Mayor’s Night Out

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Downtown Center East Region
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• Indy Parks Improvements
• Indy Snow Force
• Process Improvement
  – Equal Opportunity
  – 96 Gallon Carts
• Sustainability
• Customer Service
  – MAC Outbound Call Project
• Crime Trends
Indy Parks Improvements

• Refurbished Brookside Park Family Center with the help of volunteers from Citizens Energy Group

• Lilly Endowment Inc. awarded Indianapolis Parks Foundation $7.3 million grant for capital projects
  – Plans to replace pool at Bethel Park, improve Riverside Park Aquatic Center, and enhance restroom facilities at 12 park sites

• Completed first 1.2-mile stretch of the Pennsy Trail on the city’s Eastside
Indy Snow Force

• Added 37 new trucks
  – Diesel particulate filters that can reduce pollution up to 90%
• Fleet totaling 91 trucks
• 150 Drivers
  – 80% increase in contractors
• 300 additional pieces of equipment
• 6,000 lane miles of priority 1 & 2 streets
• Created new website
  – IndySnowForce.com
Process Improvement
Equal Opportunity

Challenge
• Backlog of more than 200 Equal Opportunity cases some dating back to 2003

Solutions
• The Equal Opportunity Division was moved to the Office of Corporation Counsel in 2008
• Full-time staff of three, devoted entirely to the complaint adjudication process
• Backlog is now zero
• Adjudication time is now 90 days vs. 700 days
Process Improvement
96 Gallon Trash Container - Six Sigma

- 98.8 percent reduction in cycle time for replacing carts from 142 days to 1.7 days
- 98.8 percent reduction in cycle time for new carts from 120 days to 1.5 days
Sustainability

• Saving money through building retrofit projects

• Deploying smart use of hybrid vehicles in fleet purchases

• Changing traffic signals to energy efficient bulbs

• Designating bike lanes throughout the city

• Offering recycling and Tox-Away events

• Established a transit task force, headed by Al Hubbard and Mark Miles, to formulate a plan for the best use of mass transit in Central Indiana
Improving Customer Service
Mayor’s Action Center - Outbound Call Project

• Contacting citizens with service request closure

• More than 30,000 outbound calls made
Small portions of the region fall in IMPD’s Southwest District (green) and Southeast District (blue)
IMPD Crime Data
Criminal Homicides: 2008 v 2009 (full year)
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Legend:
- 2009 Homicides (9)
- 2008 Homicides (13)

Down 31% 2008 to 2009

Prepared by IMPD Chief’s Office based on Crime Analysis GIS Homicide file
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Legend:
December 2009 Burglaries (79)

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- Targeting Burglaries
  - Grant funded overtime and targeted patrols in area
  - Partnership with prosecutor to create special burglary team
  - Work with media to publish information on subjects with burglary warrant
    - Recent count found 97 active adult warrants for burglary
  - Increase number of evidence technicians to process burglary scenes
    - With grant purchase of equipment for evidence processing
  - Identification of vacant properties to work with owner to secure
    - Vacant properties account for many burglaries in area
  - Checks on juveniles who no-show to day-reporting center
    - When reporting is required where juvenile is suspended from school
  - Agreement with Juvenile Court to examine juveniles arrested for burglary
    - With consideration to hold for court appearance rather than immediately release
  - Regular truancy sweeps around burglary hot spots
  - Monthly probation and parole sweeps in area
    - Close to 400 subjects on probation or parole for burglary in Marion County
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- Proactive Police Patrols
  - Directed and saturation patrols focusing on current hot spots
  - Bus stop patrols
  - Field roll calls for high visibility
  - Undercover, plain clothes details where needed
  - Open-air illegal drug trade targeted
  - Violent offenders identified and monitored
  - Probation, truancy, warrant, and prostitution sweeps
  - Focus on abandoned homes
  - Panhandling enforcement
  - Zero tolerance policy for illegal activity at high volume traffic areas
    - Circle Center mall
    - Large surface parking areas
  - Traffic enforcement in response to neighborhood
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• Community Outreach and Involvement
  • Anti-Burglary Outreach Education Program
  • Monthly Task Force meetings
  • Involvement with business groups in area
    • Including Old National Road Business Association
  • Crime Email updates
    • Broadcast of crime and suspect details to subscribers
  • Immediate response to neighborhood crime complaints
  • District Open House
    • With training on “What to do if Stopped by the Police”
  • Annual District Community Days
  • Work with homeless to provide housing and treatment
    • Partner with Coalition of Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP)
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CrimeWatch Initiatives

Beat 21 - NESCO, Windsor Park, Brookside
- Seven CrimeWatch Clubs
- Worked with 10th Street Civic League Director in reference to 10-year old burglar, coordinating between Detective Pullings and citizens in Brookside

Beat 22 - NESCO, Cottage Home, Arsenal Heights, Holy Cross/Woodruff Place
- Ten CrimeWatch Clubs
- Regular communication through Woodruff Place email site
- National Night out event in 400 N. Arsenal Block

Beat 23 - NESCO, Rural/Tecumseh/Michigan/Tenth (RTMT), St. Clair Place
- Seven CrimeWatch Clubs
- Miracle Place 940 N. Temple - Monthly meetings with seniors to discuss crime prevention.
- Three National Night Out celebrations

Beat 24 (NESCO, Grace Tuxedo Park, Englewood)
- Seven CrimeWatch Clubs
- Worked with President of Grace Tuxedo Park after home invasions to conduct presentation for women at 29 N. Grant St. church
- Work closely with 1st block of Kealing block captain to combat drug dealing
- Annual IMPD appreciation event at 1st block of Dearborn Street CrimeWatch

Beat 31 (NESCO, Brookside)
- Seven CrimeWatch Clubs
- One National Night Out event

Beat 51 (NESCO, Little Flower)
- Nine Active CrimeWatch Clubs
- Met with director of BEACH and visited with children in this after school program
- Held IMPD Outreach Day at The BEACH at 16th and Gladstone
- Regular email with in Little Flower re crime prevention
- Two National Night Out events
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Question and Answers with Mayor Ballard

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