

Zionsville Police Department

2015 Year End Report

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This has been another good year at your 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 their 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 15,909 calls for service in the year of 2015. This is an increase from the year of 2014 by 1,095 calls.

(The year end calls for service report is attached)

During the year of 2015 the Zionsville Police Department hosted the 7th annual "Teen Academy". This year's Teen Academy was the biggest yet with approximately 25 teens from the area and was again done in conjunction with the Zionsville Boys and Girls Club.

Again this year the Zionsville Police Department had a larger presence at the annual Fall Festival with a "Safety Zone" area along with our Public Safety partners; Zionsville Fire Department, Boone County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Natural Resources (Conservation Officer). This event was very well attended with a lot of people stopping by the booths to meet our officers and seeing some of the assets we have available and watch the demonstrations. Again this year we had some of our Teen Academy graduates assist us in manning the booth passing out literature on various safety topics to our citizens. Many of our police officers were present during this event and walked in the parade.

Again this year our Honor Guard unit was called upon to provide honors at the Zionsville American Legion, Boone County Court House, Zionsville Community Schools and the Zionsville Lions Club for their Veterans Day celebrations. Additionally the unit had the honor of being requested by other agencies in providing honors at the funeral of deceased officers.

List of major activities during the year of 2015.

1. Continue to staff Zionsville Police Officers at the Zionsville Community Schools as Police Partners within the school system. The Police 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.

2. The Zionsville Police Department has 4 new officers who have all passed the Field Training Officers program and are certified for solo patrol. 1 Officer is currently attending the 15 week course of instruction at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, Indiana and will graduate on February 26, 2016.
3. Completed the annual audit and inventory of the Evidence/Property Room at the Zionsville Police Department.
4. Continue to enjoy outstanding relations with all of our Public Safety partners throughout the area.
5. Assisted our Public Safety partners on numerous occasions; they assisted the Zionsville Police Department on numerous occasions as well.
6. The Chief and staff of the Zionsville Police Department meet regularly with representatives from other Public Safety agencies.
7. Attend monthly Pow-Wow meetings held at various locations within the community.
8. Officers attend Homeowners Association meetings when invited.
9. Kept the Mayor, 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 as well.
10. Work to keep the Municipal Services Facility (Police Department, Street Department and Parks Department) maintenance needs up to date along with along with department heads and staff from the other departments housed in the building.
11. Worked on the 2015 and 2016 budgets with the Mayor and Town Manager.
12. Performance Appraisals completed on officers and staff of the Zionsville Police Department.
13. 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.
14. Continued the Zionsville Police Departments relationship with the Local Coordinating Council (administers the Governors Drug Free Community Funds for Boone County) by having a sitting member of the Board of Directors.
15. Apply for grants whenever possible.
16. Officers participated in federally funded traffic safety projects.
17. Participates in and have officer(s) assigned to the Central Indiana Law Enforcement Training Council.
18. The Zionsville Police Department Officers have received over 4 thousand of hours of training with very little or no cost to the agency.
19. The Zionsville Police Department is still working to have a robust Neighborhood Watch program.
20. The Zionsville Police Department had supervisors complete the Public Service Leadership Institute course of instruction.
21. Chief Knox has continued the course of instruction to become a Certified Public Manager.
22. The Zionsville Police Department is currently conducting an application process for Reserve Police Officers.

23. Lieutenant Robert Musgrave was promoted to the rank of Captain for the Uniform Services Division.
24. Officers Drake Sterling and Marius Klykken were promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Uniform Services Division.
25. Officer Brad Kiefer and K-9 ESO continue to do outstanding work.
26. Reserve Officer Jacob Shelburne was hired as a full time Officer and has completed the ILEA.
27. Several Officers are certified instructors through the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board in various subjects, including: physical tactics, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, and generalist instructors as described by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.
28. Officers have assisted the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy as guest instructors when requested.
29. Zionsville Police Officers are assigned to the Boone County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team and Serious Bodily Injury Team.
30. Zionsville Police Officer is assigned to the Boone / Hamilton County Drug Task Force.
31. Zionsville Police Officers are assigned to the Boone County Special Response Team.
32. Zionsville Police Officer is assigned to the Boone County Child Advocacy Center's Multi-Disciplinary Team.
33. Chief Knox is a member of the Board of Directors for the Boone County Child Advocacy Center and Central Indiana Crime Stoppers.
34. The Zionsville Police Department Criminal Investigations Division worked many investigations with our Public Safety partners at the local, state and federal level.
35. The staff of the Zionsville Police Department conducted many tours of the police department for local organizations and individuals.
36. The staff of the Zionsville Police Department met with Zionsville Community School officials on many occasions.

In closing I would like to report that the Officers, Supervisors and Administrative staff of your 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 is low comparatively 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 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, Mayor Papa, Town Manager Mitro, Clerk Treasurer Yeo, Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners and the Town Council for their untiring assistance and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted:

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