The Joplin Police Sentinel Program is a valuable asset to our community. The police sentinels are a group of individuals who have completed the Citizens Police Academy, and aspire to serve the citizens of Joplin by completing further training and entering the program.

The sentinels provide a variety of services to citizens. These services include house checks for citizens who are out of town, vehicle unlocks, found bicycle pick-ups, tornado area security, FEMA housing patrols and community support, fire scene support, traffic control at major events, and other various non-enforcement support functions.

Currently the sentinel program is made up of 14 members from all areas of the community. Each member completes a minimum of 12 hours of service every month. Most of the members work full time jobs but still make the extra time to serve their community. Four new sentinels were added to the team in 2011.