



WHITESTOWN METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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WMPD Report to Council August 2017

UPDATE:

1. Citizens Wellness Check-In Systems: (Council Resolution 2017-14)

After extensive research, it is my recommendation that the Town only provide social media links to the many different companies who provide these types of services to members of the community seeking this type of service. We have spoken to many different agencies throughout the country who have tried this type of program service, but no longer provide it in part, due to lack of membership sign-up and overall administrative costs associated with providing the service. Many agencies we spoke with no longer provide this service at all, while others only provide direct internet links to other professional sites whom provide this service commercially.

The Town of Whitestown, WMPD & WFD web pages can easily be set up to provide these same types of links. This was also the direction recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners.

2. Mobile Command Unit (Update)

Sheriff Nielsen was able to purchase the Mobile Command Unit at a cost of \$91,000 plus including the upgrades identified and a few additional ones he wanted, which include a complete body re-paint. The Unit is scheduled for delivery in late August or early September. The Sheriff has told all the county Police Chiefs that the Unit was purchased for use throughout the county and will display Identification of each agency. No word yet on a MOU regarding its use by outside agencies.

3. Solicitation Policy (Town of Whitestown) Ord: 2017-26

After review, the Board of Police Commissioners unanimously concur with this policy as proposed. WMPD has begun the process of setting up the tracking database in preparation of the passage of this ordinance.

Police HQ Building Project:

- a. Multiple site locations are being considered. (see attached) The Legacy Core site seems to be getting the most favorable attention from those who have weighed in thus far.

STATISTICS: (Snap-shot)	Jun/2015	- Jun/2016	- Jun/2017
1. Calls for Service comparisons:	1223	1451	1896
2. Arrests: (All Categories)	14	20	58
3. Crash Reports: (All categories)	24	17	23

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TRAINING:

1. Agency wide – State Mandates (All officers) (8 Hours)
2. SRT Officers – Range, Physical Tactics. (8 Hours)
3. Public Safety Training Institute – Women Policing in America. (PSO's; Gibbons, Trump & Campbell) (24 Hours)
4. The Indiana Law Enforcement Academy began charging agencies a fee of \$500 per basic student beginning July 2017. WMPD will have two (2) officers attending in October.
5. Letter sent by BC Sheriff Nielsen – regarding officer PTSD. WMPD has had this covered since the introduction of the clearance physical program that began in 2015.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

“National Night Out 2017” August 1, 2017, 4-8pm. 42 area businesses had signed up to participate. We had Zipline Adventures and a life sized hungry-hungry hippo game for all ages. The Indiana National Guard had their inflatable “Bootcamp Challenge” that was a big hit. The Whitestown Parks Department gave away a record number of snow cones. There was popcorn, hot dogs, chips, cookies, ice-cream and our own LA Café was giving sample “Shrimp Cocktails” away. There were pictures at Tap-Snap, bracelets, stickers, sun-glasses. WFD had their Firefighter experience while WMPD had a gear booth where kids could try-on a multitude of police equipment and then take the challenge on a water-gun range.

Three (3) very lucky kids took home their very own Power-Wheels Motorcycle or a replica of the ‘Thin Blue Line’ Police Tahoe. What an AWESOME event!

The 6pm unveiling of the WMPD “Thin Blue Line” Theme vehicle was a big crowd pleaser. WMPD has received many positive comments, both in person and on social media, along with many photographs taken of it. I don’t believe anyone was more surprised than Sgt. Boutwell. It was a challenge keeping this under wrap until the unveiling. We, WMPD appreciate all your support.

The 2017 NNO Video that was shot during the event by our PR Department was released to the public on Friday, August 4th. The video was immediately put-up on all our social media sites and has been viewed hundreds of times already.

The only snag of the night was when we were notified just after 4pm that the “Life-Line” helicopter was grounded due to weather and would be unable to fly. They remained in a grounded status throughout the evening and sadly were unable to attend. Maybe next year!

Special thanks to everyone who played a role, big or small, in helping to host this year’s event. It is truly an amazing team effort to watch it come together.

Back to School Efforts:

1. Social Media blasts across all media sites regarding the start of the school year, complete with graphics on when and where motorist, is required to STOP for school buses. Its WMPD hopes that we have a great start to the new school year.
2. Project “Safe Ride” – WMPD Bicycle Officers being sponsored by our area McDonalds will be out after school for the next few weeks issuing “Safe Riding Tickets” to our neighborhood youth who are found to be riding their bike in a safe manner, following the rules and displaying a good example for other riders to follow. Each ticket issued is good for one (1) FREE Ice crème cone from McDonalds.

Respectfully submitted;

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