Rise Above is a 10-lesson course taught to fifth grade students in the Joplin School District as well as several private schools. Rise Above was created by our officers with the assistance of the school district as a customized education program tailored to the needs of our community. The program, taught to nearly 700 students, focuses on the importance of the character of the individual student while giving them insight into some of the roadblocks to their success. At the end of the 10 weeks, each class was rewarded during a celebration assembly where every student received a certificate of completion and a Rise Above t-shirt.