

Zionsville Police Department

2014 Year End Report

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This has been another good year at the Zionsville Police Department. We continue to have an amazing group of men and women who are dedicated to their profession. We are blessed to work in a community that 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 14,814 calls for service in the year of 2014. This does show a slight decrease of 114 calls from the year of 2013 which was an increase of 2,259 calls for service for the year of 2012.

(The year end calls for service report is attached)

During the year of 2014 the Zionsville Police Department hosted the 6th annual "Teen Academy". The Teen Academy was well attended by approximately 20 teens from the area and was again done in conjunction with the Zionsville Boys and Girls Club.

This year in lieu of hosting a National Night Out we opted to have a much larger presence at the annual Fall Festival in which we were able to have a large display and provide demonstrations, which was very successful. Many citizens attended the event and stopped by our booth and demonstrations. We had assistance from teen academy graduates and were able to pass out literature on various safety topics to our citizens. This continues to be a very positive public relations venture that we are hopeful we will be able to continue. Again this year the Zionsville Police Department had officers assigned to the Fall Festival parade and had officers walking along the parade route.

This year the Zionsville Police Department Honor Guard unit was called upon to provide honors at the Zionsville American Legion, Boone County Court House and the Zionsville Lions Club for their Veterans Day celebrations.

List of major activities during the year of 2014.

1. Continue to staff officers at the Zionsville Community Schools as “Police Partners”.
2. The Policy Review Committee reviewed various policies and has submitted recommendations to the Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners for their consideration and adoption. The committee is comprised of various members of the agency from different ranks.
3. The County Wide “InterAct” project has been fully implemented.
4. Completed two separate audits of the evidence room and completed an inventory of all evidence housed at the Zionsville Police Department.
5. Continue to enjoy outstanding relations with the other public safety agencies in the area.
6. Assisted outside agencies on multiple occasions.
7. The Chief and staff of the Zionsville Police Department meet regularly with representatives from other Law Enforcement agencies.
8. Attend monthly “Pow-Wow” meetings held at various locations within the community.
9. Officers attend Homeowners meetings when invited.
10. Kept the Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners and the Town Manager up to date on the work of not only the Chief of Police but the entire department.
11. Work to keep the Municipal Services Facility (Police Department, Street Department and Parks Department) maintenance needs up to date along with department heads and staff from the other departments housed in the building.
12. Worked on the 2014 and 2015 budgets with the Town Manager and Town Council.
13. Performance Appraisals completed on officers and staff of the Zionsville Police Department.
14. 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.
15. Continued the Zionsville Police Departments relationship with the Local Coordinating Council (administers the Governors Drug Free Community Funds)
16. Apply for grants whenever possible.
17. Officers participate in federally funded traffic projects.
18. Participates in and have officer(s) assigned to the Central Indiana Law Enforcement Training Council.
19. The Zionsville Police Department Officers have received thousands of hours of training with very little or at no cost to the agency.
20. Continue to work to establish a more robust Neighborhood Watch program.

21. Sergeants Sauer and Martin attended supervisor training through PLSI (Public Leadership Service Institute) and should complete the last phase of this course of instruction in early 2015.
22. Had four reserve officers complete the Boone County Reserve Academy. (David Byrum, Kyle Hoover, Jacob Shelburne, Jamie VanGorder) Kyle Hoover received honors for the highest academic award and Jacob Shelburne scored the highest marksmanship scores.
23. Received one resignation due to the officer and his family moving out of state.
24. Officer Brad Kiefer became the newest K-9 handler for the Zionsville Police Department and completed an intensive 6 weeks of K-9 handler training at the Vohne Liche Kennels in Peru, Indiana.
25. Hired David Byrum as the newest officer for the Zionsville Police Department.
26. Captain Doug Gauthier retired from the Zionsville Police Department (actual effective date is January 16, 2015).
27. Lieutenant Robert Musgrave was promoted to the rank of Captain of the Uniform Services Division.
28. Several officers are certified instructors through the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board in various topics, including: physical tactics, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, and generalist instructors as described by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.
29. Officers will travel to the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy as “guest instructors” when requested.
30. Zionsville Police Officers are assigned to the Boone County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team.
31. Zionsville Police Officers are assigned to the Boone County Special Response Team.
32. Zionsville Police Detective assigned to the Boone County / Hamilton County Drug Task Force.
33. Zionsville Police Detective assigned to the Boone County Child Advocacy Center.
34. Chief Knox sits on the Board of Directors for the Boone County Child Advocacy Center.
35. The Zionsville Police Department Criminal Investigations Division worked many investigations with other local, state and federal agencies.
36. The staff of the Zionsville Police Department conducted many tours of the Zionsville Police Department for local organizations and individuals.
37. Met with Zionsville Community School officials on many occasions.
38. Chief Knox and other department heads are attending a course of instruction to become Certified Public Managers through Ball State University.
39. Captain Jeff Morris attended a course of instruction of new police chief’s and executive staff at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

In closing I would like to report that the Officers, Supervisors and Administrative Staff of the Zionsville Police Department continue to be the dedicated professional police force that is required to keep the Town of Zionsville one of the safest communities in the country. While the crime rate in Zionsville is comparative low, 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 citizens, elected officials and 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 Ed Mitro and Clerk Treasurer John Yeo and their staffs for their untiring assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted:

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