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I would like to take this time to personally thank all of the citizens of Joplin for the amount of support that you showed our police department in 2016. Last year was a very rough year for law enforcement in general. There were 135 police officers that died in the line of duty last year which was a 10% increase over 2015. The most disheartening statistic was the number of officers that were killed by firearms. There were 64 officers that were killed feloniously last year and 24 of those were in ambush type shootings. This is an increase of 163% over 2015.

Although these statistics are hard to comprehend, the amount of public support for the Joplin Police Department was shown through many calls and many cards being sent to our department. Shortly after the five officers from the Dallas, TX police department were attacked and killed, our department was overwhelmed with calls, letters, and food. We are very fortunate to be able to work in Southwest Missouri and more importantly in Joplin. We are reminded daily of the public’s support of our work in keeping the citizens and visitors of Joplin safe and secure.

We continue to do our best to make sure that we are providing the best possible services that we can to our community. We strive to keep our community informed about what is going on at your police department through social media as well as the many public outreach programs that we offer. I encourage everyone to be engaged in your community and to be proactive in learning about our agency. One of the best ways to accomplish this is to enroll in the Citizens Police Academy that we offer. This is a free program that we offer to all of the citizens that live in Joplin. We offer this class every Spring and every Fall. It is a great opportunity to truly learn what all goes on behind the scenes at JPD.

Below are some statistics for the last five years:

- **2012** – 85,585 calls; 8,819 crimes; 1,903 crashes
- **2013** – 91,117 calls; 8,909 crimes; 1,763 crashes
- **2014** – 89,255 calls; 8,601 crimes; 1,617 crashes
- **2015** – 84,436 calls; 7,598 crimes; 1,775 crashes
- **2016** – 85,211 calls; 8,131 crimes; 1,875 crashes

As you can see our crime numbers are up 6.5% from last year, but we are still 7.8% down from 2012. Also, our crash numbers are up 5.3% from last year, but are still 1.4% down from 2012.

I hope that you find some useful information in our annual report. On behalf of the men and women of the Joplin Police Department, I want to thank the citizens of Joplin for your continued support. I am looking forward to see what 2017 has in store for our community and I look forward to continue serving you in the coming years. We take great pride in our community and in being your public servants as evidenced in the following report.

Sincerely,

Chief Matt Stewart
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Captain Ryan West

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COMMANDER
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Chad Dininger
Daniel Haskins
Brian Henderson
John Hollingsworth
Rusty Rives
Austin Wolf
Trevor Duncan
Shawn Dodson

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Nick Jimenez
Joseph Kowis
Ben Cooper
Daniel Rogers
Paul Rowe
Luke Stahl
OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

VISION

The Joplin Police Department is a team of dedicated men and women who are committed to provide professional service, protection, and transparency to our diverse community while creating a positive work environment.

MISSION

Our mission is to provide professional service and protection through leadership and partnership with the community.

VALUES

HONOR

◊ Honor without compromise

COURAGE

◊ Courage with compassion

COMMITMENT

◊ Commitment to community

SERVICE

◊ Service with understanding
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<th>Objective</th>
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<td>Refurbish/Improve Shooting Range</td>
<td>Maintain the range as a viable training site for the next 10 years</td>
<td>Relocation of the range is fiscally impractical in the foreseeable future. Existing site will need to be improved as necessary to extend its service life.</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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<td>Maintain staffing levels</td>
<td>Ensure that staffing ratios meet thresholds established in the staffing plan. Sustain service levels as demands increase.</td>
<td>Applies to all three staffing plans: sworn, corrections and dispatch</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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<td>Additional support staff</td>
<td>Add support staff commensurate with growth of sworn staff to ensure accommodation of increased workload.</td>
<td>Clerical support of increased sworn staff is necessary to process the reports and arrests resulting from their additional activities.</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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<td>Systematic replacement of retained vehicles</td>
<td>Enhance quality of fleet by replacing vehicles that were obtained via a retained internal process.</td>
<td>Replace vehicles that are no longer cost effective to maintain and lack operational dependability.</td>
<td>2016-17</td>
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<td>Maintenance of Tasers</td>
<td>The X-26 Tasers have a five-year service life. Our 40 Tasers should be replaced with the X-2 in a phased process.</td>
<td>In addition to replacing the X-26 with X-3, the replacement of Tasers needs to be an ongoing cyclic program.</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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<td>Additional staff</td>
<td>Add one installer</td>
<td>Need to increase the service to the agencies</td>
<td>2018</td>
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<td>Dispatch - Radio consoles</td>
<td>Update radio consoles</td>
<td>Install infrastructure for radio system and consoles</td>
<td>2018</td>
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<td>Accreditation of the Forensic Computer Lab</td>
<td>Ensure best practices and compliance with industry standards</td>
<td>Enhances evidentiary value of computer evidence. Consistent with department philosophies and values.</td>
<td>2018</td>
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<td>Additional training staff</td>
<td>Add one clerical position and two training officers</td>
<td>Provide POST keeping. Develop training staff for effective operation of the Public Safety Training Center.</td>
<td>2018-19</td>
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<td>Grant Manager</td>
<td>Civilian position, recovers time currently expended by sworn staff for non-enforcement duties.</td>
<td>Improve operational efficiency. Enhance grant tracking and management. Improve grant acquisition and justification.</td>
<td>2018-19</td>
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<td>Replace South Station</td>
<td>Replace the current South Station with a more suitable facility</td>
<td>The current facility has structural issues (water damage) and is too small to accommodate our needs.</td>
<td>2017</td>
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<td>Multi-Year Plan</td>
<td>Description</td>
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<td>Additional Detention Officers</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Average daily population in the jail has grown from 32 to 55 inmates over the last 3 years. The additional detention officers will address workload demands, mitigate liability in the jail, enhance officer safety.</td>
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<td>Jail replacement</td>
<td>New jail with additional bed space.</td>
<td>Create greater jail capacity by using more modern jail concepts. Improve efficient use of staff by implementing new layout and technology. Create potential for sale of bed space.</td>
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<td>Radio system</td>
<td>Replace or upgrade to radio system</td>
<td>System will have reached end of life cycle</td>
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<td>ACA Certification of Correction Supervisors</td>
<td>Ensure proper preparation of Jail supervisory staff.</td>
<td>Allow training on industry best practices.</td>
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<td>Vehicle Replacement Plan</td>
<td>Ensure that a realistic plan exist to replace department vehicles in a timely and sustainable level.</td>
<td>Past budget restraints have had led to problems with the current vehicle fleet.</td>
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<td>K9 Replacements</td>
<td>K9 replacement beginning 2013-2017</td>
<td>These estimates are based upon a dog having eight years of working time.</td>
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<td>Training</td>
<td>Train techs to be certified in subscriber repair.</td>
<td>Become a self maintained shop to save money and time</td>
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<td>On-Call Pay</td>
<td>Obtain on-call pay for technicians</td>
<td>Set up technicians to be required to respond within 1 hour</td>
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<td>RF Monitor</td>
<td>Add monitor to shop</td>
<td>Acquire monitor for auto tuning of subscriber units</td>
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<td>Move master site</td>
<td>Move master site to more secure location</td>
<td>Move master site to avoid possible massive damage.</td>
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<td>Analyst assigned to Investigations</td>
<td>Have a crime analyst assigned to investigations to provide valuable information for crime prevention and proactive operations.</td>
<td>It is important to have an analyst work directly with investigations.</td>
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<td>Additional supervisors for SEB</td>
<td>Develop more efficient span of control</td>
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<td><strong>MULTI-YEAR PLAN</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Replacement of vehicle emergency equipment.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Ensure dependability of emergency equipment.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Ongoing</strong></td>
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<td>Equipment is exceeding life expectancy and is longer cost effective.</td>
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<td><strong>Cyclic replacement of in-car cameras</strong></td>
<td><strong>Ensure dependability of cameras</strong></td>
<td><strong>Ongoing</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Rolling Evidence shelving</strong></td>
<td><strong>Replace evidence storage with rolling shelving. Installment of rolling shelves in Evidence facility.</strong></td>
<td><strong>2017-18</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Resource allocation study</strong></td>
<td><strong>Provide command staff the information necessary to make staffing decisions.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Internal Affairs</strong></td>
<td><strong>2015-2017</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Update courtroom security</strong></td>
<td><strong>Improve and update screening technology. Institute a bailiff to replace the assigned officer.</strong></td>
<td><strong>SEB</strong></td>
<td><strong>2016-17</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Crime analysis software</strong></td>
<td><strong>Bair Analytics Software</strong></td>
<td><strong>This will assist in analyzing crime data and</strong></td>
<td><strong>2016-17</strong></td>
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<td><strong>SEB Clerk</strong></td>
<td><strong>Change classification to Senior Clerk</strong></td>
<td><strong>The SEB clerk performs all of the job functions of a senior clerk, and has for years.</strong></td>
<td><strong>2017</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Farrow Unit</strong></td>
<td><strong>Partner with investigations to purchase a Farrow unit for crash and crime scene investigation</strong></td>
<td><strong>This would replace our current total station.</strong></td>
<td><strong>2017</strong></td>
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<td><strong>It provides 3D, GPS mapping of crash and scenes with the push of a button.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>On-call Pay</strong></td>
<td><strong>Obtain on-call pay for crash team</strong></td>
<td><strong>Currently there is no &quot;on-call&quot; major crash investigator, which results in delays while SEB Supervisors try and find officers to respond, sometimes without success.</strong></td>
<td><strong>2017</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Telephone Expansion</strong></td>
<td><strong>7th and final telephone for Dispatch, along with ProQa software for the computer</strong></td>
<td><strong>2016-17</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Replace Range Pro Program</strong></td>
<td><strong>Company is out of business</strong></td>
<td><strong>There is no longer any support for this program.</strong></td>
<td><strong>2016-17</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Field Fingerprint Identification</strong></td>
<td><strong>Obtain Morpho-Trak field fingerprinting</strong></td>
<td><strong>This will allow for the identification of persons in the field by using fingerprints.</strong></td>
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OVERVIEW

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.

In 2016 we had five people that retired from our department. With the retirements the department lost a total of 120 years of combined experience with these retirements. In total 18 officers left service with us in 2016.

The City of Joplin and the Police Department are working on the final stages of the Priority Based Budgeting process which began last year. PBB will allow us to look at the programs that we provide to our citizens and the costs that are associated with those programs. This process will allow us to more effectively use our limited resources.

The primary challenge still facing our Police Department is 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 continue to implement strategies for marketing and public awareness geared toward increasing our applicant pool and geographic recruiting area. The employees of the Joplin Police Department Operations Division take pride in providing our community with superior law enforcement services.
OVERVIEW

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 Patrol Bureau consist of patrol, K9, and the SWAT team. When fully staffed the Patrol Bureau consist of fifty two officers.

The Patrol Division is the largest bureau within the Joplin Police Department. When fully staffed the Patrol Division 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 Captain.

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 Division

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. Uniform 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.

2016 Highlights

- On 2/18/16, 0110 hrs. 1631 E. 4th Street. Officers pulled in behind a white Cadillac after it parked and attempted to make contact. The driver, Christopher Whitney, rammed his vehicle into a patrol car and fled the scene at a high rate of speed and without the vehicle headlights on. Whitney eventually turned into a car lot and crashed into a vehicle parked there, at which time he exited the vehicle. He was taken into custody after a brief foot pursuit. Whitney was found to have felony fugitive paperwork out of Cherokee County for burglary.

- On 3/5/16, 0805 hrs. 1326 S. Kentucky. Victim reported her boyfriend Jose Lopez, fired one round at her and another victim while they were in bed. Lopez's vehicle was stopped leaving the scene and he was taken into custody. A pistol was recovered from the vehicle and a shell casing was recovered from a bedroom. A cut-down AK-47 and a 9 mm handgun were also seized from the residence.

- On 5/8/16, 0200 hrs. 3535 Hammons Blvd. Large event at this location concluded with a large fight in the parking lot when the event center closed down and attendees were forced outside. An estimated 200-300 people were gathered with 40-50 physically fighting. Officers from Duquesne, Jasper County and Newton County responded to assist. The large and unruly group failed to comply with orders to leave and OC was deployed. The crowd dispersed without further incident.

- On 5/28/16, 0805 hrs. 1326 S. Kentucky. Victim reported her boyfriend Jose Lopez, fired one round at her and another victim while they were in bed. Lopez then reportedly fired a second shot somewhere else in the residence before leaving the area. Lopez's vehicle was stopped leaving the scene and he was taken into custody. A pistol was recovered from the vehicle and a shell casing was recovered from a bedroom. A cut-down AK-47 and a 9 mm handgun were also seized from the residence.
2016 Highlights Continued

- On 5/29/16, 0437 hrs. 5th / Park. Officers dispatched reference a male shot in the chest. Victim was identified as Justin Thurston, and he was transported to hospital by METS. His injuries are not considered life threatening at this time. Witnesses and Thurston advised a blue PT Cruiser was involved and left the area at a high rate of speed. Officers located the suspect vehicle at 219 S. Highland, Apt. A. James Grunden was found hiding in the residence, was taken into custody and confessed to the shooting.

- On 6/18/16, 2140 hrs. 1932 W. 4th Street. Officers responded to a report of a home invasion. The victims stated that two males that they knew as Travis Morris and Corey Walstead broke into the residence, assaulted them, demanded money and ransacked the home. Morris and Walstead fled on foot when they realized 911 had been called. Officers searching the area located the two at 1825 W. 7th (Rumours Bar) and arrested both.

- On 7/7/16, 2258 hrs. 500 S. Joplin. Officers stopped a vehicle for equipment violation and a strong odor of marijuana was coming from the vehicle. Driver Taven Williams was contacted and removed from the vehicle. While cuffing him, Williams attempted to resist arrest but was subdued and taken into custody. Three baggies of marijuana totaling 65.8 grams was found on his person. Two gallon-sized plastic baggies with marijuana residue were found in the trunk of the vehicle. Williams was charged with delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance, and resisting arrest.

- On 8/1/16, 1815hrs 3331 N. Rangeline. Officer Piercy initiated a vehicle stop near Enterprise / Rangeline for careless driving. The driver short-stopped, almost causing a collision, then, as the officer exited their vehicle, the suspect vehicle circled the parking lot and drove at the officer, turning only at the last minute to avoid striking him. The vehicle then fled northbound into Webb City and was located disabled at 13th / Madison. All three vehicle occupants fled on foot. Driver Randolph Spann Jr was detained, as well as passenger David Banaszak. A third subject, an unidentified male, was not located and is still at large. A search of the vehicle recovered more than 54 separate ID’s, a checkbook, and $1,400 cash. This incident cleared three theft from vehicle cases reported during the shift.

- On 08/13/16, at 5:03 a.m., officers responded to a call of shots being fired by Tom Mourning inside the residence of 1810 S. Connecticut. The caller had fled from the residence so he could call for assistance. Sergeant Rusty Rives and Officer Jason Francis were traveling south on Connecticut to the residence when a pickup speeding and without lights turned on, left the area southbound. As Sergeant Rives and Officer Francis caught up to the vehicle at 32nd, Mourning began to fire rounds into the rear of an occupied church van that was sitting stopped at a red light. Officer Francis stayed with the van, requesting EMS and rendering aid. Sergeant Rives continued to pursue the pickup eastbound on 32nd Street where Mourning pulled up beside a pickup stopped in the turn lane at Texas and fired several rounds into the driver’s door. After firing rounds into the pickup, Mourning turned around and began to travel west on 32nd Street. After passing Sergeant Rives and Officer Adam Brannin, both pursued Mourning west on 32nd Street. As the pursuit approached the wounded at 32nd and Connecticut, Officer Francis recognized the danger to the driver. He removed the driver from the vehicle and shielded him from potential gun fire, while moving the driver to a position to utilize the van as cover. Although Tom Mourning had fired several shots in several directions, Sgt. Rives and Ofc. Brannin continued to pursue Mourning until he was taken into custody.

- On 8/21/16, 0000 hrs. 11570 Hwy FF (Flying J). Officers were first dispatched reference a physical disturbance involving several males at 11570 Hwy FF (Flying J). Calls were then taken about multiple shots being fired. The suspect, Ulysses Liaina, Jr. of Las Vegas, NV, was located and advised he was upset over a UFC fight they were watching inside the truck stop. After engaging in a physical altercation with another male who left prior to officer arrival, Liaina fired several shots in the air while standing outside. There were no injuries and Liaina was arrested.
2016 Highlights Continued

- On 8/27/16, 0108 hrs. 15th / Main. Two sport bikes were observed traveling in excess of 120 mph on 32nd Street. The bikes were later seen traveling north on Main Street. A heavyset rider swerved into oncoming traffic directly at an officer. Sgt. Rives later attempted to contact the riders on foot as they were stopped in traffic. The heavyset rider, identified as Paul Haney, drove away, dragging Sgt. Rives and pulling his shoulder out of socket. Jasper County engaged in a lengthy pursuit, but lost the bikes in the area of F and Sergeant. The other rider was identified as Robert Braun Haney was later arrested in Newton County.

- 8/30/16, 0715 hrs. 7th / Moffet. Samuel Pasley reported he had been at Indigo Sky casino where he won a large sum of money. He accepted a ride from two males, Ace Mohr and Steven Prall. Pasley stated upon arriving at this location, Mohr and Prall displayed a knife and a gun and robbed him of money he had won at the casino. The two suspects then left the area in the suspect vehicle, a red Pontiac Trans Am with temporary Missouri tag. Officers located the vehicle and stopped it. Mohr and Prall were arrested without incident. They were also charged with possession of assorted narcotics and drug paraphernalia.

- On 11/7/16, 1801 hrs. 3508 S. Range Line (Best Western). Officers were dispatched to a strong armed robbery. Victim reported the suspect pushed her into her room, demanded money, and threatened to hurt her if she called police. Officer Piercy located the suspect vehicle on Range Line and completed a felony car stop. Driver Adam Smith was detained and the victim identified him as the suspect.

- On 11/20/16, 0541 hrs. During a vehicle stop on I44, the male passenger provided a false name. The female driver then exited the vehicle and approached the officer to advise she had been kidnapped by the male. At this time, the male, later identified as Keith Matthews moved to the driver seat and fled in the vehicle. Following a vehicle pursuit on the interstate, the vehicle was found abandoned and Matthews was located after a K9 track. Investigation found that Matthews had held the female at gunpoint during the vehicle stop. He is an absconder from Little Rock, Arkansas.

- On 12/19/16, 0056 hrs. 4230 S. 43 Hwy. Officers received information that a vehicle reported as stolen out of Joplin was traveling to Petro from Pittsburg, KS, for a drug deal. The suspect vehicle was located backed into a space at Petro. Officer Brown parked in front of the suspect vehicle and attempted to initiate contact. The suspect driver, Adam Hardwick intentionally rammed Officer Brown’s vehicle and a pursuit ensued. The pursuit concluded at 22nd / Indiana when the suspect vehicle became inoperable and Hardwick fled on foot. He was apprehended nearby. A handgun was located in the vehicle, and bullets were found in Hardwick’s pocket.
SWAT

It is the intent of the Joplin Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team to provide a highly trained and skilled tactical team as a resource for the Joplin Police Department in the handling of critical incidents. The mission of the S.W.A.T. Team is to support the Joplin Police Department and any other requesting law enforcement agency with a tactical response to critical incidents.

OPERATION 100

- On 01/11/16 Law Enforcement Officers received information that Jason C. Russell was possibly staying in a duplex apartment near the intersection of Junge and Willard in Joplin. Russell was wanted on numerous felony warrants, including a Parole Violation, Resisting Arrest, 1st Degree Assault, Felonious Restraint, 1st Degree Robbery and Armed Criminal Action. Officers positively identified Jason Russell at the residence and attempted to callout Russell. At one point Russell attempted to escape out of an upstairs window, but was unsuccessful. An Operation 100 was initiated and a search warrant for the residence was obtained. Operators and SWAT operators attempted numerous times to get Russell to exit the residence but he did not comply and did not respond. Operators deployed chemical munitions into the residence and later SWAT operators made entry. Russell was located and taken into custody without further incident.

- On 01/16/16, Gavon Newton assaulted his wife. She was able to escape and fled the house. It was determined that a felony Domestic Assault had occurred. When officers attempted to contact Newton he advised that he had filled his trailer with gas and was going to blow himself up. Newton said that he would not come out of the residence. An Operation 100 was called by supervisors on scene. The team arrived and shut the gas off to the residence. They then ventilated two windows to allow fresh air to enter the residence and allow the gas to escape. Negotiators were able to make contact with Newton by phone and eventually talked him into giving up and exiting the residence.

- On 07/18/16 The U.S. Marshals service was at 3031 Range Line, Motel 6, attempting to serve Felony arrest warrants on a Corey Rusher, who was observed going into room 137. They attempted to contact Corey, but he would not exit the room and they could hear furniture being moved around inside the room. They requested the Joplin SWAT team for a barricaded subject. The US Marshals believed Rusher was possibly armed with stolen handguns. Joplin SWAT arrived and began negotiations. After no response from Rusher CS gas was deployed into the room. SWAT later made entry into the room and took Rusher into custody.
Operation 100 continued

- On 11/02/16, Donald B. Loomis was a target in an ATF and DEA investigation involving the importation and distribution of methamphetamine in the Joplin, Missouri metropolitan area with an indictment scheduled for the morning of November 2, 2016. Joplin Officers received an anonymous tip that Loomis was at Motel 6 room 267 in the early morning hours on November 2, 2016. Along with the scheduled indictment, Loomis had multiple outstanding felony warrants issued. It was confirmed that Loomis was inside the room and negotiators made contact with Loomis via the room phone to have Loomis exit the room. Loomis refused and the Joplin Police Department SWAT team was activated. After multiple attempts to have Loomis exit the room, CS gas was deployed. The room was cleared and it was later determined that Loomis had crawled into the attic of the motel. Loomis was eventually located in the motel attic by K9 Belgon and taken into custody.

- On 12/14/16 The Joplin Police Department was contacted by the U.S. Marshal’s service, who had members conducting surveillance at 433 N. Wall Ave. They were attempting to locate Davon Granger, who had an active arrest warrant for homicide out of Columbus, Ohio. The U.S. Marshals on scene were confident they observed Granger at the residence. JPD patrol also assisted by establishing a perimeter around the residence until The Joplin SWAT team could arrive. SWAT made several attempts to contact Granger and convince him to exit the residence. When this was not successful, CS gas was deployed into the residence. After a search of the residence, Granger was located hiding under the residence in a crawl space. Granger refused to exit and K9 Belgon was deployed under the home to take Granger into custody.
SEARCH WARRANTS

- On 03-01-2016 The Ozark Drug Enforcement Team requested assistance from the Joplin SWAT team in serving two consecutive, related search warrants. The first was at 2209 S. Virginia and the second at 626 ½ S. Moffet. The request was made due to information of weapons being present at both locations. The Joplin SWAT team was able to secure both residences for ODET to serve the warrants.

- On 05/04/16 SWAT was requested to serve State of Missouri Narcotics Search Warrant for Detective Justin Ellison for the residence of 220 E 33 St. The warrant was for property, drugs, and cash.

- On 7/8/16 the Joplin SWAT Team served a search warrant at 219 S. Highland Ave Apt A for the Ozark Drug Enforcement Team. This location was known to have weapons and a history of disturbances. The SWAT team successfully contained and called out the occupants for the warrant.

- On 11/30/16 the Joplin Police Department S.W.A.T. team was utilized in serving a narcotics search warrant at 1119 S. Jackson Ave. for the Ozark Drug Enforcement Team. The team successfully secured the residence and turned it over to detectives for the search.

- On 12-7-16 The Joplin SWAT team was activated to serve a narcotics search warrant at 2920 S. Kentucky Ave., for the Ozark Drug Enforcement Team due to information that weapons were involved. The SWAT team secured the residence and ODET detectives were able to serve the warrant.
In 2016, 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 weeklong 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 2017. An advanced SWAT school will also be taught for team personnel in the fall of 2017.
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.

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2016 K9 Unit Highlights

- Joplin Police K9’s were deployed over 400 times for various functions for the citizens of Joplin during 2016
- Joplin Police K9’s were deployed to search for wanted suspects 125 times through 2016 including tracks, building searches, area searches, and SWAT deployments
- Joplin Police K9’s during those searches physically apprehended suspects 17 times throughout 2016
- Joplin Police K9’s conducted 278 searches for narcotics throughout 2016
- Joplin Police K9’s seized the following narcotics during those searches throughout 2016
  - $23,840 in drug money seizures
  - 18 seizures of cocaine
  - 5 seizures of heroin
  - 744 grams of marijuana
  - 503 grams of methamphetamine
  - 204 items of drug paraphernalia located
- On 11-02-16 Officer Brannin and K9 Belgon deployed with the Joplin SWAT team in an armed and barricaded incident at Motel 6 in Joplin, MO. After several hours of attempted negotiations with a suspect wanted for a multitude of violent offenses, entry was made into the hotel room by SWAT officers, including Officer Brannin and K9 Belgon. It was found that the suspect was attempting to conceal himself in the attic of the building. K9 Belgon was deployed to the attic after the suspect refused to surrender. K9 Belgon and Officer Brannin were able to apprehend suspect without injury to any officers or citizens.
- On 11-22-16 Officer Brown and K9 Pax responded to Outback Steakhouse for vehicle theft. The suspect was attempting to steal a vehicle from a grandmother and her grandchild. The suspect fled from officers upon their arrival. Officer Brown and K9 Pax conducted a track of the suspect where the suspect was located and taken into custody. The suspect was arrested for Robbery 2nd Degree, felony vehicle tampering, resisting arrest, and a parole absconder warrant.
- On 11-20-16 Officer Davis and K9 Bolt responded to I-44 in reference to a kidnapping suspect who had been involved in a pursuit with officer but had fled from his vehicle. Upon arrival K9 Bolt and Officer Davis conducted a track of the suspect and he was located and taken into custody without incident. The suspect was charged with multiple felony charges.
- On 12-10-17 Officer Rich and K9 Ax conducted a vehicle stop for traffic violations in Joplin. During the stop Officer Rich developed reasonable suspicion that the suspect was in possession of narcotics. Officer Rich deployed K9 Ax and after a positive alert from K9 Ax a search was conducted of the vehicle. Located in the vehicle were felony narcotics and a firearm. The suspect was found to be a convicted felon and is now being federally investigated for being a felon in possession of a firearm.
- On November of 2016 Officer Black and K9 Fighter were called to assist Republic, MO school district in reference to a bomb threat. Officer Black and K9 Fighter conducted a search with other area units that took approximately six hours to complete.
OVERVIEW

The Joplin Police Department Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) focuses on analyzing crime trends, traffic patterns, long-term crime prevention and DWI enforcement.

In 2016 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, one 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.
CRIME FREE

The Joplin Police Department Crime Free Team continues its focus on analyzing crime trends, traffic patterns, and executing proactive solutions for long-term crime prevention. In 2016, the Crime Free Team carried out multiple tasks and plans in its efforts to implement innovative strategies to support crime reduction and community involvement.

As part of a police department restructure in 2016, the Crime Free Team was moved to the Support Services Bureau.

The Crime Free team enables the Joplin Police Department 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 2016, 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 and 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.

With the continued success of the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, the SEB began implementing the Crime Free Business Program. The roll-out of the program was met with great interest from Joplin business owners. 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 18 fully certified Crime Free Businesses and fourteen that have begun the process.

The Crime Free team additionally assisted with neighborhood revitalization areas, organized National Night Out, patrolled city parks (particularly seeking out alcohol violations, graffiti presence and vandalism), performed site surveys and made security recommendations to city departments and property owners as problems arose, monitored trail safety, conducted city-wide theft from vehicle campaigns, promoted education and enforcement, and addressed city-wide graffiti abatement.
TRAFFIC

Another extremely important segment of Uniform Operations is the traffic division. Currently comprised of 10 members, including a sergeant, 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 4,247 moving violations in 2016. 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 1,875 traffic crashes in the City of Joplin in 2016, which is an increase of nearly 6% over 2015.

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.
The Traffic Division houses a fulltime 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 2015-2016 grant year the unit generated 364 DWI Alcohol and Drug arrests, 174 Felony arrests, 1,064 vehicle stops, and 1,202 citations.

The JPD DWI Unit hosted 5 Sobriety Checkpoints and assisted at 12 others. The officers gave 257 blood alcohol content breath tests and 509 standardized field sobriety tests. In 2016 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. The DWI Unit took possession of a new bus in 2016 that will be deployed at checkpoints and large DWI enforcement campaigns. The new addition is a 43 foot charter bus equipped with LED lighting outside, DWI processing area, generator, officer area to complete paperwork, dark room to allow for drug recognition evaluations, evidence storage, and is highly visible to spread awareness. The bus replaces a 2007 Ford ambulance that had been used by the department for the past ten years. The bus is available to the Southwest Missouri DWI Task force for use at checkpoints in the region. The DWI task-force is made up of approximately 20 different law enforcement agencies as well as MADD, to deploy a large number of resources and police officers to arrest impaired drivers.
MOTORCYCLE UNIT

In 2016, 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 15,000 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 several training events.

To test and improve the officers’ riding skills, Motor Officers attended the 3rd Annual “Law Enforcement Recognition Week” in Branson, Missouri. The officers competed in the Police Motorcycle Rodeo skills competition.

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 2016, all four 2015 Harley Davidson motorcycles were replaced with 2017 models.

HMV/DWI GRANTS

In 2016, 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 2016, there were more than 5,500 vehicle stops, 100 citations, and 19 DWI arrests. The department also utilized DWI funds to perform compliance checks of several establishments that sell alcohol. During 2016 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.
CRASH TEAM

The Joplin Police Department Crash Team is made up of Certified Crash Reconstructionists who have advanced training in documenting a crash using GPS points, measurements, and forensic evidence. This process helps to give closure to grieving families who have lost a loved one, secure evidence for criminal prosecution if warranted, and provide a complete and accurate record of the crash.

Officers Bentz and Rivers completed Advanced Crash Investigation as well as obtained their Crash Reconstruction certification this year, joining all of the other officers in the unit. This is a very complex and difficult certification to obtain and the training lasts for several months.

In 2016, the Crash Team was deployed five times and investigated four fatal traffic crashes in Joplin.
School Resource Officers / Rise Above

Rise Above is a series of lessons 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 series of lessons, each class was rewarded during a celebration assembly where every student received a certificate of completion and a Rise Above t-shirt.

Crossing guards

In 2016, as every year, the Joplin Police Department worked cooperatively with the Joplin R-8 School district to employ a group of part-time crossing guards. Annually, the school crossings are analyzed and these personnel are deployed according to where they will have the greatest benefit for the safety of our children.
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 2015 the Honor Guard was requested for thirteen events two of which were for fallen officers. A third was shared with Springfield PD as they honored a fallen officer that was located in a Joplin Cemetery.

In October the Honor Guard traveled to Branson for training and ceremony as part of Branson’s Salute to Law Enforcement. Along with being joined by local honor guard units we also got to participate with units from all of the state and a team from the Rhode Island State Police. The day ended with a presentation of the Colors at the Branson Landing and the playing of the National Anthem.
POLICE 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 2016. 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.
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.

RESERVE PROGRAM

The Joplin Police Department Reserve Program is made up of four part-time commissioned police officers with full police powers. All three 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.
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 2016, 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 as Presidential Candidates Ben Carson and Marco Rubio.
CITIZEN’S POLICE ACADEMY

Twice a year, the Joplin Police Department hosts a Citizen’s Police Academy. This program is offered to interested members of the community who would like to know more about the operations of the Joplin Police Department. The 14-week Academy allows citizens a behind the scenes look at what it is like to be an Officer with the Joplin Police Department. There are two primary goals of the Citizen’s Police Academy. The first is to inform citizens of the expectations and operations of the Joplin Police Department. The second is to facilitate better communication with all members of our community, and gather valuable input on how we can serve our citizens and visitors better. Graduates of the CPA have the opportunity to complete further training and become a Sentinel. In 2016, the CPA graduated approximately 50 participants.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is an annual community event between the Joplin Police Department and the community. We focus on neighborhood cooperation with an eye toward cooperation. The Crime Free Team works with local businesses and community partners to sponsor the event, which in 2016 included a free swim, with dinner and soft drinks provided. This year’s event was our most successful yet, with over 800 people in attendance.

SHOP WITH A COP

Each December, the Joplin “Shop With a Cop” event is hosted by the Joplin Police Department and the Fraternal Order of Police. In 2016, Joplin Police hosted approximately 80 children who were selected by their school counselors from the free and reduced price lunch rosters. Each child was provided with a $100 gift card, provided through donations from private citizens and local businesses, to buy presents for themselves and loved ones. Approximately 50 officers and their families helped the children with their shopping. The Joplin Police Department has been participating in “Shop With a Cop” for more than 23 years.
INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

BUREAU COMMANDER:

Captain Larry Swinehart
OVERVIEW

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 the year 2016, the Investigations Bureau maintained an average of 13 full time Investigators. The Investigations Bureau is primarily responsible for the investigation of major felony crimes such as homicide, aggravated assault, sexual assault, burglary, robbery, forgery, and fraud. Investigators in this bureau also look into child abuse and neglect hotline calls, vehicle thefts, thefts from vehicles, larcenies, domestic violence, 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 2016, 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 2016, 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, 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, Firearms, Emergency Vehicle Operations and Active Shooter Instructors.
2016 HIGHLIGHTS

There were **8733** cases assigned to the Investigations Bureau during 2016.

This amounted to **728** cases per month for the entire bureau and **56** cases per month per investigator. The Investigations Bureau clearance rate for 2016, (defined as cases cleared by arrest, exceptionally cleared, unfounded or completed) was **54%**. This clearance rate can be credited in large part to the public's response to social media requests for assistance in suspect identification in numerous crimes.

The following is a breakdown of cases cleared in 2016:

- Cleared By Arrest........................................................................... **2894**
- Exceptionally Cleared................................................................. **435**
- Unfounded....................................................................................... **103**
- Completed....................................................................................... **1075**
- Referred to another agency......................................................... **237**

Over the fiscal year 2016, the Joplin Police Department Investigations Bureau worked two homicide investigations. Both investigations were cleared by arrests of the perpetrators. The Bureau submitted 785 felony probable cause statements, interviewed 618 suspects, and obtained 330 confessions. The Investigations Bureau responded to 222 child abuse hotline calls, were called in afterhours 290 times, and as stated before, maintained a 54% positive case clearance.
2016 HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to the two previous listed homicides, four additional major crimes were investigated by the bureau. A major crime is described as an incident requiring activation of the vast majority of the bureau.

- A bank robbery at 1316 E 23rd in which the subjects entered the bank and discharged a firearm was investigated as a major crime. In a coordinated investigation with the FBI two subjects were arrested and charged.

- The bureau also investigated a first degree felony assault at 1810 S Connecticut. A subject at the residence began discharging a firearm at the resident. The suspect left the residence and began shooting at fellow motorists. Joplin patrol officers took the suspect into custody without further incident. The perpetrator was charged with numerous 1st degree felony assaults.

- The bureau investigated a possible assault at 1715 Rex and a death investigation at 17th and Iowa as major crime investigations.
EVIDENCE

In 2016 the Joplin Police Department evidence facility took in 8,746 pieces of evidence during the 2016 calendar year. During that same time frame, there were 4,783 items removed from the evidence inventory (i.e. Destroyed, Returned to Owner, or Released to Other Agency). At the conclusion of 2016, there was a total of 43,585 pieces of evidence in the inventory.

The following is a breakdown of the HELD/RELEASED figures for 2016:

**Joplin Police Department:**
- 7,711 items submitted (HELD)
- 4,783 items removed (RELEASED)

**Cyber Crimes:**
- 506 items submitted (HELD)
- 42 items removed (RELEASED)

**Ozark Drug Enforcement Team**
- 529 items submitted (HELD)
- 58 items removed (RELEASED)
Evidence Continued.

In 2016, the evidence facility began submitting untested sexual assault evidence kits to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for forensic testing.

This was done under a grant funded partnership between the FBI and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). This program was created to help get these untested kits processed while relieving the burden off of local and state crime laboratory programs. The Joplin Police Department will continue pursuing this matter into 2017.

Special Investigative Unit (SIU)

In March of 2015 the department implemented the Special Investigative Unit in the Investigations Bureau. The unit is 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.

Due to staffing shortages, members of the Special Investigative Unit have been temporarily reassigned to other investigative duties.
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. Due to the shortage of manpower, the officers assigned to task forces have had to work JPD cases as well as cases from their respective task force.

**FBI**

- Investigative Cases - 7
- Indictments - 2
- Arrests - 2
- Interviews - 16
- Grand Jury Subpoenas - 10
- JPD Investigative cases - 149

**DRUG TASK FORCE**

During 2016, investigators assigned to the Joplin Investigations Unit and the Ozarks Drug Enforcement Team initiated 381 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 2016, ODET Detectives seized 7,824 grams of methamphetamine, 16,000 grams of high grade marijuana. The task force also seized 38 guns, $76,168.00 in US currency and $20,000.00 in property.
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 majority of SMCCTF investigations are complex and span multiple states as well as other countries. SMCCTF cases often times involve multiple child victims and an increasing number of cases involve multiple suspects, who work together to sexually exploit children. During 2016, numerous child victims were identified, rescued and provided counseling or other services with the assistance of our partner agencies. The SMCCTF is the leader in technology related investigations and has continued to foster its partnerships with the federal law enforcement community as well as around the State.

The SMCCTF saw an increase in child offenders in 2016. Children have increasing access to internet capable cell phones and devices, and literally hundreds of social networking applications. They face incredible peer pressure, to share inappropriate images of themselves, and in some cases, have been blackmailed into sending more and more images of themselves. These investigations are very time consuming and result in these cases being forwarded to the local Juvenile Office for consideration.

A total of 313 task force cases were opened in 2016, in addition to the cases assigned from each TFO’s individual agency. Of the assigned cases, the task force completed or closed 196 cases. Not included in the cases mentioned above, were the 183 Cyber Tips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which were assigned to the SMCCTF.
SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CYBER CRIME TASK FORCE

As a result of the above investigations, 41 persons were arrested on multiple State and Federal charges and 52 children were identified as victims, as a direct result of SMCCTF investigations.

During 2016, the SMCCTF caused a total of 292 investigative subpoenas to be issued and executed 105 search warrants. This included 16 federal search warrants and 89 state search warrants.

In 2016, the Task Force attended the National ICAC Conference in Atlanta, GA. This invaluable training opportunity, allows the 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.

The SMCCTF continued to experience an increased demand for computer and digital media forensic examinations. In partnership with the Springfield Police Department’s computer forensic lab and the Joplin Police Department’s computer forensic lab, the SMCCTF examined 1114 individual digital evidence items, for a total of 53,355 TB of data being analyzed. The SMCCTF currently has three full time forensic examiners and one part-time examiner. The Joplin Police Department has one fill time examiner, the Cassville Police Department has one part-time examiner and the Springfield Police Department have two full time examiners.

A total of 504 cell phones were examined in 2016, compared to 557 cell phones in 2015. The total cell phone data examined was approximately 5TB of data. SMCCTF Members conducted 201 computer forensic previews over the course of the year. Each task force officer is certified to conduct onsite forensic previews of suspect computers.

The Task Force provided training to 150 area law enforcement officers in responding to and conducting technology related investigations. This training provides local agencies the ability to first respond to new cases, which saves precious time and provides SMCCTF Members the ability to provide technical assistance to more agencies over a larger geographical area.

The MO Legislature approved $1,500,000.00 in FY15 State Cyber Crime Grant (SCCG) funding, which is administered by the Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS). The grant period is June 1st through May 31st. The SCCG provides funding four full time TFO's salaries and benefits, as well as equipment and licensing fees for the task force which totaled $220,071.96.

The SMCCTF also received funding from the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (MO ICAC) in the amount of $14,000.00. This funding is for training and operational expenses. The bulk of these funds were used to send each Task Force member to the annual Crimes Against Children training, held in Atlanta, GA.
OVERVIEW

The Support Services Bureau 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
**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. CALEA, Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, is an independent organization that provides standards the department must meet to achieve accreditations. Compliance with these standards helps to ensure we are keeping up with recognized industries standards and helps us to deliver quality law enforcement services to the community. The CALEA Coordinator 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 2016 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.
IN MEMORY OF CHAPLAIN GARY REED.

During the 2016 year, Chaplain Gary Reed passed away. The unit was shocked and deeply saddened by his unexpected passing. The Chaplain unit received an outpouring of support from the police department, family, and the Chaplain’s Corp.

Chaplain Gary Reed and his Wife Randa
JOPLIN MUNICIPAL 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 and a Certified PREA Auditor through the Department of Justice. Along with his current certification, the jail is also preparing to apply for PREA accreditation through the DOJ in 2017/18. This accreditation will recognize the jail as operating at the highest level of inmate care to prevent sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

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 6,921 prisoners and released 6,759. Among those booked, there were 1,923 jail days saved through the inmate work program. To give a general idea of how many inmates were processed during the last year, the food service program served over 54,000 meals.

In 2016, the average daily inmate population at any given time was 51 inmates which is slightly higher than the previous year. Jail Administrator Shane Dotson consistently tracks cost and expenditures to make sure he keeps the daily operating cost at a minimum but still provides the inmates with a quality standard of care. This lowered cost can be attributed to the initiation of the jail’s own in-house food management program, aggressive inmate work details, efficient staff, and a continued monitoring of costs and seeking vendors for 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. This program mitigates jail population and, to participate in the program, the inmate must pay a daily monitoring fee. The jail now employs 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 is also utilizing the Huber Work Release program, which allows those inmates who have been sentenced to serve jail days to make application to receive a furlough to go out and search for a job while they are incarcerated, as well as maintain their employment while they are serving jail time.

The jail also provides inmate commissary and medical care to the inmate population. The commissary is a program that allows inmates to purchase many items they could purchase at local stores if not incarcerated. All the proceeds from the commissary will be used to assist inmates in educational material, recreational items or other benefits which could assist them during their stay. For many years the jail provided a nurse and utilized local hospitals for inmate medical care. The City entered into an Agreement with Advanced Correctional Healthcare to provide medical care for our inmates. With our new partnership we now have a facility Doctor providing onsite medical care for our inmates and the facility still provides nursing services as well. With the Inmate Medical Care Program we have reduced transports to local hospitals which has created a reduction in the time staff is away from the jail and also provides inmates with access to health care much quicker than in the past.

The City of Joplin and the Jail was recently awarded a Federal Grant to establish the first Mental Health Court for the City of Joplin. The Mental Health Court will allow those inmates who suffer from Mental Illness to receive treatment without any cost to them.

The grant pays for the entire program and allows inmates the opportunity of treatment in lieu of incarceration which will also reduce our daily inmate population once again reducing cost to the taxpayers.

As the city continues to grow, we are anticipating an even larger number of prisoners to book and process. With the increase of processing inmates, the jail will continue to explore new and innovative programs which will both mitigate jail population and assist inmates as they reintegrate back into the community.
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 and MSSU Campus Police. In addition, they assist the Health Department (Animal Control) with call taking/dispatching services on nights and weekends. The center employees 20 full-time Telecommunicators: one manager, three supervisors and sixteen dispatchers.

Over the course of 2016, the Joplin Emergency Communications Center answered, and entered 85,211 calls for service for Joplin Police Department and 3,964 for Duquesne Police Department. Those numbers don’t include Joplin Fire Department/EMS calls, which totaled 9,310 for the year. 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 increase in calls for service from 2015 by 219.

The Joplin Emergency Communications Center, and the Jasper County Emergency Services Center continued their efforts to combine services throughout the year. State of the art call transfer technology was completed in 2016, further enhancing cooperation between the two centers.

We also placed an even greater emphasis on customer service in 2016. A 6th dispatch console was added, enabling a 6th dispatcher to act as a call taker, reducing wait times for callers with non-emergency concerns. All of our dispatchers attended customer service training in 2016. Additionally, two of our senior dispatchers attended Quality Assurance School. This training allows them to periodically audit our emergency medical dispatch procedures to ensure that it is compliant with industry best practices.

As stated in our emblem proudly displayed in the center “Every minute, every day, always there”. We are proud to assist the public safety responders, and our citizens.
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.

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.

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FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

The Joplin Police Department’s (JPD) Field Training Program (FTP) is undoubtedly the most important training program a Joplin Police Officer will attend in their career. The FTP prepares a new Police Officer to become a successful and effective public servant for the citizens of Joplin. Before beginning the FTP each Police Officer must have previously obtained their law enforcement license from the Missouri Department of Public Safety’s Peace Officer Standards and Training Program (POST). This license indicates that the newly hired Police Officer has completed 600 hours of Law Enforcement Basic Training and has passed the approved training curriculum to become a Missouri Law Enforcement Officer. Once this licensing requirement has been satisfied, the newly hired Police Officer is ready to begin the FTP with our department.

The FTP is initiated by the JPD Bureau of Professional Standards - Training Division. The Training Division is tasked by the Chief of Police to provide a 240 hour Field Training Academy to the newly hired JPD Officers. The Field Training Academy’s focus is to provide a thorough curriculum of legal precedents, police sciences, and operational tactics specific to the newly hired Police Officer’s duties with JPD. The end result of the Field Training Academy is to prepare the new Police Officer for the next phase of the FTP which is known as the Field Training Officer (FTO) phases of training.

The FTO phases of training are facilitated by the JPD Uniformed Services Bureau - Patrol Division. The Patrol Division is tasked by the Chief of Police to provide a 16-week (640 hours) Patrol operations focused training evolution that is modeled after the nationally recognized San Jose Field Training Program. The four FTO phases are designed in a building block learning format that develops the newly hired Police Officer with an ability to perform all daily JPD operational tasks without the assistance or oversight of the FTO. After a successful completion of all four FTO phases of training, the newly hired Police Officer is allowed, by the Chief of Police, to begin providing law enforcement services independently, under the guidance and supervision of the Patrol Division Leadership, for the Joplin Police Department.

The Joplin Police Department continuously strives to provide the very best training for newly hired Police Officers in an effective and efficient manner. It is a significant accomplishment for a new Joplin Police Officer to graduate the FTP successfully. In summary, JPD Officers must complete the above mentioned 600 hours of basic training through a state certified academy, 240 hours of department-specific training during Field Training Academy, and 640 hours of the FTO phased operational training. This equates to 1480 hours (37 weeks) of law enforcement training before the newly hired Police Officer is allowed to begin working independently for the Citizens of Joplin.

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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 85,211 calls for police service in 2016, the average response time for an officer to arrive was 3 minutes 20 seconds.

In 2016, the average response time was 3 minutes 20 second. This is a 3% decrease 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%, from 2015 to 2016. Money spent on call-back pay decreased between the two years. Between 2015 and 2016 there was a decrease of 26%.

Crash Ratios

In 2016, there were 1,879 crashes, compared to 1,783 accidents in 2015. This is an increase of 6% from 2015 to 2016. It is worth mentioning that Joplin has successfully remained below the 2,000 accident mark for the sixth year in a row. The decrease in crashes 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 2015 and 2016, there was an overall increase of 6% in IMPACT crimes.
IMPACT

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<td>4,492</td>
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IMPACT

The table below provides a look at the fluctuation of numbers since the implementation of the IMPACT program. 2016 saw the total IMPACT crime numbers decrease 19% from what they were in 2010, before IMPACT was implemented. With the addition of intelligence-led policing tactics, the Joplin Police Department anticipates continued success with the IMPACT program.

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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.

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<th>Self-initiated activity</th>
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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.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Reports Taken, 2011-2016

Arrests, 2011-2016
NEW EMPLOYEES, PROMOTIONS
AND RETIREMENTS

JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
NEW EMPLOYEES

OFFICER JASON SANDBOTHE
HIRE DATE: 01/06/2016

OFFICER KEATON SIEBENALER
HIRE DATE: 01/06/2016

OFFICER JACOB WRIGHT
HIRE DATE: 01/06/2016

OFFICER JOSHUA DYKSTRA
HIRE DATE: 02/29/2016

OFFICER KEATON SIEBENALER
HIRE DATE: 01/06/2016

OFFICER JACOB WRIGHT
HIRE DATE: 01/06/2016

OFFICER ABIGIAL IBARRA
HIRE DATE: 04/27/2016

OFFICER JAROD TINGLEY
HIRE DATE: 02/29/2016

OFFICER KENNETH BRAUN
HIRE DATE: 06/20/2016

OFFICER BRADEN DUNKER
HIRE DATE: 06/20/2016
NEW EMPLOYEES

OFFICER MICAH FLEMING
HIRE DATE: 06/20/2016

OFFICER ZACH GOODWIN
HIRE DATE: 06/20/2016

OFFICER JOEL TABER
HIRE DATE: 08/17/2016

OFFICER KATHERINE IVIE
HIRE DATE: 08/17/2016

OFFICER BRENDEN RICHARDSON
HIRE DATE: 12/16/2016

OFFICER BRIAN LEEPER
HIRE DATE: 12/16/2016

OFFICER JAKE VINOVERSKI
HIRE DATE: 12/16/2016
PROMOTIONS

- MATT STEWART
  ASST. CHIEF TO CHIEF: 03-02-2016

- SLOAN ROWLAND
  CAPTAIN TO MAJOR: 03-02-2016

- JOE MOORE
  SERGEANT TO CAPTAIN: 03-02-2016

- NICK JIMENEZ
  CORPORAL TO SERGEANT: 12-02-2016

- SHAWN DODSON
  CORPORAL TO SERGEANT: 03-02-2016

- BRETT KOHLER
  OFFICER TO CORPORAL: 03-02-2016

- BEN COOPER
  OFFICER TO CORPORAL: 06-01-2016

- JASON STUMP
  OFFICER TO CORPORAL: 12-02-2016
RETIREMENTS

JASON BURNS
HIRED: 02-26-1996
RETIRED: 03-01-2016

CHUCK NIESS
HIRED: 05-22-1996
RETIRED: 06-01-2016

TRAVIS WALTHALL
HIRED: 08-27-1996
RETIRED: 09-01-2016

CHAD DININGER
HIRED: 11-18-1996
RETIRED: 12-02-2016

JASON SCHANOT
HIRED: 11-18-1996
RETIRED: 12-02-2016