

#### Reason for my Presentation

Introduce Special Investigations Division of SBOA to Local Law Enforcement

Develop networking opportunities

 Discuss how we can complement each other in a white collar investigation of a governmental office

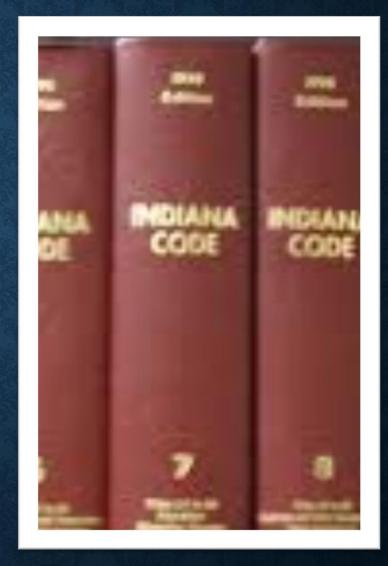


#### **INDIANA CODE 5-11-1-27**

A public officer who has actual knowledge of or reasonable cause to believe that there has been a misappropriation of public funds or assets of the public office, including:

- (1) information obtained as a result of a police report;
- (2) an internal audit finding; or
- (3) another source indicating that a misappropriation has occurred;

shall immediately send written notice of the misappropriation to the state board of accounts and the prosecuting attorney serving in the area governed by the political subdivision.

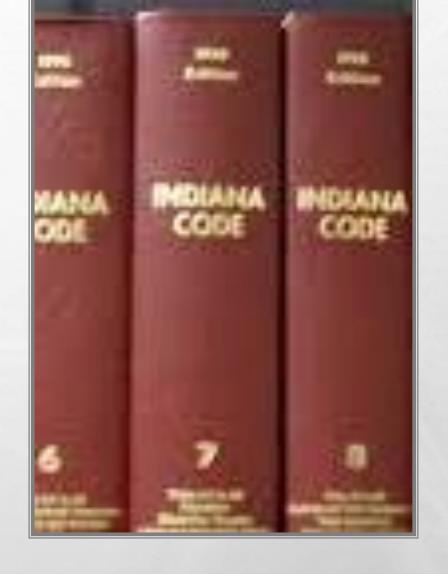


## **CIVIL COLLECTION**

IF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL INSTITUTES CIVIL PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO THIS SECTION OR UNDER IC 5-11-5-1, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL SEEK, IN ADDITION TO THE RECOVERY OF ANY FUNDS MISAPPROPRIATED, DIVERTED OR UNACCOUNTED FOR, RESTITUTION OF:

COSTS INCURRED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS; AND

ALL COSTS AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES INCURRED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CIVIL PROCEEDINGS.



#### SUCCESS STORIES OF SBOA WORKING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

State Police

<u>City of Wabash Utilities</u> – Officials identified approximately \$ 7000 of undeposited receipts. Final amount identified by SBOA investigator \$152,128.

Michigan City ECA account —Officials estimated loss at \$ 2600. Final amount identified by the SBOA investigators \$13,297

<u>Jay County Inmate Trust</u> – found during the course of the normal audit. Final amount of undeposited receipts identified by the SBOA investigator \$ 8,139.



#### Success Stories of SBOA Working with Law Enforcement

#### Local Law Enforcement

- Pulaski County EMS Officials originally entered into a repayment agreement with the accused after a local investigation revealed \$ 12,678 of unauthorized expenditures. SBOA investigator identified total undeposited receipts and unauthorized expenditures of \$ 20,219.08
- Warsaw Schools- Kickback scheme. Total charge \$943,781



#### SUCCESS STORIES OF SBOA WORKING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

FBI AND AUSA

WAYNE TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – HAMILTON COUNTY. TOTAL FUNDS IDENTIFIED AS MISAPPROPRIATED BY SBOA INVESTIGATOR - \$ 196,804

CENTER TOWNSHIP COURT, MARION COUNTY – MISAPPROPRIATED FUNDS FROM TOWNSHIP COURT TOTALING \$ 343,541



#### What Can SBOA Bring to a White Collar

Investigation

Each investigator is either a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Fraud Examiner or both

Strong accounting knowledge

Strong awareness of schemes used to perpetuate theft

Professional designations are an asset when testifying in court

• SBOA investigators are handpicked from our staff.

They are all experienced and have the unique skill set necessary to understand government accounting records as well as compliance requirements each office is subject to.



# What Can SBOA Bring to a White Collar Investigation

SBOA investigators are knowledgeable in computer techniques necessary to mine data from the commercial accounting software systems in use in most governmental units across the State

SBOA has a strong working relationship with the State Attorney General's office. This relationship is often vital to the success of civil collections of missing funds.

Experience in putting together documents necessary to prove white collar crimes



What does Law Enforcement bring to the investigation

- Interviewing Skills
- Knowledge and history of an entity or officials involved
- Access to resources to obtain personal information about a target
  - BMV records
  - Court records
  - Arrest records
- A closer relationship with the prosecutor or their investigator or deputy. This history allows the law enforcement to be better at anticipating questions and or expectations of the prosecutor's office prior to presenting a case.
- Ability to organize and present a white collar crime to the Prosecutor in a logical manner



#### THE LIFE OF AN SBOA INVESTIGATION

- First and foremost we attempt to be as discrete as possible throughout the life of the investigation.
  - We do not share information with the Press
  - We do not share infomation with the officials until the completion of the investigation
  - We often get the data necessary to complete the forensic portion of the investigation in an electronic format and do our work offsite to avoid undue suspicion of local press and or employees



#### The Life of an SBOA Investigation

- Assessment
  - Gather the record information necessary to evaluate the merit of specific accusations
  - Conduct interviews with complainants
  - Conduct interviews with officials
- Evaluate evidence gathered during the Assessment and decide if a special investigation is warranted
- Conduct investigation
- At the point in time that we have evidence of criminal activity we reach out to Law enforcement



# THE LIFE OF AN SBOA INVESTIGATION

- AT THE COMPLETION OF WORK BY BOTH SBOA AND LAW ENFORCEMENT A PUBLIC REPORT IS ISSUED. THIS REPORT IS GENERALLY NOT RELEASED UNTIL THE SBOA HAS CONSULTED WITH BOTH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE LOCAL PROSECUTOR.
- THE REPORT IS NORMALLY CERTIFIED BY THE INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE TO THE INDIANA ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PURSUING ALL CIVIL COLLECTIONS OF AMOUNTS IDENTIFIED AS MISSING. THIS INCLUDES THE STATES PURSUIT OF COLLECTIONS AGAINST ANY DISHONESTY INSURANCE OR OFFICIAL'S BONDS AVAILABLE.



## **PUBLIC CORRUPTION INITIATIVE**

**OCTOBER 11, 2018** 

INVOLVED THE ARREST OF 15 PUBLIC OFFICIALS ACROSS THE STATE

**TOTAL MISSING FUNDS EXCEEDED 1 MILLION** 

INCLUDED SBOA ,FBI, STATE POLICE, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, LOCAL PROSECUTORS AND AUSA

