



MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF

On the morning of June 11th, we began testing of this year's applicants for full-time police officers for the Hobart Police Department. At our convenience, we were able to accomplish the entire process on site. We did static exercises (vertical jump, pushups and situps) in the main gymnasium and completed the 300 meter and 1.5 mile run on the track out back around the Brickie Bowl.

We had 109 applicants complete the application process. Only 82 showed up for the morning of testing, which was about our average of 75%. We started with the written entry exam, and had 64 of the 82 candidates pass. The percentage passing rate was a little higher this year at 78%. We use a different test each year but all are published by Stanard and Associates publishing and recommended by the Indiana Chiefs of Police Association. The publisher warrants that there will be no bias in the questions or answers of their exam.

The remaining 64 candidates were given the physical agility testing in the afternoon. They had to correctly demonstrate a static vertical leap of 17.5 inches and complete 35 situps and 31 pushups. After completing these tests, there were only 37 candidates left to head down to the track. After the 300 meter run (in no more than 61 seconds), we were down to the 36. After the 1.5 mile run (in no more than 14 minutes 41 seconds), the process had 33 candidates left.

The 33 candidates were immediately scheduled for formal interviews with a board panel of 5 department officers. These interviews were accomplished between June 12th and June 14th.

The finalists will have an administrative interview with the Chief and Captains. This final interview is more individualized, related to their background and character fitness for duty with the Hobart Police Department. If qualified to complete all these steps, they are placed on a list for selection to the next openings. If selected, we complete one final intensive background check and schedule them for the pension physical, if needed. Candidates who are already police officers or firefighters in Indiana may already be members of the 1977 police and firefighters pension fund, in which case they would not need another physical before swearing in as a Hobart police officer.

We have one opening right now and anticipate 4 more planned retirements within the next year. We also have information that 2 current officers are finalists for full-time positions as special agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This would certainly be quite a few openings within a short amount of time. I want to assure the public that we intend to vigilantly replace officers as they go, so there is no shortage of coverage or manpower in our day-to-day police duties. We have also been under steady, structured growth over the past couple of years in anticipation of day-to-day needs. It is all part of the planning and goal setting process of the department.

Chief Rick Zormier

DID YOU KNOW?

Distracted Driving

Each day in the United States, approximately 9 people are killed and more than 1,000 injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver.

Distracted driving is driving while doing another activity that takes your attention away from driving. Sending a text message, talking on a cell phone, using a navigation system, and eating while driving are a few examples of distracted driving. Any of these distractions can endanger the driver and others.

Texting while driving is especially dangerous because it combines all three types of distraction. Sending or reading a text message takes your eyes off the road for about 5 seconds, long enough to cover a football field while driving at 55 mph.

In 2015, 3,477 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver.

In 2015, 391,000 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver.

Paying Too Much

Here's how it works:

Everyone pays all kinds of bills. Some are higher than you think they should be. Sometimes, unexpected charges appear on your bill or sometimes, you might see a fee for a service you don't recall ordering. Are you paying more than you should?

You are your own best advocate. How often does a company figure out that you've overpaid and refund your money? It could happen but you're more than likely to get money back if you spot the error and point it out. It means keeping track of what you normally pay, and what the charges are for. You can also ask for a better deal. Call and see if there is a promotion you qualify for and how long it will last or if they can lower your interest rate. They might say no, but if you don't ask you don't get it.

Here's what you can do:

Read every statement, every time. Does something look wrong or unfamiliar? Call the company and ask. If you don't like the response you get, ask for a supervisor. And keep written records of your calls.

Keep track of what you usually pay.

Look at the charges line by line.

Question charges you do not recognize.

Pass this information on to a friend. Not paying more than you need to might come easily to you. But you probably know someone who might need some friendly encouragement.

For more information visit ftc.gov



Tips Before Hitting the Road this Summer

As thousands of Americans begin to plan their summer travels, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) cautions all those who plan to travel by car to think safety first to ensure a safe trip for them and their families.

Prevention and planning takes a little time, but it will give you the added comfort of knowing your loved ones are safe. NHTSA has composed a list of routine safety procedures that drivers and passengers should follow before, and during, their summer travel.

Safety tips from NHTSA for safe summer travel

Perform a basic safety check. Routine car care like tune-ups, battery checks, and tire rotations are important and help with preventing breakdowns. That said, if you're traveling long distances this summer, don't just rely on your usual maintenance. Be sure to also check your vehicle's tire pressure, wiper blades, fluid levels, lights, and air conditioning before you go.

Check for recalls. Even the most informed car owner may be unaware that their recalled vehicle is in need of repair. NHTSA's free VIN Look-Up Tool lets you see if your vehicle has been repaired as part of a safety recall in the last 15 years. Visit www.nhtsa.gov/recalls to find out about possible safety defects in your vehicle, and help protect your loved ones and other motorists.

Protect your passengers. All drivers and passengers should wear seat belts. When you're traveling with a child, it's safest for them to ride in a car seat suited for their age and size, and all children 13 and younger should ride in the back seat.

Share the road and stay alert! Warmer weather will attract different types of roadway users, including motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Without the protection of a car or truck, these road users are more vulnerable. So put a safe distance – 3 or 4 seconds worth – between you and motorcyclists, and always be mindful of pedestrians or bicyclists. During long trips, take a break when driving long distances. Plan ahead for times to stop and stretch, eat healthy meals and relax, and consider stopping and staying in a hotel to recharge during longer drives.

Store an emergency roadside kit. Even well maintained vehicles can break down, so it's a good idea to have a few emergency items readily accessible for your family's road trip. In your kit, consider adding a cell phone and charger, first aid kit, flashlight, flares, jumper cables, water, and blankets. Even if you don't have to use your kit, you'll have peace of mind knowing that you have these critical items stowed in your cargo.

Don't drink and drive. An average of 1 alcohol-impaired driving fatality occurred every 51 minutes in 2015. Be responsible, and don't drink and drive. If you plan to drink, choose a designated driver before going out.

Avoid distraction. Distraction accounts for approximately 10 percent of fatal crashes and 15 percent of injury crashes. Distracted driving can be anything that pulls your attention away from driving, including cell phone use, texting while driving, eating, drinking, and using in-vehicle technologies and portable electronic devices.

Observe "Move Over" Laws. Move over and change lanes to give safe clearance to law enforcement officers assisting motorists on the side of the road. It's the law in all 50 states.

HOBART POLICE BLOTTER May 29, 2017 - June 11, 2017, 252 Citations, 83 Traffic Accidents, 12 Warrant Arrests, 7 K-9 Usage, 19 Shoplifting Incidents, 69 Ordinance Violations, 33 Animal Complaints, 2 Medical Incidents, 21 Juvenile Incidents, 73 Suspicious Incidents, 4 Driving Impaired, and 1132 Calls For Service

05/29, 1:28am, Domestic Disturbance, 0 block N. Wisconsin St., verbal altercation
05/29, 3:28am, Domestic Disturbance, 600 block State St., verbal altercation between known subjects
05/29, 5:01am, Criminal Mischief, 600 block E. Cleveland Ave., Hobart Cemetery, landscape brick thrown in roadway
05/29, 11:28am, Theft, 4000 block W. 37th Ave., theft of speakers and receiver from storage unit
05/29, 11:51am, Harassment, 500 block N. Kelly St., harassment by known subject
05/29, 12:25pm, Threats, 600 block N. Shelby Pl., threats made by known subject
05/29, 12:26pm, Theft, 2000 block E. Rand St., theft of several items from vehicle
05/29, 12:48pm, Drugs, 3200 block E. 80th Ave., subject arrested
05/29, 2:47pm, Threats, 1200 block W. Home Ave., threats from known subjects
05/29, 4:16pm, Theft, 1800 block Southlake Mall, theft of vehicle
05/29, 7:35pm, Criminal Mischief, Police Station Report, damage to cell phone
05/29, 9:02pm, Drugs, 16th St. & Liverpool Rd., subject issued summons
05/29, 9:09pm, Domestic Disturbance, 1100 block High St., altercation between known subjects
05/29, 11:01pm, Battery, 2400 block E. 80th Ave., TGI Friday's, subjects arrested
05/30, 9:43am, Theft, 8900 block E. 37th Ave., Johnson Strawberry Farm, theft of several items
05/30, 12:09pm, Theft, 400 block Quail Dr., theft of shoes and jacket
05/30, 12:26pm, Sex Offense, 1400 block W. 3rd St., report taken
05/30, 1:28pm, Fraud, Police Station Report, fraudulent credit cards opened
05/30, 2:40pm, Drugs, I65 S., no description
05/30, 7:02pm, Trespassing, 900 block W. 3rd Pl., trespass warning issued
05/30, 8:05pm, Intoxication, 100 block E. 3rd St., subject arrested
05/30, 8:28pm, Theft, 1600 block E. 80th Ave., theft of cell phone
05/30, 8:32pm, Fraud, I65 N., fraudulent items located
05/30, 8:33pm, Theft, 200 block Main St., theft of US currency from wallet
05/30, 11:21pm, Drugs, E. 10th St. & S. County Line Rd., subject arrested
05/31, 9:06am, Theft, 3900 block Howard St., theft of garbage can
05/31, 11:44am, Fraud, 2400 block E. 79th Ave., Best Buy, subjects arrested
05/31, 4:02pm, Drugs, Mississippi & Silverstone, subject arrested
05/31, 4:19pm, Burglary, 2000 block Dogwood Trl., forced entry/theft of video games
05/31, 4:37pm, Fight, 400 block Ruta Dr., verbal altercation
05/31, 4:37pm, Burglary, 3700 block Brown St., forced entry to residence/theft of Ipad
05/31, 10:34pm, Battery, N. Lake Park Ave. & E. Old Ridge Rd., subjects arrested
05/31, 10:47pm, Robbery, 7200 block Merganser St., subject arrested
05/31, 11:01pm, Intoxication, 100 block N. Lake Park Ave., subject arrested
06/01, 1:01am, Drugs, E. 61st Ave. & Vermont St., subject issued summons
06/01, 4:37am, Intoxication, 500 block E. 3rd St., subject arrested
06/01, 7:35am, Fight, 3600 block N. Hobart Rd., report taken
06/01, 11:34am, Criminal Mischief, 900 block S. Linda St., mailbox vandalized
06/01, 11:39am, Criminal Mischief, 500 block N. Colorado St., gauge marks located on vehicle
06/01, 3:11pm, Fraud, 1400 block W. 3rd St., report taken
06/01, 5:15pm, Burglary, 600 block W. 37th Ave., theft of tv and playstation from residence
06/01, 10:45pm, Disorderly, 0 block E. Old Ridge Rd., three subjects arrested
06/02, 10:25am, Battery, 2900 block E. 79th Ave., Walmart, subject arrested
06/02, 12:06pm, Fraud, 300 block N. Wilson St., report taken
06/02, 5:07pm, Missing Person, 7700 block Mississippi St., Hilton Garden Inn, subject located
06/02, 10:44pm, Public Intoxication, E. 4th St. & Center St., subject arrested
06/02, 11:21pm, Public Intoxication, 1500 block E. Hickey St., subject arrested

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06/03, 11:16am, Battery, 1900 block E. 37th Ave., Planet Fitness, subject arrested
 06/03, 11:42am, Death Investigation, 100 block E. 8th St., deceased female subject
 06/03, 11:57am, Burglary, 600 block N. Union St., theft of several items from garage
 06/03, 4:23pm, Trespassing, 0 block Main St., Hobart Cleaners, trespass warning issued
 06/03, 4:44pm, Trespassing, 2100 block Southlake Mall, subject arrested
 06/03, 5:33pm, Harassment, Police Station Report, harassing calls by known subject
 06/03, 6:33pm, Theft, 7900 block Murrelet St., theft of dogs
 06/04, 12:31am, Public Intoxication, 53rd Ave. & Liverpool Rd., subject arrested
 06/04, 2:07am, Disturbance, 700 block Water St., verbal altercation
 06/04, 3:22am, Intoxication, 1500 block S. Lake Park Ave., subject arrested
 06/04, 9:46am, Death Investigation, 7200 block Mississippi St., deceased male subject
 06/04, 10:32am, Harassment, 2900 block W. 37th Ave., verbal altercation between known subjects
 06/04, 1:53pm, Theft, 300 block Main St., theft of cell phone
 06/05, 7:08am, Criminal Mischief, 200 block S. County Line Road, windshield cracked on vehicle
 06/05, 12:15pm, Fraud, 1600 block S. Lake Park Ave., CVS, fraudulent prescriptions
 06/05, 3:44pm, Theft, 1400 block W. 3rd Pl., report taken
 06/05, 4:29pm, Criminal Mischief, 400 block N. Virginia St., panel glass on front door cracked
 06/05, 5:48pm, Harassment, 3600 block E. 37th Ave., harassment by known subject
 06/05, 6:16pm, Theft, 600 block State St., theft of bracelet
 06/05, 8:17pm, Disturbance, 0 block Main St., physical altercation
 06/05, 8:30pm, Drugs, E. 24th Ave. & Connecticut St., no description
 06/05, 8:30pm, Drugs, E. 81st Ave. & I65, subject issued summons
 06/05, 8:30pm, Threats, 500 block Shelby St., verbal altercation
 06/05, 9:20pm, Drugs, W. 61st Ave. & Liverpool Rd., two subjects arrested
 06/06, 6:36am, Disturbance, 1100 block S. Virginia St., known subjects in verbal altercation
 06/06, 9:55am, Domestic Battery, 3800 block Swift St., report taken
 06/06, 10:09am, Threats, 1500 block S. Lake Park Ave., St. Mary's, report taken
 06/06, 11:33am, Fraud, 2000 block Reed Ct., fraudulent transaction made on credit card
 06/06, 12:30pm, Child in Need of Services, 5100 block E. 75th Pl., report taken
 06/06, 1:45pm, Fraud, 1600 block S. Lake Park Ave., prescription fraud/subject arrested
 06/06, 3:14pm, Drugs, 200 block S. Colorado St., report taken
 06/06, 8:41pm, Trespassing, 2500 block Southlake Mall, Buffalo Wild Wings, subject trespassed
 06/06, 10:59pm, Drugs, Bracken Pkwy & Dunlin Ct., subject issued summons
 06/07, 9:45am, Criminal Mischief, E. 2nd St. & Center St., damage to tree grate
 06/07, 12:11pm, Harassment, 100 block S. Delaware St., harassment through social media
 06/07, 1:45pm, Harassment, 200 block Main St., road rage incident
 06/07, 2:00pm, Criminal Mischief, 0 block E. Old Ridge Rd., damage to canoe launch
 06/07, 8:01pm, Child in Need of Services, 3900 block Colbourne St., juvenile left unattended in vehicle
 06/07, 8:19pm, Domestic Disturbance, 3700 block E. 73rd Ave., report taken
 06/07, 11:36pm, Domestic Disturbance, 3700 block Colbourne St., verbal altercation
 06/08, 2:04am, Theft, 2500 block Southlake Mall, Buffalo Wild Wings, theft of vehicle
 06/08, 6:57am, Theft, 0 block N. Washington St., theft of US currency and cigarettes from vehicle
 06/08, 8:45am, Criminal Mischief, 200 block S. County Line Rd., County Line Orchard, window broken on excavator
 06/08, 10:15am, Threats, Police Station Report, report taken
 06/08, 2:25pm, Trespassing, 200 block Main St., Monkey's Pub, trespass warning issued
 06/08, 2:38pm, Trespassing, 200 block S. Pennsylvania St., no description
 06/08, 3:27pm, Intimidation, Police Station Report, report taken
 06/08, 4:44pm, Fraud, 2400 block E. 79th Ave., Best Buy, subject arrested
 06/08, 5:56pm, Fraud, 1000 block W. 3rd St., fraudulent withdrawal from bank account



Police Blotter Continued

06/09, 9:29am, Disturbance, 100 block W. 10th St., report taken
 06/09, 10:01am, Theft, Police Station Report, theft of license plate
 06/09, 10:32am, Disturbance, 6100 block Mississippi St., McDonald's, subjects causing a disturbance
 06/09, 12:51pm, Criminal Mischief, 1600 block S. Lake Park Ave., CVS, glass broken on red box
 06/09, 2:56pm, Fraud, 2100 block Southlake Mall, JB Robinson, fraudulent purchases made
 06/09, 5:33pm, Identity Theft, 1500 block S. Lake Park Ave., report taken
 06/09, 8:44pm, Harassment, Police Station Report, harassment by known subject
 06/09, 9:14pm, Fraud, 400 block W. 14th St., scam phone call
 06/10, 3:19am, Public Intoxication, 200 block Main St., subject arrested
 06/10, 4:47am, Disorderly, 0 block E. Old Ridge Rd., subject arrested
 06/10, 11:04am, Robbery, Police Station Report, report taken
 06/10, 12:00pm, Drugs, 300 block Main St., no description
 06/10, 1:26pm, Fight, 2900 block E. 80th Ave., verbal altercation
 06/10, 4:12pm, Burglary, 1500 block E. Lincoln Hwy., no description
 06/10, 4:25pm, Criminal Mischief, 3800 block Sandusky St.,
 06/10, 5:06pm, Death Investigation, 100 block E. 10th St., no description
 06/10, 5:46pm, Threats, 2900 block E. 80th Ave., threats from known subject
 06/10, 7:38pm, Trespassing, 2200 block Southlake Mall, Dicks Sporting Goods, trespass warning issued
 06/10, 9:26pm, Overdose, 1400 block Grand Isle Ct., subject transported to hospital
 06/10, 9:51pm, Drugs, I65 S. & 61st Ave., subject issued summons
 06/11, 12:52am, Burglary Attempt, 300 block E. 12th St., residence doors open
 06/11, 1:56am, Fight, E. 3rd St. & Main St., subject arrested
 06/11, 11:18am, Fraud, 200 block Polly Ln., fraudulent use of phone number
 06/11, 12:36pm, Trespassing, 2500 block W. 37th Ave., subject issued trespass warning
 06/11, 3:21pm, Trespassing, 200 block Main St., subject trespassed
 06/11, 6:15pm, Criminal Mischief, 700 block W. Old Ridge Rd., vehicle keyed
 06/11, 7:30pm, Disturbance, 2200 block Southlake Mall, known subjects in altercation
 06/11, 8:57pm, Domestic Disturbance, 200 block N. Pennsylvania St., report taken
 06/11, 9:45pm, Theft, 3500 block E. 81st Ave., Avalon Manor, theft of backpack from vehicle



It's not about writing tickets.
It's about saving lives.

**Hobart Police Department Child ID Event**

Date: June 30 from 11:30am to 1:30pm

Place: Walmart in Merrillville-2936 E. 79th Ave.

Cost: FREE!



Arrests 05/29–06/11 All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law

Ashley N. Ammons, 20, Theft, Merrillville, IN
 Patrick R. Callegari, 22, Disorderly Conduct, Valparaiso, IN
 Juliamae L. Cochran, 41, Poss. of Narcotic Drug, Hobart, IN
 Jarrell D. Ford, 33, Resisting Law Enforcement, Merrillville, IN
 Endayo Fuller, 20, Disorderly Conduct, Gary, IN
 Scott M. Herma, 25, Public Intoxication, Hobart, IN
 Elizabeth A. Lambert, 24, Poss. of Paraphernalia, Lowell, IN
 Cory M. Long, 22, Battery, Hobart, IN
 Martin L. Louis, 19, Arrest Warrant, Gary, IN
 Kristie L. McFry, 25, Theft, Burns Harbor, IN
 David R. Miller II, 20, Battery, Hobart, IN
 Gaston S. Odell, 26, Battery, Hebron, IN
 David J. Purdue, 49, Arrest Warrant, Gary, IN
 Richard R. Rebeck Jr., 57, Public Intoxication, Hobart, IN
 Zyianferian M. Rogers, 19, Arrest Warrant, Gary, IN
 Kathryn A. Schuttz, 33, Theft, Valparaiso, IN
 Terise E. Sheets, 46, Operating While Intoxicated, Valparaiso, IN
 Emmanuel Shoulder, 20, Disorderly Conduct, Merrillville, IN
 Katelyn D. Starkey, 24, Theft, Hobart, IN
 Tyree C. Tappler, 19, False Report/Poss. of Substance, Gary, IN
 Amos M. Tschopp, 41, Public Intoxication, Hobart, IN
 Tashira T. Twun, 23, Theft, Chicago, IL
 Damian W. Cook, 48, Public Intox./False Reporting, Dolton, IL
 Dory L. Eroles, 50, Public Intoxication, Hobart, IN
 Timothy S. Fisher, 34, Public Intoxication, Crown Point, IN
 Willie J. Fleming, 32, Public Intoxication, Merrillville, IN
 Jaime L. Janowsky, 36, Theft, Merrillville, IN
 Alec E. Johnson, 21, Battery/Disorderly Conduct, Gary, IN
 Julia D. Justice, 18, Theft, Lowell, IN

Aleksandar Neskoski, 39, Criminal Trespass, Hobart, IN
 Deanikwa D. Richmond, 25, Theft, Merrillville, IN
 Scott V. Sadelack, 57, Arrest Warrant, Lake Station, IN
 Miles M. Samplawski, 33, Multiple Charges, Sarasota, FL
 Kyle S. Schoenborn, 19, Operating While Intoxicated, Hobart, IN
 Michael Shiyan, 59, Criminal Trespass, Valparaiso, IN
 Joshua M. Shoulder, 24, Disorderly Conduct, Merrillville, IN
 Erica C. Biddings, 26, Arrest Warrant, Lafayette, IN
 Antonio D. Brown, 18, Hand Gun License Required, Gary, IN
 Da Ja L. Gillespie, 19, Theft, Merrillville, IN
 Kwame A. Givens, 35, Poss. of Synthetic Drug, Gary, IN
 Mondai S. Myers, 43, Arrest Warrant, Gary, IN
 Maria G. Navarro Tafoya, 23, Theft, East Chicago, IN
 Shannon L. Orton, 33, Operating While Intoxicated, Hobart, IN
 Jawana M. Parker, 32, Poss. of Synthetic Drug, Gary, IN
 Cheri R. Pfeifer, 37, Arrest Warrant, Schererville, IN
 Kenya E. Ratney, 18, Theft, Gary, IN
 Shay N. Sullivan, 38, Habitual Traffic Offender, Gary, IN
 Aaron C. Alford, 30, Public Intoxication, Gary, IN
 Emanuel M. Brucelas, 24, Arrest Warrant, Lansing, IL
 Deandre D. Daniels, 21, Arrest Warrant, Gary, IN
 Eric S. Hummel, 33, Reckless Homicide/Neg. of Dependant, Hobart, IN
 David M. Krueger, 49, Disorderly Conduct, Hobart, IN
 Curtis D. McDonald, 23, Multiple Charges, Hammond, IN
 David Medina, 57, Refusal to Identify Self, Hobart, IN
 Jamie L. Nitcher, 43, Multiple Charges, Demotte, IN
 Ava M. Radtke, 56, Operating While Intoxicated, Chicago, IL
 Lydia Sandoval, 30, Possession of Marijuana, Portage, IN

6 Juveniles Arrested

Code Enforcement Section-Sgt. Ron Russo
Next article will post in our June 30th issue.

Found Property

June 1, 2017

Found two cell phones
 Hobart High School

Questions in regards to found property
 please call: 942-1125 Ext. 1067

**Our Newsletter can also be picked up from the following locations:**

Hobart Police Station, Maria Reiner Senior Center, Hobart Family Y.M.C.A., Hobart Public Library, Walgreen's 742 W. Old Ridge Rd., Ellney's Bakery and Catering 1995 W. Old Ridge Rd, and at the following restaurants: Lake Park, Diner's Choice, and Paragon

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