

2016

ANNUAL REPORT



WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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January 16, 2017

Honorable John R. Dennis
Mayor, City of West Lafayette, Indiana

Mayor Dennis,

Attached to this letter is the Annual Report of the Police Department of the City of West Lafayette for the calendar year of 2016. This report, compiled by our Records Division, follows the guidelines established by the United States Department of Justice.

In 2016, the department received **30,593 calls for service, an increase of 2,260 (8%)** over the previous year. This was the first year the department topped 30,000 calls for service. **Police calls for service have increased steadily each year over the past 10 years, rising 82% since 2007 (16,809).**

The number of **criminal arrests increased 27%** in 2016 (2,003) compared to 2015 (1,574) and juvenile arrests increased 15% (47) compared to 2015 (41). The most notable areas of increased criminal arrests in 2016 were for illegal drug possession (383), an increase of 76% and for criminal traffic offenses (687), an increase of 60%.

Public safety is priority one for the WLPD. In 2016, the City of West Lafayette again had **no homicides for the seventh consecutive year and no arsons for the sixth consecutive year.** Other FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) violent crime offences for 2016 include an increase in rape incidents from 6 to 11 (83%), a decrease in robbery from 16 to 10 (38%) and an increase in aggravated assaults from 19 to 37 (95%). Other UCR property crime offences include burglary up 4% (71), auto theft up 17% (21) and larceny down 30% (361). The WLPD investigated over 5,000 cases for the second consecutive year in 2016 (5,354), up 6% over the previous year. The most current FBI UCR statistics confirm that West Lafayette continues to have one of the lowest combined rates of violent crime and property crime of any city in Indiana. West Lafayette was included in *The SafeWise Report's* 2016 list of "30 Safest College Towns in America" and was the only Big Ten university town to make the list.

Increased traffic safety remained a top priority in 2016. The WLPD Traffic Unit completed its first full year of enforcement in 2016, which contributed substantially to significant increases in traffic enforcement totals. Patrol Officers made **14,088 traffic stops in 2016, an increase of 18%**, including 1,449 traffic stops in our school zones. Officers issued 12,132 traffic warnings (up 17%) and 1,956 traffic citations (up 28%). A renewed focus on DUI enforcement in 2016 resulted in a **14% increase in Operating While Intoxicated arrests (168)**. Notably, criminal traffic arrests for Driving While Suspended and Operating While Never Receiving a License increased 97% (463) this past year. While traffic enforcement totals saw significant increases in 2016, **traffic crashes decreased 5% overall and alcohol related crashes decreased 15%**. There were no fatal vehicle crashes in the city in 2016 for the second consecutive year.

The Neighborhood Resource Team (NRT) and uniformed police officers continue to work closely together to address quality of life issues in our neighborhoods. The NRT responded to 2,340 calls for service in 2016 and issued 13,542 parking tickets, down 16% over last year. In early 2016, city-parking enforcement operations transitioned from manually chalking tires to a GPS based license plate reader (LPR) system. While parking enforcement operations were hampered during the dual phase LPR transition throughout 2016, projections for 2017 enforcement are expected to be more efficient and reliable with a fully operational LPR system.

In closing, technology and progressive police operations continue to increase efficiency, communications, and accountability for the department. In late 2016, the department completed our portion of a yearlong digital radio communications upgrade project, which significantly improved the interoperability of emergency services communications throughout our county and our state. The combined Public Safety Emergency Dispatch Center for both the City of West Lafayette and Purdue University, which opened on the Purdue campus in August 2015, is now digitally upgraded with the latest technology to provide effective and efficient dispatch for emergency services throughout our great community.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jason Dombkowski
Chief of Police

2016 POLICE ROSTER

Chief of Police	Jason L. Dombkowski	January 24, 1994
Deputy Chief	Troy W. Harris	March 9, 1998
Capt. of Special Services	Michael D. Francis	December 14, 1985
Capt. of Patrol	Gary L. Sparger	June 3, 1989
Capt. of Detectives	David A. VanVactor	August 12, 1996
*Lt. of Patrol	William J. Gallagher	January 3, 1995
Lt. of Special Services	John D. Watson	January 29, 2003
Lt. of Patrol	David E. Lord	October 30, 2000
Lt. of Patrol	Arthur A. Choate	November 20, 2000
Lt. of Patrol	Kevin A. Flynn	January 3, 1995
*Lt. of Patrol	Jonathan M. Eager	June 27, 2005
Sgt. of Detectives	Matthew S. Coddington	January 1, 1985
Sgt. of Patrol	Jason H. Philhower	March 18, 1996
Sgt. of Patrol	Troy M. Greene	November 20, 2006
Sgt. of Patrol	Stason L. Wiete	September 15, 2003
Sgt. of Patrol	Michael L. Brewer	June 7, 2004
*Sgt. of Patrol	Adam S. Ferguson	January 29, 2001
*Officer 1 st Class	Nancee L. Hetrick	June 5, 1981
Officer 1 st Class	Janet A. Winslow	March 13, 1982
Officer 1 st Class	Michael R. Max	April 26, 1986
Officer 1 st Class	Mark A. Ridge	May 14, 1988
Officer 1 st Class	Marsha A. Miller	May 28, 1988

Officer 1 st Class	Kevin J. Coomey	January 1, 1990
Detective	Jeffrey J. Dunscomb	April 20, 1991
Detective	Fredrick N. Townsend	February 13, 1995
Detective	Gary C. Ward	March 23, 1998
Officer 1 st Class	Jeff A. Kirby	September 14, 1998
Officer 1 st Class	William J. Dearing	October 4, 1999
Officer 1 st Class	David S. Smith	September 4, 2001
Officer 1 st Class	Jeffrey D. Decker	January 28, 2002
Officer 1 st Class	Marcus D. Slifer	July 15, 2002
Officer 1 st Class	Donald S. Greenwood	November 8, 2004
Officer 1 st Class	Chad E. Kendricks	August 22, 2005
Officer 1 st Class	James M. Spray	November 20, 2006
Detective	Jonathan T. Morgan	September 4, 2007
Officer 1 st Class	Adam S. Miller	January 7, 2008
Officer 1 st Class	Nathaniel E. Biddle	October 11, 2010
*Officer 1 st Class	Jeffery M. Spicer	June 20, 2011
Officer 1 st Class	Aron M. Thompson	May 10, 2012
Officer 1 st Class	Brandon J. Bonnell	September 17, 2012
Officer 1 st Class	Jordan D. Glick	September 22, 2014
Officer 1 st Class	Elizabeth T. Romstadt	October 29, 2014
Officer 1 st Class	Octavio D. Gaeta	October 29, 2014
Officer 2 nd Class	Uriah H. Crawford	June 22, 2015
Officer 2 nd Class	Quentin A. Phelps	June 22, 2015

*Prob. Police Officer	Sanford E. Swanson, Jr.	March 1, 2016
*Prob. Police Officer	FN Lutz III	March 1, 2016
*Prob. Police Officer	Christopher L. Jewell	March 1, 2016
*Prob. Police Officer	Matthew G. Holtman	March 1, 2016
*Prob. Police Officer	Corey M. Frain	October 3, 2016
*Prob. Police Officer	Drew J. Adams	October 3, 2016
Patrol Dispatcher	David R. Stoike	April 30, 2001
Patrol Dispatcher	Kimberly A. Hines	December 20, 2003
Patrol Dispatcher	Jason A. Timmons	February 21, 2004
Patrol Dispatcher	David H. Payne	May 10, 2011
Patrol Dispatcher	Nathaniel J. Foster	October 10, 2012
*Patrol Dispatcher	Wendy A. Jenkinson	December 29, 2012
Patrol Dispatcher	Jamie B. Hamilton	May 29, 2014
Patrol Dispatcher	Anna K. Saylor	July 8, 2014
*Patrol Dispatcher	Brenten M. Jenks	July 1, 2016
Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Samuel P. Smith	October 15, 2013
Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Shawn M. Newman	May 20, 2014
*Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Tyler M. Henderson	November 30, 2015
Comm Center Supervisor	Scott M. Fohr	November 3, 2014
Code Enforce Supervisor	Rick L. Walker	July 31, 2009
*ACO/Court Bailiff	John H. King	September 4, 2001
Code Enforce Officer	Jeffrey P. Ray	February 22, 2011
Parking Control Officer	Jerry D. Burk	January 17, 2001

Parking Control Officer	Mark A. Gosney	August 29, 2014
Parking Control Officer/PT	Larry G. Grant	March 11, 2009
Maintenance Technician	Jeffrey D. Martin	June 16, 1997
Office Manager	Tamara K. Holder	May 15, 1979
Systems Manager	Vickie J. Denson	February 22, 1988
*Records Clerk	Kathryn A. McIntosh	January 2, 2001
*Records Clerk	Karla A. Hiser	January 11, 2016
Property/Evidence Mgr.	Cynthia A. Marion	August 10, 2015
Janitorial Services/PT	Wilma J. Mills	March 16, 1994
Crossing Guard	Letitia Sietsma	November 1994
Crossing Guard	Kathryn Mauch	August 1995
Crossing Guard	Kathy Jones	August 1999
Crossing Guard	Vicki Burch	February 1999
Crossing Guard	Debra Foster	January 2008
Crossing Guard	Kimberly Ridge	August 2010
Crossing Guard	Lisa Sinha	April 2012
Crossing Guard	Jeanette Bennett	August 12, 2014
Department Chaplin	Bill Murdock	October 2003
Department Chaplin	Will Miller	October 2003
Department Chaplin	Reggie Alderman	February 2014

Total strength of the Department as of December 31, 2016:

47 Officers
33 Civilians

Appointments:

Karla A. Hiser	January 11, 2016	Records Clerk
Sanford E. Swanson, Jr.	March 1, 2016	Police Officer
FN Lutz III	March 1, 2016	Police Officer
Christopher L. Jewell	March 1, 2016	Police Officer
Matthew G. Holtman	March 1, 2016	Police Officer
Brenten M. Jenks	July 1, 2016	Patrol Dispatcher
Corey M. Frain	October 3, 2016	Police Officer
Drew J. Adams	October 3, 2016	Police Officer

Resigned:

Wendy Jenkinson	March 4, 2016
Tyler Henderson	March 30, 2016
Jeffery M. Spicer	June 3, 2016
Matthew Holtman	November 21, 2016

Retired:

Kathryn A. McIntosh	January 4, 2016
Nancee L. Hetrick	June 10, 2016
William J. Gallagher	July 21, 2016
John H. King	October 7, 2016

Promotions:

Adam S. Ferguson	July 28, 2016	Police Officer to Sgt. of Patrol
Jonathan M. Eager	October 28, 2016	Sgt. of Patrol to Lt. of Patrol

*Denotes appointments, resignations, terminations, retirements and promotions

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

	2015	2016	Percentage
Calls for Service	28333	30593	8% Up
Cases Investigated	5046	5354	6% Up

UCR Part 1 Offenses:

Homicide	0	0	No Change
Rape	6	11	83% Up
Robbery	16	10	38% Down
Aggravated Assaults	19	37	95% Up
Burglary	68	71	4% Up
Arson	0	0	No Change
Auto Theft	18	21	17% Up
Larceny	517	361	30% Down

Auto Crashes:

Total	1261	1193	5% Down
Property Damage	792	730	8% Down
Personal Injury	149	164	10% Up
Fatal Crashes	0	0	No Change

Arrests:

Criminal	1574	2003	27% Up
Juvenile	41	47	15% Up

Alcohol Arrests:

Operating While Intoxicated	148	168	14% Up
Public Intoxication	100	121	21% Up
Minor In Possession of Alcohol	44	44	No Change
Total Alcohol Arrests	292	333	14% Up

	2015	2016	Percentage
UCR Property			
Property Stolen	\$520453	\$928867	78% Up
Property Recovered	\$206747	\$273658	32% Up
Detective/Narcotic Division			
Cases Worked	211	311	47% Up
Cases Cleared/Closed	198	264	
Traffic Enforcement			
Citations	1525	1956	28% Up
Warnings	10406	12132	17% Up
Total:	11931	14088	18% Up
Noise Ordinance Enforcement			
Citations	44	15	66% Down
Warnings	179	114	36% Down
Total:	223	129	42% Down
Total Parking Tickets	16184	13840	14% Down
Total Parking Fines Collected	\$646604	\$532845	18% Down

**CASES REPORTED
2016**

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Major Cases Investigated	Aggravated Assaults	37
	Arson	0
	Burglary/Business	7
	Burglary/Residence	64
	Homicide/Manslaughter	0
	Homicide/Murder	0
	Kidnapping	0
	Larceny	361
	Other Assaults	98
	Murder/Attempted	0
	Rape/Attempted	0
	Rape/By Force	11
	Robbery	10
	Vehicle Theft	21
	Total Major Cases:	609
Other Cases Reported	24 Hour Ordinance	30
	Accidents/All Reported	1193
	Accidents/Misc	6
	Accumulation of Garbage	2
	Alarms	252
	Assist Other Agency	46
	Canine Deployment	128
	City Noise Ord Violation	117
	City/County Ord & State Statute	315
	Contempt of Court	13
	Conversion/Unauthorized Control	3
	Cruelty to Animals	1
	Damaged Property	43
	Death/Other than Homicide	14
	Demented/Mental	8
	Department Information	274
	Depositing Rubbish/Trash	8
	Disorderly Conduct	2
	Disturbance/Arguments/Fights	21
	Dog/Other Animals	30
	Domestic Disturbance	95
	Driving While Suspended	295
	Drug Abuse Violations	192
	Drunkeness/Public Intoxication	84

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Other Cases Reported	Embezzlement	1
	False Informing/Reporting	10
	Fire/Non-arson	6
	Forgery/Counterfeiting	15
	Fraud	155
	Grass Height	5
	Harassment	37
	Ill/Injured Person	78
	Indecent/Public Exposure	3
	Junk Vehicle Violation	1
	Kidnapping/Confinement	1
	Liquor Law Violations	6
	Misc Traffic Violation	63
	Missing/Lost Person	7
	Offense Against Family/Child	24
	Operating While Intoxicated	164
	Parking/Private Property	37
	Property Found	106
	Property Lost	8
	Reckless Driving	5
	Residential Entry	19
	Resisting Law Enforcement	17
	Runaway	2
	Sex Offenses	12
	Soliciting	1
	Speeding	3
	Stolen Property: Rec/Poss/Buy	3
	Suicide/Attempts/Threats of	47
	Suspicious Incident/Persons	94
	Telephone Harassment	6
	Threats/Intimidation	34
	Tow-Ins	21
	Trespass	140
	Vandalism/Graffiti	5
	Vandalism/Mischief	117
	Weapon Violation	4
	Well Being Check	16
	Wheel Lock	300
	Total Other Cases:	4745
	Total Cases:	5354

**CRIMINAL ARRESTS
2016**

Assisted a Criminal	1
Attempted Theft	2
Auto Theft	3
Battery	29
Body Attachment	3
Burglary	6
Carry a Handgun w/o a License	8
Child Exploitation	1
Child Molesting	1
Contributing Delinquency Minor/Alcohol	3
Counterfeiting	1
Criminal Confinement	6
Criminal Conversion	9
Criminal Mischief	9
Criminal Recklessness with Vehicle	2
Cruelty to Animals	1
Dealing in Cocaine	1
Dealing Controlled Substance	3
Dealing Marijuana	11
Dealing Methamphetamine	2
Disorderly Conduct	17

Domestic Battery	19
Driving While Suspended	287
Escape	1
Failure to Register	1
False Informing	24
False/Fictitious Registration	1
Forgery	3
Fraud	6
Glue Sniffing	1
Habitual Substance Offender	1
Habitual Traffic Violator	26
Identity Deception	11
Impersonation of a Public Servant	1
Interfere with Reporting a Crime	2
Intimidation	11
Invasion of Privacy	2
Leaving the Scene/Crash	25
Maintaining Common Nuisance	9
Minor In Tavern	1
Minor In Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	40
Neglect of a Dependent	5
Never Receiving a License	176
Obstruction of Justice	4

Obtaining Legend Drugs by Fraud	1
Operating without Financial Responsibility	30
Operating While Intoxicated	166
Panhandling	1
Parole Violation	1
Possession of Chemical Reagents	1
Possession of Cocaine	6
Possession of Controlled Substance	31
Possession of a False Identification	1
Possession of a False Government Identification	5
Possession of a False/Altered Handgun License	1
Possession of Legend Drugs	6
Possession of Marijuana	177
Possession of Paraphernalia	106
Possession of Salvia/Synthetic Cannabinoid	14
Possession of Methamphetamine	27
Public Intoxication	121
Receiving Stolen Property	3
Reckless Driving	5
Refuse to Identify Self	1
Residential Entry	14
Resisting Law Enforcement	53
Robbery	7

Sexual Misconduct with a Minor	1
Speed Contest	3
Theft	129
Trespass	32
Unlawful Entry of a Motor Vehicle	2
Unlawful Possession of a Firearm	1
Unlawful Possession of Syringe	16
Violation of Learner's Permit	1
Visiting Common Nuisance	2
Voyeurism	1
Wanted on Warrant	261
Total	2003

**JUVENILE ARRESTS
2016**

Battery	4
Burglary	2
Criminal Mischief	5
Driving While Suspended	1
False Informing	1
Intimidation	1
Leaving Home without Permission of Parent/Guardian	3
Minor in Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	4
Never Receiving a License	4
Operating While Intoxicated	2
Possession of Marijuana	10
Possession of Paraphernalia	1
Resisting Law Enforcement	2
Theft	6
Unauthorized Entry of a Motor Vehicle w/ Damage	1
Total	47



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2016 Traffic Report

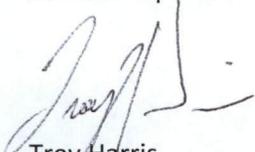
In 2016, the West Lafayette Police Department investigated a total of 1,193 automobile crashes, which is a decrease from 2015 of 68 total crashes or 5%. Property damage crashes saw the largest decrease as we recorded 80 less crashes for an 8% decrease. Personal Injury crashes increased from 149 in 2015 to 164 in 2016, an increase of 10%. The department investigated 23 alcohol related crashes during the year which is a decrease of 4, or 15%, from the previous year. There were 0 fatal crashes in 2016.

2016 marked the first full year that the West Lafayette Police Department operated with a full time traffic enforcement unit. The Traffic Unit is comprised of (1) Sergeant and (1) patrolman primarily assigned to motorcycle patrol to focus solely on traffic related issues. Some of the areas of concentration are school zone enforcement, construction zones, traffic crashes, community related traffic concerns, and special events. This unit conducted 1293 traffic stops in the areas noted above.

The department participated in the Operation Pull Over Awareness Program, which is funded by the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving. Officers worked a total of 461 hours of extra patrol focusing enforcement in the area of intoxicated drivers and seatbelt awareness. While working these extra hours, officers made 797 traffic stops that resulted in 20 arrests for motorists found to be operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. As a department in 2016, a total of 168 arrests were made for Operating While Intoxicated, which is an increase of 20 from 2015. The department participated in one sobriety checkpoint during the year that was a joint operation with other area departments.

The department continued its enforcement efforts in the school zones throughout the city during the year. This increased effort resulted in 1,449 traffic stops for violations related to school zone safety. The department also worked to increase education and awareness of bicycle safety issues in the Village throughout the summer.

2016 brought about many challenges and successes as numerous construction and road improvement projects were planned. 2017 will be no different as we begin the massive State Street Project. It is our goal to focus on traffic safety issues and provide safe travel corridors throughout the city for our motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians alike.


Troy Harris
Deputy Chief

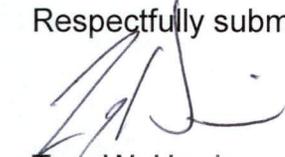
TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT DIVISION

YEAR END REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2016

CRASH COMPARISON FOR 2015 & 2016 (Year to Date Figures)

	2015	2016	UP	DOWN	%
TOTAL	1261	1193		68	5%
PD UNDER 1,000.00	168	150		18	11%
PROPERTY DAMAGE	792	730		62	8%
PERSONAL INJURY	149	164	15		10%
PERSONS INJURED	206	209	3		1%
FATALITY	0	0			0%
PERSONS KILLED	0	0			0%
ALCOHOL RELATED	27	23		4	15%

Respectfully submitted,



Troy W. Harris
Deputy Chief

NOTE: A total of one hundred forty-nine Hit & Run crashes for the year.

2016 Grant Activity

OPO Grant: 319.5 total hours worked

DUI Grant: 141.5 total hours worked

TOTAL HOURS WORKED: 461

OPO GRANT ACTIVITY

Seatbelt Tickets Issued: 353

Arrests: 20 (3 of these for DUI)

Total Traffic Violations: 668

DUI GRANT ACTIVITY

Seatbelt Tickets Issued: 4

Arrests: 17 (17 of these for DUI)

Total Traffic Violations: 129

WLPD conducted one sobriety check point during the year.

Total DUI arrests for WLPD during 2016: 168



Neighborhood Resource Team year-year comparison

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	
Parking Tickets Issued	16,042	13,542	(-15.8%)
Parking Ticket Revenue	\$646,564.00	\$537,552.00	(-16.8%)
Animal Control Complaints	226	210	(-7%)
Animals to Shelter	51	57	11.7%
Total Calls for Service	2,582	2,340	(-9.3%)



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Neighborhood Resource Team 2016

	Code Enforcement Complaints	Parking Tickets Issued	Revenue	Animal Control Complaints	Shelter
January	72	275	\$27,680.00	11	4
February	165	1002	\$36,017.00	15	3
March	186	1403	\$43,440.00	22	1
April	243	1676	\$53,845.00	13	2
May	273	1236	\$59,915.00	20	9
June	192	845	\$39,295.00	24	4
July	227	467	\$22,680.00	19	7
August	267	1478	\$40,975.00	22	3
September	290	1706	\$58,950.00	21	7
October	155	1175	\$57,720.00	19	6
November	123	1223	\$53,250.00	8	6
December	147	1056	\$43,785.00	16	5
Total	2340	13542	\$537,552.00	210	57