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To: Honorable Council Members, Police Commissioners
From: Chief William Knauer
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Greetings,

The following documents details the activity and revenue generated by the Fortville Police Department in the year 2014. The Fortville Police Department prides itself on focusing on Public Safety first. Any revenue generated as a result of this activity is secondary.

You will find enclosed the Fortville Police Departments Calls for Service for 2014. Also included are statistics related to the Swat Task Force, NASA (Neighbors against Substance Abuse) Operation Pull Over, and Seat Belt Enforcement and OWI enforcement.

You will also see that I have included goals that were accomplished in 2014. Several of these goals would not have been possible without the support and dedication from the Town Council.

The Fortville Police Department has worked very hard to reach out to our citizens and visitors to make Fortville a safe and desirable place to live and visit. I commend our staff of officers both Full time and Reserves for assisting in making some of these projects possible.



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Mission Statement:

We, the members of the Fortville Police Department, are committed to being responsive to the people in our community through impartial, ethical, and compassionate law enforcement. We recognize that it is our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to every individual. Our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership. We strive to make Fortville a community where all people who visit or live in Fortville, can do so safely without fear. The values of the Fortville Police Department revolve around People, Leadership, Service, and Performance.

Chief William Knauer

Fortville Police Department

CFS

(Calls for Service)

Officers of the Fortville Police Department receive many different types of calls for service during their tour of duty. We pride ourselves on responding as quickly as possible to each detail in a safe and professional manner. Some of these calls are reports of criminal activity and some are civil in nature. It should be noted that not all civil calls are documented in report form. The Fortville Police Department provides coverage for the town 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please remember that it's not always the type of call that is most important for the department and the taxpayers but the amount of time spent on a call. This is what affects productivity, and manpower and coverage. The department works a four on four off 12 hour schedule. Coverage during daytime hours is usually with one officer at 6:00am with a second officer coming on at 2:00pm. and a third officer on at 6:00pm. This provides double coverage during high call and high traffic times of an evening. Of course this is the goal but with training, vacation, comp time and other activities, is not always accomplished.

The Fortville Police Department along with every agency in Hancock County went live in 2014 with InterAct RMS. The CAD (computer aid dispatch) was scheduled to go live on January 19, 2015. This has been pushed back to a date not yet determined. The projected date is sometime in February 2015. This program will allow us to track every detail and the amount of time spent on each detail for 2015 which will allow us to better allocate resources in areas that need attention.

The following page details the number of Calls for Service by the Fortville Police Department for 2014. Due to not having accurate numbers for the year 2013, I was unable to determine if we experienced an increase/decrease in each of the areas we responded to. I have attached a breakdown of all calls for service for 2014 and will be able to conduct a more detailed comparison in 2015 to the 2014 numbers.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Fortville Police Department handled 7,677 total calls or activity for 2014. This is an average of 21 contacts per day in one fashion or another. These numbers do not reflect the amount of time spent patrolling or meeting with citizens.

Citations:	635
OVB:	1041
Traffic Warnings:	2016
OWI Arrest:	48
Narcotics Arrest:	47
DWS/HTV Arrest:	132
Juvenile Arrest:	22
Adult Arrest/Criminal:	65
Warrant Arrest:	60
Domestics:	71
Thefts/Burglary:	73
Alarms:	130
Welfare Checks:	491
Assist Motorist:	302
VIN Checks:	60
Vehicle Lock Outs:	79
Assist Fire/EMS	143
Vehicle Tows:	315
911 Calls:	342
Calls on Station:	568
Assist Other Departments:	396
Civil Disputes:	129
Accident Reports:	79
Criminal Reports:	433
TOTAL:	7,677

OPERATIONS PULL-OVER (OPO)

Officers of the Fortville Police Department worked several different projects in 2014 related to traffic enforcement and safety. This includes OWI patrol (operating while intoxicated) Seatbelt Enforcement and Aggressive Driving. Below are the numbers associated with these programs. These programs were paid for under both Federal and State funding at no cost to local tax payers for hours worked. This program was coordinated by Officer Matt Fox whom oversees all traffic programs for the department and reports directly to Lt. Bratton.

Total Hours Worked:	326
Total Tickets Issued:	298
Total Warnings Issued:	521
Total Traffic Stops:	472
Total paid to Officers:	\$9,075.52

Criminal Charges related to arrest:

Driving while suspended:	7	Possession of controlled substance:	1
Habitual Traffic Violations:	2	Reckless Driving:	1
Operating while intoxicated:	5	Criminal Recklessness:	1
Possession of Marijuana:	3	Fleeing Law Enforcement:	1
Possession of Paraphernalia:	3	Persons wanted on warrants:	4

NASA

(Neighbors against Substance Abuse)

In 2014 the Fortville Police Department joined forces with other agencies in Hancock County to launch the NASA program. Hancock County was the first county in the State of Indiana to start such a program. Under the direction of Director Tim Rutherford, all pay for officers participating in the program was paid for under a state grant. In the upcoming year, funds should be available under the same grant to continue this program. The Neighbors against Substance Abuse Task Force worked a total of 816 hours in 2014. Attached is the results of those efforts for the past year.

Underage Drinking Task Force Report

Arrest Report

Date	Location	Present	Arrested	Arrested	Arrested	Arrested	Arrested
			18<	17>	males	females	Total
11/03/13	6141 N 600 E, Greenfield	43	14	7	7	14	21
11/16/13	2347 Layton Lane, Greenfield	10	8	0	5	3	8
03/02/14	3565 S 500 W, New Pal	6	4	1	2	3	5
03/07/14	3423 S Leonard Drive, New Pal	32	0	10	6	4	10
03/15/14	Traffic Stop 4700 W Meadow Lake	3	Drug related arrest 1 male adult				
03/21/14	Traffic Stop 7100 W 100N	5	1	2	2	1	3
04/19/14	173 Rambling Road, Greenfield	7	5	0	3	2	5
04/26/19	6348 W Homestead Court, New Pal	9	4	0	2	2	4
04/26/14	2489 W SR234, Fortville	10	6	1	5	2	7
05/03/14	1126 E First Street, Greenfield	18	8	0	2	6	8
05/04/14	6724 W Philidephia Drive, McCordsville	25	11	3	6	8	14
05/10/14	224 E Osage, Greenfield	3	1	0	1	0	1
05/11/14	1898 E 500 S, Greenfield	9	7	0	4	3	7
05/24/14	Traffice Stop Meridian Rd & 40,	2	0	2	1	1	2
05/30/14	3801 W 380 S, New Palestine	10	2	6	6	2	8
06/14/14	7262 W Red Fox Trail	15	9	1	5	5	10
06/23/14	Traffic Stop E/B I70 101mm	5	0	5	5	0	5
06/24/14	2127 Meridian Springs Lane	10	3	1	3	1	4
Totals		222	83	39	65	57	122

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Hancock County Joint Task Force

(S.W.A.T.)

The Hancock County Joint Task Force is comprised of Officers from each agency within the county. The team is under the direct command of Major Derek Towle of the Greenfield Police Department. On any call out, all Chiefs respond to the location at the Command Center. Major Towle consults with the Chiefs as a group prior to any decisions being made for the team. Fortville Police Department has maintained three positions on the team over the past several years. This year we are down to one officer on the team due to the resignation of Joe Turney, Ben Kiphart, and the lateral move of Officer Diefenderfer. We do plan on replacing these officers on the team after they are eligible.

In 2014 the team trained monthly for a total of 128 hours. Of course one of the goals is for the team to not have to be used. In 2014 the team was activated on two occasions. The first, on September 4th for Dignitary Protection. The second activation was on December 20th for a hostage situation in Greenfield that ended peacefully. This team works very hard to train for many different situations and we should continue to support the efforts they put forth.

REVENUE GENERATED

The following attachment breaks down the monies generated by the Fortville Police Department in 2014. Please again, remember that OVB monies are allocated by Local Ordinance. All OVB monies are a result of Officers doing their jobs, enforcing public safety within our community on a daily basis. We are not in the business of “making money off our citizens”. We simply enforce the laws as determined by Federal, State, and Local Laws. Revenue is only generated as a result of that enforcement.

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2014 Revenue

The Fortville Police Department generated a total of \$94,207.00 for the 2014 calendar year. Below is a breakdown of how these funds were totaled.

OVB	\$68,860.00	73.1%
State Citations	\$5,540.00	5.9%
Franchise Fees	\$11,000.00	11.6%
Vehicle Releases	\$6,037.00	6.4%
VIN Checks	\$300.00	.30%
Gun Permits	\$2130.00	2.3%
Accident Reports	\$340.00	.40%
Total	\$94,207.00	100%

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2014

The Fortville Police Department made great strides in 2014. Below are some of the programs/projects we have worked on. Each officer on the department has taken part and ownership in several of these accomplishments. It is with the support of the Town Council that many of these projects were able to be completed. I have attempted to outline some of these below however I may have overlooked a couple.

Established the 1977 Pension Fund

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Incorporated Power DMS to maintain all policies, training records and documents

Implemented InterAct Record Management System

Instituted a new hiring process for the Department that is fair to all applicants.

Raised funds for each vehicle to be equipped with AED's.

Raised over \$7,000 for "Shop With Public Safety" program.

Trained and released for patrol 5 new officers including Reserves.

Instituted body worn cameras for all Officers including Reserves.

All Officers have attended Patrol Rifle Certification Course.

Have two certified Officers that are Department armorers.

One of the first departments to implement "Coffee with a Cop" program in IN.

Major Shelley & Lt. Bratton graduated from PSLI Leadership Program.

100% accountability in the Property Room.

Instituted new policies on modern day policing with 45 total General Orders to govern & guide the Police Department.

GOALS FOR 2015

Qualify all Officers for less lethal use of force with shot guns.

Implement "Leads on Line" program

Create on-line reporting system.

All Full-Time Sworn Officers in Dress Class A uniforms.

Reduce contents of Property Room by 25%.

Hire three (3) Reserve Officers & complete training.

Continue to build positive community relationships

Continue to work to improve "Quality of Life" in Fortville