

**NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN POLICE MERIT COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

Police Merit Commission Members present: President Ken Wendling, Vice President Linda Lawson, Secretary Tom Bauer, Member Ric Fox, Member Mike Rozzi. Also present: Police Chief Heather Burris, and Town Manager Sandie Jones.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Ken Wendling called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

2) ROLL CALL

President Wendling called the roll.

3) APPROVAL AND DISCUSSION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FROM 01/23/2024

Secretary Bauer made a motion to approve the General Meeting minutes from the 01/23/2024 public meeting. Seconded by Member Fox. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4) APPROVAL AND DISCUSSION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FROM 2/12/2024

Member Fox made a motion to approve the minutes from the Executive session held on 02/12/2024. Seconded by Secretary Bauer. The minutes were approved unanimously.

5) REPORT FROM CHIEF BURRIS AND UPDATES ON POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

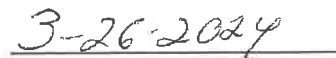
Chief Burris prepared a handout for discussion and consideration of police activities and issues during January and early February. (Addendum 1) – 4 pages. Chief Burris also prepared a summary of police planning issues for the April 8th Solar Eclipse. (Addendum 2) – 4 pages. See the attached addendum to these minutes.

6) ADJOURNMENT

Member Fox moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Rozzi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. President Wendling adjourned the meeting at 10:25am.



Police Merit Commission President Ken Wendling



Date

ADDENDUM 1 4 Pages

Nashville Police Department update: January 2024

- Continuing education fees were collected for 2023 in the amount of \$188.00
- Chief Burris and Lt. Horn attended The Indiana Chief's of Police Association conference
 - Attending was guest speaker Gordan Graham on Risk Liability.
 - Actors from "Act Out" were there providing participants from the conference 24 hours of mandate hours by the state of Indiana for continuing education.
 - Updates were given to all participating departments from:
 - ILEA Director Tim Horty
 - Director Devon McDonald from ICJI
 - Superintendent Doug Carter from the State Police
 - Government Relations Dalton Thienman from Market Street Indy.
 - Chief Burris Joined the Government Relations committee to receive information on current legislation.
- Merit Board member Mike Rozzi was sworn in as the newest member of the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department Merit Board member on 1/23/2024 replacing Jim Hays who has served on the Merit Board since the established board in 2015.
 - Thank you to Jim Hays for his service to the Merit Board and the Police Department.
- Eclipse Monday, April 8th, 2024 (4 minute and 4 second duration).
 - The visitors center is working with the Police Department and other local departments to put together a flyer to send out to every resident in the Nashville and Brown County community. The flyer is to try and target those in the community, specifically the elderly, who do not have access to the internet or social media. The Brown County Visitor's Center has a page on their website specifically for the Eclipse. If businesses or residence have questions, they can be directed to the Brown County Visitor's center page for information regarding the Eclipse.
- Officer Heath Young took one of the Brown County High School Student Interns (18 years of age) on a ride along 1/19/2024. The student is interested in a career in Law Enforcement and was able to see first hand what it was like to view a Police Officer from the passenger seat of the Durango.
- January training for the Police Department
 - Renewing CPR/AED through American Red Cross
 - Bloodborne Pathogens
- The Police Department is using Eagle Manufacturing to produce stickers and props for community events for the department to reach the community.
 - Stickers
 - Drawstring bags
- Training Commander Reddick attended PER-340 Active Threat Interrogated Response Course 1/15/2024 sponsored through Louisiana State University Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education.

- Thank you to everyone that was involved with “Fill the Boot”. A check was presented to the Police Department from the Brown County Community Foundation in the amount of \$3,591.00
- The Indiana Law Enforcement Training Academy has requested The Nashville Police Department host an Instructor Development course in Nashville for the second year in a row. This instructor course brings police officers from all over the state of Indiana here to stay a week in Nashville and learn from instructors at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. This course is very high demand so these instructors travel to different police departments to put this course on.
- Chief Burris met with the IPEP (Indiana Public Safety Risk) for department workman compensation claims. The Police Department has not had any claims since 2021.

Request of approval:

-Lexipol-policy and procedure (CCD Funds approved in 2022)

*Exact amount and contract set to be negotiated by 2/15/2024

-Equipment requested for purchase by another agency.

*Transport Cages

*Gun Racks

-Ordinance for Emergency and Essential workers on the use of a Gator in Nashville During the Eclipse.

-Syphon pay for essential workers for the Eclipse.

*Mandated shifts 4/4/2024 to 4/11/2024 (Police Department) presented to the USB for a possible plan for the town essential employees.

*Contacted the community foundation for possible grant to supplement.

RANDOM FACT:

**The human foot has 26 bones, 33 joints, 107 ligaments, 19 muscles and tendons. The 52 bones

In your feet make up about 25% percent of all bones in your body.

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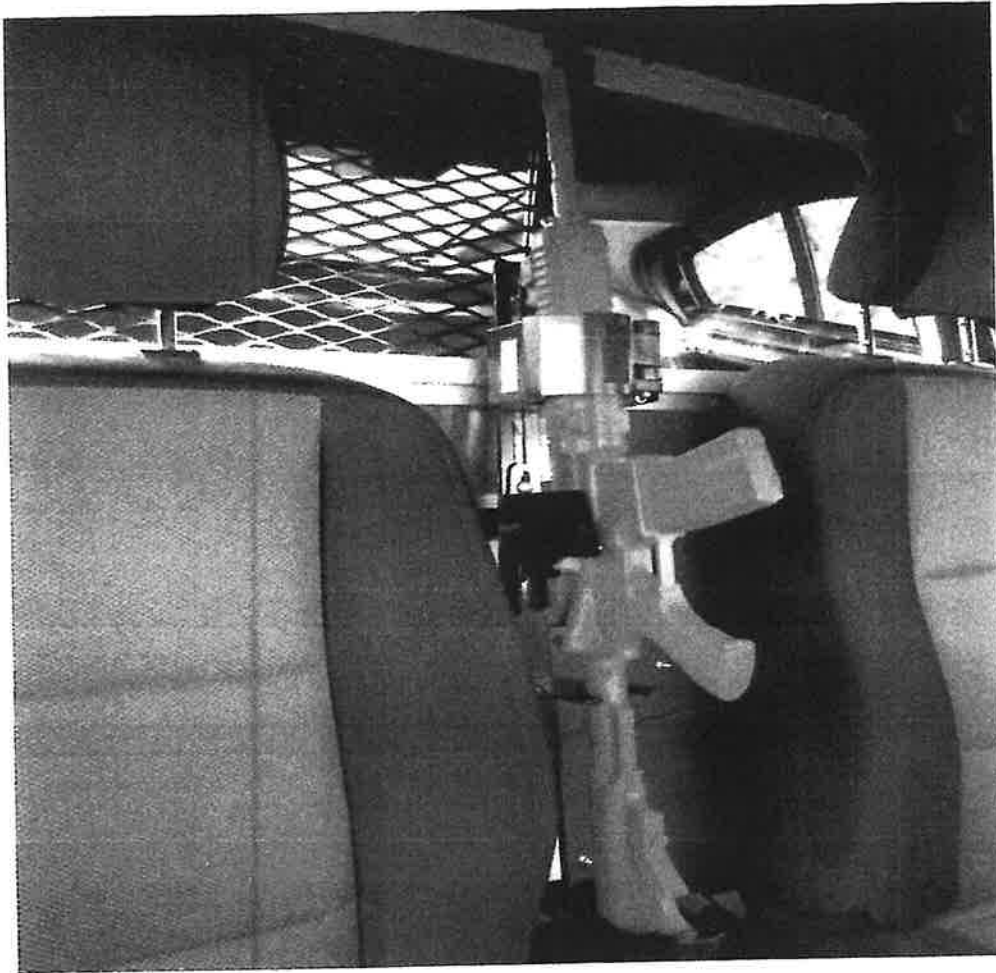
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Price: \$2,079.00

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Eclipse – April 8, 2024

On **April 8th, 2024**, Brown County will play host to one of nature's most impressive phenomena: **a total eclipse**. This eclipse is a rare and spectacular celestial event that will bring thousands of visitors to Brown County and Nashville.

- This eclipse is a **total solar eclipse**, meaning that the moon will completely block the sun, creating a stunning visual effect known as the "corona."
- It is extremely important to protect your eyes when viewing the eclipse – without protection, the sun's rays will focus in the back of the eye and damage the retina. The damage may not be noticed until hours or days later and cause you to see straight lines as wavy, notice a spot in vision, and have blurred vision.
- To protect your eyes, obtain special, certified viewing glasses or use other methods such as pinhole projectors.

When is the total solar eclipse coming to Indiana:

In the Nashville area the partial eclipse begins at 1:50pm and ends at 4:23pm. In the middle of that time, from 3:05pm to 3:09pm, the total eclipse occurs.

How to Prepare for Eclipse Visitors:

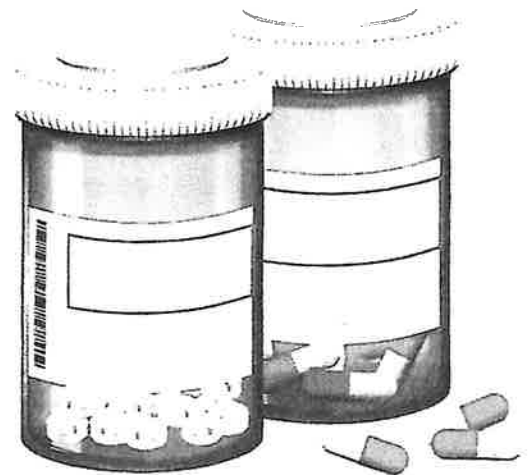
Prepare for crowds, traffic, and congestion in Brown County. Avoid commuting during the eclipse. Local stores may experience empty shelves and restaurants will be filled to capacity. Do understand medical response will be greatly impacted by traffic congestion. Save difficult, strenuous, or risky activities until after April 8, 2024.

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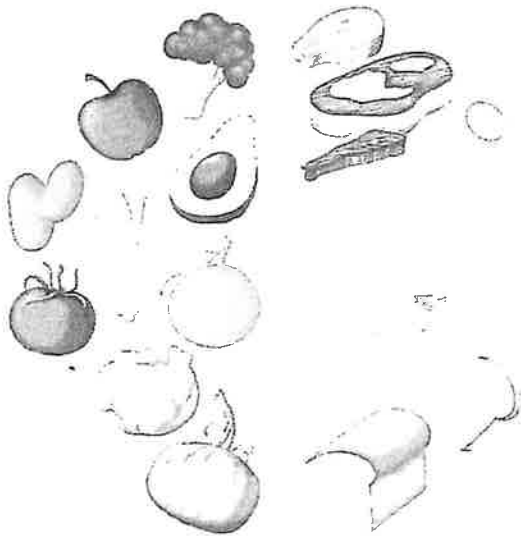
Preparing Yourself for the Eclipse

Medical Supplies:

- Don't schedule doctor appointments for April 8, 2024. Consider rescheduling any existing medical appointments until after April 9th.
- Pay close attention to dialysis timing and scheduling; April 8th and 9th may not be ideal.
- Consider the appointment schedule for deliveries of medical supplies like oxygen.
- Secure alternate sources of power for your electrically powered medical devices.
- Refill prescriptions: Inventory your medications well in advance to ensure you don't need to visit the pharmacy between the April 6-9th or rely on mail-delivered medication during this time. Make sure there's at least a one-week supply of medication on hand, including refills for chronic conditions.
- Gather medical supplies: Ensure essentials like insulin, glucose monitors, thermometers, and any necessary medical equipment are readily available.



Food and Safety Supplies:



- Have food and drinks on hand. Choose easily prepared and nutritious options like canned goods, dried fruits, nuts, and bottled water. Don't forget about pet food if applicable.
- Have essential supplies such as batteries, flashlights, a battery-powered radio, and first aid kit.

Home Preparation:

- Prepare for power outages: Contact Stacy if essential medical equipment relies on electricity. Have flashlights and battery-powered alternatives for light and communication.
- Charge all mobile phones and tablets. Have power banks/charging blocks available.
- Your pet's behavior may change as they become confused by the unusual change in daylight.
- Inform family and friends: Let loved ones know about the eclipse preparations and your plan. Do consider staying with a caregiver. Our county's resources will be stretched during April 4th-9th, especially during the day of the eclipse on Monday, April 8th, 2024.

Additional Tips:

- Have contact information handy: Keep emergency contact numbers readily available.
COAD 812-988-0001 at the Brown County YMCA
- Plan entertainment options such as DVDs, books, puzzles, or board games to stay entertained during April 4-9th.
- Prepare mentally: Discuss concerns and potential scenarios with the family and staff.
- Visitors will certainly become lost as they try to circumvent traffic congestion by using our back roads. Do be prepared to give directions and be patient with those using your driveways to turn around.

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Solar Eclipse
Apr 8, 2024
Nashville

