The Chief's Honor Guard is a 12-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 from presenting the colors at a ceremony in Mansfield, Missouri to assisting with fallen Riverside Officer Master Patrolman Jeff Taylor's funeral. Officer Taylor was killed during his selfless recovery efforts in the aftermath of the May 2011 tornado.