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ELLETTSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT JOINS MONROE COUNTY MAJOR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS (MCI) TEAM

ELLETTSVILLE, IN (November 25, 2025): On Monday, November 24, 2025, the Ellettsville Town Council unanimously approved an interlocal agreement between the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and the Ellettsville Police Department that allows members of the Ellettsville Police Department to join the Monroe County Major Crash Investigations (MCI) Team. The MCI Team was formed in October 2025 by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and is a specialized unit dedicated to responding to and thoroughly investigating traffic crashes involving fatal or catastrophic injury or other unusually complex crashes. The MCI Team will consist of specially trained law enforcement officers with advanced skills in crash reconstruction, evidence collection, impaired driving enforcement, and technical analysis. The team will work closely with local, state, and federal partners as necessary to ensure accurate findings and promote roadway safety initiatives.

Members of the team include:

Sergeant Kyle Moulden, MCSO – Team Commander

Sergeant Bennett Dillon, MCSO – Crash Reconstruction Specialist

Detective Dillen Friend, MCSO – Crash Reconstruction Specialist

Corporal Gunnar Ortlieb, MCSO – Drug Recognition Expert

Lieutenant Zachary Michael, EPD – Crash Reconstruction Specialist

Sergeant Richard Hall, EPD – Drug Recognition Expert

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office has received grant funding, in the amount of \$43,900, from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to equip the team with specialized tools and software to aid in these investigations. The Ellettsville Police Department received additional grant funding from the Smithville Charitable Foundation, in the amount of \$39,490, for additional specialized tools and software for the team. These tools will allow the team to collect and analyze crash data with a higher degree of accuracy and efficiency.