

Patrol

The Saint Joseph County Patrol Division is responsible for over 111,213 people who live outside the corporate limits of South Bend and Mishawaka. This area comprises of 467 square miles. Last year (2007) patrol officers were dispatched to 43,074 calls, and generated over 10,500 reports, wrote 10,000 traffic tickets, and answered over 4,000 alarms. The main function of the patrol division is to answer any call from citizens requesting the police, and to investigate crime and traffic accidents. The Patrol Commander is Major Dean A. Chandler.

The patrol division headquarters, motor pool, and communications center is located at 4817 Lincoln Way West, South Bend, in front of the Michiana Regional Airport. The division has three shifts that staff the County 24/7. The 1st detail runs from 6:00AM to 2:30PM. The shift commander is Lt. Gerald Woltman. The 2nd detail runs from 2:00PM to 10:30PM. The shift commander is Lt. Corey Brothers. The 3rd detail runs from 10:00PM to 6:30AM. The shift commander is Lt. Tony Gish. Each shift has approximately 18 officers assigned, which includes supervisory personnel. The patrol shifts operate on six days on and three days off schedule.

Within the patrol division is the traffic investigation section, along with the traffic enforcement section. Captain James Rutkowski, supervises the traffic investigations section, which is responsible for the review of all traffic accident reports taken. This section is also responsible for all fatal, serious injury investigations, and all hit and run investigations. Other patrol officers are assigned to this section when required. Other patrol officers are assigned to full time duties as school resource officers. Two Resource Officers are assigned to the Penn-Harris-Madison School District, and one to the South Bend School Corporation. During the summer months, these three officers are assigned to regular patrol duties, or traffic enforcement. The Communications/IT directory is Capt. Brent Croymans,