

Ellettsville Police Department

Calendar Year 2014 ANNUAL REPORT



*Serving the Community with
Enthusiasm, Pride, and Dedication*

Anthony Bowlen, Town Marshal
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Staffing

The Ellettsville Police Department has ten full-time officers and two part time officers. The members of the department consist of:

Town Marshal, Anthony Bowlen
Chief Deputy William Humphrey
Sgt. Russell Harris
Sgt. Craig Davis
Officer Eric Chaudion
Officer Alva Bohall
Officer Alec Leggio
Officer Travis Perian
Officer Zach Michael
Officer Jared Myers (School Resource Officer)
Officer Mark Freeman (part-time)
Officer David Drake (part-time)

All full-time and part-time officers are state certified officers and all received over 12 weeks of initial training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy at the beginning of their careers, as required by state law. The officers also receive 24 hours of continuing education training per year in accordance with the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board's standards.

The paid officers of the Ellettsville Police Department are supplemented / assisted by ten (10) reserve officers that are unpaid. These reserve officers all received the state mandated training to be certified as a reserve officer, and also receive ongoing training throughout the year.

Instructor Training

Many of our officers are state certified training instructors that allow us to teach our own staff in numerous areas. We have members that are state certified to teach the following:

- Defensive Tactics
- Firearms Proficiency
- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Domestic Violence Investigations
- Taser Deployment
- Standardized Field Sobriety Testing

State Mandated Officer Training

Our officers received state mandated training in the following areas, as dictated by state law:

- Firearms
- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Defensive Tactics
- Domestic and Child Abuse
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
- Blood-borne Pathogens
- Hazardous Materials
- Elderly with dementia

Additional Officer Training

Our officers received additional training in the following areas (plus many other unlisted areas) to be better trained to handle many situations in our community:

- Use of Force
- Legal Updates
- Taser Proficiency
- Standard Field Sobriety Testing
- Pursuit Intervention Techniques
- Scene and Evidence Protection and Management
- Active Shooter

Department Functions

Patrol officers are tasked with maintaining a constant presence within the community by maintaining routine patrols within town limits. Officers also respond to calls from the public for assistance, both 911 emergency and non-emergency. Additionally, while on patrols, officers initiate a variety of activities including traffic stops, investigating suspicious persons and vehicles and security checks of local businesses.

Assist and Protect the Public

Officers assist the citizens of Ellettsville by providing a host of services including providing business and residential welfare and security checks. Officers also ensure and maintain order at public events in Ellettsville (i.e., Fall Festival, Fireworks display, Hilly Hundred, high school basketball and football games) whether it is by directing traffic, crowd control, or simply providing a police presence.

Enforce State Laws and Town Ordinances

Officers are tasked with enforcing all applicable state and local laws. These include criminal and traffic laws established by the Indiana State Legislature, as well as ordinances passed by the Town of Ellettsville's Town Council. The enforcement of traffic and parking laws is a large part of the responsibilities of the patrol officers. They also perform preliminary investigations into possible criminal acts that occur within the town.

Crime Prevention, Detection and Deterrence, Crime Investigation

Officers continually assist in educating the public regarding crime trends, as well as potential threats to the public's welfare. When crimes do occur, officers perform the initial investigation into the facts of the incident, collect evidence, interview witnesses, create reports and assist in making apprehension of offenders.

The Ellettsville Police Department conducts directed patrols throughout the year, including Operating While Intoxicated patrols, aggressive driving patrols, seatbelt enforcement patrols, nightly building checks, holiday patrols and extra patrol requests for vacationing residents.

Our officers often speak and/or participate in multiple classroom settings, public meetings, and community events.

Investigating Traffic Accidents

Patrol officers are also tasked with investigating traffic accidents that occur within the town limits. The majority of these accidents are property damage accidents for which officers create reports. Officers also investigate accidents that involve serious injuries.

In 2014, patrol officers investigated over 200 traffic accidents. Many of them involved bodily injury that required assistance from the Ellettsville Fire Department and the IU Health Hospital Ambulance Service.

Department Functions (cont...)

Traffic Enforcement

The Ellettsville Police Department is always working diligently in the areas of traffic crash prevention by enforcing the state's traffic laws in our community. Officers on regular patrols, as well as officers that are working on several state grants for traffic enforcement are always monitoring for traffic violators.

In 2014, over 4,000 vehicle stops took place which resulted in 2,087 traffic citations or arrests. During the same period, there were 3,024 traffic warnings issued.

The Ellettsville Police Department's efforts to reduce impaired driving in our community continue with great success. As seen from the statistics below, the number of arrests in this area remains high. In 2014, 24 drivers were arrested for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated.

Capital Expenditures

Two purchases were made in 2014 that was funded from the capital expenditures budget line.

- May, 2014: Dodge Charger - \$22,780.00
- Nov, 2014: Dodge Charger - \$22,780.00

Grant Awards

In 2009 through 2014, the Ellettsville Police Department received grants or funding from the following Monroe County CARES Board and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Over this six year period, we have received the following funds and/or equipment:

Operating While Intoxication Patrols:	\$ 25,000.00
Traffic Safety Enforcement Patrols:	\$ 45,000.00
Mobile Camera Systems:	\$ 44,000.00
Portable Breath Test Instruments:	\$ 5,500.00
Body Protective Vests	\$ 6,000.00
Digital Cameras	\$ 2,000.00

Centralized Dispatch Software

In 2014, the Central Dispatch Center of Monroe County, who dispatches emergency calls to all police agencies, switched to a new software program. The Ellettsville Police Department has this software installed on all of our departmental laptops. This allows for officers to see where the call locations are in the area for police, fire, or ambulance services as they take place. Also, when working, all of our officers connect this this new software with their vehicle GPS systems so that dispatchers can always see where they are located for their own safety.

Calls for Service and Criminal Arrests Statistics

The Ellettsville Police Department is dispatched by the Monroe County Central Dispatch Center, which receives all emergency 911 calls for service from the Ellettsville community. Additional Calls for Service also are made to the Department from walk-ins and calls to the Department's administrative telephone lines.

Below are the statistics for all calls for service, as well as the criminal arrest statistics for a five year period.

Incidents – five year comparison: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Incident Description	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
ABANDONED OR JUNK AUTO	12	5	11	8	19
ACCIDENT - HAZMAT CLEANUP	0	0	1	1	0
ACCIDENT - Leaving the Scene	34	36	26	21	34
ACCIDENT - Property Damage Only	149	107	137	129	130
ACCIDENT - Personal Injury	59	70	59	49	46
ALARM	11	17	17	16	49
ALCOHOL RELATED	1	2	3	4	6
AMBULANCE SICK INJURED	55	48	40	34	41
ANIMAL	122	79	75	74	74
ASSAULT	27	26	28	20	15
ASSAULT - requiring ambulance	14	7	7	5	5
ASSIST MOTORIST	91	96	112	120	109
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE (vehicles or persons)	201	196	178	182	131
BOMB THREAT	1	0	0	0	0
BUILDING CK HAZARD	5	9	13	12	118
BURGLARY	48	53	66	52	57
CASE FOLLOWUP	222	206	176	144	141
CHILD ABUSE	5	6	7	4	5
CHILD MOLESTION	0	2	0	1	0
CIVIL MATTER (non-police service call)	91	83	158	69	87
COURT SERVICES	3	6	5	5	5
DEATH	9	6	4	6	2
DISTURBANCE (domestic)	81	77	96	65	146
DISTURBANCE (domestic) - request ambulance	3	2	5	6	5
DRUGS	22	44	26	37	40
DRUNK - public intoxication	29	25	13	21	14
DRUNK - ambulance requested	6	3	3	2	2
DUI	24	51	57	48	24
ENTRAPMENT	0	1	1	0	0

EXTRA PATROL - requests for extra patrols	111	61	350	309	148
FALSE ALARM	184	229	223	205	160
FAMILY TROUBLE	150	142	152	135	105
FAMILY TROUBLE - requiring ambulance	6	16	11	5	5
FIGHT IN PROGRESS	24	17	11	13	9
FIGHT IN PROGRESS - requiring ambulance	1	3	1	3	0
FIRE ALARM	12	2	7	3	10
FIRE BRUSH	1	2	2	0	1
FIRE ODOR INVESTIGATION	5	3	2	5	0
FIRE OPEN BURNING (assist Ellettsville Fire)	3	5	3	2	1
FIRE STRUCTURE 1ST ALARM (assist Ellettsville Fire)	15	9	6	5	12
FIRE STRUCTURE 2ND ALARM (assist EFD)	0	2	0	1	0
FIREWORKS	6	7	12	21	11
FORGERY COUNTERFEIT	1	1	6	1	1
FRAUD	22	32	28	21	26
HARASSMENT	132	120	138	93	72
HAZ MAT INCIDENT	2	0	4	1	0
INDECENT EXPOSURE	2	2	6	3	1
JUVENILE - runaway, loitering, suspicious	62	81	100	99	81
LARCENY (theft)	147	192	149	128	120
LIFELINE ALERTS	4	2	1	1	4
MENTAL	7	3	2	8	4
MENTAL - requiring ambulance	1	0	1	2	0
MISSING PERSON	13	7	8	13	12
NOISE VIOLATION	159	168	46	50	37
OPEN DOOR WINDOW	33	32	29	28	12
PANHANDLING	0	0	1	1	2
PARKING	43	29	28	30	20
PEEPING PROWLER	6	3	3	6	4
POWER LINE DOWN / TREE DOWN	2	2	1	1	1
PROPERTY - found/lost	15	23	23	19	15
RAPE	1	1	3	1	0
RECOVERED AUTO - stolen veh from other jurisdiction	1	8	6	2	4
RESTRAINING ORDER VIOL	17	21	27	8	12
ROBBERY	2	2	2	1	5
ROBBERY AMB	0	0	1	0	0
RUNAWAY	12	11	12	12	16
SERIAL MOTOR CHECK	21	20	18	14	13
SERVICE CALL (non-criminal, assist public)	107	97	138	141	152
SEX OFFENSE	4	4	3	3	4

STALKING	0	2	5	0	2
SUSPICIOUS PERSON AUTO	203	246	246	279	204
TRAFFIC HAZARD (lines down, object in road)	61	67	72	78	51
TRAFFIC STOP	4018	1482	3827	4248	4093
TRASH FIRE	3	1	0	0	2
TRESPASS	21	33	27	24	25
VANDALISM	85	86	81	68	50
VEHICLE FIRE	4	4	5	4	4
VEHICLE THEFT	13	18	11	8	7
WARRANT SERVICE	39	49	40	31	53
WEAPONS RELATED CALLS	18	28	24	30	30
WEAPONS RELATED - Requiring Ambulance	2	3	0	4	0
WELFARE CHECK (check on citizen)	142	116	119	123	137
WELFARE CHECK - AMBULANCE NEEDED	30	40	24	27	30
TOTALS	7298	4797	7369	7453	7073

Criminal Arrests – five year comparison -- 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Primary Charge	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Attempted Murder	0	0	1	0	1
Auto Theft	0	0	2	0	0
Battery	3	7	16	8	5
Battery - Domestic	5	12	9	10	3
Battery - Sexual	0	1	0	0	5
Burglary	7	0	4	2	3
Carrying a handgun without a license	0	1	1	2	1
Competing in speed contest (vehicle)	0	0	0	2	0
Contributing to the delinquency of a minor	2	0	0	1	0
Conversion	0	2	0	0	0
Criminal Confinement	0	0	0	1	0
Criminal Mischief (Vandalism)	6	1	5	1	0
Criminal Recklessness	1	0	0	0	5
Disorderly Conduct	4	8	9	13	2
Dealing in a Controlled Substance	0	0	0	0	2
Driving While Suspended (Misd and Felony)	19	22	41	28	18
False Informing	0	0	1	0	1
Escape from Custody	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery	1	0	0	0	0
Fraud	1	0	4	0	0

Harassment	0	0	1	0	0
Illegal Consumption of Alcohol	6	16	4	11	23
Identity Deception	0	1	1	0	0
Interference with reporting of a crime	1	0	1	0	0
Intimidation	6	7	3	2	1
Invasion of Privacy	1	1	3	2	2
Leaving the scene of an accident - property damage	1	0	2	3	3
Leaving the scene of an accident - injury or death	1	0	0	0	0
Maintaining a common nuisance	0	0	1	0	1
Neglect of a dependent	0	0	0	1	0
Operating a vehicle without ever receiving a license	3	3	7	4	4
Operating a vehicle While Intoxicated	28	52	59	48	24
Pointing a firearm at another person	0	0	0	0	1
Public Indecency	0	0	1	0	0
Public Intoxication	19	8	9	12	3
Possession of Cocaine	1	1	0	0	1
Possession of a Controlled Substance	3	2	7	3	0
Possession of a Legend Drug	1	0	0	1	1
Possession of Marijuana	10	10	10	21	4
Possession of Methamphetamine	0	0	0	6	0
Possession of Paraphernalia	9	6	5	13	6
Possession of Stolen Property	0	1	0	0	0
Reckless Driving	2	3	3	3	2
Refusal to Identify Self	0	0	1	0	0
Residential Entry	1	0	1	1	0
Resisting Law Enforcement or Battery on Officer	3	5	9	9	6
Robbery	0	0	3	0	4
Runaway	0	0	1	0	0
Theft	3	7	7	3	5
Trespass	3	0	6	2	2
Unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle	0	0	0	0	2
Visiting a Common Nuisance	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	151	178	238	213	141

We are proud to have served the Town of Ellettsville in 2014 and we look forward to another year to provide police protection and public service in 2015!

The officers of the Ellettsville Police Department thank you for the opportunity to serve you in your times of need.

