



PORTAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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It is my honor to report that for four consecutive years the focused and determined efforts of the Portage Police Department and its staff have yielded an extraordinary result in crime reduction. Overall crime has dropped once again. 2012 saw the largest single drop in crime at **17.54%** in our City's history. In 2013, we reduced crime by another **13.77%** and in 2014 crime continued to fall, dropping another **9.99%**. In 2015, the Portage Police were able to decrease crime another **3.41%**. Only one other time was there a consecutive decrease in crime. There had never been a three consecutive year decrease; now four consecutive year reduction in crime. This absolutely does not happen without committed efforts by our Officers, Detectives, Reserves, Clerical Staff, Dispatchers and just as important; our Residents.

Robberies, Burglaries, Thefts, Aggravated Assaults and Vehicle Thefts all saw significant drops. There were three Homicides. One suspect killed himself while arrests were made in the other two cases. There were eight reported rapes, one of which the statute of limitations had been reached as those act(s) were reported to have occurred in the 1980's and 1990's. Additionally, the suspects in all those cases were known to the victims and lastly, Simple Assaults and Arsons were up.

The overall number of Fatal, Personal Injury and Property Damage crashes remained the same as last year. There were more DUI arrests made than the previous year and there was a four percent rise in traffic enforcement (citations, written warnings and verbal warning).

During the last four years, we added five additional Officers to reach a staffing level of 66 full-time Officers (3 from a COPS grant), added additional SRO's to our schools, brought SUV's to our patrol fleet, reestablished our K9 program, became the first department in the region to carry and administer Narcan and saw a greater utilization of the SWAT Team to address drug dealers, reported gang members and extreme violence. We upgrade much of our equipment and saw the realization of new Portage Police Department building, which we will move into later this year. Also, we conducted five new hiring processes and recently began our sixth one since 2012.

The men and women of the Patrol Division unwaveringly go out every day to protect our residents. No call is ever routine and the level of risk can change in a split second. Our Patrol Officers serve their profession well. The Detective Bureau undoubtedly is one on the best in the region. They continue to work long hours to solve cases and have been tried and tested with several major investigations. Their efforts are commendable.

Our Reserve Unit continually supports our department and the community with over 4,600 hours of volunteer time. The Portage Police Reserves work all home high school football and basketball games, all city parades, back-up our Officers on the street, conduct numerous transports and attend monthly training sessions.

As previously mentioned, we are moving into a new building this year, which has been long overdue. Some of the highlights to that are: larger training room, expanded evidence storage, each specialty unit will have their own space, a true armory, and a larger clerical space, and we will be handicap accessible. We will hold an open-house for the public for our new building when we move into the new facility. Additionally, we will also hold another Citizen's Academy and a Youth Explorers Program later this year.

As has been the case the last four years the communication with our community has been fantastic. The public has been instrumental in helping us identify a number of suspects from photos and videos we have put on our Facebook page. Your support is phenomenal. We are thankful for your assistance in helping keep Portage safe.

In closing, we will continue to work with our community, be open and adaptable and be thankful for the trust you have in us. We here at the Portage Police Department are proud to serve you!

Chief Troy J. Williams



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2015 Year End Report

Objectives, Accomplishments and Statistics

City of Portage

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The City of Portage, Indiana is located in the Northwest corner of Indiana, commonly referred to as “The Region”. The population of the city in the 2010 Census was 36,828. The Portage Police Department is comprised of 66 Sworn Officers, 14 Reserve Officers, 7 Civilians, and 2 Chaplains. Divisions within the Police Department include Administration, Detective Bureau, Patrol, Records, Training and Reserves. Specialty Teams include a SWAT Team, Crash Team, Hostage Negotiators, Arson Investigators, School Resource Officers, K9 Officers and Undercover Narcotics Officers. We also have Officers who specialize as Range Instructors and Field Training Officers.

Our stated Mission is to protect life and property, defend human rights and ensure that our Community is safe for all who come here. Our Officers are dedicated professionals who strive to assist our residents every day.

Portage Population (U.S. Census)

Year	Population	Difference
1960	11,822	-
1970	19,127	+61.8%
1980	27,406	+43.3%
1990	29,060	+6.0%
2000	33,496	+15.3%
2010	36,828	+9.9%
2015 Estimate	38,000	+3.1%

Portage Police Personnel

Year(s)	Officers Added	Total
1986-1995	-	37-39
1996-1998	8	47
1999	5	52
2000-2007	8	60
2009	1	61
2014	3	63
2015	2	65

Objective #1: Focus and Build Upon Efficiency and Excellence of the Portage Police Department.

- Reassigned minor in-house IT issues to Sgt. Mokol
- Acquired I-passes to finish outfitting all squad cars
- CIS data conversion to new Tiburon system finally completed
- Waymeyer installed new police vehicle equipment w/ warranty
- Designated Cpl. Maynard as “Gang Intelligence Officer”
- Designated Officer Crecelius as our “Crime Analyst”
- Increased Communication with community via social media

Objective #2: Strive for and Encourage High Morale and Professional Development.

- Gang Conference-Feb in Vegas
- World Police & Fire games
- 3-Day Major Case Management Class
- 3-Homicide Investigation Class (Dearborn, MI)
- 2-Officers to FTO School
- Officer to attend free PSLI week long Supervision School
- 2015 SWAT Conference
- Policing the Teen Brain class taught to several Officers
- Cpl. Eagen attended Supervising & Managing the FTO Unit
- 10-Officers attended Gang Workshop in Munster
- Three SWAT Officers attended FBI SWAT school
- K9 Officer and partner were certified
- Officer sent to Police Sniper Instructor School
- Officers sent to FBI Negotiator School
- Narcan Training
- Officers sent to Breath Test Operator School
- Planes, Trains and Bus Interdiction School
- Advance Traffic/Crash Investigation School
- On-Target Supervision school for three new Corporals
- Less Lethal Instructor School

Training Hours for Portage Police Officers

2007	2,804.50
2008	4,634.00
2009	5,577.00
2010	4,780.50
2011	4,518.75
2012	4,607.50
2013	4,957.75
2014	6,351.75
2015	5,991.00

Objective #3: Ensure Public Safety Needs, Awareness and Concerns are met.

- Partnered with LAW Publications
- Began regular hiring process to fill remaining vacancies
- Assigned Portable Radio to Juvenile Home Detention
- Participation in Evidence Based Decision Making Policy Group at County Level
- Narcan issued to all Officers (6 uses)

- Hired new Officers-unit #'s 164,165
- Brought on two-(4) new Reserve Officers
- Conducted Robbery Training for local bank
- Awarded \$5,000 in OT for Officers to work DUI grant from Ind. Criminal Justice Institute
- Awarded \$14,578 in OT for Officers to work Operation Pull Over from ICJI
- Continued participation in the Porter County Drug Task Force
- Continued participation in the NWI Major Crimes Task Force
- Continued participation in the District 1 Regional/Federal Task Force
- Continued participation in the HIDTA Drug Interdiction Task Force
- Continued participation in Porter County Substance Abuse Council
- Continued participation in NWI Chief's Association
- Continued participation in Drunk Driving Task Force
- Continued participation in the Porter County Juvenile Drug Court
- Continued participation in the US Marshall's Fugitive Task Force
- Continued participation in the Porter County Safe Schools Commission
- Continued attendance at the Juvenile Probation monthly meetings
- Continued attendance at the Chronic Offender monthly meetings
- Continued attendance at the Porter, Lake, & some Chicago Gang Intel meetings
- Attendance at "Community Meeting on Substance Abuse" Summit
- Continued partnership with Indiana University Northwest to conduct "Crime Mapping"
- Continue to partner with Courts to teach Safe Streets Class
- Continue to partner with Empower Porter County
- Conducted Loss Prevention / Retail Business information sharing meetings
- Conducted Crossing Guard summit for PTS crossing guards

Portage Police Reserve Program compliment to the Portage Police Department

Year	Hours Donated	Call-Outs	Transports	Personnel
2007	6,163	52	384	18
2008	6,091	17	330	20
2009	5,840	55	309	14
2010	6,314	37	252	14
2011	5,933	21	343	12
2012	7,113	45	318	18
2013	5,884	41	226	14
2014	5,340	46	211	11
2015	4,677	32	228	7

Objective #4: Detect, Deter, and Defend Against Major Crime, Drug Trafficking and Gang Involvement.

- Conducted 8 SWAT Evolutions
 - 04-06-15 Camelot Manor Welfare Check/Suicidal
 - 04-17-15 Multiple Locations Attempted several warrants-all moved/gone
 - 06-28-15 Burns Harbor Barricaded Subject / Assist with PCSWAT
 - 07-04-15 Old Porter Rd Barricaded Subject / Arrested on Felony
 - 09-06-15 Edgewood Domestic/Shots Fired/Suicide
 - 09-10-15 Jacobs Place Drug Raid/Warrants 5-Arrests
 - 12-03-15 Hobart Warrant-Murder Suspect
 - 12-18-15 Mulberry Shooting Suspect(s)

Swat Historical Activations/Evolutions

Year	Number	Year	Number	Year	Number
1996	3	2003	3	2010	0
1997	7	2004	1	2011	4
1998	4	2005	2	2012	20
1999	6	2006	2	2013	22
2000	2	2007	2	2014	10
2001	3	2008	4	2015	8
2002	4	2009	3		

- Conducted 1 In-City Enforcement Details
 - 02-11-15 Portage-Traffic Enforcement
 - 03-25-15 Portage-T.E. 91 stops / 6-Arrests
 - 06-02-15 Countywide Anti-gang sweep
 - 08-28-15 Operation Pull Over-(Portage)
 - 11-08-15 Funeral Detail for Invader member
 - ***All resulting in numerous arrest and recovery/seizure of drugs, paraphernalia, cash and weapons***
- Participated in Saturation Enforcement/Warrant Details with other Jurisdictions
 - 08-06-15 Gary PD
 - 08-29-15 County (Blitz)
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Objective #5: Build and Uphold Positive Public Image and Increase Community Outreach and Involvement.

- Arrest of Murder suspect-Police Officer Kevin Campbell
- Arrest of Mulberry Murder suspect Matthew Richardson

- Participated in PHS's Youth Government Day
- Conducted Senior Safety Outreach 02-17-15 (60 attendees)
- Participation in Awareness Matters (Drug Symposium)
- Participated in Empower Porter County's Event: Chef's Around the Table
- Participated in Youth Reading event at Elementary School(s)
- Participated in Portage Little League's Opening Day
- Participated in Healthy Kids day at YMCA
- Participated in YMCA Trick or Treat Trail Walk
- Participated in City's Trunk or Treat at Founders Square
- Participated in annual Bike Rodeo with Portage Fire Department
- Participated in the Senior Health Fair
- Several Presentations to Boy Scout and Girl Scout Packs
- Participated in Portage Junior Miss Softball's Opening Day
- Participated in Portage Parks Soccer Opening Day
- Conducted two K9 Fundraisers
- SWAT Pig-on-Stick Fundraiser at Popcorn Fest
- Reserves worked several local 5k, 10k and Half Marathon races
- Participated in the Memorial Day Parade
- Participated in the 4th of July Parade
- Participated in PTS Homecoming Parade
- Created a department twitter account
- Achieved 12,000+ "Likes" to our Facebook Page.
- Held 12 field trips to the Police Department for Elementary students of PTS Schools. Over 500 kids attended
- Participated in National Night Out

Objective #6: Provide Officers with Necessary Tools and Equipment to Effectively Address the Requirements of Pro-Active Policing.

- Cellibrite system
- 500 Flex cuffs (free from military supply)
- New Digital Cameras
- Distract Balls
- 4-new Patrol Rifles
- Drone
- Peacekeeper repaired/painted and decaled
- \$3,500 grant for Digital Cameras from Porter County Substance Abuse Council
- Brinks Truck repaired
- Purchased four-(4) new Squad Cars (Dodge Chargers)
- Purchased three-(3) new SUV's (Ford Explorers)
- Purchased all necessary equipment to outfit vehicles
- Purchased all necessary equipment to outfit new two Officers



Activity/Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
UTT/Warning	4,632	7,363	9,191	6,063	12,760	6,722	5,147	4,508	5,037
Ordinance Vio.	N/A	N/A	146	344	398	141	179	158	87
VerbalWarnings	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,802	2,211	3,016	2,670	2,291	2,273
Total			9,337	8,209	15,369	9,879	7,996	6,957	7,397
DUI's	440	323	289	341	313	308	270	209	250
10-50 PD	940	977	750	916	1091	833	888	1,054	1,045
10-50 PI	227	228	195	197	175	162	185	188	193
10-50 Fatal	4	0	4	4	4	2	4	0	4
Class I Crimes									
Homicide	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	2	3
Rape	5	6	10	5	3	4	8	6	8
Robbery	12	10	10	17	7	8	13	7	6
Arson	2	2	5	4	2	4	0	1	5
Simple Assaults	271	230	381	314	355	262	235	209	247
Agg. Assault	122	156	161	76	100	55	49	43	34
Burglary	252	248	222	181	183	165	124	99	92
Vehicle Theft	115	66	54	67	57	46	45	56	31
Stolen Property	1,190	1,148	1,028	974	939	812	697	631	591
Total	1,969	1,867	1,872	1,638	1,647	1,358	1,171	1,044	1,017
	+25.09%	-5.18%	+0.26%	-12.50%	+0.54%	-17.54%	-13.77%	-9.99	-3.41
Adult Arr. Total	1,744	1,738	1,717	1,400	1,461	1,433	1,264	1,109	1,151
Adult Drug Arst	160	159	184	111	113	133	311	348	371
Adult Achl Arr	609	486	494	552	532	442	443	327	375
Adult Arr Other	975	1,093	986	737	816	858	510	435	405
Juv. Arr. Total	431	474	438	263	351	278	256	139	181
Juv. Drug Arrest	52	41	48	42	33	32	60	56	51
Juv. Alchl Arr.	107	81	66	62	64	45	38	15	46
Juv. Arr Other	272	352	293	159	254	201	158	68	94
Calls/Incidents	24,953	25,745	23,719	26,990	31,870	28,410	26,202	24,408	24,924
Case Reports	6,393	6,532	5,720	5,267	5,331	4,854	4,407	4,097	4,233