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2012 Year End Report

Objectives, Accomplishments and Statistics

Portage Police

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The City of Portage, Indiana is located in the Northwest corner of Indiana, commonly referred to as “The Region”. The population of the city in the 2010 Census was 36,828. The Portage Police Department is comprised of 61 Sworn Officers, 18 Reserve Officers, 7 Civilians, and 2 Chaplains. Divisions within the Police Department include Administration, Detective Bureau, Patrol, Records and Reserves. Specialty Teams include a SWAT Team, Crash Team, Hostage Negotiators, Arson Investigators, School Resource Officers, K9 Officers and Undercover Narcotics Officers.

Our stated Mission is to protect life and property, defend human rights and ensure that our Community is safe for all who come here. Our Officers are dedicated professionals who strive to assist our residents every day.

Portage Population (U.S. Census)

Year	Population	Difference
1960	11,822	-
1970	19,127	+61.8%
1980	27,406	+43.3%
1990	29,060	+6.0%
2000	33,496	+15.3%
2010	36,828	+9.9%
2013 Estimate	37,300	+1.0%

Portage Police Personnel

Years(s)	Officers Added	Total
1986-1995	-	37-39
1996-1998	8	47
1999	5	52
2000-2007	8	60
2009	1	61

Objective #1: Focus and Build Upon Efficiency and Excellence of the Portage Police Department.

- Selected new Admin Staff
- Pared down Memberships lists/dues
- Created the “Major” position
- Created the “Chief’s Secretary” position
- Assigned three-(3) new Officers to the Detective Bureau
- Selected four-(4) new SWAT Officers
- Selected new Reserve Captain
- Conducted a Department “Needs Assessment”
- Negotiated with PTS to raise payment to Reserve Program for security provided for Football and Basketball games from \$500 each season to \$1000 each season.

- Switched service providers for our radios, which saved thousands of dollars
- Narrow-banded all portable and car radios before State mandate (01-01-13)
- Revised/Updated Department Rules & Regs
- Revised/Updated Reserve Program Rules & Regs
- Revised Driver Information Exchange Crash Sheet
- Adjusted/Increased fees for certain services provided by Department to be current with the times
- Worked w/ PFD to get 3rd Radio Tower up/running (located at Countryside Park)
- Changed the way Calls-for-Service are handled on Station. Detectives now take a number of those calls-(approx. 500 in 2012), which allows Patrol Officers to remain on the streets
- Installed cost saving lighting in certain areas of the Police Department
- Replaced outer doors, locks, and security key pad to the Police Department
- Acquired a used vehicle from PFD to use as Crash/Crime Scene vehicle (no charge)
- Gave PFD a used squad car to issue to their Admin
- Acquired 12 radios from PFD to redistribute to the Reserves

Objective #2: Strive for and Encourage High Morale and Professional Development.

- Attended Chief's School at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy
- Continued participation in NWI Chief's Association
- Established Annual Narcotics Officer of the Year Award
- Sgt. Monks was awarded "Officer of the Year" for the State of Indiana
- Handed out 102 Letters of Appreciation, Commendation and Awards
- Restored our identity by facilitating going back to calling us "Portage" versus "Central/County" when communicating with Dispatch
- SWAT Team attended 2012 SWAT Conference
- PPD Officer (Cpl) attended PELA (Police Executive Leadership Academy)
- PPD Officer attended DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) Conference
- Both Snipers attended Sniper School
- Both SRO's attended Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy
- 2 Detectives attended Voice Stress Analysis school
- 1 Detective attended Polygraph recertification training
- A Detective was selected to receive free training and equipment in Forensic Computer Analysis through the US Attorney Office

Training Hours for Portage Police Officers

2007	2,804.50
2008	4,634
2009	5,577
2010	4,780.50
2011	4,518.75
2012	4,607.50

Objective #3: Ensure Public Safety Needs, Awareness and Concerns are met.

- Named new PTS SRO-(Mike Candiano)
- Placed 2nd SRO in PTS Middle Schools (Greg Coleman)
- Assigned an officer to the DEA Task Force
- Assigned an officer to the U.S. Marshall's Task Force (part-time)
- Hired new Officer-unit #151
- Conducted an Emergency Hiring Process to fill open positions
- Hired new Officers-unit #'s 152,153, and 154
- Began regular hiring process to fill remaining vacancy #155
- Brought on seven-(7) new Reserve Officers
- Continued participation in the Porter County Drug Task Force
- Continued participation in the NWI Major Crimes Task Force
- Continued participation in the District 1 Regional/Federal Task Force
- Continued participation in the HIDTA Drug Interdiction Task Force
- Continued participation in the Porter County Juvenile Drug Court
- Continued attendance at the Juvenile Probation monthly meetings
- Continued attendance at the Chronic Offender monthly meetings
- Continued attendance at the Porter, Lake, & some Chicago Gang Intel meetings
- Attendance at "Community Meeting on Substance Abuse" Summit
- Partnered with an Indiana University Northwest Professor to begin/conduct "Crime Mapping"

Portage Police Reserve Program compliment to the Portage Police Department

Year	Hours Donated	Call-Outs	Transports	Personnel
2007	6,163	52	384	18
2008	6,091	17	330	20
2009	5,840	55	309	14
2010	6,314	37	252	14
2011	5,933	21	343	12
2012	7,113	45	318	18

Objective #4: Detect, Deter, and Defend Against Major Crime, Drug Trafficking and Gang Involvement.

- Provided each officer with Gang Handouts/Booklets
- Placed wall size print out of Gary Gangs w/ names and photos in squad room
- **Conducted 3 In-City Enforcement Details**
 - 07-14-12 Warrant Detail 10-Arrests, Drugs, Cash
 - 08-20-12 Rway/Warrant Det. 8-Arrests, Drugs, Paraphernalia
 - 09-28-12 PHS Homecoming 1-Arrest, Drugs
 - *All resulting in 19 Arrests and the recovery of numerous drugs, paraphernalia and cash*
- **Conducted 20 SWAT Evolutions**

- 02-02-12 Sloan Ave 5-Arrests, Drugs
- 02-08-12 Palm Ave 7-Arrests, 4-guns, Cash
- 02-21-12 Camelot Manor 1-Arrest, Drug Paraphernalia
- 03-09-12 Lake Front Park Assist in Welfare Check for Suicidal Subject
- 04-12-12 Lapine St 1-Arrest-Barricaded Subject
- 04-18-12 Sloan Ave 1-Arrest
- 04-20-12 Camelot Manor 1-Arrest- **Gang Member**, Drugs,3-Guns,Cash
- 05-11-12 Central Ave 1-Arrest, Drugs, Gun, Cash
- 05-14-12 Starboard Way 1-Arrest, Gun, Cash
- 05-16-12 Camelot Manor 1-Arrest
- 05-25-12 Valparaiso Hostage Situation-Armed Gunman
- 08-02-12 CreekView Ct 1-Arrest-**Gang Member**
- 10-08-12 Pennsylvania Welfare Check of Suicidal Subject
- 10-10-12 City of Portage 4-Arrests, Drugs, Paraphernalia
- 10-18-12 McCasland Ave 1-Arrest, Poss. of Switchblade
- 10-18-12 Federal Ave 1-Arrest, Paraphernalia
- 10-23-12 May St 1-Arrest-**Gang Member**
- 11-09-12 City of Gary Search for Homicide Suspect
- 11-10-12 Bass 1-Arrest-Barricaded Subject, 3-guns, Drugs
- 12-18-12 City of Gary Search for Homicide Suspect (Assisted GPD with 12 Arrests)

- ***All resulting in 28 Arrests (3-Gang Members), recovery of 12 guns, numerous drugs, paraphernalia and cash***

- **Participated in Saturation Enforcement/Warrant Details w/ other Jurisdictions**

- 04-05-12 Gary PD
- 10-26-12 Gary PD
- 12-06-12 Gary PD
- 07-25-12 Michigan City PD

- ***All resulting in numerous arrests and recovery of weapons, drug, drug paraphernalia and cash***

Swat Historical Activations/Evolutions

Year	Number	Year	Number	Year	Number
1996	3	2003	3	2010	0
1997	7	2004	1	2011	4
1998	4	2005	2	2012	20
1999	6	2006	2		
2000	2	2007	2		
2001	3	2008	4		
2002	4	2009	3		

Objective #5: Build and Uphold Positive Public Image and Increase Community Outreach and Involvement.

- Redesigned SRO Decals
- Worked City to close down the Invaders Motorcycle Clubhouse
- Registered Police Department with NIXLE, a mass communication system
- Solved Zip Food (20/Samuelson) Robbery
- Solved Chase Bank Robbery
- Solved Arson inside Old Portage Mall
- Solved Molotov Cocktail Arson on Neptune St
- Det. Regnier worked to identify body of deceased female that was unknown for 30 years
- Participated in Vice President Biden's motorcade detail
- Made arrests in the Homicide of Mr. Carl Griffith
- Participated in two Anti-Violence march/rallies with Gary PD / Gary Mayor
- Conducted 35-Community Presentations
- Assisted in pursuit of Laporte County Bank Robber down I-94 and assisted in collecting loose currency
- Traffic stop yielding large amount of Marijuana & a few thousand dollars.
- Turn Supervisor and Officer arrested subject for drugs and then arranged buy-bust with his dealer
- Officer responded to 1318 Camelot for Burglary, suspect located in 1000 block with items stolen from 1129 Camelot. Detectives followed up and subject responsible for other thefts
- Officers respond to Burglary at 229 Camelot. Developed a suspect who was at 666 Camelot. Located him and the stolen items.
- Officers respond to a Burglary at Portage Liquors. Short foot pursuit and subject is caught
- Officer while off-duty stopped a vehicle matching the description from an earlier theft report. Led to arrest and learning of other thefts in state
- SRO recovered a handgun from a juvenile that had carried it onto a school bus
- Detective and Officers recover numerous weapons and other items stolen in a Burglary
- Busted up an Illinois Theft Ring at Wal Mart over the Christmas Holiday

Objective #6: Provide Officers with Necessary Tools and Equipment to Effectively Address the Requirements of Pro-Active Policing.

- Acquired twenty-(20) .45 caliber Colt pistols from Military surplus as backup weapons for SWAT Team (at no cost)
- Acquired two military Humvees (at no cost) (approx. value (\$30,000)
- Humvees repainted, marked and outfitted w/ lights & siren (minimal cost)
- SWAT Truck was completely redone (paint, decals, tires)-(at a very reduced cost)
- Transport van was repainted and marked (minimal cost)
- Purchased 10 new Handguns w/ Rail & Light system
- Purchased two-(2) new ATV's
- Purchased five-(5) new Squad Cars (Dodge Chargers)
- Purchased two-(2) new SUV's for Patrol (Dodge Durango's)

- Purchased/Replaced two-(2) new Sniper Rifles
- Purchased/Replaced two-(2) new SWAT Shields
- Purchased new Video Recording System for Booking and Detective Bureau
- Purchased new Speed Trailer
- Purchased a License Plate Reader system to place on a dedicated Squad Car
- Worked with Porter County Drug Task Force to allow a Portage assigned Officer to have a police drug detecting K9 at their cost
- Awarded a Non-Matching Grant for a K9 **(\$9,000)** from the Porter County Substance Abuse Council
- Awarded a Non-Matching Grant for the cost of one SWAT vest **(\$1,795.00)**
- Awarded a Non-Matching Grant for 96-water rescue discs, 73-inflatable Life Vests, 10-Motorola Radios **(\$16,396.00)**
- Awarded the last of a three year NM-grant for computers **(\$15,800.16)**
- Awarded 8 e-Ticket machines from the Judicial Technology & Automation Committee (JTAC) at no cost. (Valued at **\$5,409.04**)
- Partnered with Valparaiso PD to combine grant money to purchase a Portable Firearms Training System (valued at approximately \$42,000; \$34,000 of which is covered by the grant and Valparaiso PD covering the remaining amount)



Activity/Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
UTT/Warning	4,632	7,363	9,191	6,063	11,961	6,722	
Ordinance Vio.	N/A	N/A	146	344	398	141	
VerbalWarnings	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,802	2,221	3,016	
Total			9,337	8,209	14,580	9,879	
DUI's	440	323	289	341	313	308	
10-50 PD	940	977	750	916	1091	833	
10-50 PI	227	228	195	197	175	162	
10-50 Fatal	4	0	4	4	4	2	
Homicide	0	1	1	0	1	2	
Rape	5	6	10	5	3	4	
Robbery	12	10	10	17	7	8	
Arson	2	2	5	4	2	4	
Simple Assaults	271	230	381	314	355	262	
Agg. Assault	122	156	161	76	100	55	
Burglary	252	248	222	181	183	165	
Vehicle Theft	115	66	54	67	57	46	
Stolen Property	1,190	1,148	1,028	974	939	812	
Adult Arr. Total	1,744	1,738	1,717	1,400	1,461	1,433	
Adult Drug Arst	160	159	184	111	113	133	
Adult Achl Arr	609	486	494	552	532	442	
Adult Arr Other	975	1,093	986	737	816	858	
Juv. Arr. Total	431	474	438	263	351	278	
Juv. Drug Arrest	52	41	48	42	33	32	
Juv. Alchl Arr.	107	81	66	62	64	45	
Juv. Arr Other	272	352	293	159	254	201	
Calls/Incidents	24,953	25,745	23,719	26,990	31,870	28,410	
Case Reports	6,393	6,532	5,720	5,267	5,331	4,854	

2009 from January to mid-December was the former CIS reporting system and for the preceding years; which we no longer have access to.

2010 and beyond is the new Tiburon system, which classifies/collects/reports data somewhat differently. (Example: If someone is arrested for Dealing Cocaine (B-Felony), Possession of Stolen Property (D-Felony) and Disorderly Conduct (B-Misd)...when you run a data collection, it is only going to read the highest charge (i.e. the "B" Felony).

2012, the Patrol Division was short two-(2) officers for the entire year (one was Military Deployment and one position not filled during the year). Additionally, there were a few months where we were down three additional officers, but those replacements were eventually hired.