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JONESBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2020



MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Jonesboro
Police Department shall
strive to ensure that
all of our citizens are served
in a professional, ethical
and equitable manner
that respects individuals,
protects our democratic ideals
and system of government,
pursues greater accountability
of police, greater public share
in decision making and
greater concern for
civil rights and liberties.



WE ARE #BetterTogether



On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Jonesboro Police Department, I would like to offer a huge, heartfelt “Thank You” to our community. The past year presented all of us with some difficult and trying times, and the outpouring of love and support shown toward your JPD was invaluable to the morale of our officers this year.

As we all know, this year was unlike any other we have experienced, but these trials brought us closer together as a department and as a community. In March, we were witness to some of the worst times when our city was torn apart by a devastating tornado, but we were also blessed to be witness to some of the best times – community members rallying to help friends, neighbors, and strangers. The city came together with purpose and passion and proved that the value of willingness to help others should never be underestimated.

In May and June, a number of residents gathered and marched in response to the death of George Floyd. We take the responsibility of ensuring the protection and freedoms of our citizens very seriously. We continually look for avenues to positively engage with the public, and these events were no different. We resolved to make sure their voices were heard and that conversations were held that would strengthen the relationship between the department and the community.

Sadly, throughout most of the year, all of us have also dealt with the realities of COVID-19, many suffering losses that are difficult to imagine. It has made basic tasks more challenging, and connecting with the community more difficult than ever before. In spite of newfound restrictions, officers continued to serve, meeting the needs for assistance, and working to ensure safety that is a vital part of the quality of life of our residents. Despite the challenges, we were still able to achieve some of our top goals for 2020, including increasing the number of gang related charges stemming from violent crimes, and a thirty-six percent increase in arrests for impaired driving.

We are hopeful for a return to a more normal way of life soon. As always, we will remain committed to engagement, inclusion, and providing the highest level of professional police service.

We are #BetterTogether.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chief Rick Elliott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chief Rick Elliott

POLICE ADMINISTRATION



POLICE CHIEF
RICK ELLIOTT



ASSISTANT CHIEF
LYNN WATERWORTH



PATROL CAPTAIN
SCOTT ROPER



SPECIAL SERVICES CAPTAIN
SCOTT BAXTER

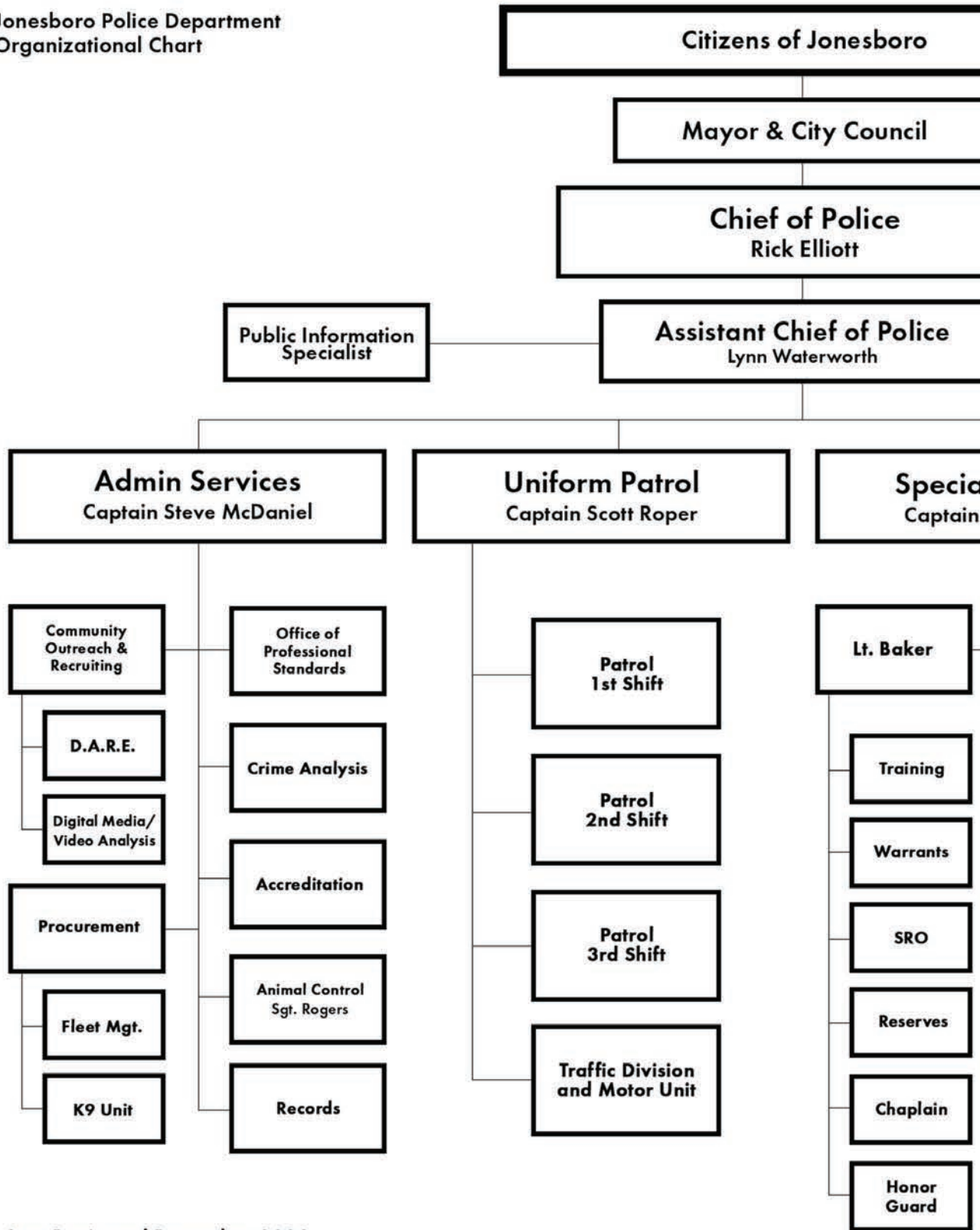


CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION CAPTAIN
TODD NELSON

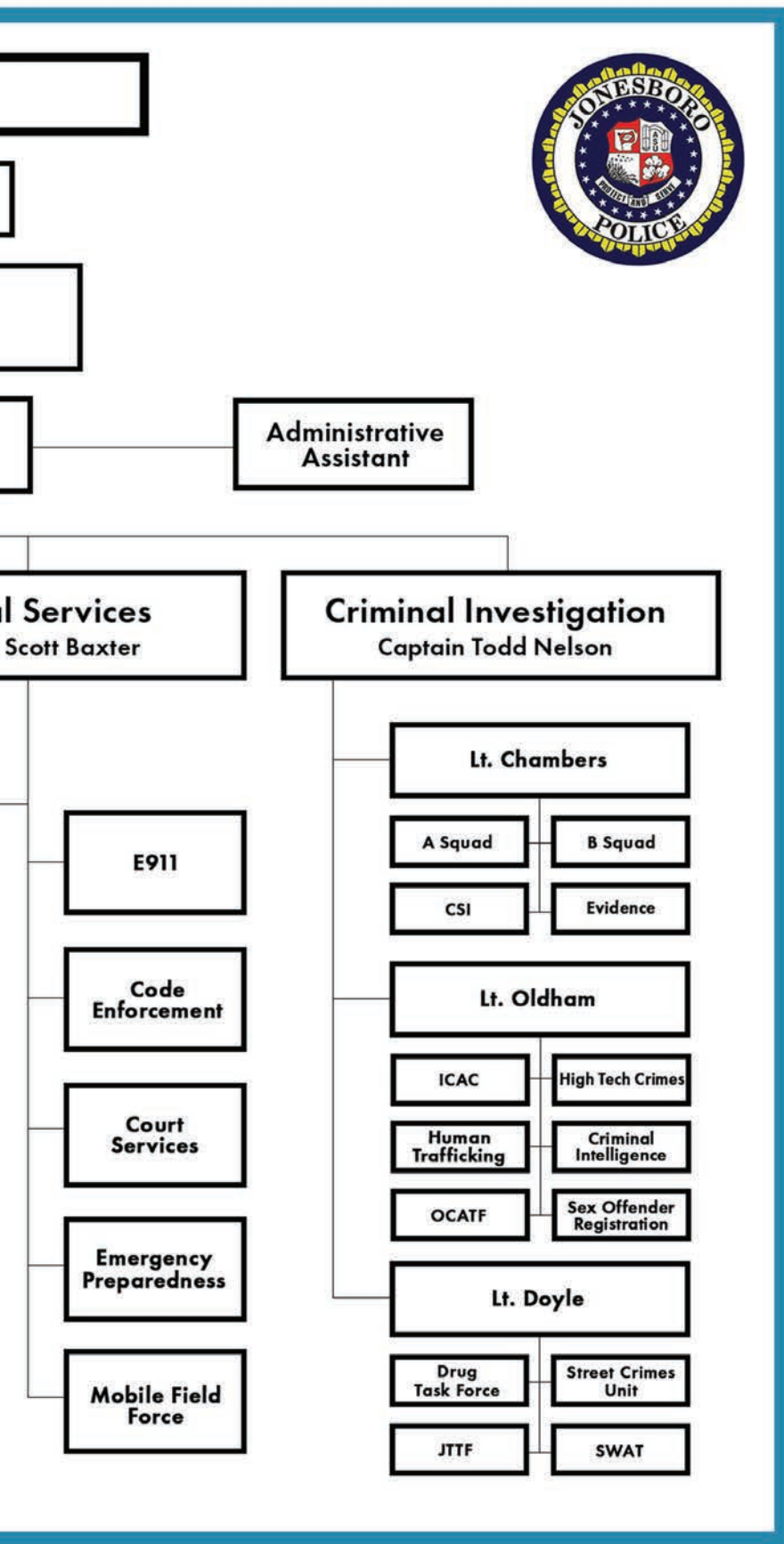


ADMINISTRATIVE CAPTAIN
STEVE MCDANIEL

Jonesboro Police Department
Organizational Chart



Last Reviewed December 2020



169
SWORN OFFICERS

62
CIVILIANS

11+
AVERAGE YEARS
OF SERVICE

36
SPECIALTY ASSIGNMENTS

Despite restrictions and reduced opportunities for interaction during 2020, JPD was successful in achieving a number of our Goals and Objectives, including a 36% increase in DWI arrests as a result of our focused increase on impaired driving enforcement. Another achieved goal was surpassing the recommendation of having 20% of our patrol officers participate in Crisis Intervention Team Training and becoming Certified CIT Officers.

Continuing our push toward an ever-higher standard of professionalism, our primary goal for 2021 is to achieve and maintain law enforcement accreditation through the Arkansas Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ALEAP).

2021 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH CRIME REDUCTION

- Improve communication and develop relationships both inside and outside JPD through interdivisional training and joint operations to solve a higher percentage of crimes, especially violent crime, pursuing at least two additional federal cases per month.
- Again increase DWI enforcement efforts in order to increase the number of DWI arrests by another 10% from the previous year.
- Locate and monitor possible human trafficking cases and make two additional felony arrests per month from cyber tips and online chats.

ENHANCE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Reduce opioid abuse related deaths through collaboration by implementing a Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program (COAP).
- Certify an additional 20 Crisis Intervention Team Officers and train on the use of the Crisis Stabilization Unit
- Our School Resource Officers will work with their respective schools to develop, implement and provide instruction in at least one new program and curricula, such as "Know your Rights" and "What to do When you get Pulled Over" that will expand the students' understanding of law and the role of law enforcement in society.



CHIEF ELLIOTT SPEAKS WITH A CROWD DURING PROTESTS

Policing has evolved to encompass many daily tasks beyond merely the enforcement of laws, and we are proud of our forward movement to embrace programs such as body worn cameras, a strong social media presence, and the implementation of a "Duty to Intervene" policy. As we developed new goals for 2021, we discovered that many of them already coincided with the recommendations of the Governor's Law Enforcement Task Force and we are excited for this continued growth in professionalism.

ND OBJECTIVES

IMPROVE SERVICE AND PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

- Increase the number of solved cases through the use of public cameras focused on monitoring high traffic areas and develop a VMS/RTCC plan.
- Continue to develop the new sUAS Drone unit and add four additional certified pilots.
- Keep repair costs down by obtaining additional fleet repair equipment.
- Increase cold calls and leverage various computer systems to help locate wanted persons to increase warrant service by 5% over warrants served in previous year, and work with the court in clearing out extremely old warrants.
- Increase the department's visibility and accessibility on social media platforms and our web page, highlighting two new volunteer or community interactions per month.

EMPLOY PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE SERVICE THROUGH PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT

- Continue recruiting from within, produce an attitude survey to find the attitudes towards job satisfaction at the Jonesboro Police Department and produce a plan for better officer retention.
- Develop an officer wellness and resiliency program.
- Host at least four outside training courses to allow more officers to become certified in specialty areas and develop a plan to deliver more leadership training through new partnerships with ASU and other resources to further career and leadership development.



CAPT NELSON TAKES A BREAK WITH MARCHERS



GOV. HUTCHINSON WITH JPD OFFICERS AND CHIEF





HONOR GUARD AT K9 GABO'S MEMORIAL

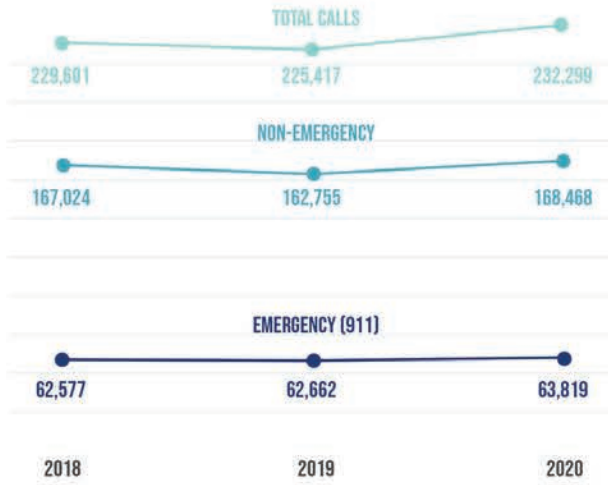
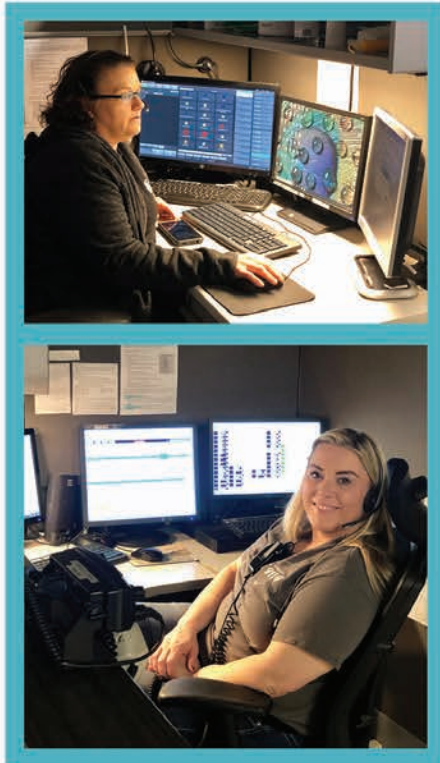


RACIAL JUSTICE DEMONSTRATIONS IN JONESBORO



OFFICERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TRAINING

EMERGENCY DISPATCH

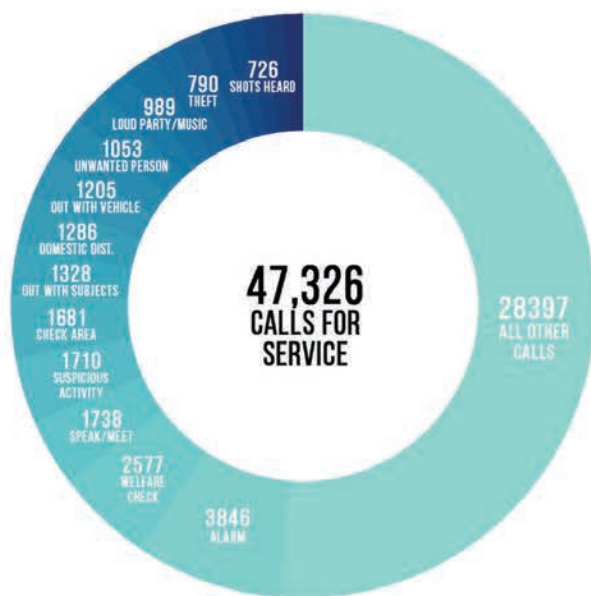


TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS

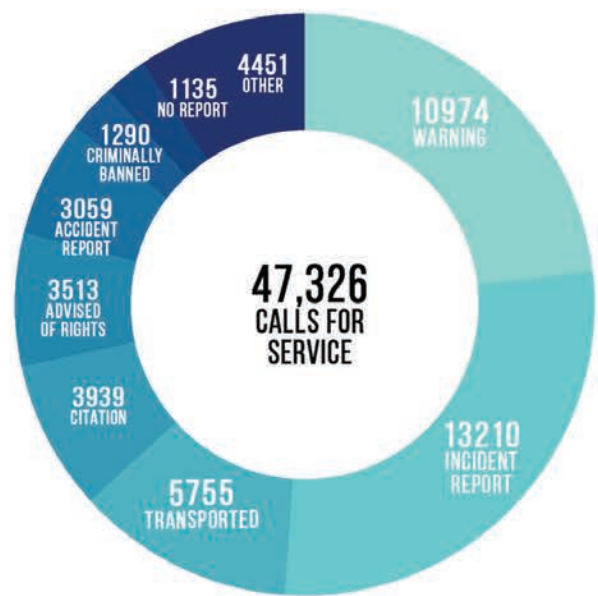
AVG NUMBER OF CALLS PER DAY



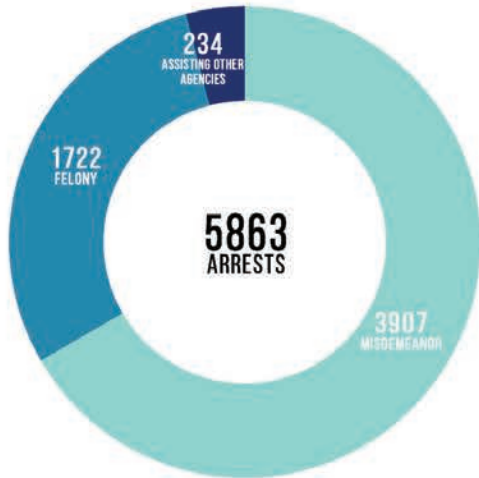
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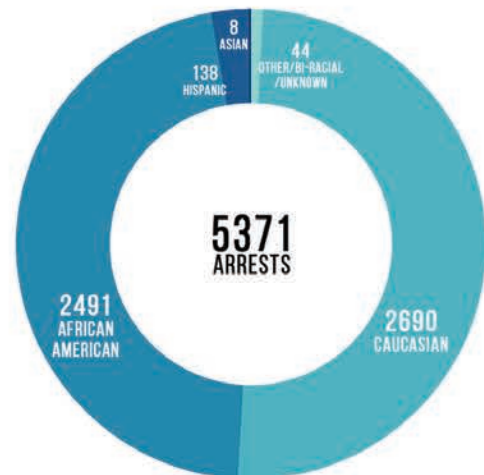
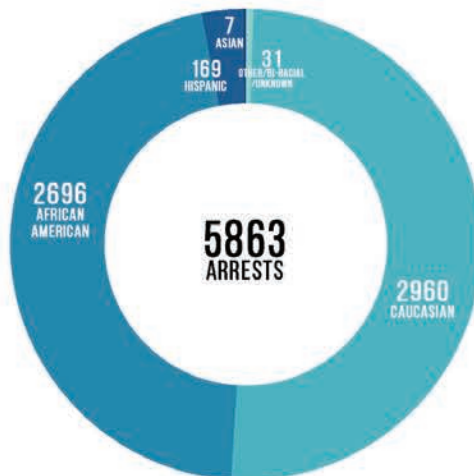
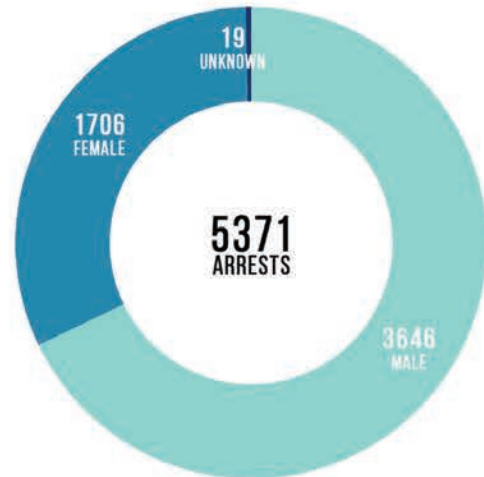
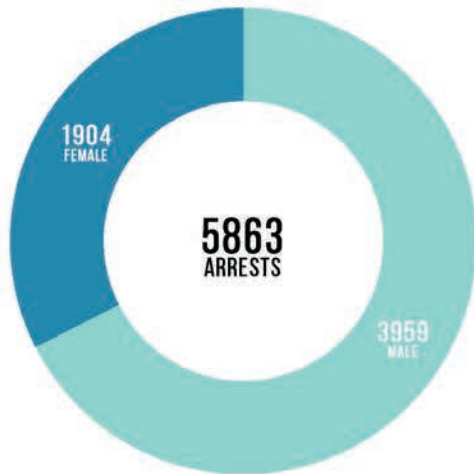
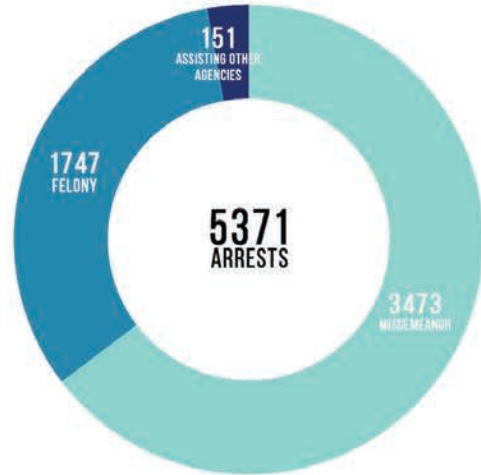
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2019 ARREST DEMOGRAPHICS



2020 ARREST DEMOGRAPHICS

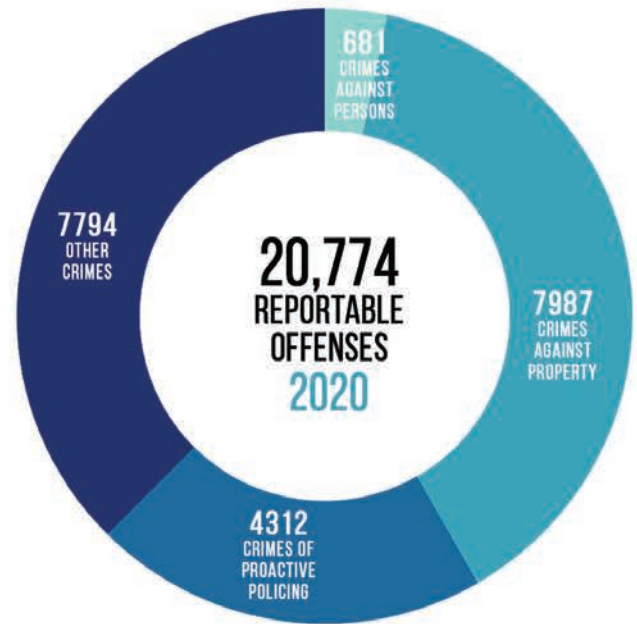
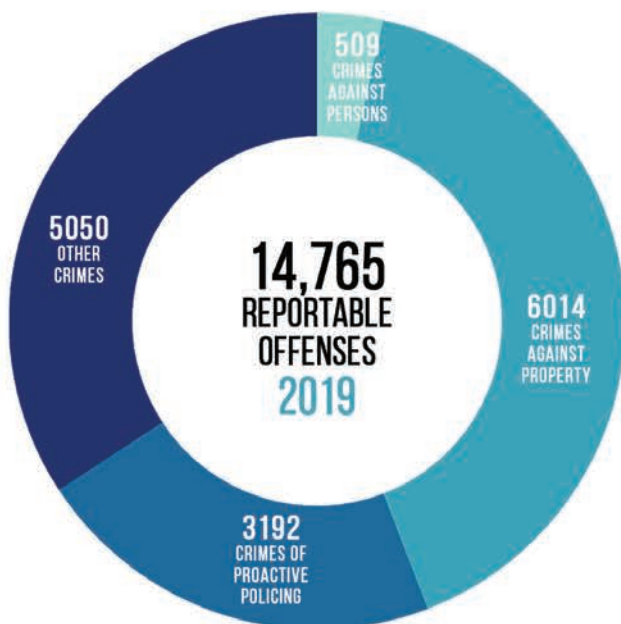


NIBRS REPORTABLE OFFENSES - 10 YEAR TREND

NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM

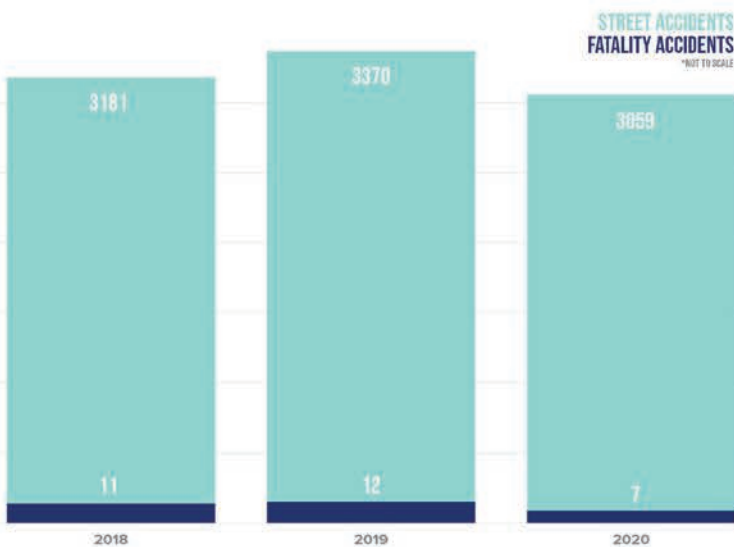
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% CHANGE 2019-2020
CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	319	359	331	320	345	402	378	396	416	510	579	14%
<i>HOMICIDE</i>	2	1	4	2	4	4	4	7	4	8	11	38%
<i>RAPE</i>	30	43	25	35	37	33	20	26	32	45	41	-9%
<i>ROBBERY</i>	58	85	82	59	63	58	74	62	57	58	56	3%
<i>AGGRAVATED ASSAULT</i>	183	179	178	178	205	260	229	243	259	334	397	19%
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	6160	6637	6043	5629	6040	5661	6624	6034	6023	6012	7058	17%
<i>BURGLARY</i>	1313	1340	1192	1029	1233	1089	1566	1201	1174	1120	1080	-3%
<i>LARCENY THEFT</i>	2598	2814	2570	2486	2741	2319	2757	2525	2411	2350	2274	-3%
<i>MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT</i>	433	449	119	100	88	98	126	174	184	153	219	43%
<i>ARSON</i>	11	15	12	13	8	9	11	12	11	2	13	550%
CRIMES OF PROACTIVE POLICING	1999	2243	2526	2509	2237	2386	2634	3066	3007	3191	3635	14%
<i>DRUG/NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS</i>	533	708	782	822	775	892	1068	1330	1350	1434	1664	16%
<i>WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS</i>	67	76	61	80	51	74	92	121	102	172	179	4%
<i>DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE</i>	374	378	559	424	318	273	291	221	172	169	209	24%
OTHER CRIMES	9349	9765	8576	8270	7957	7531	8058	4769	3638	3581	3412	-5%

*MOST FREQUENT OFFENSES SHOWN ON CHART



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

2019		2020
3,370	STREET ACCIDENTS	3,059
977	PRIVATE PROPERTY ACCIDENTS	864
12	FATALITY ACCIDENTS	7
23,395	TRAFFIC STOPS	18,971
5,949	WRITTEN CITATIONS	3,939
4,272	WRITTEN WARNINGS	2,166
169	DWI	205



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION



INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

CASES OPENED

169

ARRESTS MADE

34

2019



CRIME SCENES PROCESSED

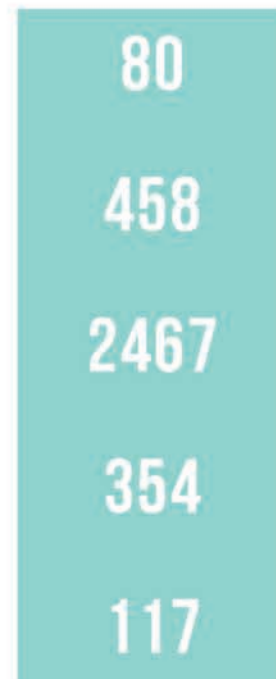
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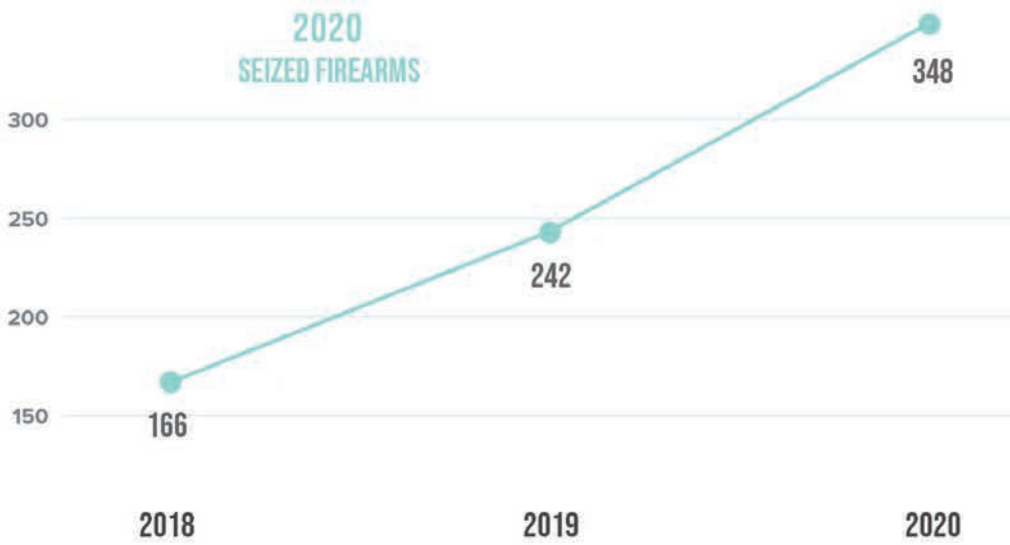
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ROLLED FOR PUBLIC

SEX OFFENDER
REGISTRANT CONTACTS MADE

SEX OFFENDER
TOTAL REGISTRANTS

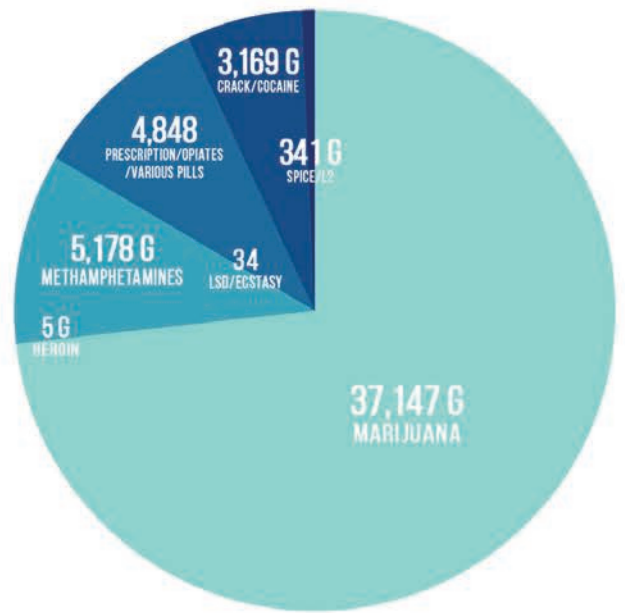
2020





NATIONAL INTEGRATED BALLISTIC INFORMATION NETWORK (NIBIN)

TEST FIRES: 283
 ENTRIES: 415
 LEADS: 30
 E-TRACE SUBMISSIONS: 236

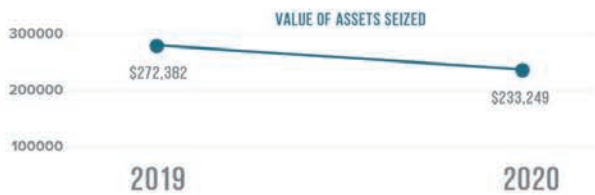
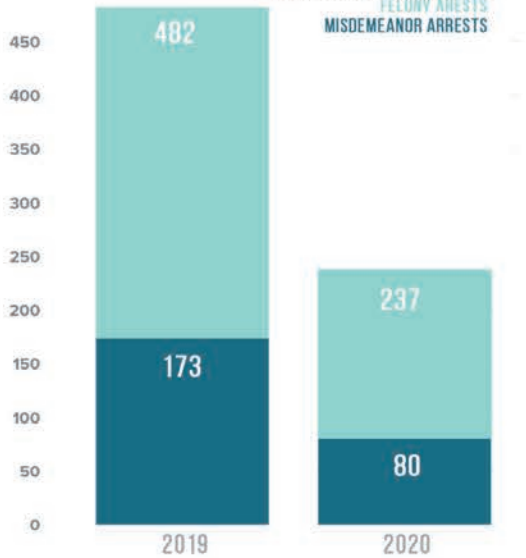


DRUGS SEIZED 2020

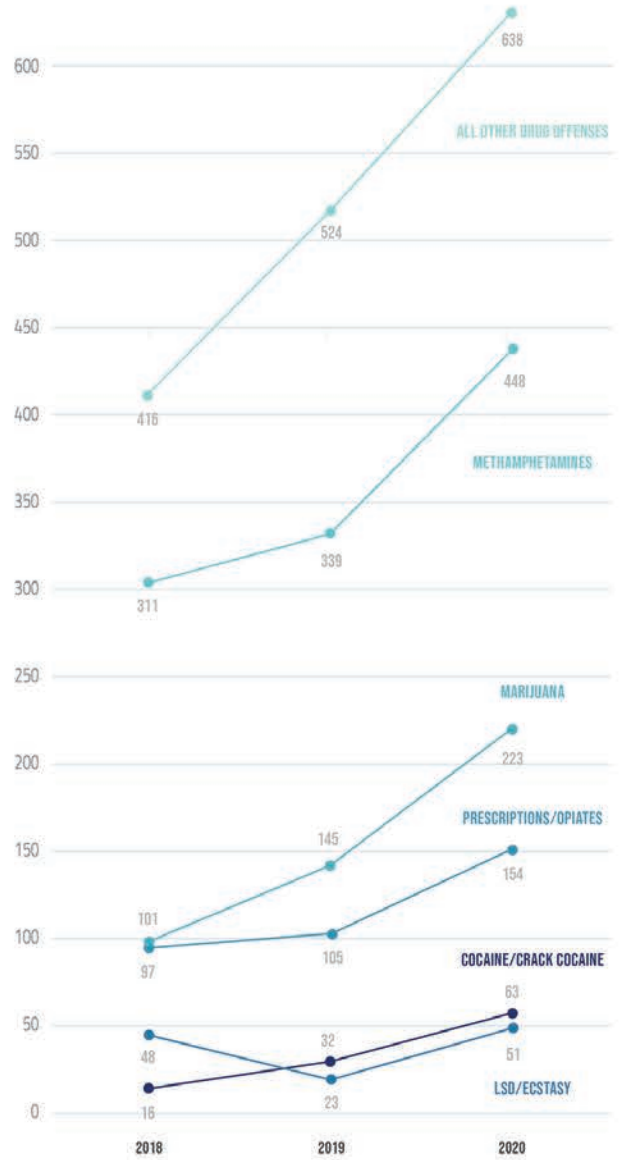
STREET CRIMES UNIT



STREET CRIMES UNIT ARRESTS
 FELONY ARRESTS
 MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS

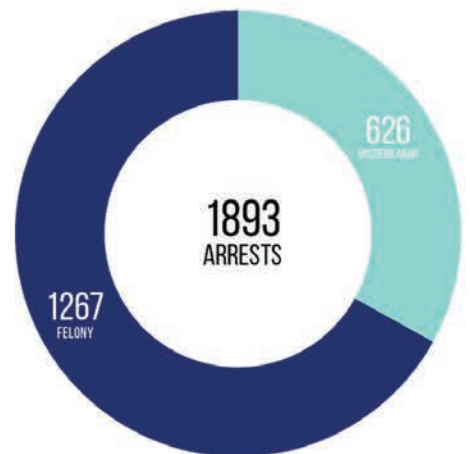


DRUG TASK FORCE



669
 CASES OPENED

608
 CASES CLOSED



WARRANTS DIVISION



2019		2020
2793	WARRANTS SERVED	1926
20	WARRANTS QUASHED	4216
32	COMMITMENTS	55
5060	SUBPOENAS SERVED	3062

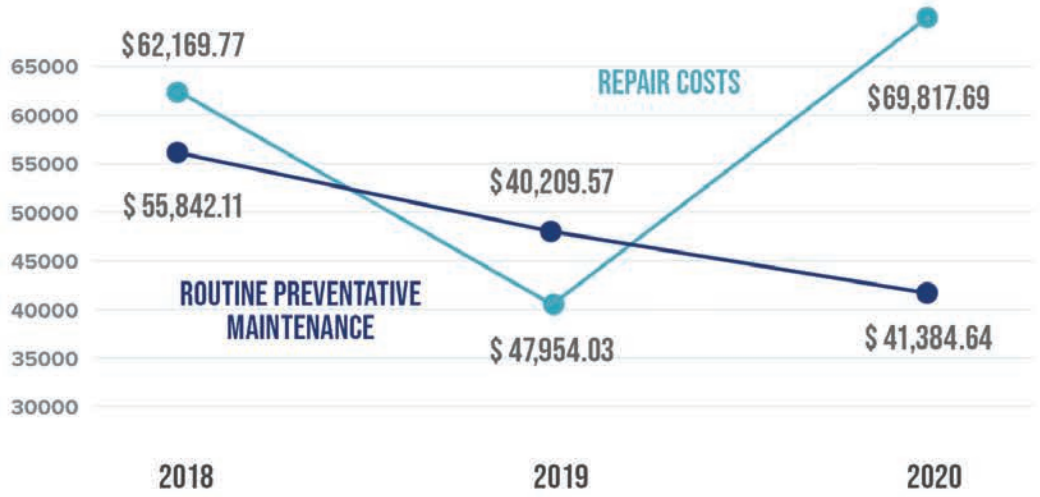
COURT SERVICES

	2019	2020
ACTIVE PROBATIONERS	8880	7412
ADDED	1510	930
COMPLETED PROGRAM	592	716
REVOKED	647	477
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	\$231,307	\$192,537





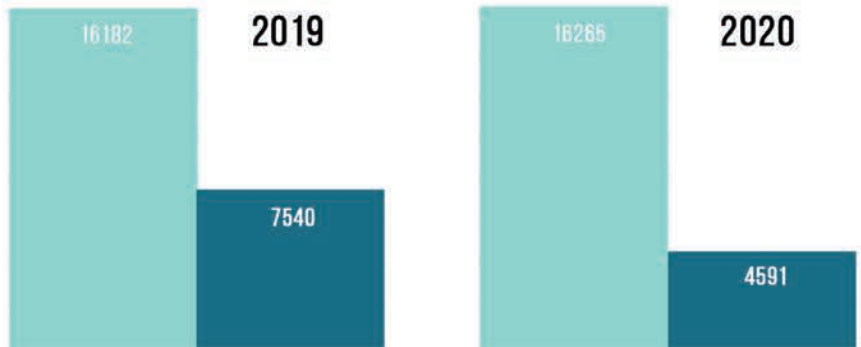
FLEET MAINTENANCE



RECORDS DIVISION

ACCIDENT/INCIDENT/ARREST REPORTS PROCESSED

ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT REQUESTS



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

JPD takes all complaints very seriously; thorough investigation and documentation of all complaints helps ensure integrity and transparency.

Out of over 230,000 interactions, our agency saw documentation of only 73 complaints last year.

	2019	2020
OPENED	104	78
CLOSED	102	79
SUSTAINED	53	36
NOT SUSTAINED	19	3
EXONERATED	25	17
UNFOUNDED	6	28

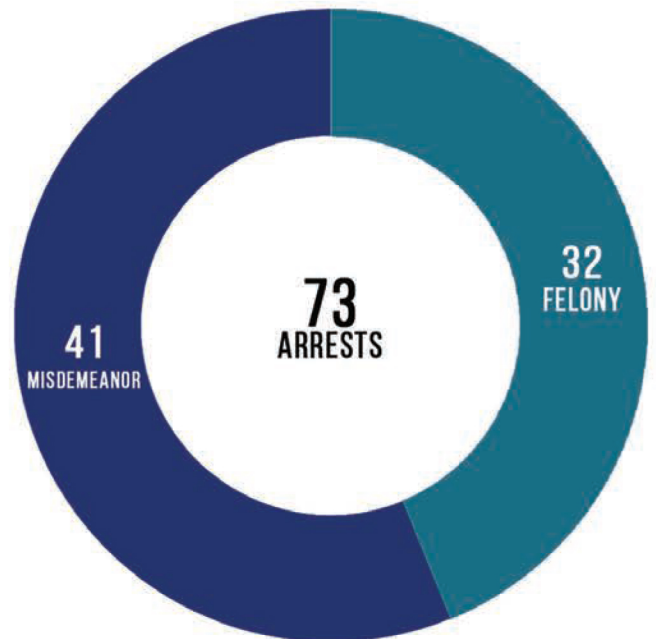
ANIMAL CONTROL

	2019	2020
COMPLAINTS	20,294	21,607
BITE REPORTS	87	74
PUBLIC RELATIONS	4779	2184
CITATIONS ISSUED	885	454
WARNINGS ISSUED	1056	686
CAPTURED ANIMALS	2625	1528
SENT TO RESCUE CENTERS	239	246
ADOPTIONS	318	239



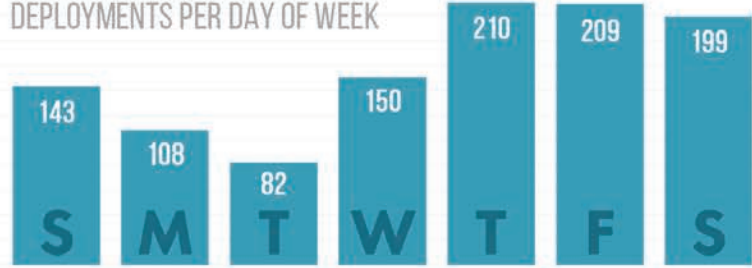
BIKE PATROL

- DEPLOYMENTS **10**
- INCIDENT REPORTS **31**
- TRAFFIC STOPS **39**
- WARRANTS SERVED **14**
- EXTRA PATROLS **4**



K9 UNIT

DEPLOYMENTS PER DAY OF WEEK



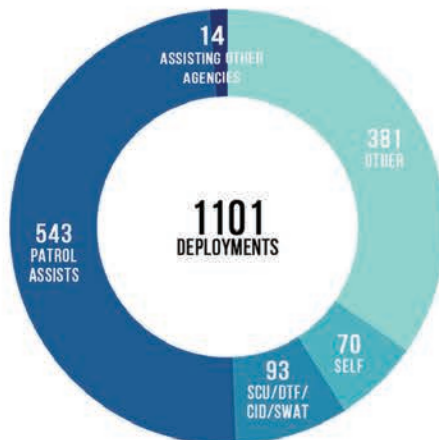
1131
TRAINING
HOURS

508
DETECTION
EXERCISES

1101
DEPLOYMENTS



PEOPLE FOUND 121
ALERTS 594
BITES 4
TRACKS 34
ARRESTS 301
ITEMS SEIZED 422

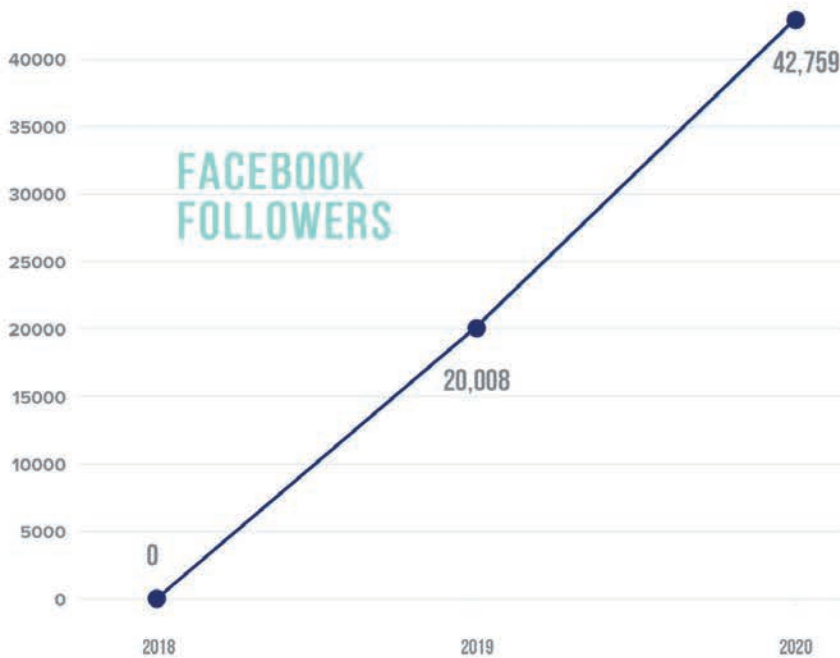


During 2020, the JPD K9 Unit saw lots of changes including the retirement of one member, the death of one member, and the addition of two members. K9 Gabo passed in January, K9 Frost joined the unit in March, K9 Cash retired in October, and K9 Crash joined the unit in November. K9 Frost was purchased by a very generous anonymous donor, and K9 Crash was purchased and donated by Stadium Auto Body of Jonesboro!

PUBLIC INFORMATION

FACEBOOK PAGE
TOTAL REACH
16,538,058

AVERAGE NUMBER OF
DAILY ENGAGED USERS
8,327



	2019	2020
ONLINE TIPS	202	369
WEBSITE VISITS	80,534	99,707
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	303	413
ONLINE REPORTS FILED	98	1297
WEB FORMS RECEIVED	269	626
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS RECEIVED	515	823

Jonesboro Police Department
Published by Rachel Carnack · March 28, 2020 · Jonesboro, Arkansas

2,741,070 People Reached | 1,228,779 Engagements | 1.3K Comments | 25K Shares

Jonesboro Police Department
Published by Rachel Carnack · July 12, 2020

JPD is on scene of a one vehicle wreck at Taco Bell on Caraway Rd. A vehicle drove into the front door of the restaurant - no injuries. Incident appears accidental.

255,097 People Reached | 69,877 Engagements | 658 Comments | 2.3K Shares

Jonesboro Police Department
Published by Sally Smith · May 30, 2020

Thank you to Kingdom Nation Ministries for coming by the department this afternoon to pray over the department, the officers and the community. We appreciate your prayers and support during this trying time. #devilsthathoneishates

229,630 People Reached | 53,404 Engagements | 255 Comments | 1.9K Shares

COMMUNITY SAFETY CAMERAS



37
CAMERAS
INSTALLED

160+
INCIDENT
VIDEOS FOUND

During 2020, the Jonesboro Police Department acquired a new means of crime-fighting technology in the form of a number of highly visible stationary neighborhood cameras. These cameras have proven beneficial not only to investigative efforts, but also as a crime deterrent element. Fear of crime is decreased when security is increased and these cameras are a cost effective way to deter crime. Residents in one area where cameras were installed even expressed dismay when they thought the cameras were about to be removed during a repair project.

Jonesboro businesses have long known the value of surveillance video and the added security it can provide. Increasingly, private residents have begun to appreciate the added level of safety as well, with more and more homes utilizing doorbell and other cameras. So, it was only a natural progression that the city of

sUAS DRONE PROGRAM

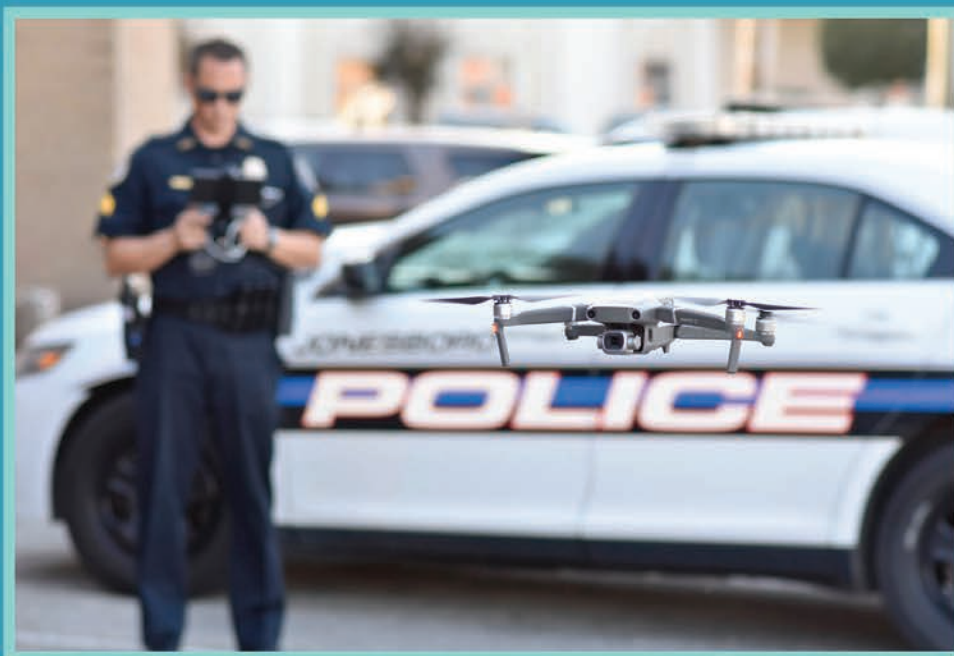
The JPD Drone Program includes five small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) that are equipped to fly indoors or outdoors, utilize FLIR heat sensing thermal imaging, extremely high resolution cameras, ActiveTracking, and more. The program also includes seven sworn officers who completed months of training to become fully certified Part 107 drone pilots by the Federal Aviation Administration. Through the expected success of this program, we hope to add more aircraft and pilots in the coming years.

JPD started this program to better serve our community in a technological world. Drones are an efficient and effective way of providing law enforcement with critical information to respond to calls for service, emergency situations, hostage situations, barricaded suspects, or to conduct criminal investigations. Some examples include providing an overhead view of an area or incident to ground personnel, safely clearing the interior of buildings, providing detailed documentation of crime and accident scenes, and searching for lost or missing persons.

Jonesboro would embark on city-wide security efforts that include the use of a number of cameras throughout the city.

Made possible by a partnership of different city departments – Streets, Engineering, IT and the PD – the city of Jonesboro has now increased our public safety arsenal by bringing in over 20 intersection cameras that previously did not record and were only used to detect traffic movement. By making a slight, and relatively inexpensive, upgrade to existing hardware and securing sufficient bandwidth to support connection, the city was able to store video that has become invaluable in efforts to investigate and prevent traffic accidents at many busy intersections.

These cameras will provide a foundation for future growth that could include real time monitoring of traffic conditions and accidents, and alert authorities to motorists needing assistance. We want visitors and residents alike to stay safe while shopping, working, and traveling in our city and these cameras are evidence of our pledge to enhancing public safety.



7
PILOTS
PART 107
CERTIFIED

8
AIRCRAFT
IN FLEET



OFFICERS FIELD TEST SEIZED EVIDENCE



PARTICIPANTS WARM UP WITH A DANCE BEFORE THE DARE COLOR RUN



SWAT TEAM TRAINS AT AN ABANDONED HOUSE





ALL SMILES AT BACK TO SCHOOL SPIRIT LINES



WE LOVE DONUTS!



AREA-WIDE K9 UNIT TRAINING DAY HOSTED AT JPD



**JONESBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT
TORNADO RESPONSE
AFTER ACTION REPORT
MARCH 28, 2020**





On March 28, 2020 at approximately 4:45pm, a sizable tornado touched down in the city of Jonesboro causing extensive damage. The tornado initially touched down in South central Jonesboro, quickly intensified and caused damage to homes and businesses consistent with an EF -2 rated tornado (wind speeds between 115 and 135 mph). The peak intensity of this storm occurred as it crossed over the Jonesboro Airport where damage occurred consistent with an EF -3 tornado (wind speeds between 136 and 165 mph). Industrial buildings were heavily damaged, including damage from a train derailment and a large fire at one industrial business. The path went through several residential areas where EF-2 and EF-3 damage was noted. The tornado traveled a total of 12.55 miles and finally lifted to the northeast of Jonesboro, in northeast Brookland. The National Weather Service estimated the tornado to be 600 yards in width with a peak wind speed of 150 MPH. Twenty-two people were reported to have been injured, with none of those injured being life threatening.

Thanks to local news and weathercasters, citizens were given adequate notice and instruction to get into their “safe spots” and take cover from the approaching tornado. Additionally, in response to the national COVID-19 pandemic, very few residents or visitors were out in public and many businesses, including most of those located in the Mall at Turtle Creek, were closed. With more residents at home, they were afforded quick access to a location safe from the storm, greatly lowering the risk of injury.

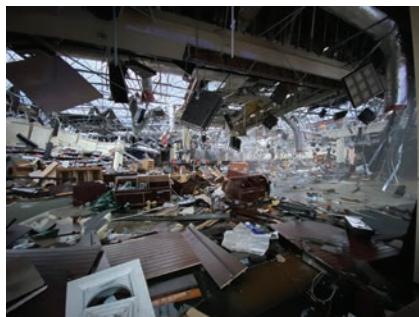


The primary concern for the Jonesboro Police Department in response to the tornado was the protection of life and property, the enforcement of criminal laws, to maintain order and coordinate and assist in the movement of people and resources in and around the affected area. Supervisors on duty immediately set up a Command Post at the Mall at Turtle Creek. This post offered a centralized location for all responding agencies with

ample space to handle the large number of first responders and volunteers that arrived on scene within the hour. At the time the tornado struck, there were 19 officers on duty, including supervisors. Within an hour, 158 officers, including the entire command staff, were on duty. Ten reserves also reported on duty, as well as five civilian employees.

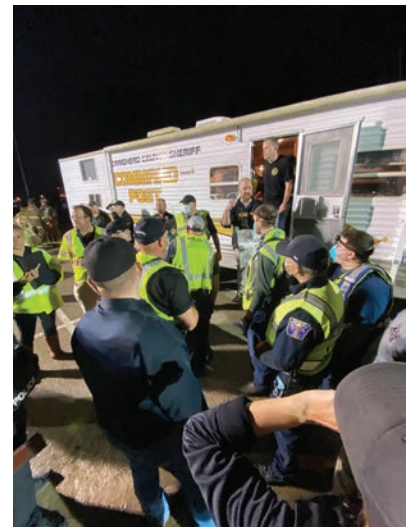
Additionally, volunteers from over 25 area law enforcement agencies and other first responders reported to the Command Post. This significant response from off-duty officers negated the need for a call-out, as most were already on scene. Fire Department personnel, JPD officers and many other volunteers who responded checked and re-checked affected businesses and residences. Reports of injuries were very few and information regarding initial damage assessments and road issues was effectively reported back to Command in order to enable decisions regarding deployment of needed resources to the most vital areas. After the initial Search and Rescue response, officers faced four basic duty assignments; maintaining efficient traffic flow, manning check points, patrolling affected areas, and answering calls for service.

At approximately 10:00pm on March 28, the Chief of Police implemented the “All Hazards Plan” which transitioned the department to ongoing 12-hour shifts with all officers assigned to work either day shift or night shift. Several first line supervisors coordinated the implementation of 12 hour shifts and adjusted for needed personnel. Disaster areas were divided into zones and officers were assigned to each zone to control access to neighborhoods as well as provide 24-hour general patrol within each zone. Due to deployment to specific areas, officers were able to deter looting and limit the need to make arrests. This plan stayed in place until 7:00am on April 2 at which time the Chief issued all shifts to return to normal work schedules.



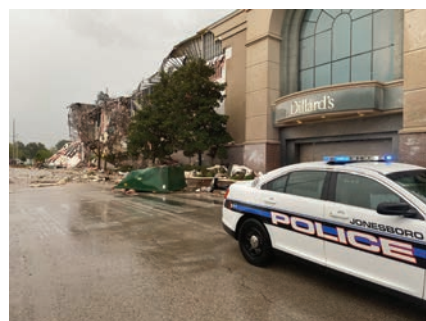


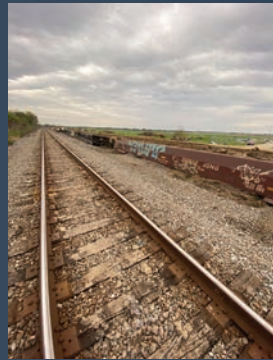
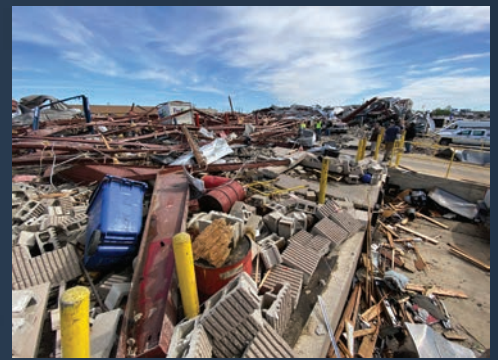
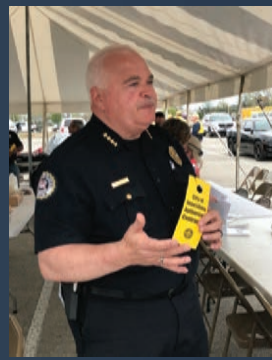
Perhaps due to our rapid deployment and ready availability, functions not normally associated with law enforcement efforts were thrust upon the police department such as coordination of civilian volunteers, and directing equipment for clean-up efforts. Those cleanup efforts included the response from railroad authorities to the derailment and overturning of a 55 car train from the Union Pacific Railroad near the Jonesboro Municipal Airport. Within an hour or two of the initial response, officers shifted focus as they were tasked with attempting to keep traffic flowing as volunteers, city and county road crews and code enforcement personnel attempted to clear debris from roadways and drives and residents sought to retrieve belongings. During the next several days, officers remained on duty in the affected areas in order to provide security to the residents and businesses, as well as assist in traffic matters as trucks removed debris and other material and repair crews from CWL and other contractors began repairs. JPD was also later tasked with enforcing an imposed curfew.



In the ensuing days, the Code Enforcement Department, City Inspectors Office and City Sanitation Department, worked tirelessly to coordinate and carry out clean-up work and ensure that the work of reoccupying and rebuilding of structures was being conducted correctly and within city guidelines. All of those entities also worked alongside the Craighead County Judge's Office, Craighead County Office of Emergency Management, the American Red Cross, and the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce to come up with a final tally of businesses and homes affected. Ultimately, the tornado damaged or destroyed 63 businesses within the Mall at Turtle Creek, 3 businesses at the Jonesboro Municipal Airport, and 42 standalone businesses. In addition, 149 homes were destroyed, 114 homes and 8 apartments were deemed unoccupiable with major damage, and 446 homes were found to be occupiable with minor damage. Preliminary cleanup estimates total over \$500 million.

This review is intended to serve as a brief summary of actions related primarily to the Jonesboro Police Department following the tornado on March 28, 2020. As only one unit among the City of Jonesboro government, obviously, many other people and entities played vital roles. Overall man-hours incurred by police department personnel alone tallied to well over 12,000 hours, with approximately 8,500 of those incurred with personnel directed solely to tornado duty for an entire shift. The experiences gained during this event has provided better perspective for future events. Among the lessons learned was the need for additional training and designation of pre-assigned roles as defined in the Incident Command System and moving forward, the Jonesboro Police Department will facilitate training on the Incident Command Structure for all supervisors. The strength of our community was on full display with an incredible outpouring of support from the community in providing labor, resources, supplies and food. The Department also gained valuable insight and understanding of how interaction and cooperation among different entities, not just within the city, but also among county, state and volunteer organizations, can be further developed.

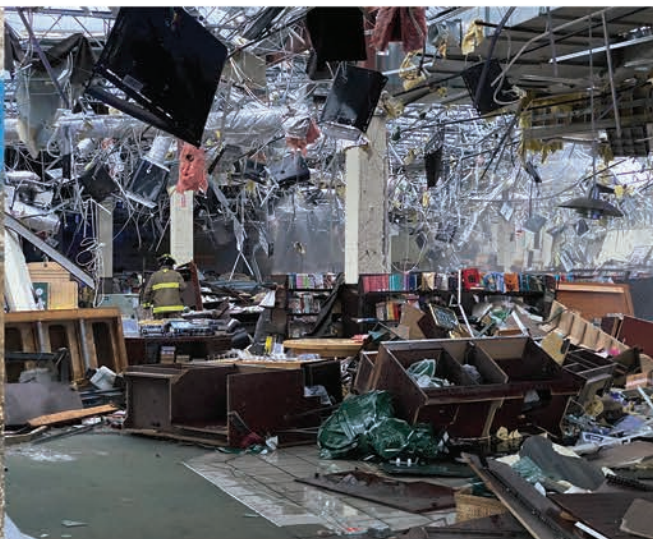




Special Thanks to the following agencies and organizations for their rapid response in rendering mutual aid:

Arkansas State Police, Paragould Police Department, Trumann Police Department, Wynne Police Department, Arkansas Highway Police, Pocahontas Police Department, Craighead County Sheriff's Office, Bay Police Department, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Greene County Sheriff's Office, Marked Tree Police Department, Arkansas State University Police Department, Hoxie Police Department, Harrisburg Police Department, Monette Police Department, Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Lepanto Police Department, Randolph County Sheriff's Office, Arkansas Community Corrections, Poinsett County Sheriff's Office, Greene County Rescue Squad, Cash Police Department, the Arkansas Department of Transportation, Homeland Security Investigations, the US Marshals, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, Samaritan's Purse, and many more.







CAC PROTECTOR OF THE YEAR



MAKING THE BEST OF THE MASK MANDATE



ANNUAL SHOP WITH A COP EVENT





TEAM EFFORT DRUG SEIZURE BETWEEN PATROL AND K9



JPD IN-HOUSE ACADEMY GRADUATING CLASS



MID-YEAR PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY - CONGRATS!



IN CONCLUSION

In 2020, the Jonesboro Police Department experienced a year like none other. We faced a worldwide pandemic, a natural disaster that literally ripped our city apart, and large-scale racial equality demonstrations that brought up important conversations between police and the communities they serve. All of which occurred during a year of “higher than ever” caseloads and calls for service.

JPD, along with hundreds of other agencies across the country, received Federal aid and grant money, along with disaster relief funds from the State of Arkansas. This money was used to compensate workers for overtime hours during tornado relief efforts, purchase personal protective equipment for our entire department, hand sanitizer and sanitizing products for vehicles and offices, and an ozone machine that removes pollutants from carriers, belts, vests, and other police gear.

We also benefitted from a mid-year budget surplus and were appropriated just under \$1 million to finish out a multiple year project of purchasing new radios for all of the officers. This critical communication equipment had reached end-of-life much sooner than expected and the opportunity to complete this project more quickly was much needed and very appreciated. Some of these unexpected funds, along with asset forfeiture funds, also allowed for the training and certification of 7 drone pilots and purchase of 8 small unmanned aircraft system drones (sUAS) to launch the new JPD sUAS Drone Program. Drones are an efficient, safe and effective means to provide law enforcement with an additional tool to respond to calls for service, assess emergency situations, safely clear buildings, conduct criminal and traffic accident investigations and to aid in searching for lost or missing persons.

Because of COVID-19, several of our beloved annual community events were either cancelled or greatly altered to follow ADH guidelines. National Night Out, both sessions of Citizen Police Academy, Trunk or Treat, Special Olympics, DARE baseball tournament, Copsicles, and countless other expos and events were cancelled, while several others transitioned to online events or followed socially distant protocols including Shop with a Cop, Fuzz for Food, and Back to School Spirit Lines. Several thousand dollars in donations were not received due to these events being cancelled or altered, so we were forced to find other ways to raise money for our community-funded programs such as DARE.

During 2020, we also saw the culmination of a four year project to update laptops in all patrol cruisers. This project began in 2016 and was largely funded by Justice Assistance Grants (JAG). Several laptops that were replaced were well over 10 years old.

We were honored to receive several accolades from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Training and Technical Division recognizing our body worn camera program. Assistant Chief Waterworth was invited to participate in a panel discussion at the National Body Worn Camera Conference, she was again

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invited to be a presenter at a Policing Protests webinar, and the department was chosen as a spotlight agency to highlight our body worn camera compliance review program. We are honored that the BWC program has received such national recognition and we plan to continue growing this program as technology improves.

Our K9 Unit was honored to add two new dogs to their pack. K9 Frost was bought by an anonymous donor, and K9 Crash was bought and donated by Stadium Auto Body. We are extremely thankful for these partnerships that help to grow our department. The K9 Unit also began utilizing the PackTrack record keeping and training software which allows for more accurate statistical tracking of searches, bites, tracks, and other data.

As with past years, we have continued to utilize social media to solve crimes and connect with our community. With 16 Million impressions from our Facebook posts in 2020, we have connected with our community in ways that we never have before. Our Facebook Followers grew from 20,000 to over 42,000 - an increase of 113% in one year. Facebook posts garner important conversations and share time-sensitive information as well as allow us to call on our community to help us solve crimes and identify criminals.

In December, JPD was honored to be chosen as a winner of the "Community Policing in Action" National Photo Contest hosted by the US Department of Justice for the photo below. In the nomination for the photo, we wrote the following about the climate surrounding the time it was taken:

"Community policing is about more than just building trust and exhibiting transparency, it is about letting our community know that we hear them, that we want to be the guardians of their freedoms, and that we support them. Beginning on May 31, Jonesboro was the location for several protest marches following the death of George Floyd. Most of the primary organizers were local residents focused on having their voices heard during this difficult time for our nation. At the Jonesboro Police Department, we know the importance of maintaining a balance between free speech, maintaining order, and protecting the safety of all citizens. Experience has made it clear that free expression is vital to our society. Our agency works diligently to embrace a philosophy of community policing and took this opportunity to engage with those marching and have serious conversations about their concerns. In the days following those events, we have continued those conversations and will continue to work to improve those relationships."



This photo, and the movement that it represents, reflects the important message we want to convey to our community, that we are **#BetterTogether**.

AWARDS

Officer of the Year

Investigator Kelsey Chism was assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children/High Tech Crimes Unit as an Investigator in November of 2019. She has excelled in this Unit and has taken on a job that not many officers can handle including being exposed to child pornography and horrific crimes against children, and frequently chatting with child predators online. Since January 2020, Inv Chism has worked over 100 cases involving the criminalization and abuse of children, has arrested or assisted in the arrest of over 23 persons who were preying on children via social media outlets, and has completed forensic evidence searches on over 130 computers and phones. In addition to her work in the Internet Crimes Against Children/High Tech Crimes Unit, Inv Chism was also chosen to become a Homeland Security Task Force Officer, which allows Federal charges to be filed against child sexual offenders.

The repercussions of her work in the ICAC Unit can be seen across the country and we are lucky to have Inv Chism here in Jonesboro. For these reasons, and many more that are too numerous to count, Inv Kelsey Chism was chosen as the Jonesboro Police Department Officer of the Year for 2020.



Officer's Medal

On January 18, 2020, Patrol Officer Kaitlyn Inouye responded to a commercial burglary in progress and witnessed a suspect fleeing the building upon her arrival. She gave chase and attempted to tase the suspect without success. While attempting to gain control of the suspect, a fight ensued. While officers were trying to locate her, the suspect landed a few devastating blows to her face causing her eye to swell very quickly. He broke free and attempted to run and was again caught by Ptl Inouye. At one point, the suspect attempted to strip her of her firearm but she was able to re-holster and the fight again ensued. Inouye sustained several physical injuries during the fight for her life with the suspect who was ultimately taken into custody. Her response time, actions taken, and information relayed over the radio solved the case entirely, and her willingness to continue the fight and ability to keep her presence of mind while in a stressful situation are worthy of the JPD Officer's Medal.

Meritorious Service Medal

On March 28, 2020, Second Shift Patrol had fourteen officers on duty along with three Sergeants. Sgt Shon Morris, Sgt Jason Chester, and then Sgt Trey Dupuy became aware of a tornado touching down in our community and moving northeast through the city. Shortly after, Sgt. Morris saw severe damage near Turtle Creek Mall where he began a rapid search and rescue mission. He led several trapped citizens out of Best Buy and Barnes and Noble bookstore. Before arriving at the mall, Sgt. Chester was driving northbound on Red Wolf Blvd and could see power lines down and vehicles overturned on the roadway and in ditches. He stopped and checked several vehicles but found them empty. Sgt. Chester notified the dispatchers of the damage and advised that he, Sgt Morris, and Sgt Dupuy were setting up a command post and casualty collection point in the south parking lot of the mall. While Sgt Morris and Sgt Dupuy continued to maintain the post at the mall and coordinate responding units and officers, Sgt Chester drove through the nearby neighborhoods where he continued to see severe damage to several homes and businesses in that area and helped escort citizens to safety from damaged homes. Upon activation of the agency's All Hazards Plan, Sgt Trey Dupuy, by his own initiative, recognized the need for a supervisor to identify coverage areas, ensure clear communication, facilitate assisting agency deployments, and develop a plan for JPD Officer assignments to ensure all needs were met. When Chief Elliott, then Assistant Chief Eads, and then Captain Waterworth arrived at the command post, incident command was turned over to Chief Elliott. During this time, numerous officers from other agencies began to arrive at the command post and began to take assignments. At this time, safety was priority. In this event, almost every sworn officer in our department responded to the command post, even without being notified. Sgt Dupuy regularly briefed his chain of command on current operational activities and changes and worked alongside Sgt Chester and Sgt Morris to maximize coverage in the impacted areas with the minimal amount of officers by strategic placement. Their efforts resulted in greater coverage for the entire city. These patrol sergeants did an outstanding job of getting officers where they were needed and identifying problems as they arose in the affected areas. Sgt Morris, Sgt Chester, and Sgt Dupuy worked together in the early stages of this response, and their efforts paved the way for the success of search and recovery, set up of the command post, and appropriation of volunteers and resources over the next week. In addition to their 12-hour shifts, these sergeants would arrive early and stay late to ensure the transfer of information between shifts was understood and applied appropriately. Their actions were critical in restoring order to the chaos that follows a natural disaster and their dedication, high self-standard, and attention to detail are a credit to the department and the citizens of Jonesboro. For their efforts before, during, and after the Tornado Response, these sergeants were awarded with the Meritorious Service Medal by Chief Rick Elliott.



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Kara Austin	Tourniquet applied	20-00679	1/21/2020
Chris Shull	Narcan deployment	20-01139	2/4/2020
Chris Shull	Narcan deployment	20-02546	3/16/2020
Josh Landreth	Tourniquet applied	20-02764	3/25/2020
Lydia Mitchell	Narcan deployment	20-02840	3/28/2020
Gary Jackson	Narcan deployment	20-02972	4/3/2020
Jason Myers	Narcan deployment	20-02975	4/3/2020
JR Chambers	Tourniquet applied	20-03044	4/6/2020
Trent Talley	Tourniquet applied	C1684643	4/8/2020
Chris Pigg	Tourniquet applied	20-03115	4/10/2020
Trayce Williams	Tourniquet applied	2020-0916	4/25/2020
JR Chambers	Tourniquet applied	20-03759	5/5/2020
Brandon Butler	Narcan deployment	20-04067	5/16/2020
Madison Hicks	Tourniquet applied	20-04463	6/4/2020
Jason Chester	Narcan deployment	20-04757	6/7/2020
Dalynn Johnson	Narcan deployment	20-04767	6/7/2020
Trayce Williams	Narcan deployment	20-04743	6/7/2020
Trent Talley	Tourniquet applied	2020-1258	6/9/2020
Lydia Mitchell	Narcan deployment	20-04932	6/13/2020
Michael Bush	Narcan deployment	20-05292	6/24/2020
Chris Perry	Narcan deployment	20-05550	7/1/2020
Jim Flanigan	Tourniquet applied	20-05567	7/1/2020
Jeremiah Jones	Narcan deployment	20-06045	7/13/2020
Bruce Wright	Narcan deployment	20-06246	7/17/2020
Tyler Williams	Narcan deployment	20-06471	7/22/2020
Michael Starnes	Narcan deployment	20-07756	8/15/2020
Tyler Williams	Narcan deployment	20-07767	8/15/2020
Lydia Mitchell	Narcan deployment	20-08069	8/24/2020
Nathan Coleman	Narcan deployment	20-08110	8/24/2020
Aasin Lester	Narcan deployment	20-08161	8/26/2020
Dustin McKenzie	Narcan deployment	20-08349	8/31/2020
Kara Austin	Chest seal applied	20-08493	9/2/2020
Nathan Ivy	Pressure Dressing	20-08766	9/8/2020
Jason Chester	Tourniquet applied	20-08766	9/8/2020
Trent Talley	Tourniquet applied	20-08766	9/8/2020
Corey Obregon	Narcan deployment	20-08951	9/12/2020
Michael Bush	Narcan deployment	20-08957	9/12/2020
Evan Henry	Narcan deployment	20-08933	9/12/2020
Bruce Wright	Narcan deployment	20-09554	9/26/2020
Corey Obregon	Narcan deployment	20-09531	9/26/2020
David Stout	Narcan deployment	20-09592	9/27/2020
Greg Trout	Tourniquet applied	20-09909	10/4/2020
Lydia Mitchell	Tourniquet applied	20-10467	10/17/2020
Kara Austin	Narcan deployment	20-10504	10/18/2020
Jeremiah Jones	Tourniquet applied	20-10540	10/19/2020
Greg Trout	Narcan deployment	20-11259	11/7/2020
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Lydia Mitchell	Chest seal applied	20-11548	11/14/2020
Victor Garcia	Tourniquet applied	20-11934	11/25/2020
JR Chambers	Narcan deployment	20-12096	11/29/2020
Corey Obregon	Chest seal applied	20-12328	12/5/2020
Cody Howard	Tourniquet applied	20-12874	12/20/2020
Zach Hobbs	Tourniquet applied	20-12874	12/20/2020



OFFICER OF THE MONTH
FIRST COMMUNITY BANK 10-8 AWARD

Kaitlyn Inouye	January
Evan Henry	February
Tanner Huff	March
Cody Howard	April
Adam Hampton	May
Trent Talley	June
Zach Kaja	July
Dustin Smith	August
Victor Garcia	September
Kara Austin	October
Matt McDaniel	November
Levi Chism	December



YEARS OF SERVICE

15 Years

Gary Jackson
Michael McCanless
Susan Gray
Trey Dupuy
Brad Rossman

5 Years

Trent Talley
Scottie Fleeman

10 Years

Brett Mann
Dustin Smith
Jamie Seaborn
Jeremy Wheelis
Nicholas Dumond
Richard Rothwell

20 Years

Jon Baker
Vic Brooks
Billy Anderson

30 Years

Donna Johnston
Jim Chambers
Karen Oldham
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