Detective Bureau



OFC. CHRIS MARSH
Serving since 1992
Day Shift Patrol



OFC. BRAD METCALF
Serving since 2001
Day Shift Patrol



OFC. MESHAWAGNER
Serving since 2003
Day Shift Patrol



OFC. JASON SIEMENS
Serving since 2006
Night Shift Patrol



OFC. BRIAN STERN
Serving since 2010
Mid Shift Patrol



OFC. KYLE PETERSON
Serving since 2014
Mid Shift Patrol



OFC. WALTER REED
Serving since 2014
Mid Shift Patrol



OFC. JAY HACKETT
Serving since 2015
Night Shift Patrol



OFC. DEMAREO DARRAH
Serving since 2016
Night Shift Patrol



OFC. JENNIFER WILLIAMS
Serving since 2016
Night Shift Patrol



RACHELLE DENNING
Serving since 2007
Clerical Staff



DEBBIE NEER
Serving since 2011
Clerical Staff



TAMMY BRUCE
Serving since 2008
Clerical Staff

DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Fiscal Year 2016/17 Budget

Salary/Wages Officers	\$1,391,200
Salary/Wages Clerical	\$155,900
FICA	\$31,000
IPERS	\$12,500
MFPRSI	\$330,900
Deferred Comp	\$19,800
Employee Assistance Program	\$800
Wellness Program	\$4,400
Health Insurance	\$315,600
Life Insurance	\$4,800
Worker's Comp Insurance	\$25,000
Uniforms/Clothing Allowance	\$17,500
Membership Dues/Subscriptions	\$600
Education/Training	\$16,000
Repair/Maint-Bldg/Grounds	\$5,000
Repair/Maint-Vehicles	\$15,000
Repair/Maint-Office Equipment	\$2,100
Repair/Maint-Equipment	\$5,000
Telephone	\$7,000
Advertising & Legal Notices	\$1,500
Insurance-Auto	\$5,000
Insurance-General Liability	\$15,000
Insurance-Property	\$500
Legal Service Fees	\$2,000
Medical/Physical/Immunization	\$5,000

DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Fiscal Year 2016/17 Budget (cont'd)

Prisoner Fees	\$2,000
Animal Control/Humane Society	\$36,000
Printing	\$2,000
Computer/Technology Services	\$9,000
Towing (abandoned vehicles)	\$3,000
Misc Consulting Services	\$600
Misc Contractual	\$22,000
Vehicle Operating Supplies (fuel)	\$50,000
Office Supplies	\$5,000
Civil Service Committee Expenses	\$2,000
H.T.L. Materials	\$1,000
Materials/Supplies	\$7,500
Postage	\$1,000
Miscellaneous	\$500
Computer Hardware/Software	\$7,000
Specialized Equipment	\$18,000
Buildings/Fixed Equipment	\$7,000
Transfer Out - STD	\$4,100
Transfer Out - HRA	\$24,200
Repair/Maintenance	\$6,000
Repair/Maintenance Radio	\$2,000
Radio/Dispatch Services	\$81,400
Radio Equipment	\$3,000
Materials/Supplies	\$1,700
Computer Hardware/Software	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$2,725,100

PATROL DIVISION

The Department's most visible division is the patrol division. The lieutenant oversees the operation of the patrol division. Each of the three patrol sergeants command one of three shifts manned by patrol officers. A minimum of two officers provide a law enforcement presence throughout the community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The sergeants and patrol officers are assigned to one of three shifts that are either ten hours or eight and a half hours long, depending on monthly staffing. Each shift overlaps which allows officers an opportunity to exchange information, keeps more officers on the street instead of ending and starting shifts simultaneously, and reduces overtime. The lieutenant works 1 pm – 10 pm Monday through Friday. This ensures that at least one supervisor is available to all three of the patrol shifts during the week, and gives the captain and chief an opportunity to brief the lieutenant on daily matters.

Two new in-car video cameras were purchased through grant funds acquired by IPD's participation in the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau traffic enforcement program. A new light bar for one of the patrol vehicles was purchased using funds made possible by a grant obtained through the Warren County Philanthropic Partnership. Patrol vehicles are equipped with computers. Periodically a hard drive needs service. A new office I.T. tower was purchased that will allow a backup hard drive to be installed in the squad that is being serviced, returning the squad to service rapidly. The tower was purchased using funds from a grant provided by Thiesen's.



Indianola's day shift patrol officers continue to stop into the area schools unannounced throughout the week. This gives the officers the chance to walk through the buildings and converse with students and faculty as the opportunities arise. It places a marked patrol car in front of the schools at random times, serving as a deterrent to someone contemplating disrupting the school day.

The Department's speed monitoring trailer is stationed throughout the city in an effort to remind drivers not to exceed the designated limit. Patrol officers are responsible for positioning the trailer each morning at a predetermined location and retrieving the trailer each evening.

Each officer's activity, either self-initiated or through being dispatched to a call, is a call for service. The patrol shift had 11,744 calls for service in 2016, an increase of 1.7% from 2015. Traffic enforcement in the form of citations and warnings decreased 2.3% from 2015.

Patrol officers are often the first officers on scene at reported crimes, disturbances, and medical emergencies. They are tasked with assessing each situation, identifying involved parties, securing evidence if available, gathering information, assessing patients and rendering first aid, and making arrests as each situation dictates. They also handle complaints from citizens who either phone or walk in to the department wishing to speak with an officer. The majority of situations necessitate a written report that each patrol officer is responsible for completing. The cases that need further attention are either forwarded to the detective division, or are followed up with by the patrol officer.

DETECTIVE DIVISION

The two detectives assigned to the detective division are overseen by the Captain. In 2017, the division will include a third detective position partially funded by a COPS grant the department was previously awarded. The third position will increase the department's ability to focus on drug enforcement. The detectives investigated a total of 182 cases, an increase of 11.6% from 2015. Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) cases totaled an additional 13 cases in 2016 down from last year's 18 cases.



Detective duties include following up on cases generated by patrol officers, coordinating with prosecutors, warrant preparation and execution, and performing as the lead officers on major crimes including sexual assaults, robberies, burglaries, financial crimes, and narcotics investigations. Detectives are trained and are responsible for crime scene processing, interview and interrogation, and death investigations. Detectives also consult with patrol officers regarding their investigations, and assist with preparation and execution of warrants on cases that are not assigned to the detective division.

The detectives are also responsible for the control of evidence and the evidence room. During 2016 the detectives began bar coding evidence that is checked into the evidence room which strengthens our evidence chain of custody. In 2016, the Iowa State Attorney General issued a directive to law enforcement statewide to inventory all sexual assault kits in evidence. The inventory was completed by the detective bureau.



TRAINING

The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy has established mandatory training requirements for all law enforcement officers in the state. The Indianola Police Department exceeds those requirements. As a Department, officers received 876 hours of training in 2016.

The Department partnered with the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau and hosted a 16 hour Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement course in May. The department hosted 35 officers from various law enforcement agencies. Eight IPD officers attended the course at no cost to the city.

The Department utilizes the expertise of its own officers during various training days. In 2016, Department officers provided instruction in the areas of firearms, ASP baton, rifle, defensive tactics and Taser. IPD either collaborated with surrounding agencies utilizing their instructors and facilities or sent officers to the following courses of instruction: Edged weapons, AR15 armoring, Glock armoring, concealed carry, LEIN, armed narcotic suspect recognition, narcoterrorism, crime free multi-family housing, MOCIC conference, arson investigation, Warren County Leadership, interview and interrogation, and mental health training.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Department is actively involved in the community as we continue to build trust and provide a safe environment for our citizens and visitors. We work to strengthen our current partnerships and look to build collaborative new partnerships with local groups and individuals.



The Department's visibility in the community is vital to our success. Officers are encouraged to get out of the squad cars and into various businesses, or to briefly stop by community events. On Beggar's Night, officers were seen patrolling the town handing out candy to young trick-or-treaters. IPD again manned display booths during the Warren County Fair and Warren County Health and Safety fair on the courthouse lawn. Both events afford officers the opportunity to interact with visitors and community members.



IPD and the Warren County Sheriff's Office collaborated with the Indianola Fire Department to host a Public Safety Night for the third year. A large gathering of adults and children received safety-related handouts, interacted with officers, and viewed some of IPD's vehicles.

Communication between the Department and administration at Indianola schools and Simpson College continues to be positive. IPD and the Indianola School District worked together to come up with a new homecoming parade route that would not impede traffic on 65/69. IPD continues a successful partnership with Simpson College to provide internship opportunities to criminal justice students.

The annual week-long Junior Police Academy was held in the summer. The room full of Junior Officers were instructed by various IPD Officers on topics such as patrol and detective duties, bullying, internet safety, drunk driving, defensive tactics and polygraphs.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Officers have given talks to local service organizations and schools, read to elementary students at the schools, and collaborated with the Indianola Public Library on a reading opportunity called “Booked by a Cop.” The Department’s Facebook page and Twitter account continue to provide information to the community on public safety issues and Department activities.

The Department’s ride along program continues to be successful. Citizens are allowed, after a background check and with supervisory approval, to spend up to four hours riding with the patrol officers in an observation role. Citizens are eligible to participate in the ride along program once every six months.

The drug drop box in our lobby continues to receive a tremendous amount of use. Citizens place outdated and unwanted prescription medication in the box which is then safely destroyed without harm to the environment. In addition to the drop box, IPD manned a drug drop station in the fire department parking lot on a Saturday in September as part of a statewide effort to collect outdated medications.

Two parking spots on the south side of the Department are designated for safe exchange zone parking. The parking stalls are monitored by surveillance video 24/7, and are to be used by people conducting on-line transactions such as EBay or Craigslist purchases as well as by parents making child custody exchanges.



The Indianola Police Department Community Outreach Partners (IPD COP) is a non-profit program funded entirely by donations from businesses and individuals. IPD COP allowed officers to purchase and deliver Thanksgiving dinners and Hormel ham Christmas dinners to families in our community.

IPD COP partnered with Wal-Mart and officers took fourteen children Christmas shopping. The kids purchased gifts for their families and themselves, had them wrapped by IPD staff and volunteers, and enjoyed treats. In the fall, officers prepared and served breakfast to community members and veterans at the American Legion.

Last summer, IPD partnered with the Indianola Schools and transported a group of elementary students to Principal Park. Eighteen children enjoyed a sun-filled day at the ballpark during the first annual I-Cops and I-Cubs event.



STATISTICS

Type of Call	2014	2015	2016	% Difference
Calls for Service	10234	11547	11744	1.7
Incident Reports	1436	1508	1699	12.6
Traffic Enforcement	3940	4695	4588	-2.2
Vehicle Accident Responses	389	421	396	-5.9
Arrests	608	577	718	24.4
Controlled Substance Cases	139	140	189	35
Assault	81	79	79	0
Burglary	110	274	104	-62
Sex Abuse	24	31	19	-38.7
Theft	351	328	304	-7.3
Domestic Disturbance	175	168	164	-2.3
Criminal Mischief	135	153	146	-4.5
Arson/Fire	3	0	5	100
Robbery	2	2	0	-100
Fraud/Forgery	99	115	148	26.6

Traffic Enforcement

Citations/Warnings	2498	3579	3273	-8.5
OWI	64	54	59	9.2
Parking Tickets	580	748	425	-43

Motor Vehicle Accidents

Property Damage	287	302	298	-1.3
Personal Injury	23	30	20	-33
Hit and Run	62	71	66	-7
Unknown Injury	11	9	3	-66
Car vs. Deer	5	9	8	-11
Fatality	1	0	1	100

Detective Cases

Detective Investigated	141	163	182	11.6
ICAC	15	18	13	-38

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Detective Justin Keller was promoted to Night Shift Sergeant upon retirement of Ron Hamell. Hamell served 31 years with the Indianola Police Department. Officers Demareo Darrah and Jennifer Williams were hired and graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

GRANTS

Theisen's awarded the Indianola Police Department a grant allowing them to purchase an IT Tower. Periodically hard drives within the squad cars need to be serviced. The new IT Tower will provide a backup hard drive for the squad car computers, and allow the squad to return to service rapidly.



Indianola Police Department also received a grant from the Warren County Philanthropic Partnership that enabled the department to purchase a new light bar.

VEHICLES

The department continues to transition all squad cars to the black and white scheme.

