

October 5, 2026

Indiana Business Partners
Indiana, PA 15701

RE: Public Safety Partnership

Partners,

We are seeking your support and cooperation in identifying sites that are being approached with requests to reserve space to host a party or function during the weekend of October 8th through October 10th, IUP Homecoming weekend.

While we have not received information about a specific threat or knowledge of unlawful activity, we are making this request to better understand where gatherings may occur, especially ones that are anticipated to be too large to take place on private property. We are also interested in speaking with the organizers and business owners to understand and communicate potential safety concerns.

If your business is approached with a request to use your property for an event, we ask the following:

1. Get the contact information of the person making the request.
2. Ask questions that give you confidence you are being provided accurate information.
3. Contact us.

As IUP Homecoming weekend is upon us, we can all anticipate indoor and outdoor celebrations to occur in greater number, at higher capacities, and with more out-of-town guests than other times of the year.

Unfortunately, not everyone has the best interest of our community at heart. We all know that intoxication impairs judgement, so even a best intention for a lawful, controlled celebratory event can be subverted – especially if the capacity for a venue is exceeded or if the event organizers have no community ties. As a community, we are safer and better able to serve each other when we communicate and work together.

The safety and wellbeing of everyone is our priority. Increases in police presence throughout Indiana should be expected. We are always here for you, and you have our continued commitment to every possible action in the best interest of safety and security.

Sincerely,

Chief Justin Schawl



Chief Tim Stringer



Lieutenant Chris Terrana



Sheriff Robert Fyock

