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POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE TO CITY COUNCIL

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JOPLIN POLICE ANNUAL UPDATE TO CITY COUNCIL, 2025

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KEY FUNCTIONS:
CITY OF JOPLIN CHARTER, SECTION 3.08

- Maintain public peace and order
- Enforce traffic laws
- Prevent crime
- Apprehend criminal suspects

Department Statistics:

Staffing

SWORN

AUTHORIZED: 115
VACANCIES: 10
LIGHT DUTY: 4
MILITARY: 2

IN-HOUSE ACADEMY: 6
TRAINEES IN ACADEMY: 5

AVAILABLE FOR DUTY: 88

DISPATCH

AUTHORIZED: 20
VACANCIES: 8
LIGHT DUTY: 1

AVAILABLE FOR DUTY: 11

JAIL

AUTHORIZED: 14
VACANCIES: 1
LIGHT DUTY: 1

AVAILABLE FOR DUTY: 12

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF CO-RESPONDERS

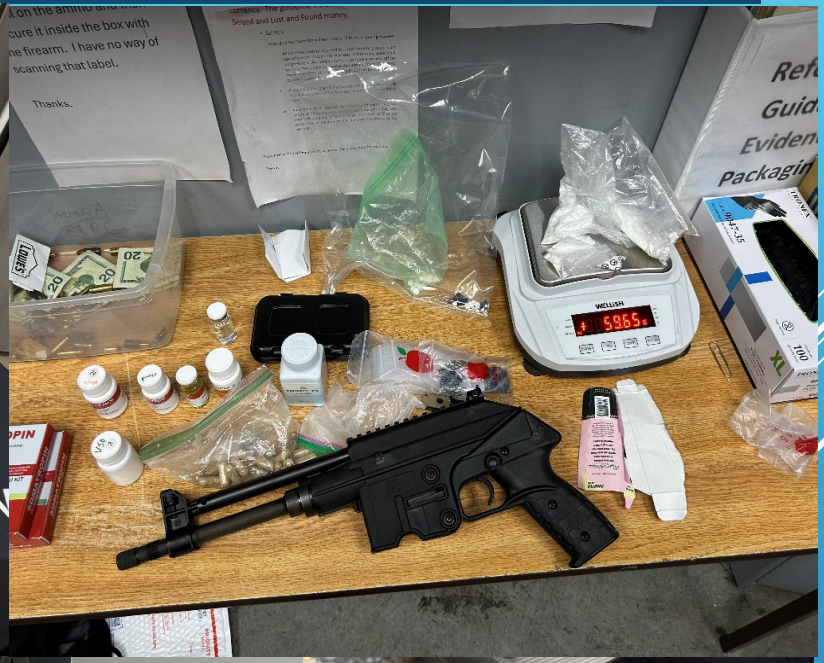


Contacts with homeless individuals	573
Jail visits resulting in referrals for service	682
Face-to-face contact time	1258 hrs. total
Emergency room enhancement referrals	26
Community Behavioral Health referrals	764
Hours of community outreach	528
Court-ordered hospitalizations assisted	8
Family reunifications	14
Emergency hotel assistance	3

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
FLEX PLATOON

- Four officer unit designated to address large and small community concerns in real-time.
- Prosecutions at the State and Federal levels.
- Interdicted enough Fentanyl and other drugs to kill over 1 million people.











ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

KID'S ACADEMY

- Second year of the program.
- The idea of this program is for our department to build better relationships with the youth of our community by giving them a fun, all access look into law enforcement.
- The second year of the JPD Kid's Academy was a resounding success.
- The Kid's Academy was able to expand from the 1-week pilot program of 2024 to a full-fledged Summer School staple in 2025.







ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
KID'S ACADEMY

- Students going into 6th grade were able to pick from 1 of 4-week long sessions. Each class averaged about 25 students. These students received tours of all PD operations.
- This year also saw the expansion of incoming 5th graders for a two-day "Jr. Kid's Academy" at 2 Summer School elementaries. Over 100 incoming 5th graders participated.
- With these 2 programs, we were able to give over 200 students in the Joplin area this incredible experience during 2025. This was only made possible by our great partnership with the Joplin School District.







ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

- 2025 saw the success of classes 61 and 62.
- Between the 2 classes, 29 citizens graduated.
- Citizens gained in-depth knowledge of police issues.
- For 2026, class 63 is scheduled to start in February. Anyone interested should consider applying or reaching out for more information.





ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
TAKE-HOME FLEET

- Will create an "Omni-Presence" in community.
- Enhanced response times.
- Retention and recruitment tool.
- 16 new vehicles already purchased and issued.
- Existing fleet to be distributed ASAP.
- All eligible officers covered.







ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC

- July 4th, 2025

  "*Liberation Day*" for low-level, non –violent convictions.
- 246 individuals registered for the event.
- Two dozen more contacted McPherson Law Firm after event.
- 62 qualified for expungement due to various reasons.
- 25 cases will be cleared in Jasper Co. court on 1/29/26.
- Dozens more cases will become eligible for expungement shortly.







ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF

Continued interaction with the community to hear and address their concerns.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
EVIDENCE ROOM IMPROVEMENT

- Collapsable shelving installed to dramatically increase storage capacity.
- Shelving can be moved to new location if need be.



Department Statistics:

HOMICIDES IN 2025:

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Department Statistics:

Calls for Service

CALLS FOR SERVICE YTD 2025			
	2024	2025	% Change
JANUARY	6175	6294	2%
FEBRUARY	6573	5540	-16%
MARCH	6757	7295	8%
APRIL	6047	6748	12%
MAY	5725	6508	14%
JUNE	5551	6592	19%
JULY	6326	7209	14%
AUGUST	7249	7315	1%
SEPTEMBER	6554	7120	9%
OCTOBER	6800	7032	3%
NOVEMBER	6073	6207	2%
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	69830	73860	6%

Department Statistics:

Yearly Arrests

ARRESTS JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 2025			
	2024	2025	% Change
JANUARY	374	377	1%
FEBRUARY	394	335	-15%
MARCH	455	424	-7%
APRIL	341	353	4%
MAY	417	404	-3%
JUNE	369	362	-2%
JULY	406	438	8%
AUGUST	414	435	5%
SEPTEMBER	385	417	8%
OCTOBER	393	450	15%
NOVEMBER	349	371	6%
TOTAL ARRESTS	4297	4366	2%

GOALS FOR 2026

- Creation of a 6th patrol beat for the downtown area.
- Increase staffing through hiring and retention.
- Work with Joplin School District to implement curriculums for telecommunicators.
- Improve quality of police firing range.
- Achieve radio interoperability with most law enforcement agencies through MOSWIN.
- Implement part-time highway interdiction team.
- Re-establish police motorcycle unit.

QUESTIONS ??????