

# Ellettsville Police Department

## Monthly Report



October 2017

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN – OCTOBER 31, 2017

We hope everybody had a great Halloween! Here are some photographs from around town. The officers had a wonderful time interacting with the children of the community and we appreciate the opportunity to do so every year!



## **ELLETTSVILLE POLICE RECOGNIZE LONGTIME VOLUNTEER – OCTOBER 23, 2017**

At the regular session of the Ellettsville Town Council on Monday, October 23, 2017, Deputy Chief Tony Bowlen, acting on behalf of the Ellettsville Town Marshal and all the Officers of the Ellettsville Police Department, presented William "Bill" Benningfield with a plaque commemorating his 27 years of volunteer service to the Town of Ellettsville as a Reserve Deputy Marshal. Bill Benningfield first came to the Ellettsville Police Department as a volunteer in April of 1995, and retired from volunteer service in August of this year. Deputy Chief Bowlen had this to say about Bill Benningfield, "Officer Benningfield served his department and community with pride and a level of dedication that just can't be found in this day and age. Our Town has benefited from the countless hours he has donated, and he did so for no other reason than to make his community a safer place to live. I salute him and I will truly miss working with him." When asked for a few words about Benningfield, Marshal Durnil said, "Bill Benningfield was a truly dedicated public servant, who cannot be replaced. His desire to make his community a better place was a big win for our department."



## **ELLETTSVILLE POLICE WIN ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE BADGES FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW – OCTOBER 21, 2017**

Seven Oaks Classical School hosted the 2nd annual "Battle of the Badges" basketball game on October 21, 2017 between the Ellettsville Police Department and Ellettsville Fire Department. This was a fun outing giving the two departments an opportunity to get together outside of an emergency response. We appreciate the hard work put in by the parents and staff of Seven Oaks to coordinate this welcome event. The Ellettsville Police Department was victorious for a second

year in a row (better luck next year EFD) and took home the trophy. Special thanks to all the parents and students of Seven Oaks who helped fill the rosters on both teams!

The winning team was made up of Ellettsville Town Marshal Jimmie Durnil, coach, and players Sergei Holtman (Seven Oaks student), JR Ludlow (Seven Oaks parent), Jarod Koon (Seven Oaks parent), Deputy Marshal Leah Fiegle, Deputy Marshal Josh Kreigh, and Deputy Marshal John Newcomer.



## **MAN STRIKES HOME WITH TRUCK AND LEAVES THE SCENE ON FOOT – OCTOBER 14, 2017**

On Saturday, October 14th, 2017, around 4:15 p.m., witnesses saw a silver 2002 Nissan pickup leave the roadway and drive through the front yard of the home on the Southeast corner of Crandall Drive and McNeely Street, stopping only after it was fully lodged in the front of the single family dwelling. The truck went through the front of the home, crashing through the front wall and into the attached garage area, breaking through part of the wall that separates the garage area from the master bedroom. The residents were home at the time of the collision. Witnesses saw the male driver walk out of the garage door and leave the area on foot. Witnesses, who were nearby, recognized the suspected driver to be Jeff Hartman, w/m in his 50's, who resides at 6000 N. Union Valley Road, just on the outskirts of Ellettsville. Officers checked the area and the residence he resides at throughout the evening, attempting to make contact with Hartman, but have yet to make contact with him. Officer David Drake investigated the accident and has submitted a warrant request for the suspected driver to the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office. Officer Drake was assisted by Deputy Chief Tony Bowlen and Detective Eric Chaudion of the Ellettsville Police Department, as well as Deputy Tim Pittman of the Monroe County Sheriff Department.



## **ELLETTSVILLE POLICE RECEIVE SWEET TREATS – OCTOBER 8, 2017**

Thank you to the Edgewood Junior High School dance team for delivering some sweet treats for our officers!



## **ELLETTSVILLE POLICE RECEIVE NEW PORTABLE BREATH TESTERS – OCTOBER 5, 2017**

The Ellettsville Police Department has received 9 new Intoximeters brand FST Portable Breath Testers (PBT), with a total value of approximately \$5,500.00. The PBTs were granted for the department's participation in the statewide Operation Pull Over (OPO) and Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) traffic enforcement campaigns over the past year. The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute periodically holds application processes to make new equipment available to the law enforcement agencies that participate in these statewide grants. Deputy Marshal Mark Freeman, who facilitates the local participation of the Ellettsville Police Department in these grants, saw the opportunity to apply for this valuable equipment and the department's efforts to excel in these programs were recognized and rewarded.

During the 2016/2017 grant period alone, the Ellettsville Police Department conducted 1,157 traffic stops, resulting in the issuance of 457 citations, 833 warnings and 56 criminal arrests.



## CALLS FOR SERVICE

The table below represents the number of calls for service the Ellettsville Police Department responded to during the month of October 2017. Numbers for the TRAFFIC STOPS category in parentheses ( ) signify traffic stops made by officers working traffic safety grants.

<b>Incident Description</b>	<b>October 2017</b>
ABANDONED VEHICLE	2
ABUSE	1
ACCIDENT – Leaving the Scene	1
ACCIDENT – Property Damage	22
ACCIDENT – Personal Injury	7
ACCIDENT – Unknown Injury	1
ALARM	22
ALCOHOL RELATED – Underage Consumption/Possession, Other Alcohol Offense	1
ANIMAL	6
ASSAULT	1
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	28
BUILDING CHECK – Open Door/Window	1
BURGLARY	7
CIVIL MATTER	9
DISTURBANCE (DOMESTIC/FAMILY TROUBLES)	30
DRUGS	6
EXTRA PATROL – Requests for Extra Patrol	268
FIGHT	3
FOLLOW-UP – Follow-Up on Case	17
FRAUD	4
HARASSMENT	14
JUVENILE – Runaway, Loitering, Suspicious	17
MISSING PERSON	1
MOTORIST ASSIST	10
NOISE	2
PARKING	10
PROPERTY – Lost or Found	6
PROWLER	2
RESTRAINING ORDER VIOLATION	3
SERIAL MOTOR CHECK	6
SERVICE CALL – Assist Other Agency or Other Unclassified Call	27
SEX OFFENSE	2
STALKING	2
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY – Suspicious Person or Vehicle	49
THEFT	17
TRAFFIC HAZARD – Lines Down, Object in Roadway	6
TRAFFIC STOP	161 (57)
TRESPASS	3
VANDALISM	11
VEHICLE THEFT	3
WARRANT SERVICE	9
WEAPONS RELATED CALLS	2
WELFARE CHECK – Check on Citizen	28
<b>Totals</b>	<b>828 (57)</b>



## ARRESTS

The table below represents the number of arrests made by the Ellettsville Police Department during the month of October 2017. These numbers represent both physical arrests and misdemeanor citations. Numbers in parentheses ( ) signify arrests made by officers working traffic safety grants.

<b>Charge</b>	<b>October 2017</b>
CRIMINAL CONFINEMENT	2
DOMESTIC BATTERY	2
DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED	2
ILLEGAL CONSUMPTION	3
INTERFERING WITH THE REPORTING OF A CRIME	1
INTIMIDATION	1
OPERATING A VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED	4
POSSESSION OF COCAINE	1
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	1
POSSESSION OF A NARCOTIC DRUG	1
POSSESSION OF PARAPHERNALIA	1
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	1
RESIDENTIAL ENTRY	1
THEFT	2
TRESPASS	2
WARRANT	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>