



Zionsville Police Department

2016 Year End Report

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2016 was a challenging year for the community of Zionsville. With the murders of three of our citizens, the Zionsville Police Department and our public safety partners rose to the occasion and preformed their duties admiraly. The Zionsville Police Department continue to be an amazing group of men and women who are dedicated to their profession and the community in which we are honored to serve. They continue to provide a high level of police service to the citizens and visitors.

According to data gathered from the computer aided dispatch system and internal records the Zionsville Police Department received nearly 19,946 calls for service for the year of 2016. This is an increase of 4,037 calls from the year of 2015.

(The year end calls for service report is attached)

During the year of 2016 the Zionsville Police Department hosted the 8th annual “Teen Academy”. This year’s Teen Academy was the biggest yet with approximately 40 teens from the area and once again was done in conjunctin with the Zionsville Boys and Girls Club.

Again this year the Zionsville Police Department had a very robust presence at the annual Fall Festival with the “Safety Zone” area along with our Public Safety Partners: Zionsville Fire Department, Boone County Sheriff’s Office, Indiana Department of Natural Resources (Conservation Officers) and the Indiana State Police. This event is always very well attended with a lot of people stopping by the booths to meet our officers and participate in interactive displays and demostrations. Again this year we had some of our Teen Academy graduates assisting us with the event. We were able to pass out literature on various safety topics to our citizens. Many of our officers were present during this event and walked in the parade.

List of major activites during the year of 2016.

1. Continue to staff Zionsville Police Officers in the Zionsville Community Schools as Police Partners within the school system.
2. The Zionsville Police Departments Policy Review Committee reviewed various policies and have submitted recommendations to the Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners for their consideration and review. The committee is comprised of various membes of the agency from different ranks.
3. The Zionsville Police Department has had three officers progress from the rank of Probationary Patrolman 1 to Non-probationary Patrolman 1 and had one officer progress from Patrolman 1 to Patrolman 2. They all are doing a very good job.
4. Lieutenant William Lamar retired from the agency after 37 years of service.
5. The Zionsville Police Department conducted a hiring process and have a new officer ready to start their duties in January, 2017 to replace Lieutenant Lamar.
6. The Zionsville Police Department assisted in the implementation of the Boone County Public Safety Local Income Tax proposal.
7. The Zionsville Police Department completed the annual audit of the Evidence/Property room.
8. The Zionsville Police Department continues to enjoy outstanding relations with our Public Safety Partners at the Federal, State and Local levels.
9. Assisted our Public Safety Partners on numerous occasions and they have assisted the Zionsville Police Department on numerous occasions as well.
10. Assisted the Boone County Sheriff's Office on a double homicide in the Zionsville rural area.
11. Investigated homicide in the Urban area of Zionsville resulting in an arrest.
12. The Chief and staff of the Zionsville Police Department meet regularly with representatives from other Public Safety Agencies.
13. Attend monthly Pow-Wow meetings at various locations around the community.
14. Officers attend Howowners Association meetings when invited.
15. Kept the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners up to date on the work of not only the Chief of Police but the entire department.
16. Work to keep the Municipal Services Facility (Police Department, Street Department and the Parks and Recreation Department) maintenance needs up to date along with department heads and staff from other departments housed in the building.
17. Worked on the 2016-2017 budget with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.
18. Performance Appraisals completed on officers and staff of the Zionsville Police Department.
19. 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.

20. 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 board member of the Board of Directors.
21. Apply for grants whenever possible.
22. Officers participated in Federally funded traffic safety projects.
23. The Zionsville Police Department participates in and have officers assigned to the Central Indiana Law Enforcement Training Council.
24. Zionsville Police Officers have received thousands of hours of training with very little or no cost to the agency.
25. The Zionsville Police Department sponsors a Neighborhood Watch program to the neighborhoods that wish to participate.
26. The Zionsville Police Department had supervisors complete the Public Safety Leadership Institute's course of instruction.
27. Chief Knox completed the course of instruction to become a Certified Public Manager through Ball State University.
28. The Zionsville Police Department is currently conducting a hiring process for full time police officers.
29. Sergeants Marius Klykken and Drake Sterling promoted to the rank of Lieutenants in the Uniform Services Division.
30. Lieutenant Charles White promoted to the rank of Captain in the Criminal Investigations Division.
31. Officer Brak Kiefer and K-9 "ESO" continue to do outstanding work.
32. Officer Josh Stutesman became a K-9 handler along with his K-9 "Jelka", both have completed training and certification through Vohn Liche Kennels.
33. Several Officers are Indian Law Enforcement Training Board certified instructors in various subjects, including Physical Tactics, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Firearms and Generalist instructors as prescribed by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.
34. Officers have assisted the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy as guest instructors when requested.
35. Zionsville Police Officer assigned to the Boone / Hamilton County Drug Task Force.
36. Zionsville Police Officers assigned to the Boone County Special Response Team.
37. Zionsville Police Officer assigned to the Silvia's Place Child Advocacy Center's Multi-disciplinary team.
38. Chief Knox is a member of the Board of Directors for Silvia's Place Child Advocacy Center.
39. Chief Knox is a member of the Board of Directors for the Central Indiana Crime Stoppers.
40. The Zionsville Police Department Criminal Investigations Division worked many investigations with our Public Safety Partners at the Federal, State and Local levels.

41. The staff of the Zionsville Police Department conducted many tours of the police department for local organizations and individuals.
42. Chief Knox and staff met with Zionsville Community School officials on many occasions.
43. Chief Knox and staff participated in the VIP Carnival at the Lions Club Park.
44. Chief Knox and staff participated in the VIP event at the Zionsville Library.
45. The Zionsville Police Department participated in various torch runs and events supporting Special Olympics.
46. Various events from citizens, Zionsville American Legion and civic organizations showing support for the Zionsville Police Department. Thank you!

In closing I would like to report that the Officers, Supervisors and Command 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 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 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 Haak, Deputy Mayor Mitro, Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners and the Town Council for their untiring assistance and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted:

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