



## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2010-07-0183

June 30, 2010

### STATE POLICE POST INSPECTION

*Inspector General David O. Thomas reports as follows:*

On Thursday, June 10, 2010, at 12:08 p.m., an unannounced inspection was made at the Indiana State Police (ISP) Post in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, on State Road 41 just south of Terre Haute. Within 30 days this post was to be closed and consolidated with the post in Putnamville, Putnam County, Indiana.

The Office of the Inspector General has the authority to review state agencies and carry out activities designed to deter, detect, and eradicate fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, and misconduct in state government. IC 4-2-7-3. Auditing is a specific authority contemplated within the enabling statute. IC 4-2-7-2(a).

Upon arrival, the radio room and reception area was found to be staffed with two individuals even though the remaining post staff was in a scheduled meeting with ISP management to discuss the consolidation. Reception was made

immediately and after identification I was advised of the consolidation meeting.

Outside the post it was observed that evidence was being loaded for transportation. Upon inquiry, oversight of the evidence from this post was being overseen by three ISP employees under the supervision of Sergeant Paul Andrew Lohrman of the ISP Field Technician Unit. The boxes of evidence that were being removed from the post were being transported by an enclosed locked truck, and documentation was being maintained for chain of custody of the boxes of evidence as they were being removed and transported.

Inquiry was made about the future of the consolidation from several members there at the post, and it was confirmed that they were advised that as of July 1, 2010, their operations would proceed out of the Putnamville Post, and accordingly, all necessary equipment and evidence was being properly transported to the new location. With nothing further, the inspection was terminated at 12:53 p.m. the same date.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.



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David O. Thomas, Inspector General