

City of Bloomington Board of Public Safety

AGENDA BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018 AT 5:00 P.M. BLOOMINGTON CITY HALL 401 N MORTON STREET BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401 MCCLOSKEY CONFERENCE ROOM

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. January 16, 2018

3. FINALIZING THE FIRE CHIEF'S DISCIPLINE FINDINGS AND DECISION OF RICHARD GARVIN

4. POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Report on Monthly Statistics and Training Update; Letters Of Appreciation and Commendation
- b. General Business
- c. Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements
- d. Personnel Issues
- e. Rule & Regulation Update

5. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- a. Report on Monthly Statistics and Training Update; Letters Of Appreciation and Commendation
- b. General Business
- c. Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements
- d. Personnel Issues

6. BOARD BUSINESS

- a. Review of BPS Payroll
- 7. POLICE CHIEF'S DISCIPLINARY REVIEW
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS
- 9. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 10. ADJOURNMENT

City Hall

BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., in the City of Bloomington City Hall McCloskey Conference Room located at 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Susan Yoon called the meeting to order. Board members present were Marsha Bradford, Luis Fuentes-Rohwer, and Martin McCrory. Others attending are listed on the attached sheet. Yoon certified that the Board had just met in Executive Session to interview Police Department Employees for promotions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bradford moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting. McCrory seconded the motion and the motion carried.

PROMOTIONS

Bradford moved that Officer Robert Skelton be promoted to Sergeant effective January 15, 2018. Fuentes-Rohwer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board took a few minutes to allow the candidate to make a few comments. The Board then took time to congratulate the newly promoted employee.

APPROVAL OF NEW OFFICER CANDIDATE(S)

Fuentes-Rohwer moved that: Jeffrey Raybould Demetra Camble Kurtis Lov Erik Roa Nikki Wood and Justin Tabor all move forward in the hiring process. Bradford seconded

the motion and the motion carried.

FIRE CHIEF'S DISCIPLINE

The Board worked on finalizing the Finding of Facts. Attorney Darla Brown had forwarded the summary of what was discussed at the last meeting to the Board for their review. Yoon wanted to make a few more changes to the document. This was discussed in great detail with the Board Members so that Attorney Brown was clear about the changes. Fuentes-Rohwer moved that the new changes be accepted. McCrory seconded the motion. The motion carried. Bradford abstained since she did not attend the hearing. Attorney Brown will email the changed document to the Board Members.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Training and Incident Reports and Statistics; Letters of Appreciation and Commendation

Deputy Chief Joe Qualters reported on the monthly statistics and training. There was discussion on some of the statistics.

General Business

Chief Mike Diekhoff informed the Board that on February 6, 2019 at 2:00 pm, the Police and Fire Departments will give a joint Public Service Press Conference in the Training Room located in Police Headquarters. The Mayor will also be at the Press Conference. Board Members and the public are invited to attend the meeting. Police and Fire will give a report on the status of their departments and will then allow time for questions. During the first week of March, the CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) assessors will come and review the policies and paperwork to make sure that the Department is in compliance. Accreditation is expected to be complete sometime this summer. A public meeting will be held either that week or sometime before. Interviews are being conducted for a numerous amount of positions: Evidence Tech, Evidence Clerk (part-time), Community Outreach Specialist, CALEA Manager, and Officers.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements

Board Attorney Chris Wheeler explained that this is a new section on the agenda. It allows each department to let the Board know of upcoming claim items of an unusual and/or expensive nature. The Police Department had nothing to report at this time.

Personnel Issues

There are two people on extended leave; one on light duty. Six openings, four people in the academy who will graduate on February 22nd, and one person who is currently working in the "in-field" training program with approximately one month left.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Training and Incident Reports and Statistics; Letters of Appreciation and Commendation

Chief Jason Moore reported on the monthly statistics and training. The Board asked questions regarding the reports and statistics.

General Business

No major apparatus out right now. Truck #1 was out approximately nine weeks at \$70K for repairs and Engine 1 was out approximately six weeks at \$60K for repairs.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements

The Fire Department has an Engine that is being built which will cost approximately \$490K. Payment will occur in the late spring of 2018 when it comes in. This is being paid out of 2017 monies. In December of 2017, BFD (Bloomington Fire Department) entered into a contract with a new aerial truck for \$1.2 Million. The pre-build will begin in February. There will also be approximately \$40K going out for exercise equipment. It is mandated that all Firefighters work out. All of the gym equipment that is currently being used is outdated. Heavy duty equipment that you would find at Twin Lakes is being purchased and will be under a contract.

Personnel Issues

14 employees on light duty. There are four recruits graduating in January.

Review of BPS Payroll

a. Chief Diekhoff and Chief Moore agreed the payrolls were correct.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

Public Comment

None.

Fuentes-Rohwer moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée Rose, Recording Secretary Board of Public Safety

The minutes of the January 16, 2018 Board of Public Safety meeting are approved this	20 th
day of February , 2018.	

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Bloomington Police Department Board Of Safety Statistical Report January 2018



Bloomington Police Department Board of Public Safety Statistical Report

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MONTH	2017	2018
January	180	177
February	187	
March	232	
April	263	
May	203	
June	271	
July	261	
August	218	
September	246	
October	194	
November	182	Constant of
December	206	
TOTALS:	2643	177

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January	14	24
February	11	
March	18	
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September	31	
October	38	
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TOTALS:	232	24

DOMESTIC	VIOLENCE	CASES
MONTH	2017	2018
January	18	55
February	18	
March	22	
April	40	
May	31	
June	39	
July	43	
August	36	
September	38	
October	20	
November	44	
December	42	
TOTALS:	391	55

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	2017	2018
Jan-Mar	1	
Apr-June	4	
July - Sept	3	
Oct - Dec	2	
TOTALS:	10	0

CALLS FOR	SERVICE	
MONTH	2017	2018
January	3784	4191
February	3681	
March	4528	
April	4650	
May	4473	
June	4679	
July	4738	
August	4942	(Internet space
September	4824	
October	4575	
November	4070	
December	3988	
TOTALS:	52932	4191

NOISE CFS		
MONTH	2017	2018
January	135	114
February	152	
March	169	
April	253	
May	113	
June	81	
July	75	
August	164	
September	203	
October	250	
November	139	
December	87	
TOTALS:	1821	114

MONTH	2017	2018
January	4	11
February	5	
March	21	
April	56	
May	4	
June	7	
uly	7	
August	29	
September	42	
October	16	
November	8	5
December	5	
TOTALS:	204	11

Bloomington Police Department Board of Public Safety Statistical Report

2018	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
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BURGLARY	45	34	32	38	48	60	45	47	36	46	40	31	502
LARCENY	135	121	156	137	151	163	149	194	249	195	182	162	1994
VEHICLE THEFT	13	10	10	21	18	18	12	20	31	18	16	13	200
ARSON	0	5	2	2	2	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	17
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Disclaimers: ** Some monthly totals may change from previous calculations based on the date complied and what data is available at that time. ** Case information listed above is NOT based on Uniformed Crime Reporting standards set by the Federal Bureau of Investigations. It is a compilation of crimes worked by the Bloomington Police Department during that month, regardless of the outcome. ** The definition of Domestic Battery changed in 2017.



City of Bloomington Police Department MEMORANDUM

To: Deputy Chief Qualters

From: Lieutenant Kovach

Date: February 7, 2018

Re: January Detective Division Monthly Report

Detective Division Assigned Cases:	64	
Cyber Crimes	0	
Death Investigations	3	
White Collar/Fraud	13	
Major Crimes	3	
Missing Persons	4	
Crimes against Persons	5	
Property Crimes	22	
Sex Crimes	14	
Special Investigations	0	
Cases Cleared By Arrest:	6	
Criminal Charges:	50	
Level I Felony	1	
Level II Felony	3	
Level III Felony	3	
Level IV Felony	5	
Level V Felony	9	
Level VI Felony	15	

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Misdemeanors:

Cases Assigned to Other Agency:2Cleared by Exception Cases:2Probable Cause Filed:3WOW:4Unfounded Cases:8DPR:70

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1	Social Media Best Practices	1 So	1	Jan 17,18
105	Field Training School	5 Fie	21	01/29,30,31
28	IACP conference	2 A	14	01/25,26
56	CIRT training day	8 CI	7	1/24/2018
2	IDACS Recert	2 10,	1	Jan 17,18
91	Crowd Control - basic and surviellance	13 Cr	7	1/17/2018
34	Breath Test Recert	17 Br	2	Jan 13,15,17,20
ω	FEMA certifications	1 FE	3	1/10/2018
16	Mass protest Webinar	8 Mi	2	Jan 9,10,11,18,24
30	Cell Records Analysis and Mapping Webinar	3 Ce	10	Jan 5,10,25
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hours		Officers	Training	Dates Trainings
Total # of		Number of	Total	

Letters of Appreciation

Commendation

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A Personal Tale Of An Officer's Unseen Impact

Posted onDecember 29, 2017AuthorRecphotos13Leave a comment

This is the third installment of our First Responder News Blog. We're still experimenting with both the format and the content, but the driving idea of this recurring series is to shine a light on the daily heroism of our nation's firefighters, police officers, paramedics, and EMTs.

Needless to say, there's been no dearth of material so far. Just do a simple Google search on any given day and you'll find dozens of positive news stories on the work of our first responders. And that's essentially what we've done so far to find compelling stories to write about here. We've monitored online news stories, social media feeds, and national newspapers to unearth their daily accomplishments both big and small.

But this week, we're taking a slightly different approach. In the following sections, you'll read about an inspiring encounter that I personally had with a local police officer. I was only tangentially involved with the incident in question, but I witnessed more than enough to find a great deal of hope and instruction in this young officer's behavior. But it's probably best to let the officer's conduct speak for itself.

Tranquility, Interrupted

Let's start with just a little bit of background information. My wife and I share office space on Bloomington's Near West Side, just outside of our downtown area and adjacent to a neighborhood called <u>Prospect Hill</u>. Prospect Hill is one of Bloomington, Indiana's most interesting historic districts. Filled with dozens of well-preserved architectural gems and home to a diverse array of community oriented residents, Prospect Hill is truly one of Bloomington's most attractive neighborhoods.

And it was in this tranquil setting that I first encountered Officer Jacob Woods of the <u>Bloomington Police Department</u>. Unfortunately, things were not so tranquil at the time that I personally met Officer Woods. In fact, things were actually very chaotic. At least they seemed chaotic to me, but my tendency to overreact is one of the two thousand reasons I'm not a police officer. A better indicator of the situation was the exemplary conduct of Officer Woods. Unlike me, Officer Woods remained perfectly calm during a difficult situation. Even more unlike me, Officer Woods seems to have been destined to be a police officer.

In This Corner — Me, With No Idea What To Do

Here's how it started. I was consulting with a client in my office when I stepped outside to retrieve something from my car. Before I could reach the parking lot, however, I saw a sobbing young woman picking chunks of shattered glass from under the windshield wipers of her

SUV. With all the best intentions, I asked if she was okay. Well, as it turned out, she was decidedly not okay.

And she was not at all hesitant to tell me all the ways in which she was decidedly not okay. She turned toward me and unleashed her heartbreaking story, continuing to pluck chunks of glass from under her windshield as she did so. She had just been involved in an accident. She was on her way to an absolutely crucial meeting with her fiance when she ran a stop sign and collided with another car.



You see, her fiance was due to appear in Monroe County Circuit for a fairly serious charge. The distraught young woman had nothing on her mind but being there to see him. Her father was also very ill and no one would help her with him. She was running out of gas and didn't have money to fill up her tank. There were other details I'm sure, but I was too distracted to glean all of them after a bit.

First, I was distracted because my heart ached for the young woman. I am in no way making light of her situation. My sorrow was all too real. It actually rendered me less effective than I could have been. By way of contrast, you'll soon see that Officer Woods was NOT rendered ineffective. Nor was he rendered numb or indifferent to this young woman's difficulties.

I was also distracted by the fact that she was half sobbing, half screaming at me. She was sobbing and screaming and picking chunks of shattered glass off of her windshield. Worse still, the young woman was bleeding. The accident had left her uninjured, but the shattered glass did not. She had cut her hand rather badly while picking it from her cracked windshield and, well, I had a bit of a mess on my hands.

In Which I Make Things Worse

She did not want medical attention. I asked again and again, but no. She was willing to clean up her wound in my office, but under no circumstances would she miss the opportunity to see her fiance in court. In the meantime, she was on the telephone with her insurance company. I forgot to mention that. She was screaming/sobbing at her agent too, tearfully demanding her policy number to finish off the accident report.

I made a series of unsolicited suggestions, most of which centered on the emergency room and slowing down just a little bit. These did not go over well. This continued for what seemed like hours. I was finally given to understand that the Bloomington Police Officer who was doing the accident report needed her insurance policy number before she could leave the scene.

It was then that I saw my chance to escape unharmed. I sensed that I was in danger, in danger of being even more irritated. I then hatched an ingenious plan. Once the young woman finally retrieved her policy number, I dutifully walked half a block to where the accident occurred and Officer Woods was dealing with the other vehicle and what seemed like a year's worth of paperwork.

I approached the squad car slowly, certain that the officer was as stressed out as I was. He looked up calmly as I approached him like a reluctant crazy person. I told him I was trying to help, etc. He smiled and calmly asked that I wait a moment. The other vehicle was in front of the squad car. The driver of the second car was exactly as calm as I was. In short, Officer Jacob Woods was surrounded by multiple forms of insanity.

He finished with the paperwork quickly. He then spoke to the other driver and walked over to deal with me. He actually apologized for making me wait. Yeah, apologized. I gave him the policy number and he made it clear that this was helpful to him. I asked if the young woman could go yet. Unfortunately, she could not. He still needed to talk to her. I feared for his sanity. I feared she'd get arrested. I feared I might be inconvenienced a few minutes longer.

Enter The Dragon, Calmly

Not long after, Officer Woods spoke to the distraught young woman. She was, alas, no calmer than she'd been with me. She sobbed and yelled in Officer Woods' general direction and I knew that things were about to take an ugly turn. But things did not take an ugly turn. They improved immediately upon Officer Woods' arrival.

He spoke to her gently, the kindness and patience never once leaving his eyes. No matter how agitated the young woman became, his demeanor did not change. He soothed her. He told her in so many words that everything would be ok. Through sheer kindness and calm, he accomplished in two minutes what I couldn't have in a lifetime.

But he also did his job. She protested in this and that way, but he instructed her calmly on what she needed to do to follow up on the accident. He also told her that she was at fault for the accident. And she understood. She understood what she needed to do and how she'd been mistaken. She also calmed down.

I watched and listened in a sort of awe. Granted, I am overly sentimental at times, but this young officer's humane treatment of this distraught young woman was one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen. It was decency at work. Officer Woods did his job. He did what was necessary to protect the wider community, but he touched someone's life while doing so.

The Aftermath

And I think perhaps that life was mine. As I watched Officer Woods deal with this young woman, I felt a slight twinge of shame. I had overreacted. I had panicked a bit in the face of the young woman's difficulties and became less effective. Then I had been at least a bit selfish. I

had things to do, right? I had possibly lost a client and needed to get on with my afternoon. But Officer Woods was my exact opposite that day, and I felt a tiny twinge of shame.

The shame passed quickly however. I was smart enough (for once) to allow this young officer's exemplary behavior to teach me something. Following his lead, I drove the young woman to the courthouse and sat with her until her fiance was set to appear. During the interim, one of his family members appeared and offered to take the young woman home etc. I have not heard from her since.

I have thought about Officer Woods many times. When viewed from afar, in the newspaper and on the internet perhaps, life today can seem impossible, almost unlivable I sometimes fear. But when seen from up close, when seen from the vantage that Officer Woods offered me that day, it seems like something else altogether. I no longer feel ashamed because of Officer Woods' example. His behavior was a lesson in humanity. I was simply his pupil for a time, and there's no shame in becoming teachable.

Bloomington Police Department Regulation Amendment – Chapter II

(February 2018)

Brief Summary

As currently written, Chapter II, Section C, Paragraph 3 of the Bloomington Police Department's Rules and Regulations requires every officer to undergo a review of the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics at least twice a year. Every officer must provide evidence that he has a working knowledge of the Code.

We are proposing to amend Chapter II, Section C, Paragraph 3 of the Police Department's Rules and Regulations so that (1) such review only occurs once every two years and (2) so that every member of the Department—both officers and civilian personnel—are required to demonstrate working knowledge of the code.

This change is being proposed so that the Police Department's Rules and Regulations are in line with national CALEA standards. It is being done upon the recommendation of reviewers who are experienced in the CALEA process.

Chapter II, Section C, Paragraph 3 - 2018 Update

Old Version:

At least twice a year all Officers shall undergo a review of the *Law Enforcement Code of Ethics* and provide evidence to the Department that he has a working knowledge of such.

Proposed New Version:

Once every two years, all Officers and all Department civilian personnel shall undergo a review of the *Law Enforcement Code of Ethics*, and each shall provide evidence to the Department that he/she has a working knowledge of such.

Board of Public Safety Resolution 18-01

An Amendment to Chapter II, Section C, Paragraph 3 of the Bloomington Police Department's Rules and Regulations

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2016, the Board of Public Safety adopted the Bloomington Police Department's current Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it is commonplace to amend said Rules and Regulations to achieve the efficient operation of the Department; and

WHEREAS, representatives making recommendations to the City of Bloomington for its CALEA accreditation process have identified Chapter II, Section C, Paragraph 3 of the Bloomington's Police Department's Rules and Regulations as being out of line with current CALEA standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City of Bloomington Board of Public Safety that:

Chapter II, Section C, Paragraph 3 of the Bloomington Police Department's Rules and Regulations is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

Once every two years, all Officers and all Department civilian personnel shall undergo a review of the *Law Enforcement Code of Ethics*, and each shall provide evidence to the Department that he/she has a working knowledge of such.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Bloomington Board of Public Safety upon this ______ day of ______, 2018.

Susan Yoon, President Board of Public Safety











Bloomington Fire Department Response Time Analysis													
Response Times	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
< 1:00	32	32											
1:00 to 1:59	90	90											
2:00 to 2:59	172	172											
3:00 to 3:59	126	126											
4:00 to 4:59	73	73											
5:00 to 5:59	52	52											
6:00 to 6:59	28	28											
7:00 to 7:59	20	20											
8:00 to 8:59	6	6											
9:00 to 9:59	4	4											
10:00 to 10:59	2	2											
11:00 to 11:59	1	1											
12:00 to 12:59	0	0											
13:00 to 13:59	0	0											
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15:00 to 15:59	0	0											
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2018 - 8 Minute Percentile	99%	99%											
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2017 - 5 Minute Percentile	89%	87%	88%	93%	91%	89%	89%	87%	82%	87%	91%	87%	86
2017 - 10 Minute Percentile	98%	98%	98%	98%	99%	98%	96%	98%	93%	98%	97%	98%	98





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Public Education Adults	66	66											
Public Education Children	42	42											
Juvenile Firesetter	0	0											
CPR - Hands Only	0	0											
CPR - Full Class	9	9											
General First Aid	0	0											
Citizen Academy	0	0											
Station Tours	23	23											
Public Events	0	0											1
All Other Types	20	20							1				
Twitter (followers)	1320	1320											
Facebook (likes)	4139	4139											
Instagram (followers)	15	15							-				
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2018 Adults Educated	66		20000										
2017 Children Educated	14377		15000										
2018 Children Educated	42												
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2018 Twitter Followers	1320												
2017 Facebook Likes	4021		5000						_	-			
2018 Facebook Likes	4139							_					
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Types Of Training	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
ISO Compliance (FF)	731	731											
SO Compliance (Driver)	471	471											16
SO Compliance (Officer)	141	141											
Medical Training	262	262											
Officer Development	56	56											
Administrative	540	540											
SOG/SOP/Protocol	167	167											
Physical Fitness	934	934											
Rescue/Extrication	333	333											
Specialized Rescue	4	4											
Fire Prevention	115	115											
Public Education	0	0											
nstructor Training	54	54											
Certifications	917	917											
OSHA Required	28	28											
Higher Education	0	0											
Conference	0	0				*							
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OUR TRAINING GOAL FOR THE YEAR								264	4749		11%		
(3522	(3522 Hours per month x 12 months)								Total Hours		% of Goal		-
							2017 Hours 50		509	97			



Armored truck, fire engine among new police, fire department purchases

The Bloomington Fire Department has continued to "replace severely deficient and obsolete equipment" since 2016, deputy fire chief Jayme Washel said.

Station No. 4, at 2201 E. Third St., will receive its new fire engine in the next two months. The purchase follows the new fire engine Station No. 5 got in January 2016. This year, the department has \$1.3 million earmarked for a new firetruck at fire headquarters.

New Self Contained Breathing Apparatus units and masks are outfitted with thermal imaging cameras that show heat signatures of people, animals and rooms in thick, heavy smoke. Washel said the new technology has helped firefighters save lives.

"We are the only department in the country that is embracing this new technology where all of our operational firefighters have a thermal imaging camera in their masks. It is of note that the last three saves we've had are correlated, real closely, with the time period that we implemented these new SCBAs and new masks," Washel said.



Man injured in morning house fire

An injured man was rescued and taken to the hospital after a Wednesday morning fire at this home at 1212 S. Lincoln St. Chris Howell | Herald-Times

Chris Howell

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A man was hospitalized Wednesday morning after a fire broke out in the bedroom of his residence.

Bloomington Fire Department responded at 7:37 a.m. Wednesday to a report of a structure fire in the 1200 block of South Lincoln Street. Firefighters found the man in his kitchen, where he was laying face down, and they pulled him from the duplex.

BFD Sgt. Brandon Hudson reported the man was conscious while he was being taken to IU Health Bloomington Hospital.

Three cats were reported to be inside the residence when the fire broke out, and Hudson said Wednesday that Bloomington Animal Control had found one cat alive so far.

The 1200 block of South Lincoln between East Grimes Lane and East Wilson Street was closed while 20 firefighters extinguished the fire. They were at the scene for more two hours. The fire was believed to be accidental, but the cause could not be immediately determined.

ANY QUESTIONS?

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