

Independence Police Department

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

OUR MISSION

- to protect life, individual liberty and property of all people within the City of Independence;
- to lower crime and disorder in the community;
- to develop and maintain positive relationships with members of the community and
- to foster a positive work environment for police employees.



HIGHLIGHTS

New Street Crimes Unit

In early December, the Independence Police Department created a new Street Crime Unit (SCU). This specialized police unit is responsible for proactively targeting high crime hotspots, repeat offenders, disorderly residences, ongoing vagrancy issues, and other crime related community problems.

New Drone Unit

This year we began the process of developing the first Drone (UAS) Unit to help with locating missing persons, traffic control, search warrant executions, tactical situations, criminal surveillance, mapping crime scenes, and traffic accident sites. The creation of a drone unit is expected to improve emergency response, expedite crime scene investigations and increase citizen safety and officer safety.

No Shave & Jeans Fundraising

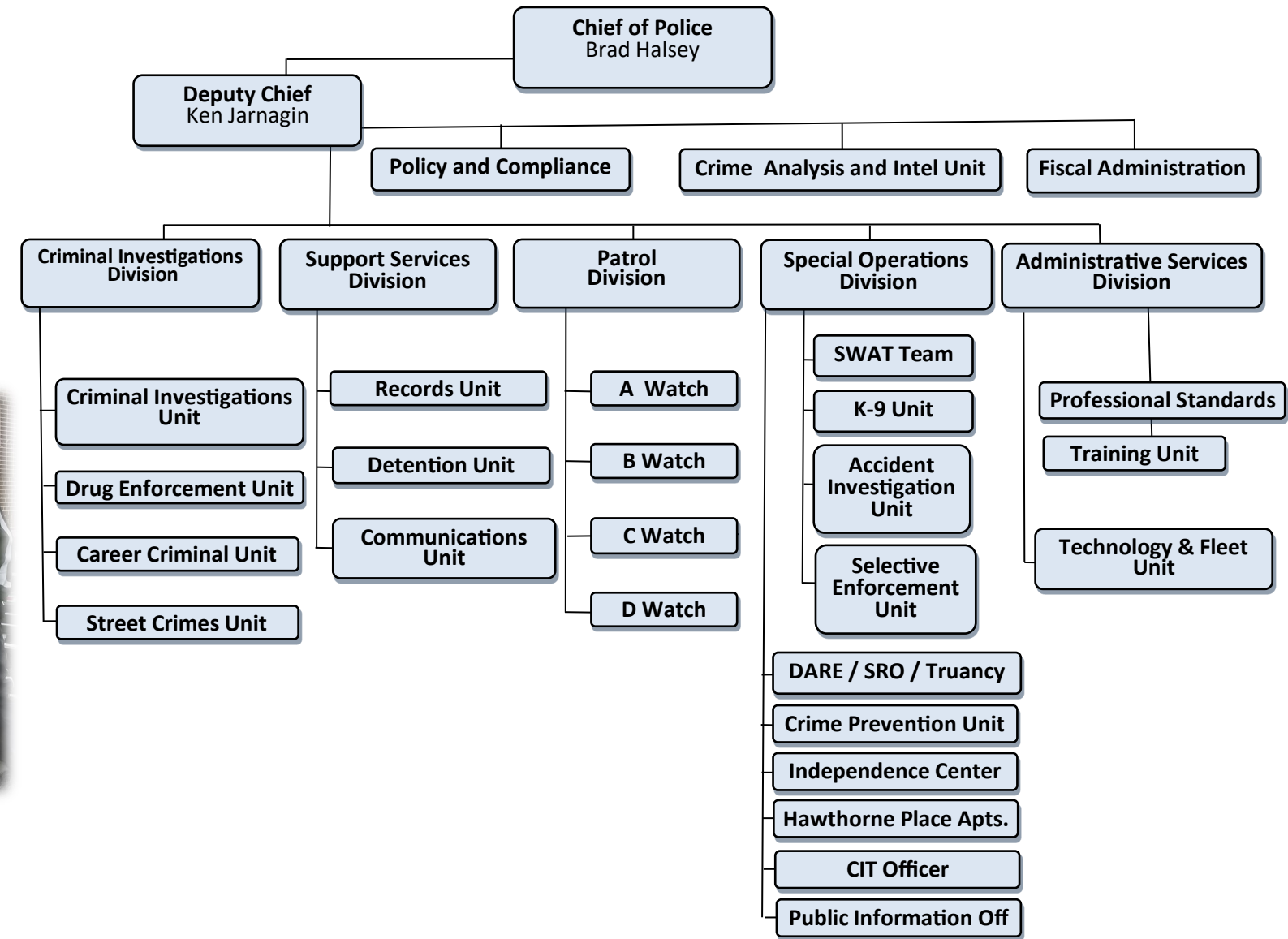
From November 2018 through March 2019, IPD raised \$12,285 from employees to donate to various charities and give back to the community.

Crywolf Alarm Reduction Program

The city implemented a mandatory alarm registration program to drastically decrease false alarm calls for the police and fire departments.

The "Youth Alcohol" grant

This grant provided by MODOT, to pay for salaries during the checks, was increased dramatically. In February, MODOT provided an additional \$35,000. This increased the total funding for 2018 to \$70,000. This one time additional funding allowed for the significant increase in the total numbers of Compliance Checks.



Crime Statistics

Category	2016	2017	2018
Part 1 Violent Crime Totals (UCR)	601	646	522
Part 1 Property Crime Totals (UCR)	6,404	6,715	6,130
Murder	9	11	10
Rape & Attempted Rape	49	33	70
Robbery	140	156	105
Aggravated Assault	403	446	336
Burglary	891	785	704
Larceny Theft	4,542	4,656	4,203
Motor Vehicle Theft	956	1,262	1,208
DWI Arrests	371	304	263
Drug Arrests	1,697	1,566	2,021
Traffic Accidents (Property Damage Only)	1,294	1,333	1,333
Traffic Accidents (Fatality/Injury)	11 / 821	12 / 850	12 / 850



Integrity. Service. Character.

Emergency Communications Center

117,898 911 Calls Dispatched
96,017 Police Incidents
21,881 Fire Incidents
189,836 Non-Emergency calls
158 Text to 911 calls

Detention Unit

9,914 Persons booked in detention
1,867 Detainees housed off-site

Records Unit

67,879 Citizen assists at the front desk
6,149 Desk police reports
126,994 Telephone inquiries
36,828 Mail and Fax inquiries
176,870 Warrant checks
\$767,914 Collected in bonds
(includes outside agencies)

Hawthorn Place Apartments

486 calls for service
165 police reports
725 background checks
Assisted with 65 evictions.

The part-time Bomb Squad was called out 14 times and had two outside agency assists.

Independence Center Officers

1,018 calls for service
578 police reports
\$76,840 recovered worth of stolen merchandise for the businesses at the Center and along

TRAFFIC UNITS

2,252 Motor Vehicle crashes.
The overall number of crashes increased by 2.6% from 2017 to 2018.
Fatal crashes dropped 34% from twelve to eight.
The Traffic Safety Units issued 26,582 citations.
The police department issued 555 parking tickets

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

2,813 Cases worked by the Criminal Investigations Unit
618 In-Custody cases
361 Stop Orders issued
The CIU worked a total of 13 homicide investigations with a 100% clearance rate.
The average number of cases assigned per detective Jan .1 through Apr. 17 was 54. The average number of cases assigned Apr. 17 through Dec. 31 was 78.

There were 2,021 drug arrests depart wide
394 Cases assigned to the Drug Enforcement Unit.
201 DEU completed drug complaint reports
278 Cases submitted to the Jackson County Prosecutor.

D.A.R.E., Truancy and School Resource Officers

11,506 students were taught during 701 D.A.R.E. classes.
7,189 Calls For Service
204 Classroom Presentations.
991 Liquor Compliance Checks
58 Violations (compliance rate of 94.1%)

The K9 Unit

493 Arrests.
593 K9 calls for service
10 call-outs.
35 demonstrations
44 Apprehension contacts
54 Building searches
280 Narcotic searches
138 Track/Field Search

SWAT Team

53 Activations
27 Search Warrants
502 Residence Checks
15 Barricades
977 Hours of training

PATROL

In 2018, officers assigned to the *Patrol Division* responded to over 61,000 calls for service and completed nearly 16,000 police reports.

There were an average of 19.5 calls for service, per day, per officer. This year, officers began to be dispatched to calls for service based on their specific location rather than their assigned district. This is called "proximity dispatching" and its goal is to reduce response times. Priority Levels for calls for service

RESPONSE TO FORCE INCIDENTS

- There were 156 response to force incidents. (58% sustained minor injuries, 40% were not injured. 2.6% were K9 bites. 0.6% were hospitalized)
- 31 IPD officers sustained injuries during these incidents. Two were major injuries.
- 1.51% of those arrested booked into detention involved a response to force.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

183 Complaints Against Personnel
Closed: 53
Closed (Non-Cooperation): 12
Exonerated: 10
Not Sustained: 24
Pending: 14
Sustained: 55
Unfounded: 15

