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TO: Mayor John Dennis
City Council Members
West Lafayette Police Merit Commission Members

FR: Chief Jason Dombkowski

RE: September 2014 Monthly Report

During the month of September the West Lafayette Police Department received **2,476 calls for service**, an increase of 40 calls (2%) from August, and a decrease of 353 calls (12%) from September 2013.

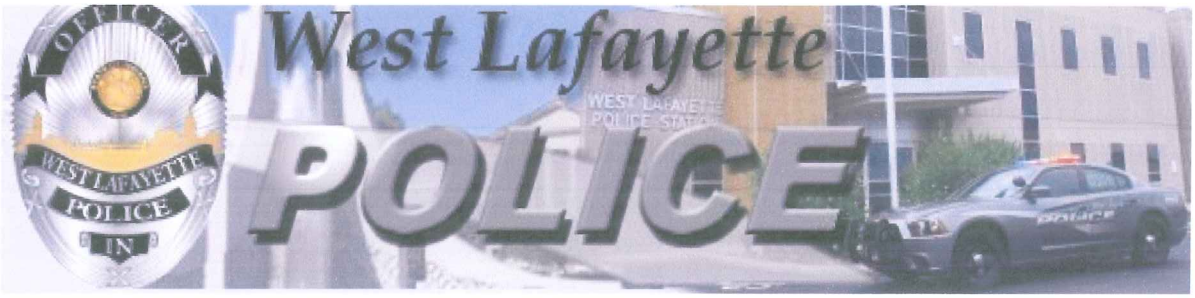
The West Lafayette Narcotics Unit, with assistance from the US Drug Enforcement Administration, wrapped up a large six-month drug investigation in September. As a result, one suspect was arrested on five felony charges of dealing heroin, cocaine and ecstasy. The arrest of this suspect interrupted the distribution of large quantities of heroin in our community.

In September, the WLPD Detective Division assisted the Indiana State Police in serving search warrants that led to the arrest of a child daycare worker for possession and distribution of child pornography. The WLPD is continuing to assist the state police with this ongoing investigation.

Also in September, the WLPD launched the body-worn camera (BWC) program for all patrol officers. After a year-long BWC research project that included the culmination of best policies and practices as well as testing and evaluating several camera systems, the department purchased this progressive technology to give officers the ability to accurately document events and calls for service. See the attached flier for more information on the BWC program.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Dombkowski
Chief of Police



Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program

WLPD outfits all patrol officers with BWCs, September 2014

- Our research, testing & evaluating of BWCs began in summer 2013
- Investment of 34 BWC's from VieVu
- Benefits of BWCs:
  - ✓ **Accurate Event Documentation**
  - ✓ **Evidence Collection**
  - ✓ **Accountability & Transparency**
  - ✓ **Increased Professionalism**
  - ✓ **Evaluation & Review**
  - ✓ **Training Tool**
  - ✓ **Progressive Technology, Progressive Police Agency**

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