



GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEES UNION LOCAL 825

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PRESS RELEASE

The International Union Of Police Association Local 825, which represents all employees at the Grant County Sheriff's Office, would like to make the public aware of an continuous issue happening at the Grant County Sheriff's Office.

Over the last several years local governments across the nation and especially Indiana, have been raising the wages of Law Enforcement officers and support staff. These agencies have acknowledged their officers soaring educational expenses as well as the increased risks and sacrifices made in their daily duties. The Grant County Council has not kept pace with this trend and this has created a continued loss of Deputies, Confinement Officers, Dispatchers and support personnel in the Grant County Sheriff's Office.

We are training and then losing quality people as they leave for higher paying jobs to serve in communities where they have placed Law Enforcement as a priority. Our employees serve the community with dignity, respect, and dedication and we are hoping for a fair long term solution to this issue.

We are asking the community for support at the County Council's Special Budget Hearing on October 2, 2019 at the 6:00pm, which is held at the Council Chambers located at 401 S Adams Street Marion IN. Please join us as employees stand in solidarity in an attempt to get the Council Members to recognize the issue at hand.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Ogden".

Matt Ogden
I.U.P.A. Local 825 President

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The following information was compiled from the Indiana Sheriff's Associations annual survey of Sheriff's Department pay throughout the state:

Deputies make \$42,202.00 a year and are behind

Wayne County: 8 %

Wabash County: 10 %

Madison and Howard Counties: 17 %

Boone County: 33 %

Wells County: 35 %

Overall Deputies at Grant County make 30 percent less than their counterparts across the state

Jail Officers make \$32,575.00 a year and are behind

Wayne County: 8 %

Wabash County and Madison County: 13 %

Howard County: 36 %

Boone County: 33 %

Wells County: 34 %

Dispatchers make \$32,575.00 a year and are behind

Wells County: 10 %

Wayne County: 17 %

Howard County: 19 %

Boone County: 51 %

Other Counties mentioned above are unavailable

Clerks make \$29, 121.00 a year and are behind

Wayne County: 9 %

Wells County: 15%

Howard County: 18 %

Wabash County: 28 %

Boone County: 61 %

This is just an example of how low we are in comparison to other agencies throughout Indiana.

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