Joplin Police Department

2015 Annual Report

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A Message From The Chief of Police



Chief Jason Burns

The Joplin Police Department has an authorized staff of 162 employees and 31 volunteers who have the overall responsibility to serve and protect the citizens of Joplin. A breakdown of employees includes; 111 sworn officers who are supported by 13 civilians, 19 dispatchers and 19 jail staff. The Department also benefits from 34 volunteers including; 15 sentinels, 14 explorers, and 5 chaplains. All members of the Department are organized into five Bureaus; Patrol, Investigations, Special Enforcement, Support Services and Administration, which includes accreditation management and crime analysis. We take pride in hiring and training only the best.

Over the last 5 years, calls for service have decreased by 7 %, crime has decreased by 11 % , and accidents have decreased by 10%.

2011 – 90,298 calls; 8,498 crimes; 1977 accidents

2012 – 85,585 calls; 8,819 crimes; 1903 accidents

2013 – 91,117 calls; 8,909 crimes; 1763 accidents

2014 – 89,255 calls; 8,601 crimes; 1619 accidents

2015 – 84,436 calls; 7,598 crimes; 1782 accidents

Comparing 2014 to 2015, there has been a 12% decrease in overall crime (equating to a reduction of 1,311 crimes) and a 10% increase in traffic accidents. To address crime we have continued to use an internal process called IMPACT, which provides the basis for resource allocation and response to crime that is data-driven. In addition, we have implemented an intelligence led policing initiative, which has led to a more cooperative effort in information sharing. In early 2015, The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) was developed and assigned to the Investigations Bureau. The goal of the SIU was to gain up to date intelligence from all bureaus of the department, what's happening now, and actively seek out the criminal element. We have seen excellent success in our IMPACT program for addressing hot spot crime locations in the City and anticipate furthered success through intelligence led policing city wide.

On behalf of the men and women of the Joplin Police Department, I want to thank the citizens of Joplin for your continued support. We take great pride in our community and in being your public servants as evidenced in the following report.

City Council

Mayor	Mike Seibert
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	Ryan Stanley
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Police Department

Chief of Police	Chief Jason Burns
Assistant Chief	Asst. Chief Matthew Stewart
Investigations Commander	Capt. Larry Swinehart
Patrol Commander	Capt. Sloan Rowland
Special Enforcement Bureau	Capt. Ryan West
Support Services Commander	Capt. Bob Higginbotham

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Andrew Blair	Thomas Bowin
William Davis	Clay Collard
Jared Delzell	Shawn Dodson
Chad Dininger	Josh Hanes
Trevor Duncan	John Isenmann
Daniel Haskins	Nick Jimenez
Brian Henderson	Joseph Kowis
John Hollingsworth	Chuck Niess
Joseph Moore	Daniel Rogers
Rusty Rives	Paul Rowe
Austin Wolf	Luke Stahl

Our Vision, Mission, and Values

Vision Statement
The Joplin Police Department is a community funded division of the City of Joplin whose vision is a peaceful and safe community where citizens and visitors experience hometown values and a superior quality of life.

Mission Statement
The mission of the Joplin Police Department is to work with all citizens to preserve life, maintain human rights, and protect property; to hold ourselves accountable to our community and to recognize industry standards; and to reduce crime and the fear of crime by facilitating positive police -citizen contacts. It is critical that all department personnel understand, accept, and be aligned with these responsibilities and the concept of quality public service.

Values Statement
We, the members of the Joplin Police Department, recognize that our contribution to the quality of life in our community is best served by providing the finest professional law enforcement services found in the State of Missouri. We will meet the challenge of providing these services by basing our thoughts and actions on the following shared values.

Our Community
The foundation of our law enforcement agency is the principal of the protection of the worth, dignity, and rights of all we serve. We take pride in the opportunity to provide to our community high quality services which are fair, courteous, consistent, impartial, thorough, timely, and professional.

Our Integrity
We value and expect candor and honest and ethical behaviors in the members of our department. We are committed to upholding our positions of trust by maintaining the highest ethical standards as set forth in the law enforcement code of ethics and our own departmental principals.

Our Accountability
We value the need for effective use of our resources and the straightforward communications with our department and the citizens we serve. We are responsible for our actions, willing to admit our mistakes. We will work to ensure that our conduct earns the support and trust of all segments of the public that we serve.

Our Professionalism
We value the spirit of professionalism, having a clear sense of commitment, perspective, and direction. It has been developed by creating an environment that encourages teamwork, innovation, and constant evaluation of ourselves. Our professional attitude is dedicated to high quality, timeliness, and excellence in our service to our community.

Our Pride
We believe our work to be a source of enjoyment and satisfaction. We are proud of our accomplishments as an integral part of our community. We do not take ourselves so seriously that we fail to enjoy what we choose to do which is serving the citizens of Joplin by being a member of the Joplin Police Department.

Joplin Police Department Multi-Year Plan

Goal	Objective	Date
Refurbish/Improve Shooting Range	Maintain the range as a viable training site for the next 10 years	Ongoing
Maintain staffing levels	Ensure that staffing ratios meet thresholds established in the staffing plan. Sustain service levels as demands increase.	Ongoing
Additional support staff	Add support staff commensurate with growth in sworn staff to ensure accomodation of increased workload.	Ongoing
Systematic replacement of retained vehicles	Enhance quality of fleet by replacing vehicless that that were obtained via a retained internal process.	2016-17
Maintenance of tasers	The X-26 Tasers have a five-year service life. Our 40 tasers should be replaced with the X-2 in a phased process.	Ongoing
Additional staff	Add one installer	2018
Dispatch - Radio consoles	Update radio consoles	2018
Accreditation of the Forensic Computer Lab	Ensure best practices and compliance with industry standards	2018
Additional training staff	Add one clerical position and two training officers	2018-19
Interoperablity with State	Install necessary hardware and software.	2018
Grant Manager	Civilian position, recovers time currently expended by sworn staff for non-enforcement duties.	2018-19
Replace South Station	Replace the current South Station with a more suitable facility	2017

Joplin Police Department Multi-Year Plan

Goal	Objective	Date
Additional Detention Officers	Convert 2 part-time detention officers to full time; 1 each over the next two budget cycles. Add two part-time detention officers in budget cycles three and four.	??? Check w/Shane
Jail replacement	New jail with additional bed space.	2018
Radio system	Replace or upgrade to radio system	2018
ACA Certification of Correction Supervisors	Ensure proper preparation of Jail supervisory staff.	Ongoing
Vehicle Replacement Plan	Ensure that a realistic plan exist to replace department vehicles in a timely and sustainable level.	Ongoing
K9 Replacements	K9 replacement beginning 2013-2017	Ongoing
Training	Train techs to be certified in subscriber repair.	2018
On-Call Pay	Obtain on-call pay for technicians	2017
RF Monitor	Add monitor to shop	2016-17
Move master site	Move master site to more secure location	2018
Analyst assigned to Investigations	Have a crime analyst assigned to Investigations to provide valuable information for crime prevention	2018

Joplin Police Department Multi-Year Plan

Goal	Objective	Date
Additional supervisors for SEB	Develop more efficient span of control	2016-18
Replacement of vehicle emergency equipment .	Ensure dependability of emergency equipment. Equipment is exceeding life expectancy and is no longer cost effective.	Ongoing
Cyclic replacement of in-car cameras	Ensure dependability of cameras	Ongoing
Rolling Evidence shelving	Replace evidence storage with rolling shelving.	2017-18
Resource allocation study	Provide command staff the information necessary to make staffing decisions.	2015-2017
Update courtroom security	Improve and update screening technology. Institute a bailiff to replace the assigned officer.	2016-17
Crime analysis software		
SEB Clerk	Change classification to Senior Clerk	2017
Farrow Unit	Partner with investigations to purchase a Farrow unit for crash and crime scene investigation	2017
On-call Pay	Obtain on-call pay for crash team	2017
Telephone Expansion	7th and final telephone for Dispatch, along with ProQa software for the computer	2016-17

Operations Division

The Operations Division is the largest division in the Joplin Police Department. It consists of more than 100 sworn and non-sworn employees from the Patrol, Investigations, and Special Enforcement Bureaus as well as the Joplin City Jail and the Joplin Emergency Communications Center. Police Operations is responsible for providing rapid response to emergencies, comprehensive investigations on all criminal matters, traffic safety, community service, and assistance to the general public. It is because of these responsibilities that the Operations Division has the greatest interaction with the community. Therefore, it is our goal to respond to the community's needs in a professional manner with a customer service mentality guiding us. We are committed to working in a collaborative effort with the community to identify, address, and resolve quality of life issues with our focus directed toward long-term resolutions.



Asst. Chief Matt Stewart

This past year was another busy and challenging year for our department. We had five people that retired from our department. These five retirements were all well-deserved, but we lost a total of 102 years of combined experience with these retirements. We also began a new budgeting process with the City. We are moving to a budget process called Priority Based Budgeting. The goal with PBB is to allow us to look at the programs that we provide to our citizens and the costs that are associated with those programs. This will enable us to take a look at what we are doing and to make sure that we are spending our resources wisely.

The biggest challenge for our Police Department in the coming years will be the recruitment and retention of qualified police officers. Police Departments across the country are challenged with being able to fill vacancies with qualified personnel. We are not immune from these challenges and we continue to look at ways for us to be able to fill our vacancies.

In 2015 we continued to work on implementing Intelligence Led Policing within our department. Intelligence Led Policing is a program that supplements current community policing efforts. We gather information and intelligence from our officers and that information is reviewed and disseminated throughout the department via our Crime Analysis Unit. By doing this, we are able to focus our efforts in areas that see higher crime activities. We also focus on who is committing the crimes and put forth effort to bring those people to justice. Through these efforts we have seen an 8% overall reduction in crime for Joplin as compared to 2014.

We also implemented a Body Worn Camera Program in 2015. Fifteen police officers assigned to the Patrol Bureau have now been issued a body worn camera. This program increases the amount of transparency that we have with our community. We intend to increase the number of body worn cameras that we have officers wearing this year. The policy for the body worn cameras was developed by reviewing several different agencies policies and then putting together one that will work for our needs and the needs of our community. The policy was shared with our local media. The Joplin Globe wrote an Op-Ed piece commending our policy and even recommending that other law enforcement agencies across the state adopt our policy as a "best practices model". (Joplin Globe—November 18, 2015)

The employees of the Joplin Police Department Operations Division take pride in providing our community with superior law enforcement services. The past year's accomplishments of the very fine men and women of the Joplin Police Department are evidenced in the following pages.

Patrol Bureau


Capt. Sloan Rowland

The Patrol Bureau of the Joplin Police Department consists of uniformed officers who patrol the streets of Joplin in highly visible black and white police patrol vehicles. The first point of contact with most of the citizenry of Joplin is likely to take place with a uniformed officer. Most of these contacts are made after a call for service has been placed with the communications center. Uniformed patrol officers respond to calls for service that may be classified as in-progress or past tense. No matter the type of call for service that has been received, officers are expected to create a safe and effective solution.

The Patrol Bureau is the largest bureau within the Joplin Police Department. When fully staffed the Patrol Bureau consists of five patrol teams, providing 24-hour police service to the citizens, businesses, and visitors within the City of Joplin. Weekly shift coverage is made up of five shifts: Days, 2 Days/2 Evenings, Evenings, 1 Evening/3 Midnights, and Midnights. Patrol teams work ten-hour shifts. Each patrol team is staffed with one sergeant, one corporal, and seven officers.

Under the purview of the Patrol Bureau is SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics). Members of this team are officers who have been highly trained in areas concerning special weapons and tactics and are called upon to resolve high risk incidents requiring their expertise on scene as a unit. SWAT officers may hold positions in bureaus outside of the Patrol Bureau. When activated, SWAT officers come together as a single unit, under the command of the Patrol Bureau's Captain.

The F.T.O. (Field Training Officer) program is also administered within the Patrol Bureau. Officers who are new to the Joplin Police Department, no matter their experience, undergo on-the-job training for a number of weeks alongside a JPD officer that has been trained as a Field Training Officer.

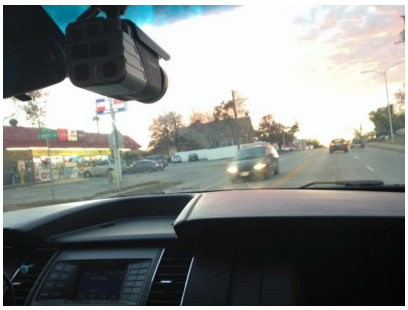
Also under the auspices of the Patrol Bureau is the K-9 Unit, which consists of five K-9 officers. The K-9 team is utilized for alarm calls, suspect tracking, car stops where drug activity is suspected, among other responsibilities.















Patrol Bureau 2015 Highlights



On 04-15-15 Officer Moyer was performing a safety check at Joplin Greyhound. A bus passenger identified as Joseph Guzman was contacted who did not possess a ticket. Guzman had boarded under the false name of "Jose Garcia". Luggage bearing that name was located, and K-9 Keta was deployed. Keta alerted her handler, Officer Rich, to the presence of illegal narcotics. The luggage was searched, and 3 bundles wrapped in plastic were uncovered which contained a substance that field tested positive for marijuana. The total weight for all three bundles was 44lbs. Guzman was arrested for Theft of Services and Trafficking in Drugs in the 1st Degree.

On 5/18/15 at 2018 hours, officers responded to a 911 call of a shooting at 200 E Zora # 38. Alexander Sewell called stating he had accidentally shot his roommate while cleaning a 12 gauge shotgun. Upon arrival the roommate was found to be deceased. Detectives were called in to investigate and ultimately arrested and charged Sewell with 2nd degree Murder and Armed Criminal Action.

On 06/10/2015 Stephen Thompson shot his wife and her partner with a twelve gage shotgun numerous times while they were fleeing from him at 4215 W. 26th Place in Joplin. One of the victims died on scene while the other was transferred to the hospital in critical condition. Officers on Scene arrived and took Thompson into custody without further incident.

On 11-30-2015 at 2116 hours, officers were dispatched to 3330 S Texas Apt-102 in reference to a Burglary in Progress. The caller stated Jeffrey Hill was attempting to break into her residence. Officers responded and took a signed complaint for Property Damage with Hill as the suspect.

At 2237 Dispatch received another call to the same address. The caller advised Hill was attempting to "kick down" her door and that she had locked herself in her bathroom. Dispatchers advised they heard the suspect banging on the door while they were speaking to the caller.

When Officers B. Davis and Lugenbell arrived and were on foot at the address, the suspect attempted to flee in his vehicle, driving straight at Officer Lugenbell. Officer Lugenbell fired at the vehicle while seeking cover. Hill crashed the vehicle after receiving gunshot wounds. The suspect was transported to the hospital and charges are being sought for 1st Degree Assault of a Law Enforcement Officer.

On 12-01-2015 at 2300hrs Corey Walstead was picked up by ambulance at 32nd and Moffet for gunshot wounds. He gave officers a false story of being shot at Dollar General, but then admitted he had been at the home of Artilius Jordan, who had gotten angry and shot him. Walstead stated he had initially planned to kill Jordan for shooting him. Jordan was later located and taken into custody for 1st Degree Assault.



On 12-23-2015 Officers responded to a shooting involving a male subject located someone in his vehicle on the Mercy Hospital parking lot. The suspect shot the owner of the vehicle and fled the scene. Kaylea Liska was later located during a car stop near 34th and Indiana and arrested for 1st degree Assault, Robbery, and Armed Criminal Action.

Special Weapons And Tactics(S.W.A.T)

OPERATION 100

On 01/15/15, Detectives with the Jasper County Drug Task Force were conducting surveillance at the Sunrise Motel looking for Sean McDaniels who had a felony warrant for his arrest. Detectives observed a subject matching McDaniels' description coming and going from room 234. A clerk positively identified McDaniels as being in the room. The Joplin Police Department's SWAT team was activated and established a perimeter around the motel . SWAT team negotiators had the occupants exit the room. Two subjects, Jason Stansill and Bayleigh Masterson exited. McDaniels was not in the room.

On 02/22/15, the Newton County Sheriff's Office responded to the Bykota Trailer Park Trevor Webb sustaining a stab wound. Webb died of his injuries a short time later. Ryan R. Smith was identified as a suspect and Newton County issued a warrant for his arrest. Detective Justin Ellison received a call from a confidential source who stated that he/she just left the Sunrise Motel room 234 and that SMITH was inside the room. Approximately 20 minutes later, Detectives Justin Ellison and Jason Schanot met with the confidential source. The confidential source indicated that he/she had rented the room for Smith and provided verbal consent to Officers to search the room. During this meeting, other Detectives from the Jasper County Drug Task Force established surveillance on room 234. Joplin Police Department's SWAT team was activated. The SWAT team arrived and established a perimeter. Occupants in adjacent motel rooms were evacuated and negotiations were attempted with negative results. Confirmation was obtained that Smith was still in the room. The SWAT deployed chemical agents through the door and exterior window of the room. As the chemical agent was placed in the room, SWAT members observed two subjects in the bed. These two subjects were ordered out and they complied. One of the subjects was identified as Smith. Smith was taken into custody and turned over to the Newton County Sheriff's Office.

On 09/26/15, The Lawrence County Sheriff's Office was investigating a Homicide and developed Clinton Blizzard as a suspect. A warrant was issued for Blizzard's arrest. On September 29, 2015, an off duty Jasper County Deputy identified Blizzard inside of Best Buy. Blizzard left the business and the off duty Jasper County Deputy followed Blizzard while notifying the Joplin Police Department. Officers arrived in the area and located Blizzard operating a motor vehicle. A pursuit ensued, Blizzard wrecked the vehicle he was operating and fled on foot. A perimeter was established and the Joplin Police Department's SWAT team was activated. The SWAT team cleared several residential structures and conducted an area search for Blizzard utilizing a Joplin Police Department K9 and the Missouri State Highway Patrols' helicopter. Subsequently, Blizzard was taken into custody in a wooded area not far from where he wrecked his vehicle. Blizzard was then transported to the Joplin City Jail pending the arrival of the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office.



Special Weapons And Tactics(S.W.A.T)

Search Warrants

On 05/28/15, FBI TFO William Davis and IRS-CI James Dye requested the use of the Joplin Police Department SWAT team to execute the entry portion of a Federal Search Warrant. FBI TFO William Davis had been working alongside IRS-CI James Dye investigating Tara Garrett, who resided at 211 N. Oak in Joplin, for her involvement in filing false claims, Identity theft, Wire fraud, Bank fraud, filing false tax returns, and aiding or assisting the filing of false tax returns. As a result of their investigation, a Western District of Missouri Federal Search Warrant was obtained for Garrett's residence. The SWAT team successfully executed the entry portion of the warrant, and subsequently numerous items of evidentiary value were recovered from the residence to further the Federal investigation.

On 06/22/15 multiple Federal and State Search Warrants were executed in reference to and investigation of a multi-pound methamphetamine drug trafficking organization in Joplin conducted by The Joplin Police Department, Jasper County Drug Task Force, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. The Joplin Police Department SWAT team executed a State Search Warrant at 2305 W. 6th. The SWAT team secured the residence and a search was then conducted. Multiple grams of methamphetamine was recovered. Furthermore, convicted felon Kristofer McMillen was located inside the house with a firearm in his possession. McMillen is scheduled to be federally indicted in the Western District of Missouri in January 2016.

On 10/15/15, the SWAT team executed a State of Missouri search warrant at 1826 Murphy. This search warrant was obtained by Officer Seth Lugenbell who conducted a narcotics investigation which included trash pulls, car stops and surveillance. As a result of the search warrant, a methamphetamine lab was located inside the residence.

On 12/01/15 the Joplin Police Department responded to the area of 15th and Michigan regarding an assault during which a subject had been shot. Detectives learned that the assault had taken place inside the residence of Artilius Jordan, at 1301 E. 15th. Detectives obtained a State of Missouri Search Warrant for the residence. Due to the use of a firearm in the assault, the Joplin Police Department SWAT team was called to execute the entry portion of the search warrant. The residence was cleared by the SWAT team and turned over to Detectives for processing. Jordan was not located inside the residence. He was located and arrested later that evening.





Basic SWAT School

In 2015, the Joplin Police Department SWAT team conducted its second Basic Entry Level SWAT School for outside agencies. Approximately 25 officers from Missouri and Kansas attended this week-long 40 + hour training which took place at various locations throughout the city. This Basic Entry Level SWAT School has been P.O.S.T. approved providing officers with the necessary continuing education hours to maintain their Law Enforcement certification. A Basic Entry Level SWAT School has been scheduled for outside agencies again in the fall of 2016. An advanced SWAT school will also be taught for team personnel in the fall of 2016.

K-9 Unit

The K-9 program was established to supplement police operations by locating and apprehending criminal offenders, illegal narcotics and explosives. Because of a superior sense of smell, hearing, and potential aggressiveness, the trained law enforcement canine is a valuable supplement to law enforcement manpower.



Utilization of canines requires adherence to procedures that properly control their use of force potential and channel their specialized capabilities into legally acceptable crime prevention and control. Each handler is trained in the tactical application of his/her dog prior to being placed in an operational status. A dog handler assists in formulating plans of action for effective canine use. Canine use is based upon the immediate circumstances of a situation. Examples in which canine teams might properly be used are building searches, tracking of suspects, clearing open areas, evidence searches, chasing and subduing suspects fleeing the scene, crowd control, lost persons, and narcotics detection.



In 2015, the K-9 Team consisted of five narcotic detection/patrol canines. Canines located 1158 grams of marijuana, 3961 grams of methamphetamine, 8 grams of cocaine, and 221 articles of drug paraphernalia. The K-9 unit also successfully performed 10 suspect tracks. The K-9 team in 2015 responded to over 1,153 calls for service.



In 2015 there were several changes within the K-9 Unit. Officers Josh Hanes and Nick Jimenez were both promoted to the rank of Corporal and exited the K-9 program. K-9 Scout, who had been partnered with Ofc. Hanes, went on to work with new K-9 officer Brett Davis, who joined the K-9 team in 2015. K-9 Gunner retired from police Service when Officer Jimenez was promoted to Corporal. K-9 Keta, who had been working with Officer Brad Rich, was reassigned to another department, and K-9 Axe took her place. K-9 Scout developed hip dysplasia and was eventually retired. Scout's handler, Brett Davis was placed with K-9 Bolt

Special Enforcement Bureau

The Joplin Police Department Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) focuses on analyzing crime trends, traffic patterns, long-term crime prevention and DWI enforcement. In 2015 the SEB carried out multiple tasks and plans in its efforts to implement innovative strategies to support crime reduction and community involvement. The SEB is comprised of one Captain, one Sergeant, two Corporal, twenty police officers, and one civilian support staff. The SEB is augmented by eleven part-time crossing guards, four reserve police officers who work as needed, fifteen Sentinels, and fourteen Explorers.


Capt. Ryan West

Crime Free

The Crime Free team enables the SEB to make an immediate impact within concentrated areas and lay the groundwork for long-term crime prevention solutions. Utilizing data analysis, citizen interviews, and police officer input, the Crime Free team develops customized action plans for each project. These projects are typically defined either geographically or by crime category.

During 2015, the Crime Free teams focused their efforts on Crime Free Multi-Housing and Crime Free Business Programs. The Crime Free Multi-Housing program is aimed at crime reduction in apartment complexes through environmental design, improving management awareness, better tenant screening processes, and more stringent eviction policies. The program also engages the tenants in helping to make their complexes safer. The CFMH Program has more than 20 apartment complexes or multiple housing units in various stages of the program.

The principles of Crime Free Business are similar to that of CFMH but with an eye toward making Joplin businesses safer for customers as well as employees. This is done by encouraging businesses to make safer choices in environmental design and placing an emphasis on training employees in situational awareness and observation. Crime Free Officers have held numerous training sessions for both of these exceptional programs throughout the year. The CFB Program currently has 14 fully certified Crime Free Businesses and 22 businesses that have begun the process or are working on their full certification.

The Crime Free team additionally organized National Night Out, patrolled city parks (particularly seeking graffiti presence and vandalism), performed site surveys and made security recommendations to property owners as problems arose, monitored trail safety, and addressed city-wide graffiti abatement.





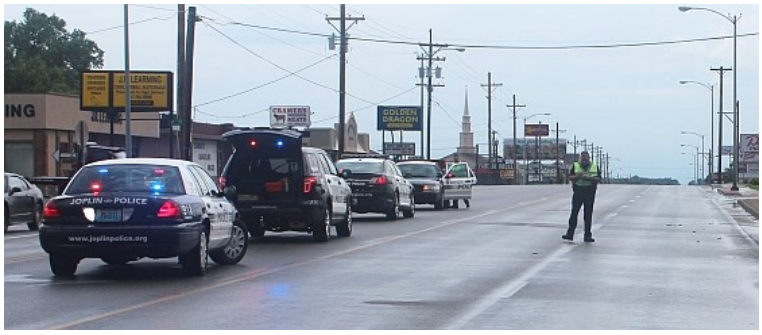
The Crime Free team also utilizes bike patrols as a highly effective enforcement tool. Bicycle officers serve critical roles at large events such as parades, aid in patrolling the downtown entertainment district, as well as making and keeping valuable connections with Joplin citizens and businesses. The JPD bike patrol currently operates year round as weather permits.

Special Enforcement Bureau

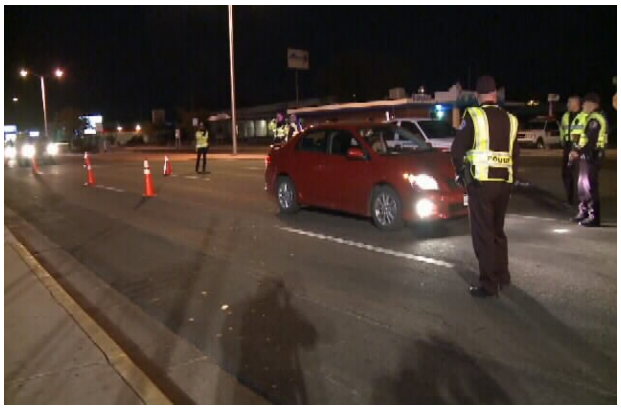
Traffic



Another extremely important segment of SEB is the traffic team. Currently comprised of 9 members, including a corporal, two full time DWI officers, and four motorcycle officers, the officers of the traffic team are constantly working toward crash reduction and making the streets safer in Joplin. To that end, the traffic team cited more than 5200 moving violations in 2015. The unit uses a data driven approach to allocate its resources in an effort to pinpoint the areas that need the most enforcement. There were 1782 traffic crashes in the city of Joplin in 2015, which is an increase of nearly 10% over 2014. The Traffic supervisor and members of the Traffic Team continue to develop innovative ways to enforce the traffic laws such as zero tolerance traffic details, the addition of a second speed trailer to measure speed in the area and increased Hazardous Moving Violation and DWI enforcement details.







DWI Unit

The Special Enforcement Bureau also houses a full-time DWI unit, which is a highly specialized part of the traffic team comprised of two officers, whose salaries are funded in part by grants received from Missouri Department of Transportation, During the 2014 -2015 grant year the unit generated 374 DWI arrests, and 11 DWI Drug arrests, 1457 vehicle stops, and 1224 citations. The JPD DWI Unit hosted 5 Sobriety Checkpoints and assisted at 11 others. The officers gave 287 blood alcohol content breath tests and 493 standardized field sobriety tests and performed 7 DRE evaluations. In 2015 the Joplin Police Department DWI Unit made more DWI arrests than any other DWI Unit in the state, affecting more arrests than several larger teams. The DWI officers are also actively involved with the Southwest Missouri DWI Task Force, in which many area agencies work together to tackle the problem of drunk driving in our area.

Special Enforcement Bureau

Motorcycle Unit

In 2015, the Traffic Division was supplemented with four Harley Davidson Road Kings motorcycles, which is the same as in years past. Over the course of the year, the motor officers rode approximately 20,000 miles. The officers utilized the motorcycles for public demonstrations, traffic enforcement, vehicle crashes, local escorts, assisted other agencies with escorts, attended Police motorcycle rodeos, and participated in National Police Week in Washington, D.C.



To test and improve the officers' riding skills, Motor Officers attended the 2nd Annual "Law Enforcement Recognition Week" in Branson, Missouri. The officers competed in the Police Motorcycle Rodeo skills competition. For the 5th consecutive year, the Motor Division participated in National Police Week in Washington, D.C. by sending two Motor Officers. In order for the officers to attend this event, the officers had to raise the necessary funds for transportation, lodging, and food on their own time. During the week, the officers escorted friends and families of police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. They also attended a candlelight vigil along with the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service to honor and show respect to these fallen heroes.





The motor officers participated in a variety of trainings over the course of the past year in order to stay current with the national standards. The officers trained approximately ten hours a month on different skills. Each motor officer must recertify on the standardized course in order to continue his operation of the motorcycle. To support the necessary hours of training, the officers were active members of the Heartland Police Motorcycle Association in which that association provided training opportunities. The Officers also trained with area Motor Officers including, Jasper County Sheriff's Office, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Springfield Police Department, Greene County Sheriff's Office, and Quapaw Tribal Marshalls.

During 2015, Officer Joseph Bentz and Officer Logan Rivers became Motorcycle Officers after completing the required standardized course necessary for certification.

HMV/ DWI Enforcement Grants

In 2015, more than 300 vehicle stops were conducted and over 150 citations were issued as a result of Hazardous Moving Violation details funded by a MoDOT HMV grant. During DWI saturation and DWI Checkpoints in 2015, there were 5012 vehicle stops, 123 citations, and 17 DWI arrests. The department also utilized DWI funds to perform compliance checks of several establishments that sell alcohol. During 2015 severe accidents and fatalities involving motorcycles continued to be a concern in Joplin and across the state. The JPD traffic team responded by using HMV grant funds to perform motorcycle safety details in Joplin.

Special Enforcement Bureau

Honor Guard

The Chief's Honor Guard is a 13-member team that represents the Joplin Police Department in a professional, dignified manner at special functions. The Honor Guard's primary function is to provide funeral services to officers killed in the line of duty and retired officers who have passed away. Typically the Joplin Police Department Honor Guard is placed in charge of any funeral event that they attend. The Honor Guard is charged with the duties of protecting and escorting the fallen officer, folding and presenting the flag, and any other duties as seen fit by the Chief of Police. The Honor Guard attended multiple functions this year including presenting the colors at sporting events, funerals, and other special requests. In 2014 that included three funeral details, three sporting events, several posting of the colors, and Christmas Blessings.





Crossing Guards

In 2015, as every year, the SEB worked cooperatively with the Joplin R-VIII School District to employ 11 part-time crossing guards. These personnel are placed strategically throughout the city to ensure school-aged children can safely cross busy roads and intersections while walking to school.

School Resource Officers / Rise Above

In 2015 the Joplin Police Department's 4 school resource officers continued serving the staff and more than 7,000 students of the Joplin School District. The school resource officers are integrated into the school environment, offering them the ability to be attentive to needs in a timely manner. In addition, officers have built partnerships with staff and students aiding them in the ability to be more proactive.

In 2015, Officers Rick Hirshey, James Kelly, and Aaron Gooch served in dual roles as resource officers at the three middle schools and Rise Above instructors at the elementary level, while Officer Jason Barchak served at Joplin High School.



Rise Above is a series of lessons taught to fifth grade students in the Joplin School District as well as area private schools. Rise Above was created by our officers with the help of the school district as an education program tailored to the needs of our community. The program, taught to nearly 700 students, focuses on character while giving students insight into some of the roadblocks to success. At the end of the lessons, each class is rewarded during a celebration assembly where every student received a certificate of completion and a Rise Above t-shirt.

Special Enforcement Bureau



Explorers

The Joplin Police Department Explorer Post #164 is a group of 15 explorers. Three police officers supervise the post and two of the three are former JPD explorers themselves. These officers believe very strongly in the program, and all three work diligently to increase the knowledge base, equipment available, and all-around fun of the post. Post advisor, Sgt. Jared Delzell, and associate advisors, Officers Daniel Rogers and Steve Feken, spend approximately five hours each week preparing and teaching classroom and practical training. The explorers meet every Thursday evening for three to four hours.

The goal of our post, which is sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America, is to educate our area youth in the career and related fields of law enforcement. We train on all aspects of law enforcement from policy to tactics. This program is a great way to spend time with youth, teaching them good moral values and demonstrating how the criminal justice system works. Skills learned in explorers help with interpersonal communication and to help the youth increase their confidence, as well as assist in building goals for the future.

The explorers assist the police department with directing traffic, foot patrol, and parking cars at Freedom Fest, the Christmas parade, and other events throughout the year. By volunteering their time, they earn ride-along privileges with the officers.

The explorer post added several new members during 2015. All members of the post have expressed interest in a career in law enforcement and train diligently to further themselves and each other in this field. When not training, the post spends time earning money for equipment and miscellaneous events by holding public car washes, hosting chili feeds, participating in popcorn sales, and conducting many other fundraisers. More information about the Joplin Police Explorers can be found at www.facebook.com/JPDExplorerPost164.









Special Enforcement Bureau

Reserves

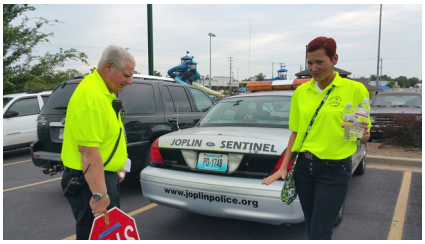
The Joplin Police Department Reserve Program is made up of four part-time commissioned police officers with full police powers. All four current reserve officers are former full-time officers with JPD who have other careers but still aspire to serve the citizens of Joplin. This program and its active members are extremely important assets in accomplishing the mission and goals of this department.

These officers provide supplemental help to the department at large community events such as Freedom Fest, the Joplin Christmas parade, and other events and assignments as needed. They fill patrol shifts and work extra details. The service provided by reserve officers cuts down on the department's overtime pay, which reduces the spending of taxpayer's money.

Sentinels

The Joplin Police Sentinel Program is a valuable asset to our community. The Police Sentinels are comprised of individuals who have completed the Citizens Police Academy and aspire to serve the citizens of Joplin by completing further training and donating their time to the community. They assist with tasks that don't require sworn officers so those officers are able to engage in other high priority activities.

The sentinels provide a variety of services to citizens to include house checks for citizens who are out of town, vehicle unlocks, found bicycle pickups, security, community support, fire scene support, traffic control at major events, crowd control at parades and special events, and other various non-enforcement support functions. Currently the sentinel program is made up of 16 members from all areas of the community. Each member completes a minimum of 8 hours of service every month. Most of the members work full time jobs but still make the extra time to serve their community.





Special Events

One of the primary functions of the SEB is the planning and organization of special events. The SEB assisted with coordinating security, traffic control, and egress plans for several events in the Joplin area in 2015, including Freedom Fest, The Guilty By Association Truck Convoy, Joplin Memorial Run, Veterans Day Parade, and the Christmas parade, providing security and traffic control for visiting dignitaries such Presidential Candidates Ben Carson and Marco Rubio.



Special Enforcement Bureau

Citizens' Police Academy

Twice a year, the SEB hosts a Citizens' Police Academy offered to interested members of the community. The 14-week academy allows citizens a behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to work as a police officer in Joplin. The Citizens' Police Academy is an opportunity to produce informed citizens who have a better understanding of the expectations and operations of the Joplin Police Department. Some participants even go on to become members of the Sentinel Program. CPA also affords an opportunity for officers to obtain valuable input from the community. In 2015 the two sessions of the Citizens' Police Academy combined graduated approximately 50 participants.







National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community building event that promotes partnership between police and community, focusing on neighborhood cooperation with an eye toward crime prevention. Officers from the Crime Free teams work with local businesses to put together this community wide event that is free and open to the public. In 2015, there were over 500 people in attendance.







Shop With A Cop

Each December, the Joplin "Shop WithA Cop" event is hosted by the Joplin Police Department, Fraternal Order Of Police and Joplin Bright Futures. Held at Wal-Mart, in 2015 Joplin Police hosted 102 children who were selected for the program by their school counselors from the free and reduced price lunch rosters. Each child was provided with a $100 gift card, provided through donations by local businesses and private citizens, to buy presents for themselves and their families. Approximately 50 officers and other community members helped the kids with their shopping. The Joplin Police Department has been participating in "Shop With A Cop" for more than 22 years.





Investigations


Capt. Larry Swinehart

The Joplin Police Department Investigations Bureau is made up of a Captain, two Sergeants, three Corporals, and is authorized 21 investigators, a civilian investigative assistant, and a civilian evidence technician. For 2015, the Investigations Bureau maintained an average of 17 full time investigators. The Investigations Bureau is primarily responsible for the investigation of major felony crimes such as homicide, aggravated assault, sexual assault, child abuse and neglect hotline calls, burglary, robbery, forgery and fraud. Investigators in this bureau also look into vehicle thefts, thefts from vehicles, larcenies, and drug violations.

Joplin Police Detectives are members of the Tri-State Major Case Squad (TSMCS), with most carrying Jasper County Commissions. The TSMCS is comprised of numerous law enforcement investigators from agencies within Missouri, Oklahoma, and Kansas. With the unique demographics of the four states the TSMCS, when activated allows Joplin/and or the surrounding agencies, access to a large number of highly skilled investigators who combine their efforts to solve major cases (typically homicides).

For the year 2015, one investigator was assigned to the Jasper County Drug Task Force. Additionally, two investigators are attached to the Southwest Missouri Cyber Crimes Task Force. Investigating complex major crimes requires the dedication, cooperation, and assistance of a variety of individuals and units. Investigators work closely with patrol officers to identify witnesses, preserve major crime scenes, gather critical information, and develop leads. They also work closely with officials from other agencies to solve crimes that cross jurisdictional lines.

During 2015, the Investigations Bureau was involved in several events and activities outside the scope of their normal investigative duties. These include fraud and crime prevention presentations, mock robbery trainings, monthly criminal investigation meetings with other local law enforcement agencies, and informational training and mock crime scene exercises for the Joplin Police Department's Citizens Police Academy. Members of the Investigations Bureau are also involved in other specialized units within the Joplin Police Department. These include SWAT, Awards Committee, Chief's Advisory Committee and Defensive Tactics Instructor.

There were 8057 cases assigned to the Investigations Bureau during 2015. This amounted to 473 cases per month for the entire bureau and 28 cases per month per investigator. The Investigations Bureau clearance rate for 2015, (defined as cases cleared by arrest, exceptionally cleared, unfounded or completed) was 41%; a 2% increase in positive clearance from 2014.

Cases Cleared in 2015:

Cleared By Arrest.....2611
Exceptionally Cleared.....529
Unfounded.....126
Completed.....697
Referred to another agency.....232

Over the fiscal year 2015, the Joplin Police Department Investigations Bureau worked three homicide investigations, recovered over $156,000.00 worth of stolen property, submitted 623 felony probable cause statements, interviewed 885 suspects, and obtained 448 confessions. The Investigations Bureau responded to 178 child abuse hotline calls, were called in afterhours 270 times, and as stated before, maintained a 41% positive case clearance.

Investigations

Highlights

The Software Center and Hidden Acres were burglarized, and investigations was able to recover $47,962.00 worth of property.

During an argument at 200 E Zora, a subject shot his roommate who succumbed to his injuries. The subject was charged with 2nd degree murder and armed criminal action.

At 407 S Park & 1616 W 4th #4, subjects broke into a residence. They realized they were at the wrong house. They went to the second residence and attempted to rob the resident and his guest. One of the suspects was shot by the guest. The remaining three were charged with 2 counts of 1st degree burglary and 2nd degree murder.

At 4215 w 26th, the suspect shot his wife and her friend. The friend succumbed to her injuries. The suspect was charged with 1st degree murder, 1st degree domestic assault and two counts of armed criminal action.







Investigations

Federal Partners

The Joplin Police Department Investigations Bureau continues to work closely with its Federal partners in crime fighting, specifically addressing crimes that occur within the City limits of Joplin that have federal implications. Currently the Department has two detectives attached to the FBI Taskforce in Joplin, three detectives commissioned through the U.S. Marshalls, three detectives with Department of Homeland Security (Customs) commissions, one detective with an ATF commission, and one detective commissioned through the U.S. Postal Service.

FBI Task Force

The Joplin Police Department works closely with the Federal Bureau of Investigations on crimes occurring within our city and the surrounding area that have federal implications. Currently the Department has one Detective attached to the FBI Public Corruption Task Force, which operates out of the FBI Joplin Resident Agency.

An investigation was conducted in reference to embezzling at Able Manufacturing. It was found that Christopher Forcum had devised a scheme to submit false invoices through "shell companies" he set up in order to steal money from his employer. Forcum confessed, and later pled guilty in federal court to Mail Fraud and Money Laundering. On June 3, 2015 Forcum was sentenced in federal court to serve 5 years' probation and ordered to pay $457,920.77 in restitution.

In 2014 an investigation was conducted on Brittany A. Barnes and Russell L. Green, after investigators received information that they may have defrauded FEMA after the 2011 Joplin tornado. It was learned that Barnes and Green filed false claims with FEMA, allowing them to receive $18,774.19 in FEMA assistance. Barnes was also involved in a major fraud and identity theft scheme. Both Barnes and Green were indicted by a federal grand jury. Barnes was charged with and subsequently pled guilty to Disaster Fraud and Aggravated Identity Theft. Green also pled guilty in federal court to charges of Making False Statements. Both were sentenced in federal court in 2015.

An investigation was initiated after a complaint that Billy Lyerla, a Kansas District Magistrate Judge had embezzled funds while serving as a Treasurer for the Kansas District Magistrate Judge's Association. The investigation revealed that Lyerla wrote himself numerous fraudulent checks that were not authorized for the organization he served. On November 10, 2015 Lyerla was indicted by a Grand Jury out of Wichita, Kansas. He is currently awaiting trial.

2015 Stats:

15 Investigative Cases through 2015
Indictments: 1
Arrests: 1
Intelligence Products Generated: 1
Grand Jury Subpoenas: 12
Search Warrants: 1
Sentencing: 3
Physical Surveillance: 2
Restitution: 3
Information Voluntarily Provided: 7
Interviews: 27
Joint Operation: 1
Searches without Court Order: 3

Ozarks Drug Enforcement Team

During 2015, investigators assigned to the Joplin Investigations Unit and the Jasper County Drug Task Force (re-named Ozarks Drug Enforcement Team in 2015) initiated 303 cases. These cases led to arrests and prosecutions at the local, State, and Federal level for possession and/or distribution of illegal narcotics; and prohibited persons in possession of firearms and/or explosives.

During 2015, ODET Detectives seized a total of 42lbs of meth with a street value of $840,000. Detectives seized 143 pounds of High Grade Marijuana with a street value of $500,500. ODET Detectives seized a total of 111 firearms for the year and initiated 279 investigations. ODET Detectives charged 32 suspects federally in 2015 and 117 on State Charges.

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Southwest Missouri Cyber Crime Task Force

In early 2009, the Chief Law Enforcement Officers in Southwest Missouri identified a need to investigate and assist in the prosecution of technology related crimes where children were being victimized using the internet. In March 2009, steps were made to formalize an agreement between each agency within the Task Force area and the Southwest Missouri Cyber Crime Task Force (SMCCTF) was established and is part of the larger Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (MO ICAC). The SMCCTF is responsible for investigating internet crimes against children in 14 southwest Missouri counties.

The major focus of the SMCCTF is the detection, investigation, apprehension and prosecution of sexual predators who exploit children through the use of technology. Task Force cases consist of internet enticement of children, promoting and possession of child pornography, kidnapping and trafficking in children, as well as investigating terrorist threats of violence against schools.

The SMCCTF has continued to enjoy its partnership with the US Marshal's Service, who has agreed to assist the SMCCTF with making arrests and processing federal prisoners. This has increased the security of the task force members, as well as the offenders that are taken into custody.

A total of 301 task force cases were opened in 2015, in addition to the cases assigned from each TFO's individual agency. Not included in the cases mentioned above, were the numerous investigations where Task Force members provided technical assistance to other agencies.

As a result of the above investigations, 70 persons were arrested on multiple State and Federal charges. This is a 22% increase over 2014. As a direct result of SMCCTF investigations, 238 children were identified as victims, which is an increase of 34% over 2014.

During 2015, the SMCCTF caused a total of 210 investigative subpoenas to be issued and the Task Force executed 58 federal and 187 state search warrants.

In 2015, the Task Force attended the National ICAC Conference in Atlanta, GA. This invaluable training opportunity allows each TFO to be trained in the latest investigative techniques, as well as maintain their current certifications. This training was paid for with MO ICAC funds.

In partnership with the Springfield Police Department's computer forensic lab and the Joplin Police Department's computer forensic lab, the SMCCTF saw a 75% increase in forensic examinations. Together they conducted 827 forensic examinations consisting of 2202 individual digital evidence items, for a total of 81.85 TB of data. This is an additional 35TB of data being examined in 2015. The Joplin Police Department currently has one full time examiner.

A total of 557 cell phones were examined in 2015, which is a 30% increase over 2014. The total data examined was approximately 6TB of information. In 2015 SMCCTF Members conducted 201 computer forensic previews, compared to 235 in 2014. Each task force officer is certified to conduct onsite forensic previews of suspect computers, which allows investigators the ability to triage each of the cases they are assigned to.

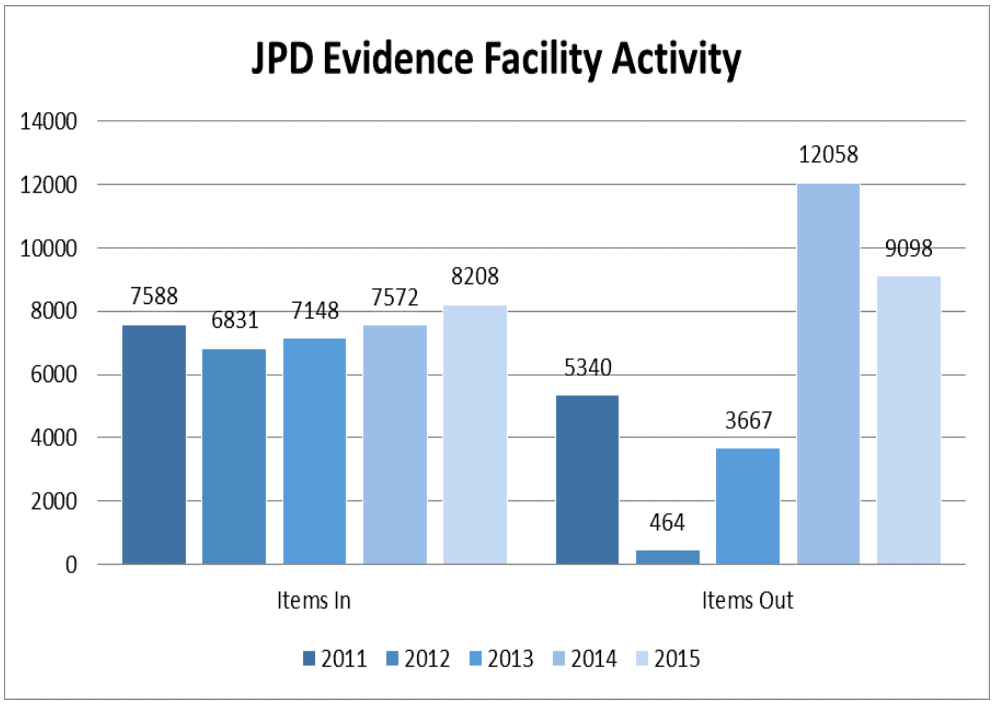
The Task Force trained 257 officers to respond to and conduct technology related investigations. This training gives agencies the ability to first respond to new cases, which saves valuable time, allowing SMCCTF Members to assist more agencies over a larger area. The SMCCTF also provided 33 internet safety presentations to 6,289 individuals in area schools and at several public events.

In 2015 the SMCCTF received funding from the Missouri Department of Public Safety as part of a Cyber Crime Grant, as well as additional funds from the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Investigations

Evidence

For the second year, the evidence facility continues to achieve optimal in-flow/out-flow rates, with the number of items leaving the facility exceeding the number of items entering. The chart below details the number of items that moved in and out of the facility in 2015, with numbers from 2011-2014 provided for comparison.



In 2015, the Joplin Police Department evidence facility processed and issued bar code numbers for 8,208 total pieces of property. Joplin Police Department generated 7,192 pieces (88% of the total). This is a 14% increase over the 6,311 JPD-submitted items in 2014.

The Southwest Missouri Cyber Crime Task Force submitted 711 pieces of evidence in 2015, which is 9% of the total property entering the facility. The amount of evidence logged by the SMCCTF decreased 22% from Cyber Crime's 910 pieces of evidence submitted in 2014.

The Ozarks Drug Enforcement Team submitted 305 pieces of evidence in 2015 (3% of the total property entering the facility.) The amount of evidence logged by ODET decreased 13% from 351 pieces of evidence in 2014.

In 2015, over 500 pieces of Joplin PD evidence were submitted to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Lab, and 34 pieces for Jasper County Drug Task Force.

Special Investigative Unit (SIU)

In March of 2015 the department implemented the Special Investigative Unit in the Investigations Bureau. The unit consists of a Corporal and two investigators. The unit's primary responsibility is locating and arresting subjects in which probable cause to arrest exists and subjects with felony arrest warrants. The unit also assists the investigations unit as needed on major investigations. Through December 1, the unit compiled 1471 hours of surveillance and assisted with the apprehension of multiple subjects wanted for probable cause to arrest on felony charges as well as warrants, both felony and misdemeanor.

Support Services

The Support Services Division plays a vital role in the delivery of police services to citizens, businesses, and visitors to the City of Joplin. Housed within the division are the following services:

Records Management
Public Information
Telephone Reporting
Crime Analysis
Accreditation
Facilities and Fleet Management
Police Chaplain Services


Capt. Bob Higginbotham

Records Bureau
The records bureau maintains files of police reports that are made available to the public. Daily report and arrest logs are uploaded to the JPD website for public viewing. The public can also query incidents that have occurred throughout the city by clicking on the Crime Reports link, which is found under the reports and statistics page of the website.

Public Information
All media inquiries are directed through the public information office, which is housed in the records bureau. Media relations are conducted by Captain Bob Higginbotham.

Telephone Reporting
Persons wishing to report a past tense crime may be directed to the telephone reporting officer. In cases where there is no evidence to collect and no suspect information available, call takers will take the caller's name and phone number and forward it to the telephone reporting officer for appropriate follow-up.

Crime Analysis/Accreditation
The Joplin Police Department has been recognized as an accredited agency since July of 2008.
As Crime Analyst, Kristen Moore provides crime data to the department and identifies crime patterns and trends. A new crime reduction model was implemented in 2010. IMPACT (Improving Methods Pro-Actively Against Crime Trends) is a data-driven crime control model that has proven effective in reducing targeted crimes in areas where it was implemented. Each month our crime analyst produces a report of where and when crime occurs in the city. At monthly meetings, the findings are discussed and areas are proposed to direct crime prevention efforts. This allows our department to stay ahead of the curve when it comes to crime reduction.
The crimes that are tracked by the IMPACT model are: assault, arson, rape, robbery, homicide, burglary, larceny, theft from vehicle, motor vehicle theft, and vandalism. Paula Bone serves as the CALEA coordinator. She is responsible for maintaining all accreditation files for the department



Police Chaplains
The Joplin Police Chaplain Program has been serving the Police Department and citizens of Joplin on a volunteer basis since 1988. The chaplains provide spiritual, emotional, and/or physical assistance to those citizens involved in traumatic incidents. Currently the program has five volunteer chaplains. The Chaplains received 130 hours of training in 2015 and put in over 225 hours of volunteer work in the community.

The Chaplains are members of the International Conference of Police Chaplains and the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation. Chaplain Schepper is Region 7 Director of the International Conference of Police Chaplains. Region 7 includes Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. Chaplain Heath is the Region Secretary/Treasurer.

Jail



Shane Dotson, Jail Administrator, is a Certified Correctional Executive through the American Correctional Association (ACA) as well as a Certified Jail Manager with the American Jail Association (AJA) where he serves a Commissioner on the Jail Managers Certification Commission. He recently became a Certified PREA Auditor through the Department of Justice.

The Joplin City Jail has a total of 19 full and part-time employees to manage the 64-bed facility. This past year was another very busy year in which the facility booked in 7,088 prisoners and released 7,139. Among those booked, there were 2,013 jail days saved through the inmate work program. The food service program served over 47,000 meals.

In 2015, the average daily inmate population was 47 inmates which is lower than the previous year. Jail Administrator Shane Dotson tracks cost and expenditures to make sure daily operating costs are kept at a minimum while still providing the inmates with a quality standard of care. This lowered cost can be attributed to the initiation of the jail's in-house food management program, inmate work details, efficient staff, and selecting vendors with the most competitive prices.

The Joplin City Jail continues to operate the electronic monitoring program which allows inmates to serve their jail time while on house arrest. To participate in the program, the inmate must pay a daily monitoring fee. The jail uses GPS monitoring which allows for more participants and helps reduce the average daily population in the jail resulting in reduced cost for housing inmates.
The jail also utilizes the Huber Work Release program, which allows inmates sentenced to serve jail days to make application to receive a furlough to go out and search for a job, as well as maintain employment while serving jail time.

The jail provides a commissary and medical care for inmates. The commissary program allows inmates to purchase many items they could purchase at local stores if not incarcerated. Proceeds from the commissary are used to provide educational materials and recreational items to assist inmates during their stay. For many years the jail provided a nurse and utilized local hospitals for medical care. The City entered into an agreement with Advanced Correctional Healthcare to provide medical care for our inmates. With this partnership, we have a facility Doctor providing onsite medical care for our inmates and the facility provides nursing services as well. With the new Inmate Medical Care Program we have reduced transports to hospitals which has reduced the time staff is away from the jail and also provides inmates with access to health care more quickly than in the past.



The City of Joplin was awarded a Federal Grant to establish a Mental Health Court. The Mental Health Court program is 100% grant funded, and allows inmates suffering from mental illness to receive treatment free of charge. The program provides inmates the opportunity for treatment in lieu of incarceration, saving taxpayer funds by reducing inmate population. Currently the Joplin Mental Health Court has 21 participants and has screened over 400 inmates to determine whether they qualify for the program.

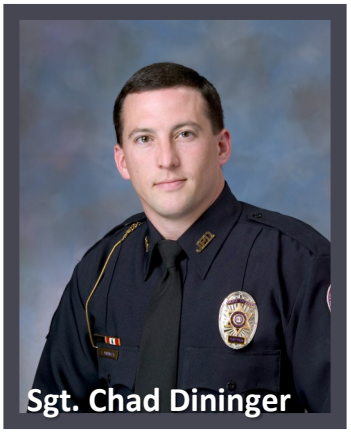
As the city continues to grow, we anticipate an even larger number of prisoners to book and process. With this in mind, the jail will continue to explore innovative programs which will both mitigate jail population and assist inmates as they reintegrate back into the community.



Administrative Bureau

Internal Affairs

The Joplin Police Department is a community- funded division of the City of Joplin. The citizens who fund this department have rightful expectations in regards to the services we provide. Our professionalism as a department is determined by the effectiveness of our officers in the execution of their assigned duties.


Sgt. Chad Dininger

The purpose of the Office of Internal Affairs is to ensure that officers are held accountable to the citizens and visitors of Joplin. Accountability demands that we hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards as set forth in the law enforcement code of ethics, and ensures that when we fail in maintaining our integrity, consistent disciplinary action is taken.

The Office of Internal Affairs is under the direct supervision of the Chief of Police. With addition of the Joplin City Jail and the Dispatch Center in recent years, the Joplin Police Department has almost doubled in size in the number of personnel for which it is responsible. Due to this increase in size, both an Internal Affairs Sergeant and Corporal share the responsibility of the investigations they conduct.


Cpl. Chuck Niess

The following is a breakdown of all complaints received by Internal Affairs for 2015:

60 complaints were received
21 complaints were generated by citizens
39 complaints were generated within the agency
36 complaints were sustained or partially sustained
24 complaints resulted in findings that were other than sustained
JPD received an average of 1.75 citizen complaints per month
JPD generated an average of 3.25 investigations per month from within the agency

The following is a breakdown of all complaints received by Internal Affairs for 2014:

55 complaints were received
32 complaints were generated by citizens
23 complaints were generated within the agency
28 complaints were sustained or partially sustained
27 complaints resulted in findings that were other than sustained
JPD received an average of 2.66 citizen complaints per month
JPD generated an average of 1.91 investigations per month from within the agency

Field Training

When the Joplin Police Department hires a new police officer, the proper training of that new officer is paramount to their success. Before beginning the In-House Academy and Field Training Officer (FTO) Program phases of training, each new officer must have previously obtained a license from the State of Missouri. This license must show they have completed 600 hours of Police Officer Basic Training and passed the training curriculum to become a Missouri Law Enforcement Officer. Once the licensing requirement has been satisfied, the newly hired police officer is ready to begin their in-house and FTO training phases with the department.

In 2015, the training division continued the 240 hours of instruction for the in-house phase of training. During this phase, the police officer is trained with a curriculum that includes topics such as customer service, ethics, law, police operations, and defensive tactics. After the completion of the in-house training, the new police officer begins the FTO program phase.

In 2015 the FTO program was a 16-week (640 hour) program that is modeled after the nationally recognized San Jose FTO Program. It is designed so that at the conclusion of the 16-week training, the new police officer is able to demonstrate the ability to perform daily tasks that will be required of them without assistance. Only after successfully completing the FTO program phase of training is the new officer allowed to begin working independently under the supervision of division leadership at the Joplin Police Department.

The Field Training Officer (FTO) Program is administered by the Patrol Bureau Captain, Training Sergeant, and FTO Supervisor. The application of the FTO Program is provided by experienced police officers who have been specifically trained to be FTOs. Our training division trains new FTOs internally so there is no longer a need to send them to outside training to become recognized as an FTO. This reduces the police department's cost for training and ensures a more consistent teaching platform for future training.

The training division continuously strives to provide the City of Joplin and the Joplin Police Department the very best training for newly hired police officers in a fiscally responsible and efficient manner. In doing so, it is a significant accomplishment for a new Joplin police officer to begin working independently under the supervision of division leadership. Police officers must complete 600 hours of basic training through a state certified academy, 240 hours of department-specific training during the in-house academy, and 640 hours of field training during the FTO phase of training. This equates to at least 1400 hours (35 weeks) of training for the newly hired officer before they are allowed to begin working independently under supervision. In 2015, thirteen new police officers started the in-house and FTO training programs.

Administrative Bureau

Training and Development

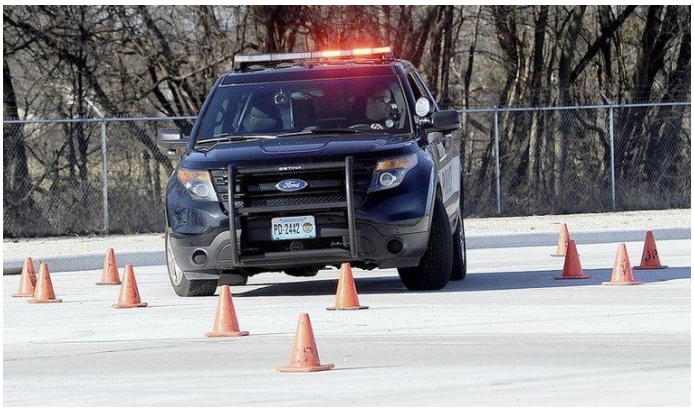
Under the supervision of the training sergeant, the Training Division is tasked with two missions. The first is to maintain and enhance Joplin police officers' knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform their jobs effectively. This is accomplished through the introduction of new technologies, methods, and/or equipment, and ensuring that all personnel remain current with new laws, policies, and procedures. The second mission is the validation and documentation of training that is provided through a variety of training sources, including the training provided by the police department's own certified instructors and training staff.



The Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission establishes the rules and regulations for the training of Missouri police officers. Each year, the Training Department makes sure the required POST-approved training is satisfied by all our officers. In 2012, the Training Department validated and documented over 10,000 hours of police officer continuing education training that was divided among legal studies, interpersonal perspectives, technical studies, and skill development. This is an average of over 90 hours of continuing education per officer per year.

Police officers also attend daily squad meetings. During these meetings, shift supervisors conduct training regarding legal updates and review existing policies or policy changes to the Joplin Police Department Rules and Regulations as well as the City of Joplin Employee Manual.

To stay fiscally responsible, there is a continued effort to utilize the allotted budget in a more effective and efficient manner for 2015 and years to come. To further this goal, a monthly in-service training program was initiated in 2012. This program allows training to take place during officers' regularly scheduled shifts, eliminating the need for overtime hiring. The training sergeant continues to work toward a fully enacted Train-the-Trainer Program. Through an instructor development process, the Training Division can assist our department's own subject matter experts in developing valuable courses of instruction that will provide quality, effective, and timely training to our police officers in a monetarily efficient teaching platform.



The Joplin Police Department continues to provide a Training Outreach Program. The program is designed to reach out to other law enforcement agencies in the area, across the State of Missouri, and into surrounding states. The program continues to provide training events such as active shooter/threat and less lethal technologies taught by our certified instructors either for free or at a minimal cost to the host agency. This program helps cultivate a positive relationship among the Joplin Police Department and outside agencies, which is always of great importance. The program also helps provide assurance that surrounding agencies are following similar protocols during critical incidents that require a multi-agency response.

Communications

Emergency Communications



The Joplin Emergency Communications Center handles Police, Fire, and EMS services for the City of Joplin, and Police services for the City of Duquesne. In addition, they assist the Health Department (Animal Control) with call taking/dispatching services on nights and weekends, along with MSSU Campus Police on nights and weekends. The center employs 20 full-time tele-communicators: one manager, three supervisors and sixteen dispatchers. It remained completely staffed all year.

Over the course of 2015, the Joplin Emergency Communications Center answered, and entered, 84,436 calls for service for Joplin Police Department and 4,587 for Duquesne Police Department. Those numbers don't include Joplin Fire Department/EMS calls, which totaled 9,243 for the year. The Fire/EMS calls increased from 2014 by 728. All calls for service entered into the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) system for JPD, JFD, and DQPD combined was 98,266. This is an overall decrease in calls for service from 2014 by 4,845. (Note: 911 call and non-emergency call numbers omitted due the purchase and installation of new equipment half way through the year.)



The Joplin Emergency Communications Center, and the Jasper County Emergency Services Center continued efforts to combine services throughout the year. After receiving City Council final approval, Joplin's center was able to purchase five new telephones from Telecommunications Systems. These telephones are identical to what the JASCO center uses, which allows both centers to connect phone systems and phone calls through the fiber line that was installed in 2014. Both centers can join in on a single call, or one can place a call on hold and advise the other to pick-up the line. It also allows each agency to call one another console to console, rather than having to go through a switchboard. This promotes information sharing, and a quicker response time to our citizens. The center also purchased a new recording system in 2015. This recorder is identical to what the JASCO center uses as well. The new recorder enables us to save all phone calls and radio traffic to a large computer storage bank that will hold up to five years of data. This new equipment provides a faster, more streamlined process for retrieving data when necessary.

We are proud to assist the public safety responders, and our citizens. As our emblem proudly states. "Every minute, every day, always there."

2015 End of Year Totals:

JPD Cad Calls for Service: 84,436
Duquesne PD Cad Calls for Service: 4,587
JFD Cad Calls for Service : 9,243
Total calls for service entered during 2015 : 98,266
911 call totals unavailable due to equipment replacement

Performance Measures

Performance Measures	2013	2014	% Increase / Decrease from 2013 to 2014	2015	% Increase / Decrease from 2014 to 2015
Sworn Officers	111	111	N/A	111	N/A
Response Times	3 minutes 48 seconds	3 minutes 1 seconds	21% decrease	3 minutes 26 seconds	+14%
Overtime Expense	$233,465	$200,351	14% decrease	$194,632	-3%
Standard Pay	$95,497	$111,232	16% increase	$122,128	+10%
Call Back Pay	$137,968	$89,119	35% decrease	$72,504	-19%
Accident Ratios	1,762	1,619	8% decrease	1782	+10%
Crime Rates	4,803	4,896	2% increase	4,492	-8%
Property Crimes	439	480	9% increase	460	-4%
Violent Crimes	4364	4,416	1% increase	4032	-9%

Response Times

Response time is the amount of time it takes an officer to arrive on scene from the moment he or she receives the call from dispatch. Of the 84,436 calls for police service in 2015, the average response time for an officer to arrive was 3 minutes 26 seconds. In 2014, the average response time was 3 minutes 1 second. This is a 14% increase in overall response time by our officers.

Decreased Overtime Expenses

There are two categories of overtime that the department tracks. The first category, regular overtime, is when an officer is held over on their shift or when they have a scheduled overtime shift. The second category , call-back pay, occurs when an officer is called back to work when something unscheduled occurs.

The amount spent on regular overtime increased by 10%, or $15,735, from 2014 to 2015. Money spent on call-back pay decreased between the two years. Between 2014 and 2015 there was a decrease of $16,615, or 19%. When taken together, the amount of money spent on overtime pay decreased by 3%.

Accident Ratios

In 2015, there were 1,782 accidents, compared to 1,619 accidents in 2014. This is an increase of 163 accidents, or 10%, from 2014 to 2015. It is worth mentioning that Joplin has successfully remained below the 2,000 accident mark for the fifth year in a row. The increase in accidents in the City of Joplin has strengthened the Joplin Police Department's dedication to traffic safety and crash reduction.

Crime Rates

Joplin Police Department tracks violent crimes and property crimes. Tracked violent crimes include assault, homicide, rape and robbery. The tracked property crimes include arson, burglary, larceny, theft from vehicle, vehicle theft, and vandalism. In comparing 2014 and 2015, there was an overall decrease of 8% in IMPACT crimes. The tracked violent crimes decreased by 4% from 2014 to 2015, and the tracked property crimes decreased 9%.

Data Driven Approach to Crime

IMPACT

IMPACT is a statistical analysis of selected violent and property crimes. The tracked violent crimes include assault, homicide, rape and robbery. The tracked property crimes include arson, burglary, larceny, theft from vehicle, vehicle theft, and vandalism. In comparing 2014 and 2015, there was an overall decrease of 8% in IMPACT crimes. The tracked violent crimes decreased by 4% from 2014 to 2015, and the tracked property crimes decreased 9%. A breakdown of each offense is shown in the table below.

Offense	2014	2015	Percent Increase/Decrease
Assault	387	355	-8%
Homicide	4	3	-25%
Rape	29	22	-24%
Robbery	60	80	+33%
Total Violent Crimes	**480**	**460**	**-4%**
Arson	19	33	+94
Burglary	565	475	-16%
Larceny	2119	1984	-6
Theft From Vehicle	749	656	-12%
Vandalism	761	566	-16%
Vehicle Theft	293	318	+9%
Total Property Crimes	**4,416**	**4,032**	**-9%**
Total All Crimes	**4,895**	**4,492**	**-8%**

The table below provides a look at the fluctuation of numbers since the implementation of the IMPACT program. 2015 saw the total IMPACT crime numbers decrease 19% from what they were in 2009, before IMPACT was implemented. With the addition of intelligence-led policing tactics, the Joplin Police Department anticipates continued success with the IMPACT program.

Crime	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Assault	575	487	491	439	372	387	355
Homicide	0	1	2	3	1	4	3
Rape	48	30	20	18	14	29	22
Robbery	72	67	54	65	52	60	80
Total Violent Crime	**695**	**585**	**567**	**525**	**439**	**480**	**460**
Arson	19	29	11	23	12	17	33
Burglary	763	731	653	570	554	565	475
Larceny	2,076	1,944	1,754	2,027	1,994	2,119	1,984
Theft from Vehicle	907	896	764	676	811	749	656
Vandalism	782	682	708	619	742	671	566
Vehicle Theft	298	211	289	239	251	293	318
Total Property Crime	**4,845**	**4,493**	**4,179**	**4,154**	**4,364**	**4,414**	**4,032**
Total All Crime	**5,540**	**5,078**	**4,746**	**4,679**	**4,803**	**4,894**	**4,492**

Data Driven Approach to Crime

Self-Initiated Activity and Crime

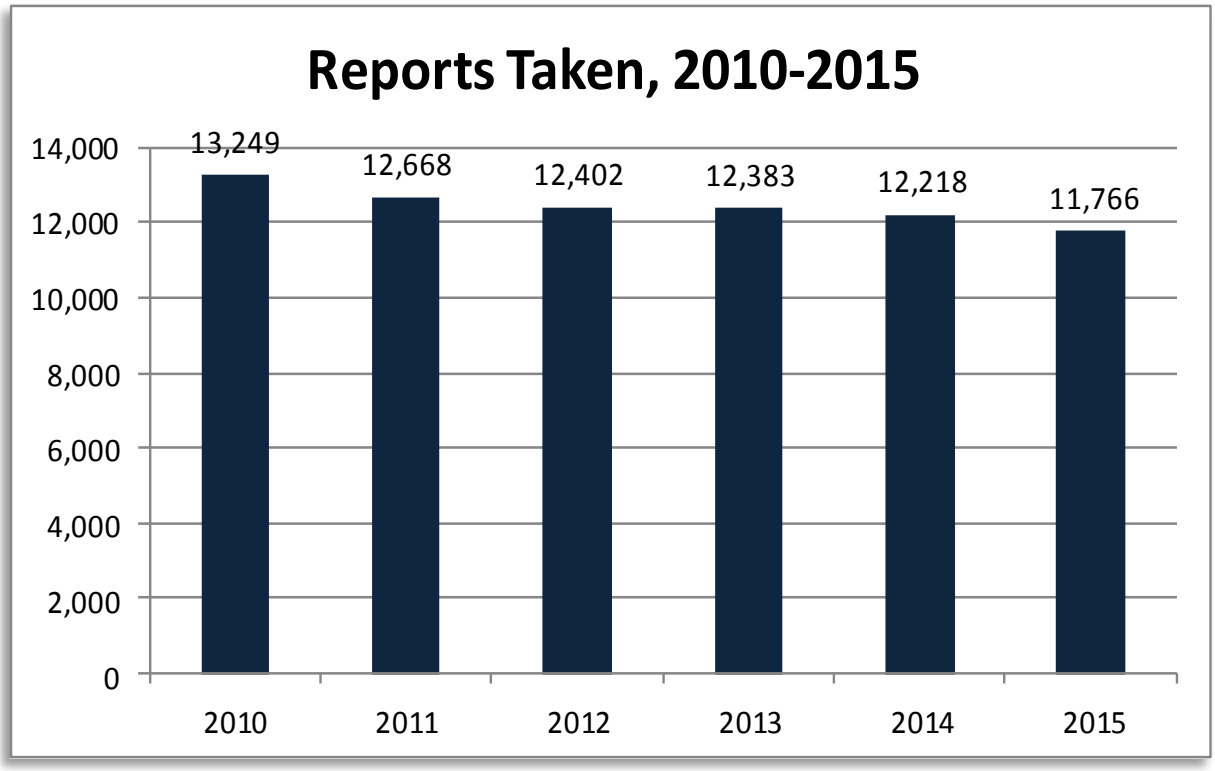
This section shows a relationship between two variables, police officer self-initiated activity, and the crime rate. For the purposes of this report, officer self-initiated activity includes car stops, follow-ups, pedestrian checks, and directed patrol. Both variables are shown in the graph below.

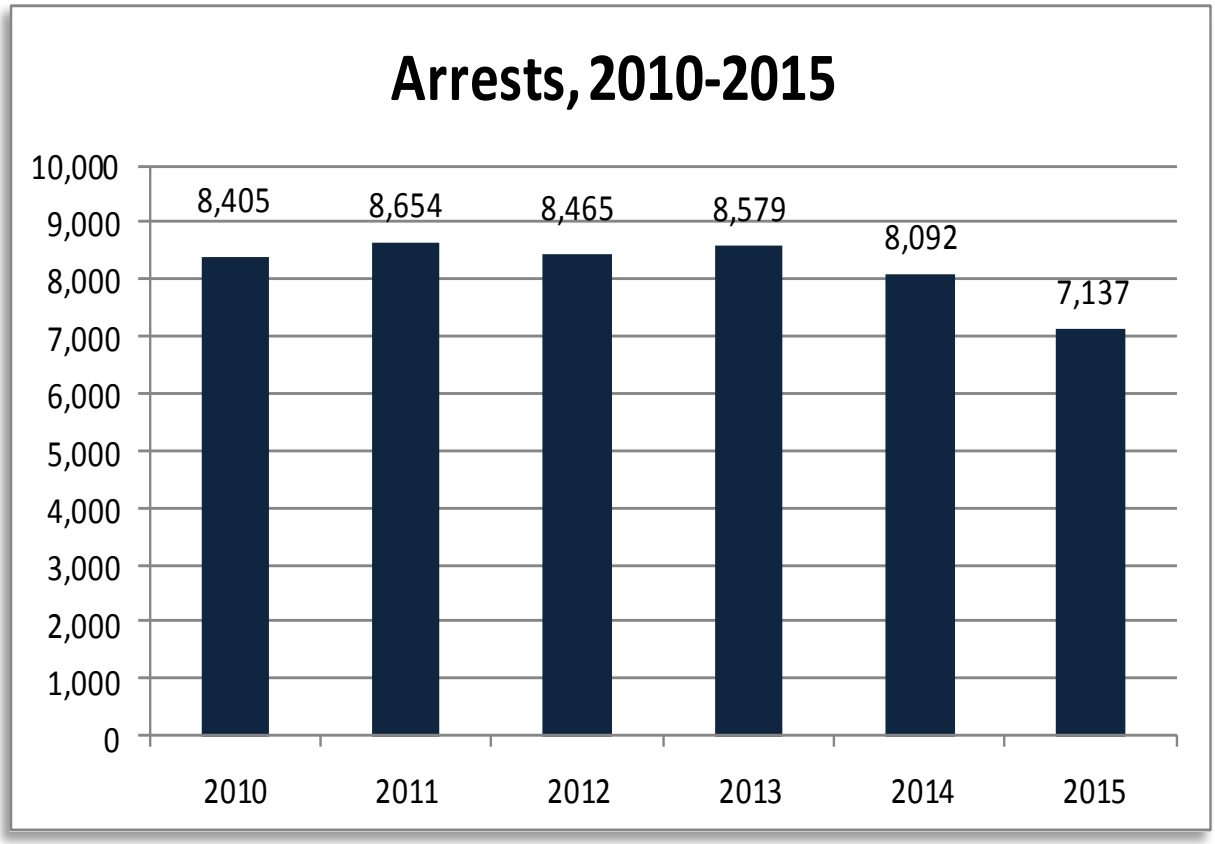
Year	Traffic Stops	Self-initiated activity	IMPACT Crime
2006	16,228	17,355	5,626
2007	16,098	17,052	6,453
2008	23,093	24,087	5,620
2009	30,846	33,316	5,540
2010	30,841	37,303	5,078
2011	28,907	35,458	4,746
2012	27,510	33,635	4,679
2013	29,903	42,214	4,803
2014	28,490	39,813	4,894
2015	18,075	35,421	4,492

Quantifying Results of Traffic Stops

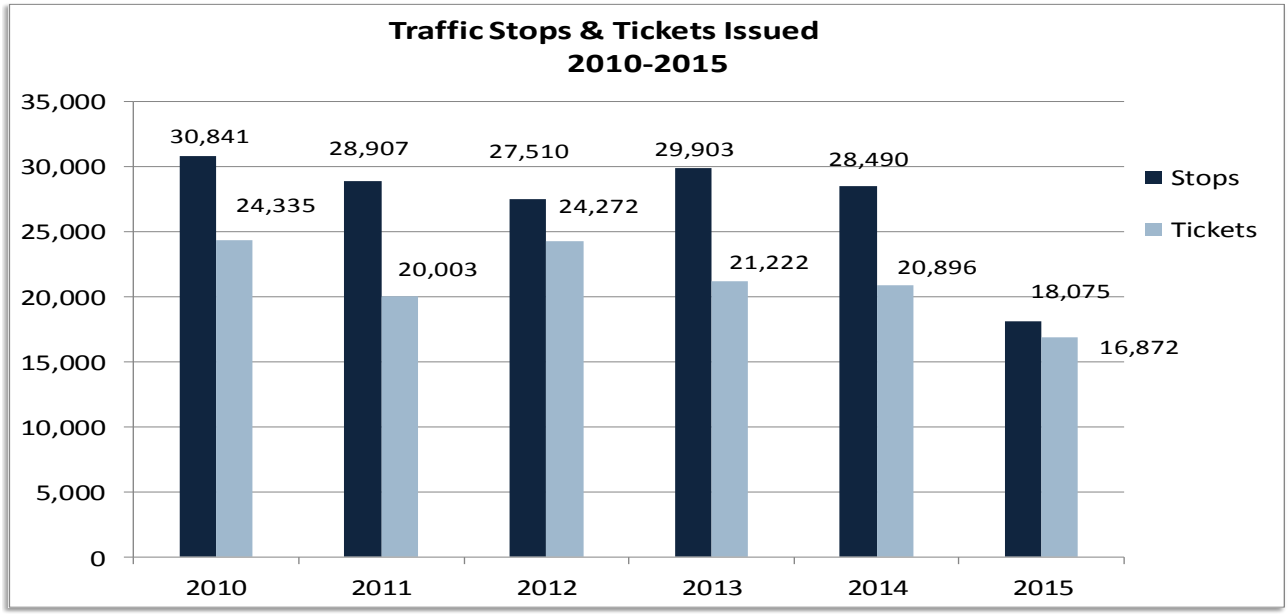
The everyday traffic work that officers perform is invaluable to every police department. Their work is the heart and soul of the department. An attempt to quantify the amount of activity resulting specifically from traffic stops is shown in the table below. It should be noted that contraband includes drugs, alcohol, paraphernalia, currency, weapons, and stolen property.

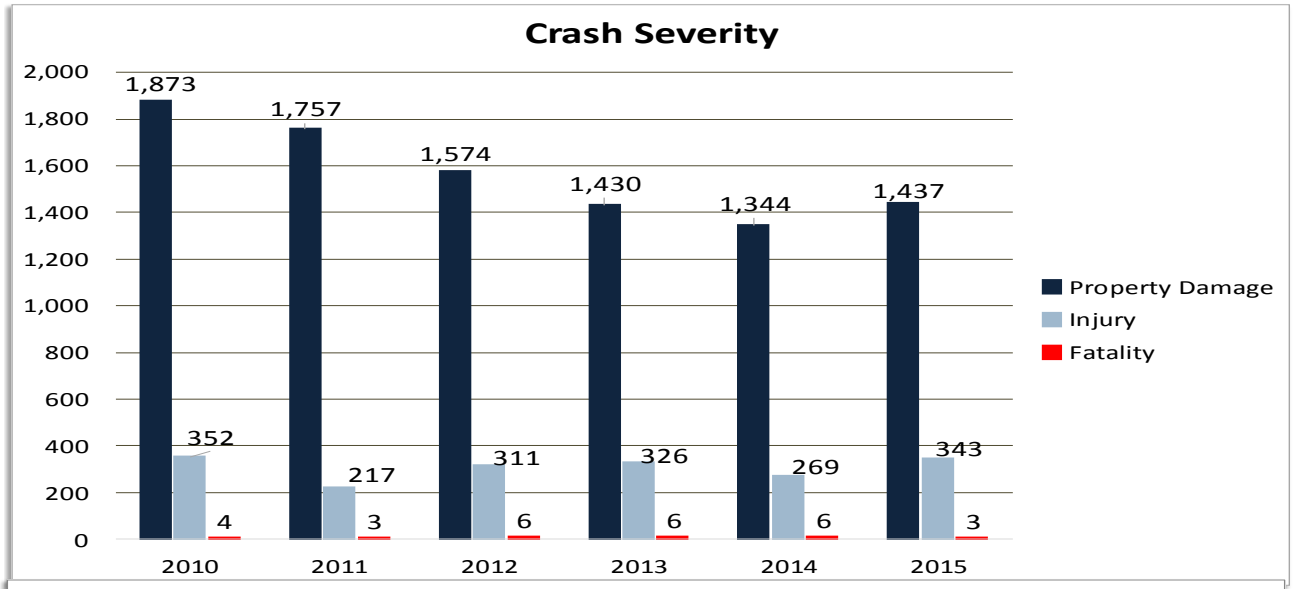
Year	Traffic Stops	IMPACT Crime	Drivers Arrested	Outstanding Warrants	Drug Violation	Offense Against Person	Property Crimes	Discovery of Contraband
2006	16,228	5,626	1,779	517	214	20	15	403
2007	16,098	6,453	1,501	471	193	23	33	349
2008	23,093	5,620	1,699	563	261	28	21	442
2009	30,846	5,540	2,217	740	310	19	25	537
2010	30,841	5,078	2,386	729	412	66	49	624
2011	28,907	4,746	2,505	884	354	61	63	648
2012	27,510	4,679	1,985	765	428	36	56	735
2013	29,903	4,803	2,345	857	475	38	57	744
2014	28,490	4,894	2,252	818	419	48	63	710
2015	18,075	4,492	1,608	678	322	30	39	545

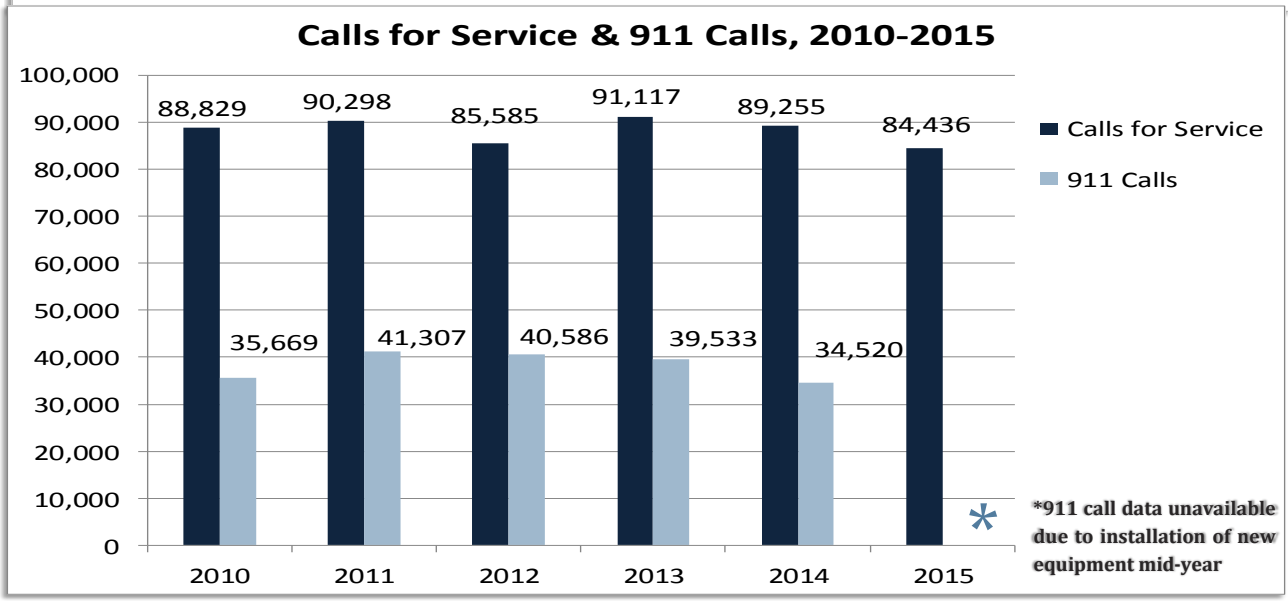

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12,218
11,766
2010
2011
2012
2013
2014
2015


Arrests, 2010-2015
10,000
9,000
8,000
7,000
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3,000
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2015

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New Employees



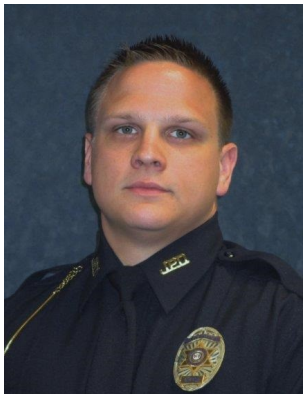
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Ethan New

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Ethan Rodgers

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Ahmad Johnson

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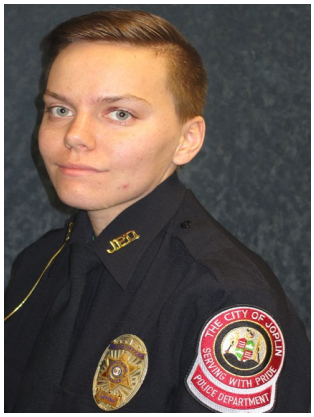
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Ketrina Jones

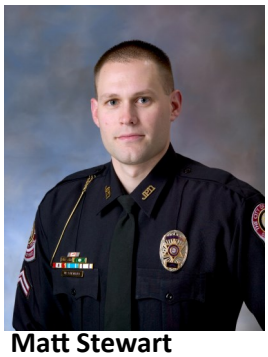
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Veronica Bailey

Hire Date: 08/19/2015

Promotions



Matt Stewart
Captain to Asst. Chief
01/03/2015



Bob Higginbotham
Sergeant to Captain
01/03/2015



Ryan West
Sergeant to Captain
12/02/2015



Larry Swinehart
Sergeant to Captain
12/05/2015



Andrew Blair
Corporal to Sergeant
12/04/2015



William Davis
Corporal to Sergeant
12/04/2015



Daniel Haskins
Corporal to Sergeant
01/03/2015



Brian Henderson
Corporal to Sergeant



Austin Wolf
Corporal to Sergeant



Thomas Bowin
Detective to Corporal
12/02/2015



Shawn Dodson
Officer to Corporal
01/03/2015



Joshua Hanes
Officer to Corporal
04/13/2015



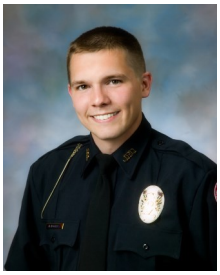
Nick Jimenez
Officer to Corporal
09/04/2015



John Isenmann
Detective to Corporal
12/02/2015



Luke Stahl
Detective to Corporal
2015



Daniel Rogers
Officer to Corporal
09/25/2015

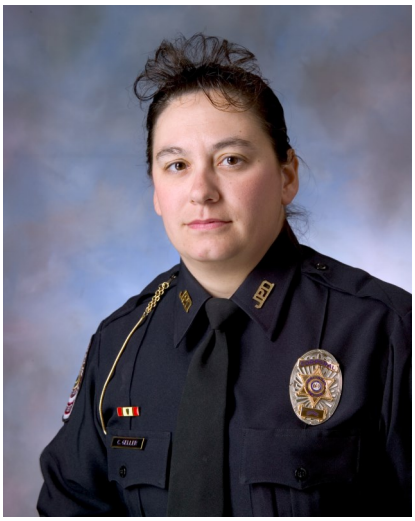
Retirements



Asst. Chief Brian Lewis
Hire Date: 03/26/2014
Retirement Date: 01/02/2015



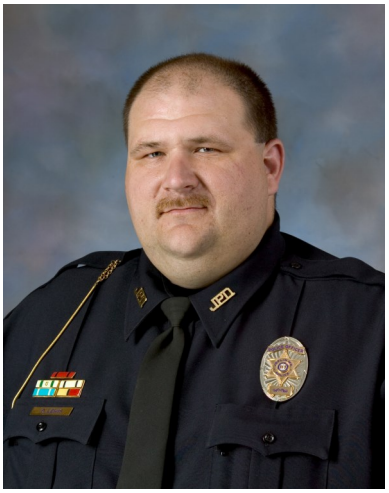
Capt. Darren Gallup
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Retirement Date: 12/01/2015



Captain Charla Geller
Hire Date: 11/29/1993
Retirement Date: 12/04/2015



Sgt. Chad Allison
Hire Date: 04/10/1995
Retirement Date: 04/10/2015



Sgt. David Lewis
Hire Date: 11/27/1995
Retirement Date: 12/01/2015