



2017

ANNUAL REPORT

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Message from the Chief

The Indianola Police Department experienced an unusually high amount of personnel turnover in 2017. Two officers left law enforcement entirely. Four others left for larger departments. The department operated with less than a full complement of officers for ten months, yet continued to handle a large volume of calls for service. Indianola welcomed five new officers during 2017 and we look forward to having a full-strength workforce at some point in 2018.

It's heartening to serve a community that values and appreciates its police department the way Indianola does. Indianola Police replaced our antiquated radios in 2017 in large part due to a local group of supporters. The "I Back the Blue" committee raised over \$40,000 for the new radios that have been in service since mid-summer. Our officers and citizens are safer because of this effort – thank you.

This report is a synopsis of the various activities and duties performed by the Indianola Police Department. We strive 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.

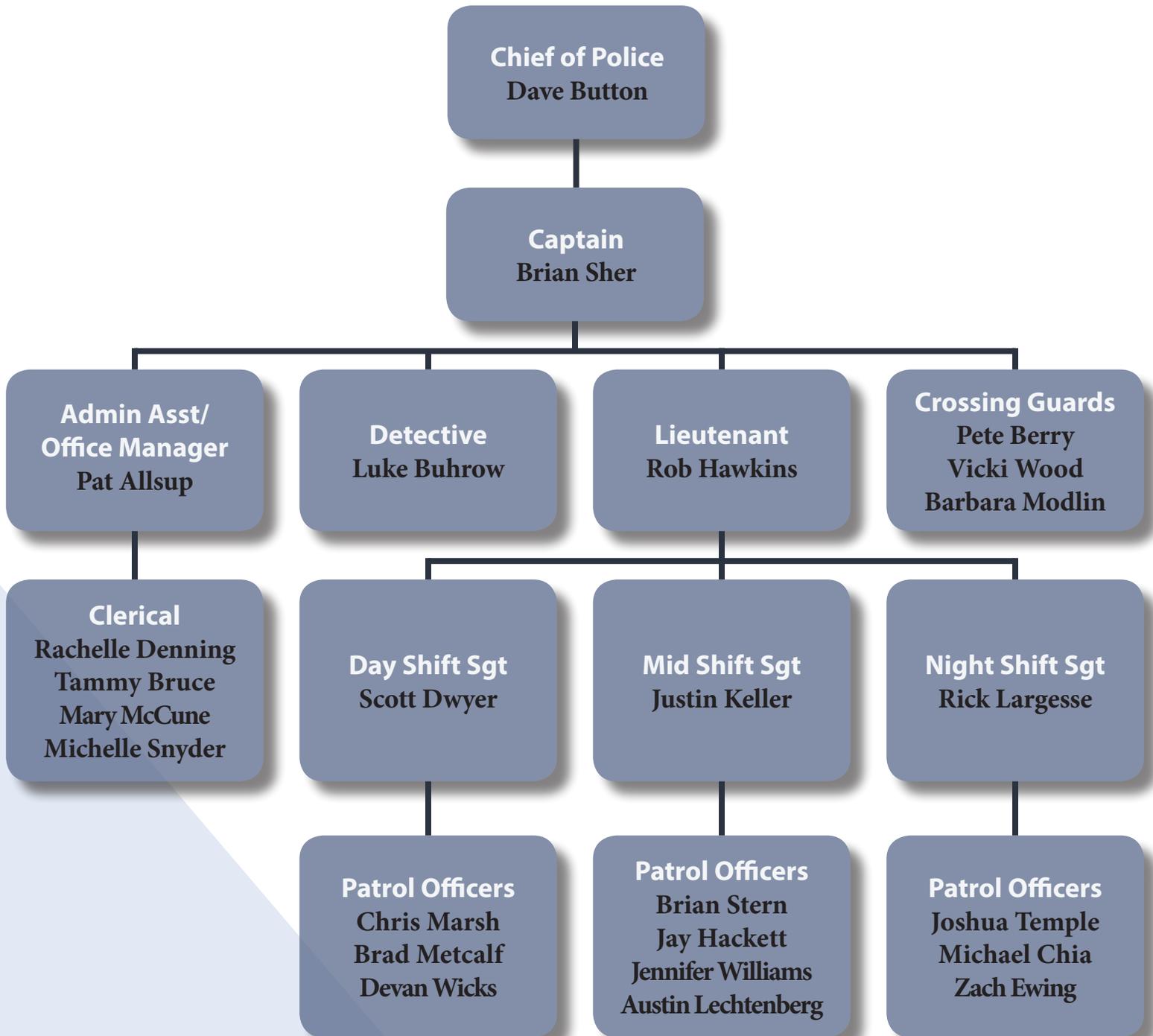
On behalf of the Indianola Police Department, we thank our community for the support we received in 2017. We vow to work hard for you, continuing our pledge to serve our community with **Integrity, Professionalism, and Dedication.**

Dave Button
Chief of Police





Organizational Chart





Department Personnel



Chief Dave Button



Captain Brian Sher



Lt. Rob Hawkins



Adm. Asst. Pat Allsup



Sgt. Scott Dwyer



Sgt. Justin Keller



Sgt. Rick Largesse



Det. Luke Buhrow



Ofc. Chris Marsh



Ofc. Brad Metcalf



Ofc. Brian Stern



Ofc. Jay Hackett



Ofc. Jennifer Williams



Ofc. Joshua Temple



Ofc. Austin Lechtenberg



Ofc. Devan Wicks



Ofc. Michael Chia



Ofc. Zachary Ewing



Rachelle Denning
Clerical



Tammy Bruce
Clerical



Mary McCune
Clerical



Michelle Snyder
Clerical



Department Budget

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|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Salary/Wages Officers | \$1,380,723.00 |
| Salary/Wages Clerical | \$154,337.00 |
| FICA | \$31,827.00 |
| IPERS | \$3,339.00 |
| MFPRSI | \$337,571.00 |
| Deferred Comp | \$23,400.00 |
| Employee Assistance Program | \$432.00 |
| Wellness Program | \$7,750.00 |
| Health Insurance | \$417,153.00 |
| Life Insurance | \$4,400.00 |
| Worker's Comp Insurance | \$23,500.00 |
| Uniforms/Clothing Allowance | \$31,104.00 |
| Membership Dues/Subscriptions | \$425.00 |
| Education/Training | \$37,366.00 |
| Repair/Maintenance - Building/Grounds | \$3,200.00 |
| Repair/Maintenance - Vehicles | \$16,640.00 |
| Repair/Maintenance - Office Equipment | \$1,500.00 |
| Repair/Maintenance - Equipment | \$2,000.00 |
| Telephone | \$6,000.00 |
| Advertising & Legal Notices | \$2,800.00 |
| Insurance - Auto | \$4,250.00 |
| Insurance - General Liability | \$13,300.00 |
| Insurance - Property | \$350.00 |



Department Budget (cont.)

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Legal Service Fees | \$0.00 |
| Medical/Physical/Immunization | \$2,000.00 |
| Prisoner Fees | \$4,000.00 |
| Animal Control/Humane Society | \$35,004.00 |
| Printing | \$1,500.00 |
| Computer/Technology Services | \$10,700.00 |
| Towing (abandoned vehicles) | \$5,640.00 |
| Miscellaneous Contractual | \$12,920.00 |
| Vehicle Operating Supplies (Fuel) | \$35,000.00 |
| Office Supplies | \$5,670.00 |
| Civil Service Committee Expenses | \$900.00 |
| Materials/Supplies | \$6,500.00 |
| Postage | \$1,200.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$250.00 |
| Computer Hardware/Software | \$1,550.00 |
| Specialized Equipment | \$23,920.00 |
| Buildings/Fixed Equipment | \$1,384.00 |
| Transfer Out - STD | \$4,070.00 |
| Transfer Out - HRA | \$24,200.00 |
| Repair/Maintenance | \$2,000.00 |
| Repair/Maintenance Radio | \$1,200.00 |
| Radio/Dispatch Services | \$80,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$2,725,100.00 |



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 eight and a half hour shifts. 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.

One in-car video camera, a radar, and a PBT were purchased through grant funds acquired by IPD's participation in the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau traffic enforcement program. New hand held and mobile radios were obtained through grant funds provided by Prairie Meadows and the Warren County Philanthropic Partnership. Additional money for the radios was provided by a dedicated group of community members who raised funds through the I Back the Blue campaign.



Indianola's day shift patrol officers continue to stop into the area schools unannounced throughout the week. Officers walk through the buildings and converse with students and faculty as the opportunities arise. This effort 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 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 11,321 calls for service in 2017, a decrease of 3.6% from 2016. Traffic enforcement in the form of citations and warnings decreased only .15% from 2016. Both statistics are impressive as the patrol division operated with less than a full complement of officers for the majority of the year.

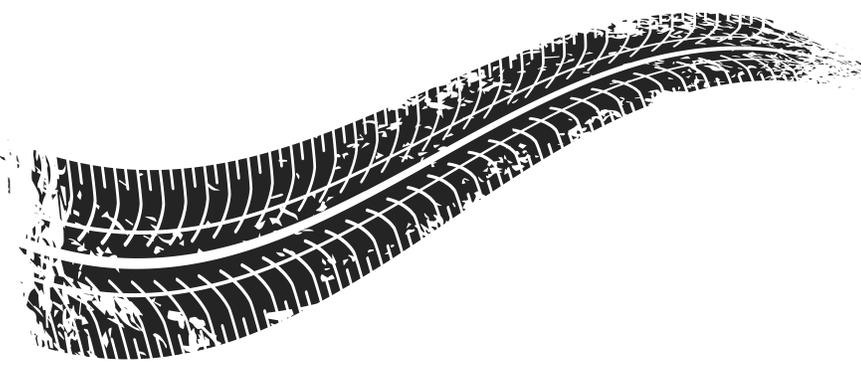
Patrol officers are often the first officers on scene at reported crimes, disturbances, and medical emergencies. They are tasked with assessing each situation, identifying involved parties, securing evidence if available, gathering information, assessing patients and rendering first aid, and making arrests 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. Most 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. Plans to expand the division to three detectives were scuttled due to unexpected attrition in the ranks. In fact, the division was staffed by only one detective the majority of the year. Despite that, cases worked by the division increased nearly 25% in 2017. Once new officers are trained and staffing normalizes, the division will return to two detectives with the goal of adding a third detective still planned for the future.

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.

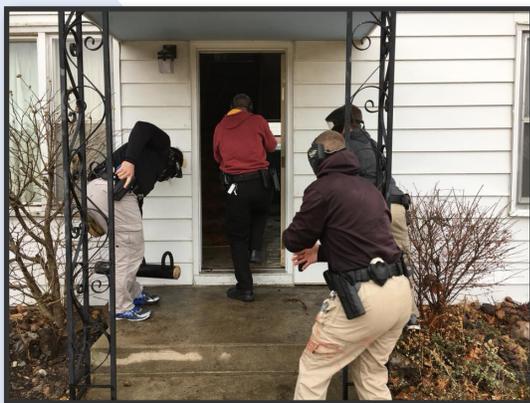




Training

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 391 hours of training in 2017. This was a major drop in training received over previous years. A manpower shortage resulted in less officers being trained, less opportunities to send officers to training, and only one in-service date held.

The Department utilizes the expertise of its own officers during various training days. In 2017, Department officers provided instruction in the areas of firearms, ASP baton, rifle, defensive tactics, OC spray and Taser. IPD either collaborated with surrounding agencies utilizing their instructors and facilities or sent officers to the following courses of instruction: Sex assault, child exploitation, advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement, tactical medicine for patrol, radar/lidar, standardized field sobriety testing instruction, elder abuse, MOCIC conference, and LEIN school.





Statistics

| Type of Call | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | % Diff |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Calls for Service | 11547 | 11744 | 11321 | -3.6 |
| Incident Reports | 1508 | 1699 | 1666 | -1.9 |
| Traffic Enforcement | 4695 | 4588 | 4434 | -3.4 |
| Vehicle Accident Responses | 421 | 396 | 371 | -5.9 |
| Arrests | 577 | 718 | 583 | -6.3 |
| Controlled Substance Cases | 140 | 189 | 133 | -29.6 |
| Assault | 79 | 79 | 66 | -16.5 |
| Burglary | 274 | 104 | 289 | 175 |
| Sex Abuse | 31 | 19 | 24 | 26.3 |
| Theft | 328 | 304 | 326 | 7.2 |
| Domestic Disturbance | 168 | 164 | 163 | -0.6 |
| Criminal Mischief | 153 | 146 | 115 | -21.2 |
| Arson/Fire | 0 | 5 | 3 | -40 |
| Robbery | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fraud/Forgery | 115 | 148 | 126 | -14.9 |

Traffic Enforcement

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|--------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Citations/Warnings | 3579 | 3273 | 3268 | -0.15 |
| OWI | 54 | 59 | 72 | 22 |
| Parking Tickets | 748 | 428 | 609 | 43.3 |

Motor Vehicle Accidents

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|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Property Damage | 302 | 298 | 281 | -5.7 |
| Personal Injury | 30 | 20 | 20 | 0 |
| Hit and Run | 71 | 66 | 52 | -21.2 |
| Unknown Injury | 9 | 3 | 5 | 66.6 |
| Car vs. Deer | 9 | 8 | 13 | 62.5 |
| Fatality | 0 | 1 | 0 | -100 |

Detective Cases

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|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Detective Investigated | 163 | 182 | 227 | 24.7 |
| ICAC | 18 | 13 | 11 | -15 |



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 fourth 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 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.

Officers have given talks to local service organizations and schools and read to elementary students at the schools. IPD participated in local charities by donating training in firearms and patrol officer duties for silent auctions. IPD donated to two local PTO's and provided the winning child a ride to school wearing an IPD uniform shirt. The Department's Facebook page and Twitter account continue to provide information to the community on public safety issues and Department activities.





Community Involvement (cont.)

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 receives 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 fifteen 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 spring, 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. A dozen children enjoyed a sun-filled day at the ballpark during the second annual I-Cops and I-Cubs event. In the fall, IPD partnered with the DNR and local 4-H to take over 30 children fishing at Lake Ahquabi during our Cops 'n Bobbers outing.





Highlights

Personnel changes:

- Officer Jason Siemens resigned (left law enforcement)
- Officer Demareo Darrah resigned (DMPD)
- Officer Slawomir Blondowski resigned (DMPD)
- Officer Kyle Peterson resigned (DMPD)
- Officer Walter Reed resigned (Ankeny PD)
- Officer Mesha Wagner resigned (left law enforcement)
- Clerk Debbie Neer resigned
- Clerk Mary McCune hired
- Clerk Michelle Snyder hired
- Officer Josh Temple hired
- Officer Austin Lechtenbereg hired
- Officer Michael Chia hired
- Officer Zach Ewing hired
- Officer Devan Wicks hired

New radios purchased utilizing funds from Prairie Meadows grant, Warren County Philanthropic Partnership grant, and I Back the Blue fundraiser.