

Zionsville Police Department

2012 End of year report

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This has been a good year at the Zionsville Police Department. We have an amazing group of men and women who are dedicated to their profession. We are blessed to work in this community who supports the police department in our efforts to provide a high level of police service to the citizens and visitors.

According to data gathered from the Computer Aided Dispatch system maintained at the Boone County Communications Center the Zionsville Police Department received 12,672 calls for service in the year of 2012. There are increases and decreases in some of the particular calls for service as is shown in the yearend report.

(The year end calls for service report is attached)

During the year of 2012 the Zionsville Police Department hosted the 4th annual week long "Teen Academy" funded by a grant from the Boone County Local Coordinating Council.

The Zionsville Police Department hosted our first ever "National Night Out" for the prevention of crime, in the Boone Village Shopping Center Parking lot with the cooperation of Marsh Supermarket, Akards True Value Hardware and the property owner.

The Zionsville Police Department was able to have a presence at the Fall Festival with a booth at the Lions Club Park where we were able to staff the booth with officers and former Teen Academy graduates. We were able to pass out literature on various safety issues to the citizens. This has been a good public relations venture that we are hopeful we will be able to continue. Again this year the Zionsville Police Department had officers in the Fall Festival parade.

The Zionsville Police Departments Honor Guard Unit again assisted the Zionsville American Legion in their Veterans Day Celebration and also participated in the Veterans Day Celebration at the Zionsville High School. The Zionsville Police Department has a very good relationship with both of these organizations.

List of major activities during the year of 2012.

1. The Policy Review Committee reviewed various policies and has submitted recommendations to the Board of Police Commissioners for adoption. The committee is comprised of various members of the agency from different ranks.
2. The Zionsville Police Department changed the report writing software being used to CISCO and the agency is now connected to the Boone County Sheriff's Office and other agencies.

3. Officer Sam Dennemann was promoted to the rank of Sergeant for the Uniform Services Division.
4. Zach Starkey was hired into the position of Information Technology to assist I.T. Director Joe Rust with the computer needs of the department and the Town of Zionsville.
5. Officer Brad Kiefer was made the Property Room manager to oversee the day to day operations of the evidence / property room and evidence handling.
6. Formed an Evidence Room inventory committee comprised of officers from the Zionsville Police Department along with the Property Room Manager of the Boone County Sheriff's Office as an outside independent participant. All evidence was accounted for and no security issues were discovered. In turn we sent our Property Room Manager to the Sheriff's office to assist them in their inventory.
7. Relations with outside agencies have been addressed and are outstanding.
8. The Chief and Staff of the Zionsville Police Department meet regularly with representatives from other Law Enforcement agencies.
9. Attend monthly "Pow-Wow" meetings when scheduled.
10. Officers attend Homeowners Associations meetings when invited.
11. Kept the Board of Police Commissioners up to date on the work of not only the Chief but the entire Zionsville Police Department.
12. Have dealt with sprinkler system issues.
13. Worked on the 2012 and the 2013 budget with the Town Council.
14. Performance Appraisal completed on officers and staff of the Zionsville Police Department.
15. Communicated via personal contact and email with all personnel at the Zionsville Police Department to keep them up to speed on items and issues involving the Zionsville Police Department and the Town of Zionsville.
16. Have worked to be fiscally responsible with the budget and have not approved any purchases with thoroughly thinking of needs versus wants.
17. Continued the Zionsville Police Department's relationship with the Local Coordinating Council (administers the Governors Drug Free Community Funds).
18. Participates actively with the Central Indiana Law Enforcement Training Council.
19. Initiated and made permanent 12 hours shifts for officers assigned to the Uniform Services Division in an attempt to have more manpower on each of the shifts.
20. The Zionsville Police Department has received over 4000 hours of training with very little or at no cost to the department.
21. Established a Neighborhood Watch program with Officer Adrian Martin being the coordinator.
22. All officers received "Active Shooter" training; Sergeant Abbott is a certified instructor.
23. Added more Indiana Law Enforcement Academy certified instructors to the roster.
24. Added more Field Training Officers to the roster.
25. Sergeant Musgrave completed training in the Police Executive Leadership Academy program.
26. Captain Morris and Sergeant Abbott has started attending courses in the Police Executive Leadership Academy program and will complete this course of instruction in 2013 at which time other supervisors will start the program.

27. Chief Knox attended the 2012 Chief of Police course of instruction as a guest speaker. Having completed the course in 2011.
28. Officers assigned to the Fatal Alcohol Crash Team.
29. Officer Brad Kiefer assigned to the Child Advocacy Center as an investigator.
30. Officer Josh Samuelson promoted to the rank of Detective.
31. The Zionsville Police Department's Honor Guard Unit participated in the Veteran Day observances at the American Legion and the Zionsville High School.
32. Completed two (2) unannounced Evidence Room Audits, with Board of Police Commissioners President Mundy participating in the fall audit.
33. Received permission from the Board of Police Commissioners to solicit donations for a K-9 unit for the Zionsville Police Department.
34. The Criminal Investigations Division worked many investigations with other local, state and federal agencies.
35. The staff conducted many tours of the Zionsville Police Department for local organizations.
36. Attended Board Meetings of the Child Advocacy Center.
37. Met with Zionsville School staff to discuss various topics.
38. Met with Boone County and State of Indiana personnel regarding upcoming move to Inter Act computer software.

In closing I would like to report that the Officers, Supervisors and Administrative Staff continue to be the dedicated professional police force that is required to keep Zionsville one of the safest communities in the country. While the crime rate in Zionsville is low comparative speaking, we at the Zionsville Police Department work very hard every day to keep it that way.

I and the rest of the Zionsville Police Department appreciate the support of the elected officials and all the other employees of the Town of Zionsville. The job would be much more complicated if we didn't have this level of support. I would like to communicate my sincere appreciation to the other department heads of the Town of Zionsville, especially Town Manager Mitro and Clerk Treasurer Yeo for their untiring assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted:

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