

## WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TO: Mayor John Dennis

City Council Members

West Lafayette Police Merit Commission Members

FR: Chief Jason Dombkowski

RE: November 2017 Monthly Report

During the month of November, the West Lafayette Police Department received **2,366** calls for service, a decrease of 390 calls (14%) from October, and a decrease of 55 calls (2%) from November 2016.

In mid-November, WLPD issued new, state-of-the-art body cameras to every officer on the department. The new 'smart-cameras' use a cell phone based platform that interacts with officers' squad cars and dash cameras to deliver GPS location of every officer, automatic camera activation, wireless video download to the cloud and officer safety features such as officer down recognition and gunshot alerts to dispatch. As one of the first agencies in our state to adopt body cameras in 2013, WLPD continues to be progressive by increasing accountability and transparency via law enforcement technology.

A culmination of 18 months of in depth work was recognized in November when the Indiana Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (ILEAC) certified the WLPD as an Accredited Indiana Law Enforcement Agency. The state accreditation certifies that WLPD is operating under the best of Professional Law Enforcement practices and standards for the delivery of public safety services. In July, an outside auditor conducted an objective internal and external review of newly adopted WLPD policies and procedures to ensure professional standards are in place and followed to Statewide Standards of police practices. Captain John Watson was in charge of this comprehensive accreditation project and he is commended for his work and dedication towards agency accreditation.

There were two Purdue home football games in November including the bucket game over the Thanksgiving holiday. Officers responded to a total of 306 calls for service during the two home football game weekends and only arrested seven individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason L. Dombkowski

Chief of Police