



Ripley County Sheriff's Office Report for 2011

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A report generated by the Ripley County Sheriff's Office, gives a summary of activity for 2011.

Criminal Investigations:

The Ripley County Sheriff's Office reported 581 criminal cases during 2011.

A short breakdown is as follows:

- Alcohol related offenses: 80
- Drug related offenses: 33
- Misdemeanor/Felony traffic offenses: 108
- Domestic related offenses: 92
- Crimes against persons/property: 433

Out of the 581 criminal cases received, 300 were either closed or resulted in arrest, and 281 cases remain open or under investigation. The most frequent charge for 2011 was theft, followed by burglary and criminal mischief.

There were 565 cases filed through the courts for all law enforcement agencies in the county. The Sheriff's Office ranked first with 184, and the Indiana State Police was next with 142. Batesville PD was third with 88.

Motor Vehicle Crashes:

Deputies investigated a total of 397 motor vehicle accidents. That was a decrease of 23 from 2010. There were 314 property damage accidents, 81 personal injury accidents with 113 people being injured. There were 2 fatal crashes with 2 fatalities. The highest primary cause for crashes was an animal or object in the roadway, most commonly deer.

Civil Process Service:

3,327 civil process papers were served in 2011. Civil process decreased by 265 items. Civil process includes subpoenas, summons, notification of sheriff's sales, eviction notices, small claims actions, complaints and tax warrants. Some of the decrease can be attributed to laws requiring the postings of Sheriff's Sales. Postings in the townships were removed from the law because of increased Internet activity. A total of 288 warrants were served, an increase of 12. There were 215 firearm permits applied for or renewed through the Sheriff's Office in 2011.

Reserve Deputies:

Ripley County Reserve Deputies worked 3,761.5 hours during 2011. That is an average of 313 hours per month. Reserve officers served 512 civil process and 30 warrants. They also worked 48 accidents and investigated 27 cases, traveling 32,279 miles around the county to serve the community on their own time.

Ripley County Jail:

There were 807 prisoners booked in the facility with the most frequent charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated. An average of 74.8 inmates were incarcerated on a daily basis, while an average of 3 prisoners per day were sentenced to home incarceration and the Community Transition Program, and an average of 4 were sentenced to work release. The total amount of revenue generated and collected for inmate housing in 2011 was \$271,040.00. The cost of meals produced revenue to the county of \$31,708.54, an average of \$1.40 per meal. Ripley County deputies and jail officers traveled a total of 41,564 miles transporting prisoners to court appointments, doctor and dentist appointments, and extraditions.

Additional Revenue:

Sheriff Sales produced \$3,400.00, civil process to defray the pension was \$10,189.00, and another \$226,772.43 was collected in miscellaneous forms, i.e. prisoner transports, inmate medical, out of county housing, social security, et al. All of these monies are deposited back into the county general fund.

The total amount of revenue received, which is deposited back into county general, came to the sum of \$341,266.43 for 2011. An additional amount of \$170,135.00 is outstanding and awaiting receipt for 2011.

Inmate Programs:

The Home Incarceration and Work Release program generated \$52,322.15, which is used to supplement the sheriff's office and jail budgets. This money creates a significant buffer to the county's budget for operational costs for the sheriff's office and jail. Office equipment, vehicles and training to name a few, are paid for out of these programs instead of taxpayer's dollars.

Total Revenue for the year 2011 was about \$511,401.43.