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The City of Terre Haute

Duke A. Bennett, Mayor
State of the City
2008 Mid-year Update



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Introduction

- First few months focused primarily on staffing and financial issues
- Appointments for Department Heads and Boards were based on qualifications
- Modified hiring and firing procedures
- First six months have met with all city employees at least once



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Communicating with the Public

- Customer Service is the TOP Priority
- Moved Mayor's office to the first floor of City Hall
- Open door policy (same or next day appointments)
- Monthly television news shows (WTHI & WTWO)
- Monthly radio interview (WFIU)
- Regular interaction with public groups (service clubs, Chamber, T.H. Neighborhood Partnership, etc)
- Call logging system in the Mayor's office (return calls within 24 hours)
- New website – updating information is the priority



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Terre Haute Fire Department



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Fire and EMS Dispatches*

	2007	2008	% Change
Fire Runs	614	858	40 %
Fire w/ EMS Runs	2,231	2,601	17 %
EMS Runs	3,368	3,579	6 %
EMS Runs w/ Transport	2,514	2,780	11 %

* From Jan. 1st to June 30th of each year.



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Fire Operations



- Hulman Airport fire protection - 18 firefighters trained in ARFF
- New fire engine to be delivered next week
- More community interaction with public
- Improved communications with area fire departments for Mutual Aid.
- Formed several committees:
 - Fire Houses
 - Fire Gear
 - Rescue
 - Radios



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EMS Division



05/27/2008

- New ambulance has been received (with power cot & climate control)
- Training 8 new Firefighters to become paramedics
- 3 new heart monitors to provide 12-lead cardiac monitoring to hospitals.
- Donated ambulance to Police Dept.



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IPI Division Investigation, Prevention, Inspection

- New Fire/Arson criminal investigation unit
- 2 active firefighters sworn as Special Deputies
- 55 working fires investigated this year



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IPI Division cont.



05/21/2008

- 24 fires ruled as Arson
- 2 Felony Arrests
 - 1 Class B Felony
 - 1 Class A Felony resulting in Injury
- 22 on-going active Criminal Investigations



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Training Facility Region 7 Emergency Responder Training Academy

- Ribbon cutting ceremony in 2008
- First and Largest steel frame FIRE & POLICE training tower in the State
- 6500 square feet of training space
- Situated on 10 acres



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Terre Haute Police Department



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Departmental Improvements




- Re-Established Street Crimes Unit
- Re-Established the School Safety Specialist
- Re-Established the Hostage Negotiation Team
- Added a 4th K-9 Dog Unit
- Added a Medic position to SRT team
- Created a Serious Accident Investigator position
- Re-Established Bike Patrol

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Criminal Investigations Division Restructuring

- **Violent crimes unit/Cold Case Investigations**
- **Property crimes unit**
- **White collar/Auto theft unit**
- **Juvenile Unit**
- **Drug Task Force**

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Crime Statistics

Jan 1st – May 31st of each year

	2007	2008	Change
Violent Crimes			
Robbery - Reported	24	32	33 % Increase
Arrest/Cleared	2	8	300 % Increase
Assaults - Reported	596	602	1 % Increase
Arrest/Cleared	151	201	33% Increase
Property Crimes			
Burglary - Reported	354	429	21 % Increase
Arrest/Cleared	16	21	31 % Increase
Theft - Reported	1429	1411	(1%) Decrease
Arrest/Cleared	133	240	80 % Increase
Motor Vehicle Theft - Reported	165	186	13 % Increase
Arrest/Cleared	12	18	36 % Increase

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Equipment Changes




- **30 new squad cars**
– delivery in 2-3 weeks
- **8 detective vehicles**
– On order
- **5 military surplus Blazers**
– Received
- **SRT transport vehicle**
– THFD ambulance
- **25 Taser Units delivered**
– officer training being scheduled


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Police Training

- **Increased minimum training for all officers**
– from 16 to 24 hours annually.
- **Doubled Special Response Team (SRT) training**
– from 8 to 16 hours monthly
- **Monthly firearms training opportunities**
- **Started monthly training for detectives**

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THPD - Community Relations



- **Working with neighborhood watch groups to reduce crime**
- **Provided Neighborhood Watch signs with financial support from IUPA Local 133 and FOP Lodge 85**
- **Working with Graffiti Busters to help clean up our city**

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Controllers Office



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Accomplishments

- 2007 audit work completed with audit exit conference scheduled 4 months earlier than prior year.
- Identified “under funded” construction projects and allocated funds to allow projects to proceed.
- Provided the City Council with quarterly financial information with plans to provide monthly detailed financial information.
- Accrued NO new debt in the first 6 months.



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Financial Progress

- 2008-to-date General Fund expenditures are 3% below budget.
- Allocated monies to the “Rainy Day” fund
- Cutting 2008 expenses in preparation for property tax caps in 2009
- Pursuing Tax Anticipation Warrant for cash shortfall due to late property tax distribution from the State of Indiana



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Financial Planning

- Researching centralized purchasing for all departments
- Implementing Zero Based Budgeting for 2009 budget
- Preparing for less property tax revenue in 2009 (\$2 million) and 2010 (additional \$3 million)



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Sanitary District Bonds

Property Tax Based			
Origination Date	Balance Due (\$)	Maturity Date	2008 Payment Amount (\$)
1995	311,786	Jan. 1, 2009	620,136
1996	2,431,728	Jan. 1, 2013	510,138
1997	4,409,200	Jan. 1, 2013	964,980
2000	1,562,871	Jan. 1, 2010	1,038,663
2002	6,948,945	Jan. 1, 2013	301,895
2005	12,029,707	Jan. 1, 2015	1,828,330
2006	18,223,837	Jan. 1, 2016	2,431,238
Sub-Total	45,918,074		7,695,380

Revenue Bond / User Rate Based			
Year	Balance Due (\$)	Maturity Date	2008 Payment Amount (\$)
2005	42,796,784	Jan. 1, 2030	1,953,593

Total Outstanding Fund Debt	88,714,858	2008 Bond Payment Obligation	9,648,973
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Underfunded 2008 Engineering/Sanitary District Projects

Sycamore Street Sewer	\$138,000
Dallas Rd / Honey Hills Sewer	\$310,000
Thompson Ditch Sewer	\$2,600,000
Woodgate Sewer	\$1,800,000
S.R. 46 / Hulman Sewer	\$1,200,000
Total cost underfunded:	\$6,048,000



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Terre Haute Transit Utility



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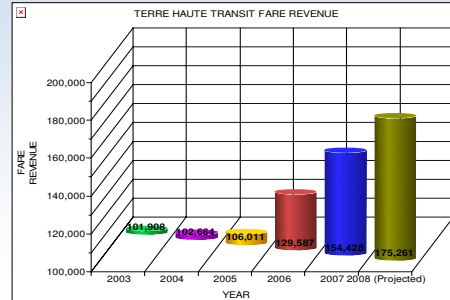
Terre Haute Transit Utility

- **New Multi-Modal Transfer Facility at 8th and Cherry.**
- **New campus shuttle service financed by ISU student fees and matching federal funds**
- **Projected to increase fare revenue 13% over 2007**
- **Projected to increase bus ridership 42% over 2007.**



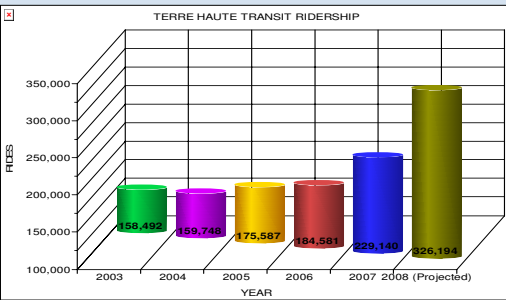
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Terre Haute Transit - Revenue



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Terre Haute Bus Ridership



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Terre Haute Street Department



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Terre Haute Street Department

- **Repairs and maintains 700 curb miles of streets**
- **Repairs and maintains 1,100 alleys**
- **Responsible for snow removal**
- **Responsible for sweeping City streets**
- **Responsible for removal of storm damaged trees from roadways**



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Terre Haute Street Department

- **Purchased new Thermo striping equipment allowing the Street Department to save money by doing projects that were once contracted out to other companies.**



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Terre Haute Wastewater Utility



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Wastewater Utility - Security



- Security gates are closed



- New Security Call Box



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Wastewater Utility Upgrades



- Upgrades from analog controls with manual valves and gates



- To digital controls with automated valves and flow control



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Wastewater Utility Projects

- Phase 1 Digester project completed
- Phase 2 Digester project bid out
- Removal of Methane Tank bid awarded
- Physical plant aesthetic improvements
- MS4 Storm water plan is now in compliance with I.D.E.M.



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Information Technology



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Information Technology

- **New Web Site Technology**
 - Training completed for all City Departments on the new Content Management System
 - Each City department will be able to update the web site themselves with new, relevant information
 - New web services and training rolled out each quarter for the next year.
- **Data Center relocation is completed**
- **Completed new computer training room**



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Terre Haute Parks and Recreation



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Parks and Recreation

- Deming Park pool repairs and splash pad
- Improved drainage issues at Arboretum
- State (DNR) grant received for Collett Park Pathway – (ISU to Collett Park) \$900,000
- New Union Contract
- Skate Park Phase 1 (Aug)
- Five Year Master Plan awarded
 - New park at U.S. 41 and Maple Ave.
 - Improvements to all existing facilities
 - Focus on “neighborhood” parks



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Engineering Department



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Engineering – 2008 Projects

- Woodgate Sewer Extension-Underway
- Scenic Byway Trail-Stadium - Underway
- Gateway Enhancement I-70/US 41 Interchange - Underway
- Champions Plaza at 12 Points – (July)
- Valley Road Drainage Project (July)
- SR46-Hulman Sewer Extension (Sept)
- Brown Boulevard Project (Nov)



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Engineering – 2009 Projects

- Margaret Avenue Project - Phase 1 (April)
- Historic National Road – Jones Trailhead
- Historic National Road – Twigg Rest Area
- Deming/Dobbs Trail
- Margaret Ave. Phase 2 & Phase 3 – Design
- Blakely Avenue Extension - Design
- S. E. Drainage Project – Design
- Brown Blvd. Phase 2 and Phase 3 - Design




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June 7, 2008 Flood




- Initial response from Fire, Police, Parks, Street, Transit and Wastewater Departments
- Over 400 water rescues by THFD
- THPD and THFD personnel worked shifts in EMA office
- Initial rescue and cleanup cost to City - \$84,659
- Debris cleanup plan put in to motion within 48 hours
- Community Corrections Cleanup Program utilized

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June 7, 2008 Flood cont.



- City resources used to help Vigo county
- American Red Cross and FEMA working out of Parks Department BTW facility
- City continues to work with Vigo County EMA and FEMA for reimbursement
- Repairs needed to infrastructure are undetermined

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Community Corrections Cleanup Program

- Partnership between City, Community Corrections and Republic Services
- Coordinated by Mayor's office and Code Enforcement
- Currently every Tuesday and Thursday
- Utilized for City properties, alleys and streets
- Approximately 170 tons of debris removed since April
- Cost to taxpayers is approximately \$64.00 per week
- Can be used for emergency cleanup needs

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Before



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After



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New Trash Contract

- Cleaner appearance for the City of Terre Haute
- Aesthetically pleasing
- More attractive than loose bags and odd cans
- Several sizes available
- Easy to use
- Easy to move and clean
- No blowing trash
- Wind resistant – no tipped or rolling cans
- Cuts down on loose debris from stray animals

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Trash day – prior to conversion



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Trash Day – New Carts



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Automated Curbside Recycling

- Easy to use – no sorting by the customer
- Curbside pickup – no driving to the recycling center
- Good for the environment – less waste in the landfills
- Several sizes of carts available
- Number of customers double the contract minimum

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Next Six Months

- Implement a new telephone system
- Citizen 311 System
- City Hall Electrical Upgrade
- Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade Planning
- Railroad planning
- Animal Shelter Issues
- Airport Economic Development
- Strengthen partnerships with community entities
- Work with lobbyists to secure funding
- Riverfront planning
- EMA location planning with the Vigo County

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Administration Objectives

- Citizen Responsive
- Taxpayer Friendly
- Trustworthy