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

FR: Chief Jason Dombkowski

RE: August 2016 Monthly Report

During the month of August, the West Lafayette Police Department received **2,984 calls for service**, an increase of 372 calls (14%) from July, and an increase of 454 calls (34%) from August 2015.

As students returned to school at WLCSC, TSC and Purdue in August, patrol officers focused on traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety. Officers made dozens of traffic contacts daily in school zones this past month, reminding motorists to slow down and drive with due care. Also, since the return of Purdue students, visible foot patrols in the Village during the lunch hour have focused on mid-block pedestrian crossing safety and have helped to redirect bicyclists from the sidewalks to the roadway.

On the evening of August 26th, the WLPD Traffic Unit with the assistance of PUPD, LPD and members of Drive Sober of Greater Lafayette, conducted a sobriety check point on State St. in West Lafayette. Officers stopped 175 vehicles during the check point and made a total of three arrests, two for illegal drug possession. The high visibility and publicity of the sobriety check point helps to reiterate the zero tolerance policy for drunk driving as the school year commences.

Also in early August, Captain Gary Sparger helped to organize a Red Cross Blood Drive in recognition of fallen police officers. The drive collected blood from 36 donors in a single afternoon. Cpt. Sparger was recognized by the Red Cross for his coordinator efforts in the very successful blood drive.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Police