The RAPID Team (Residents and Police Interacting Directly) is a component of the Special Enforcement Bureau. It consists of one supervisor, four full-time school resource officers/part-time RAPID officers, three full-time RAPID officers, one downtown resource officer, two full-time DWI enforcement officers, and the court bailiff.

The mission of the RAPID Team is to work with citizens to address ongoing, large-scale issues that negatively affect their quality of life. Projects the RAPID Team works on are typically defined either geographically or by crime category. For instance, the RAPID Team might work with a neighborhood to address issues as far-ranging as thefts and assaults to improper parking and litter.

The RAPID Team uses data analysis, citizen interviews, and police officer input to develop customized action plans for each project. The RAPID Team strives to use all available resources to tackle tough problems. Citizen involvement is paramount to their success. Some of the techniques that are frequently used include:

- Bicycle and foot patrol
- Timely and accurate intelligence dissemination
- Undercover “stings”
- Surveillance
- Plain clothes operations
- Neighborhood Watch
- Support from City of Joplin Code Enforcement

In the last year, the RAPID Team has worked on many projects. Among those include:

- Neighborhood Revitalization Area
- First annual National Night Out event
- City parks (alcohol violations and graffiti)
- Trail safety and patrol of the trail system
- Work in the Jeff Taylor Memorial Acres and Hope Haven in conjunction with FEMA
- City-wide theft from vehicle campaign (heavy enforcement and education)
- City-wide graffiti abatement