ACCREDITATION CRITERION FIVE: ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

5b. *The organization has the capacity and the commitments to engage with its identified constituencies and communities.*

The Public Safety Department makes personnel and resources available to participate in a number of programs aimed at reducing crime in our community, including serving as District Liaison for Indiana Department of Homeland Security Intelligence Fusion Center and back-up center for Vigo County’s Consolidated 911 Center. The Department also actively participates in Vigo County’s Junior Police Academy for middle school students, National Night Out and Shop With a Cop in Marshall, Illinois.

5c. *The organization demonstrates its responsiveness to those constituencies that depend on it for service.*

As District Liaison for the Homeland Security Intelligence Fusion Center, the Public Safety Department coordinates the intelligence gathering activities of law enforcement agencies in an eight county area of west central Indiana. As backup to Vigo County’s Consolidated 911 Center, our dispatchers have received 374 calls for service since August of 2007. Our participation in Vigo County’s Junior Police Academy assists that program in serving approximately 500 middle school students each summer. As part of Terre Haute’s National Night Out program our Department assists other area law enforcement agencies in providing crime prevention information to nearly 10,000 residents each year.

5d. *Internal and external constituencies value the services the organization provides.*

The Public Safety Department has received many letters of commendation for its involvement in community crime prevention and the involvement of individual officers.