



# Jasper County Sheriff's Office

*Sheriff Randee Kaiser*



## ~Mission Statement~

All members of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office will work together to provide professional law enforcement service and preserve the peace for the people of the County through a respectful, well-trained and focused work force.

## ~Vision Statement~

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office will strive to be a leader in law enforcement and demonstrate excellence in service to the community.



# Letter from the Sheriff

A LOOK BACK AT 2020  
AND A VISION FOR  
TOMORROW

What is there to say about 2020 in a year end review? I'm sure a few of you reading this could think of some choice words.

While it is hard to talk about this year and not talk about COVID-19, it truly was an historic year for the Jasper County Sheriff's Office and not just because of the pandemic. The year 2020 will also be remembered in Jasper County as the year we began work on the jail expansion project. The topic of jail bed space has been an issue in Jasper County for as long as most can remember. The expansion project, which got underway in September, will add approximately 100 beds to the existing 183 beds the current facility now holds. It is expected that this project will be completed in early 2022.

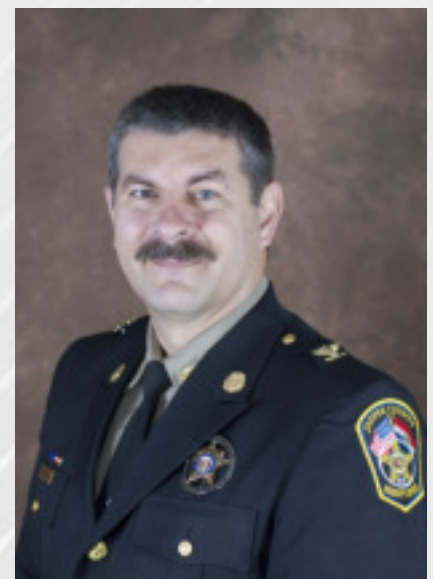
Starting in the middle of March, the operations of the Sheriff's Office began to change dramatically. The way the Patrol Division responded to calls for service, the way the jail Detention Officers booked inmates and the way we interacted with the public in our day-to-day work started looking different as we took precautions against the spread of COVID-19.

One of the changes we made was implementing a video visitation system that allows family to visit with an inmate from the comfort of their own home. The family simply sets up an account, via the internet, and then can talk to their incarcerated family member through a kiosk located in the inmate's living quarters. For those that do not have internet connection, we modified a small room at the jail that has outside access and is available to the public. This greatly reduces the flow of traffic through the front doors of the jail and will be something that we likely continue even after the pandemic is over.

Normally, at the end of the year, we sit down as division leaders of the Sheriff's Office and look over the numbers. We look for trends and use those numbers to evaluate our work for the year. However, the numbers around crime, incarceration, transportation, bookings, civil process, etc., don't seem to reflect as much as they usually do. Most of the hard work we put in this year can't be measured in the traditional way.

Many of our family members at the Sheriff's Office have shared the pain and exhaustion this year has brought to our community and our nation. We continue to serve this community with the belief that each of us can make a difference and the opportunity for positive change starts us. I think this is as good a time as any to remind you that each one of the approximately 150 law enforcement personnel that work here, strive every day to serve this community in a professional manner. I am proud of each one of them and proud to be a part of the team that serves this great county.

Randee Kaiser  
Jasper County Sheriff



## Jail Expansion

On the morning of Wednesday, September 2, 2020, representatives from the Jasper County Sheriff's Office, the Crossland Construction Company and members of the community gathered for the groundbreaking at the Jasper County Detention Center to make room for the future jail expansion.

The ground has since been cleared and prepped and construction started. It is expected to take 16 to 18 months to complete and was determined it would wrap up in the Spring of 2022. Funding for the project comes from a quarter-cent sales tax that voters approved in 2019.

The expansion was necessary to increase jail capacity, as the small size currently, is insufficient. There will be more space for visitation and new high tech options such as video telehealth and telepsychiatry. Additionally, plans are in the works to implement a new rehab program within the jail which will require additional room to function effectively.

Roughly, 100 beds will be added and the kitchen enlarged and revamped. Additional space will be gained for medical to function more efficiently. That includes new areas to segregate sick inmates. There will be an extensive HVAC system installed throughout the jail that has added UV filters. The UV filters are to filter the air, which is supposed to greatly diminish the risk of airborne type of viruses and improve air quality in general.



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## Jail Operations/Detention Center

Training has been something that we have really focused on this year, for our jail employees. Lieutenant Alvin Peavler and Staff Sergeant John Karraker have created a four (4) day Detention Officer Training Course. This training course teaches how to properly train new employees, the importance of documentation, and much more. Lieutenant Alvin Peavler and Staff Sergeant John Karraker had



the training POST certified and have also had the privilege of teaching this course to several other sheriff's offices across Missouri. They both have spoken at the Sheriff's and Jail Administrator's Conferences this year on the importance of having a Detention Officer Training Program.

Several deputies received awards this year. Deputy Derek Webb and Deputy Kendal Wright each received The Life Saving Award and Deputies Stormi Potts and Deputy Taylor Huston both received a Sheriff's Commendation for their impressive work with an inmate with mental health needs.

We were able to replace cell door locks in an entire housing unit to a more secure, tamper-proof lock and each deputy received a new stab vest along with flashlights. Since much of the year was focused on disinfecting and keeping people healthy, we were able to install an automated temperature screening station for the staff and inmates. We also purchased an E-Mister system to use around the jail for disinfecting.

While trying to keep inmate visitations with friends and family going, yet having to limit contact with others due to Covid-19, we added an on-site video visitation room, accessed by an exterior door, located at the jail, which provided free visits for the inmates. This was in addition to the already available online visitation. This cut down on inmate movement within the facility and allows an individual to visit from home or other off-site location.

Inmates now receive tablets, on a rotating basis, with an Edovo Education System, similar to what is used in the prison system now. These tablets offer everything from financial planning,

to substance abuse treatment information, education, exercise, and religion. The following is a breakdown of the usage, hours per inmate, and courses completed:

487 inmates that have used tablets since July 2020

3,159.2 Productive Hours/ 4,850.8 Total Hours

10.8 hours per inmate

1,265 courses completed

Top five (5) courses completed

Level 2 Reading Practice: The Founding Fathers

ConBody- Workout with Shane

The Phoenix- 17 Minute Total Body Workout

Seeking Substance Abuse Treatment

PREA- What you need to know

The Detention Center added a new staff member to their roster, Charlie, who's official title is Support Specialist. He is a 5 month old puppy that wandered to the Jasper County Detention Center doors in October. Charlie is currently in training and, so far, loved by all the staff members and inmates. Animals are statistically proven to help reduce stress and that is our hope with Charlie as we move forward.



We have done a lot of good things in 2020 and we are excited to see what 2021 holds for us here at the Detention Center.

## Training

Once a Sheriff's Deputy completes the basic academy, the training for his career is not over, it is really just beginning. Jasper County, like other law enforcement agencies, provide a tremendous amount of training to its deputies throughout the course of the year. Due to Covid-19, training was highly affected for the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. Usually, there are conferences and both state and Federal training available for employees; however, a vast majority of training was canceled due to the pandemic. Jasper County was still able to provide 4 in-house trainings and provided over 3,500 training hours to our deputies and other law enforcement officers across the state.

The Training Division developed an eight (8) hour Use of Force training that includes a 2 hour lecture on effects of use of force and case law. The other 6 hours are spent in scenario-based training, where deputies are presented with situations where they may have to use officer presence, de-escalation techniques, defensive tactics, less lethal force and finally deadly force to address situations. The scenarios include domestic situations, suicidal subjects, open carry, court room disturbances, low light, and active shooter to name a few. After each scenario, there is a debrief with instructors and discussions on alternative ways to address situations.

Lt. Alvin Peavler developed a Detention Training Officer Program which is a thirty-two (32) hour program to train Corrections Officers proper field training for new jail employees. This program is similar to a field training officer training. This program has been taught several times at the Sheriff's office, as well as other agencies across the state. Lt. Peavler has presented the class to the State Sheriff's Conference, where it was greatly received.



# Visitation

**Covid-19** has been a menacing pandemic, interrupting everyday life for everyone in one way or another. Because of this, we've altered the way we conduct business to mitigate the possibility of transmission and spread. We conduct screenings on all arrestees as well as our own staff. By cleaning and sanitizing and wearing masks and gloves, we have kept from having an outbreak at our facilities; but further than that, we now conduct most meetings, visitations, and even some court, virtually. We have provided a way for the public to have video visitations with our incarcerated populace through Inmate Canteen.com as well as video visitation located at the Jail.

**Remote (off site from the Jail) video visitation is provided by Inmate Canteen.** To register or login, please visit their website at inmatecanteen.com. Visits can be made from your smart phone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer with camera capabilities, but only on the full website NOT on the mobile app. A valid email address is required for visits.

**Remote video visitation is currently \$0.25 a minute, subject to change without notice.**

**Hours for remote visits: Daily from 7:00am to 12:00am.**

\*Appropriate clothing is required. \*Nudity or inappropriate actions will not be tolerated and visitation privileges can be terminated for up to 30 days. \*Inmate visitation is a privilege for both the inmate and the visitor. \*Inmate visitation privileges can be revoked at any time for disciplinary reasons.

**Video visitation from the Jail** -- Inmates are allowed one, 15 minute visit on their visitation day.

Up to three visitors in one party may visit during this time. **Video visitation from the Jail is of no cost to the public or the inmate.** \*Must check-in via the intercom at the Video Visitation Room door. \*Visitors are subject to background checks and may be asked to provide photo identification before visiting an inmate. \*Appropriate clothing is required. \*Nudity or inappropriate actions will not be tolerated and visitation privileges can be terminated for up to 30 days. \*Inmate visitation is a privilege for both the inmate and the visitor. \*Inmate visitation privileges can be revoked at any time for disciplinary reasons. \*Visitors can have their privileges revoked for violating visitation rules or other improper behavior.

## **VISITING HOURS ARE 7:00AM - 12:00AM**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>A-POD</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>B-POD AND MINISTERS (FOR FEMALES)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>MINISTERS (FOR MALES)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>C-POD</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>D-POD</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>E-POD</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>F-POD &amp; HOLDOVERS</b>



## Conceal Carry

The state of Missouri does not require persons 19 years of age or older, who can legally possess a firearm, to obtain a Concealed Carry Permit in order to carry concealed within the state. Missouri does still issue Concealed Carry Permits, because many other states **do** require permits to carry concealed. Missouri's permit is honored by 36 states. If carrying concealed in Missouri or another state, it is recommended that you be familiar with the laws concerning carrying a firearm in that state.

To qualify for a Concealed Carry Permit in Missouri, a person must be at least 19 years of age, 18 if in the military. The person must then attend and pass an approved safety class. Once complete, they must apply for their permit with the Sheriff of the county they reside in. Jasper County requires you to make an appointment with the Sheriff's Office in order to obtain your Concealed Carry Permit. The phone number to make that appointment is: (417) 358-8177 option 7. Due to the high demand, you may have to leave a message and they will return your call.

The cost to obtain a new permit is \$100. This pays for the background check and the permit, good for 5 years. To renew a permit, the person must make an appointment with the Sheriff's Office in order to complete a renewal application and pay \$50 for another 5 year permit.

For 2020, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office processed applications for 316 new permits and 925 renewals. These numbers are up from 2019, even though our offices were closed part of March and all of April, due to COVID-19. Permits remain popular due to the reciprocity with other states.

Please see the Jasper County Sheriff's Office web page, [www.jaspercountysheriff.org](http://www.jaspercountysheriff.org), for more information and frequently asked questions concerning concealed carry permits.

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## Civilian Employees

Most people have no idea the number of civilian employees we have working at the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. They are some of the hardest workers and are an integral part of our daily tasks. They make everything we do so much easier and streamline and are very much needed and appreciated.

# Patrol

The Patrol Division is comprised of thirty (30) members, all of whom are full-time, uniformed, sworn deputies. The Patrol Division is broken down into 4 shifts. Each shift is 12 hours long and comprised of a shift Sergeant, Corporal and three Deputies. These deputies– the most visible representatives of the Jasper County Sheriff’s Office – are dedicated to patrol duties and are first responders to all emergencies and calls for service in the community.

While patrolling Jasper County, Patrol Deputies conducted 55,703 extra patrols, community checks and business checks to deter criminal activity. They also participated in DWI Wolf Packs and Hazardous Moving Violations enforcement throughout the county. With the outbreak of COVID, some community events the Patrol assists with this year were cancelled. We were able to conduct Shop With a Deputy and Salvation Army bell ringing. These events are a way for the public to meet our deputies in a non-law enforcement capacity. Patrolling the county resulted in over 646,175 miles driven.

The Sheriff’s Office has purchased two Autel Evo 2 Drones to be used for search and rescue, criminal apprehension, and other first responder incidents. The department has five deputies who are trained to fly the drones.

A Drug Recognition Expert/Drug Recognition Evaluator (DRE) is a law enforcement officer highly trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol. The DRE focuses on the detection, apprehension and adjudication of drug-impaired drivers. With the new medical marijuana law going into effect for 2020, DRE’s are a valuable asset to the Sheriff’s Office to determine if someone is driving impaired due to the use of drugs. Sgt. Thresher is currently the departments DRE.

In 2020 the Patrol Division was kept busy with 34,972 calls for service. These calls for service included 911 hang ups, medical calls, traffic accidents, assaults, animal complaints, alarm calls, and structure fires to name a few. Between calls for service and self-initiated calls, 3,953 reports were generated. Deputies made 5,698 traffic stops which resulted in 1,326 citations issued and 119 DWI arrests. Patrol Deputies also made 936 custodial arrests for a variety of offenses. While effecting arrests, force was used 67 times.

<u>Race</u>		<u>Sex</u>		<u>Age</u>		<u>Force Used</u>		<u>Seen By Medical Personnel</u>		<u>Deputy Injured</u>	
White	60	Male	56	Juvenile	3	Bean Bag	1	Yes	21	Yes	6
Black	4	Female	11	17 - 29	26	OPN	0	No	45	No	60
Hispanic	3			30 - 39	21	PTaser	5				
Other	0			40- 49	11	DTaser	8				
				50- 59	5	Mace	0				
				60 +	1	Hands	22				
						ASP	0				
						TVI	0				
						PFirearm	39				
						DFirearm	1				

Note: Some incidents may have required the use of more than one type of force to effect the arrest or apprehension of a suspect.

# SWAT

Members of SWAT include the SWAT Commander, Team Leader, Entry Team Leader, Assistant Entry Team Leader, Team Members, Sniper and Spotter, SWAT Drivers, Hostage Negotiator, and a Weapons Support member. We increased the number of SWAT members to 25 active members in 2020. We also added 2 new Autel Evo II Drones to assist with SWAT call outs and to search for lost people. We have 5 drone pilots who train alongside SWAT.

In 2020, SWAT was activated a total of 12 times to assist with search warrants and arrest warrants within Jasper County and to assist other agencies and counties who do not have their own SWAT. Throughout the year, SWAT members train monthly using different scenarios to be prepared to handle any situation that may arise.

Deputy Ben Carrier received the **Combat Cross Award** for his actions on January 12, 2020, after he and two Missouri State Highway Patrol Troopers conducted a traffic stop in Carthage, MO. The driver of the stopped vehicle was reported to be intoxicated and suicidal.

As one of the State Troopers was approaching the front of the suspect's vehicle, the suspect began shooting at the Trooper. The Troopers returned fire as they sought cover. Deputy Carrier notified Dispatch of the situation, exited his vehicle and returned fire upon the suspect. His brave actions helped end the deadly situation.

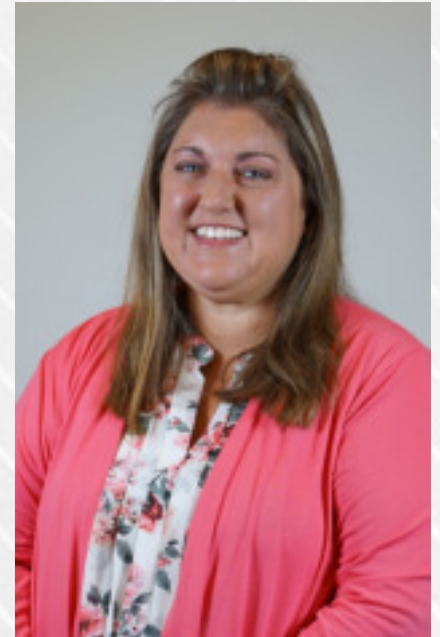




# Work WELLNESS



**Dene Sardella**



**Shannon Karraker**

Dene Sardella and Shannon Karraker have put so much hard work and effort into our Wellness Program, which started out as a vague idea of making and keeping our employees healthy. Everyone looks forward to the “Wellness Wednesday” healthy snacks and the smart eating recipes they put out. Another thing they have implemented into the program to make it easier to log wellness activities, check blood sugar, and check blood pressure are “Wellness Stations” which are located at the Detention Center and Sheriff’s Office. Due to their hard work, this program has since developed into one of the best corporate wellness programs in southwest Missouri; so much so, they received national recognition and the **Gold Level** Missouri Workplace Wellness Award.



*“To promote and improve employee physical, mental, and overall health.”*

## Community Oriented Policing

In 2016 the Jasper County Sheriff's Office added a Community Oriented Policing position to our Patrol Division. The purpose of this program is to encourage the community to partner with us in the crime fighting effort and to feel safer in their own neighborhoods.

Deputy Sgt. Tim Williams is in charge of assigning Patrol Deputies to work in targeted areas of the county to help solve criminal cases and to prevent criminal activity. Information gained while doing neighborhood canvases have led to search warrants, apprehension of suspects with warrants, identities of unknown suspects from surveillance video footage, along with numerous other benefits. We encourage citizens to be vigilant against suspicious activities in their neighborhoods and to let law enforcement know if there are problems or concerns that can be addressed.

Another part of our Community Policing Program includes the use of our social media (Facebook) page. We have increased the number of our followers to over 25 thousand people. We use our Facebook page to increase public awareness of scams, notification of road closures, weather related road conditions, missing juveniles, and identifying suspects from surveillance footage. To date, we have solved every case but one where we used social media to ask the public for help. One such case only took fifteen minutes from post, to the suspect being identified and taken into custody.

Just as an example as the usefulness of the Facebook page, one video that we posted in 2018 has been viewed over 3.7 million times.

If you have not "liked" our Facebook page, please do so now. <https://www.facebook.com/jaspercountymissourissheriff/>.



## Neighborhood Watch

2020 has created unique challenges due to COVID. Typically, Sgt. Tim Williams would have held numerous public Neighborhood Watch events throughout the year, but due to the restrictions put in place because of COVID, most of all the events were canceled. Regardless of the setbacks, we were still able to add one more new Neighborhood Watch group during 2020 and award Certificates of Appreciation to our local Neighborhood Watch groups.

Sgt. Williams was able to come up with ways to continue having some of the Neighborhood Watch meetings. They were held during the warmer months where they were able to be held outside in a socially distancing manner. He was also still able to take part in organizations such as the Carthage Coalition (which he was elected to their board) and The Alliance of Southwest Missouri. Sgt. Williams is looking forward to things getting back to normal so he is able to get back out there and interact with the public in a manner he was accustomed to in the past.



## Crisis Intervention Team

In 2018 The Sheriff's Office started taking part in the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) approach to help link individuals having a mental crisis with services. The purpose of this program is to help those individuals who did not rise to the level of a 96 hour hold (meaning they were in danger of harming themselves or another), but clearly could benefit from mental health counseling. On those incidents, a referral is made to the Ozark Center. The Ozark Center then follows up with the individual needing help and offers the appropriate evaluations and services. Since implementing the CIT program, our repeated calls for services on those types of calls dropped drastically, if not completely.

In the spring of 2018, Sgt. Tim Williams was elected as the Chairman for the CIT board for the Southwest CIT group and represents our area at the state level. The CIT is responsible for providing training and guidance to law enforcement agencies focusing on dealing with people with mental health needs. When the restrictions of COVID occurred, CIT Councils from across the state shut down all their scheduled trainings being offered in person, but because of those restrictions, there was also an increase in mental health related calls. Our local CIT Council not only came up with a way to offer this training in a safe manner (following COVID guidelines), but increased the amount of time it was being offered to three week long classes. No other CIT Council throughout the state have offered the amount of trainings our local CIT is providing.

Agencies have seen the importance of those classes and are making it their mission to ensure all of their officers become CIT certified. The Jasper County Sheriff's Office is one of those agencies and plans to have all of their commissioned deputies CIT certified by the end of 2021 to assist in our commitment to the "Stepping Up Initiative".



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## Airport Drive 2020

This year in Airport Drive, two businesses have had to shut their doors due to the Corona Virus. The Butcher's Block and Curiosity Corner (Day Care). Curiosity Corner closed in March and the Butcher's Block will be closing at the end of the year. The Butcher's Block is hoping to find somewhere they can open a drive thru, instead of a sit down restaurant.

One new business that opened up in Airport Drive was the MOSA Hibachi & Sushi food truck. Another new business the plans to open up in 2021 is a marijuana dispensary on Fir Road next to Harp's Grocery Store.

Covid has put a damper on so many things and several businesses have suffered because of it; however, managed to stay open with the help of the Village of Airport Drive Trustees. They bought several gift cards from the businesses and played a Bingo game. You had to buy something on the Bingo card from the businesses and when you got a Bingo, you were able to pick a \$20.00 gift card to be used in Airport Drive. Another game they played was, when you saved 5 receipts from the Airport Drive businesses, you could turn them in to the Airport Drive Clerk and pick a gift card from participating businesses. By doing this, it has helped several of the businesses stay afloat.

Also in Airport Drive, there were 68 Traffic Citations issued for various violations. In addition to that, there were 2 Burglaries, 2 Property Damage reports, 46 Stealing reports, 4 Fraud reports, 2 Trespassing reports, 1 Robbery report, 1 Assault report and 1 Tampering report.

There are now 3 Jasper County Deputies contracted to The Village of Airport Drive. Sgt. Melissa Roughton was contracted in 2008. In 2017, Deputy Justin Henry joined the Village and in October 2020, Deputy Walter Coleman was contracted with Airport Drive as well. The Deputies work various shifts and hours to enforce traffic codes and ordinances.



Deputy Walter Coleman



Sergeant Melissa Roughton



Deputy Justin Henry



# Investigations

The Detective Division consists of one Lieutenant and six Detectives. These Detectives are assigned to caseloads such as Property crimes, Elder Abuse and Child Abuse, Financial crimes, Sex crimes and Offender Registration, as well as any reported Homicide or Missing Persons. The crimes assigned for investigation are typically felony level crimes that may require a large amount of time and resources to solve. It is our highest priority to uncover all evidence in order to find the truth and bring closure to a case.

The Detective Division works to provide critical investigative support to deputies working in both the Patrol and Detention divisions. Detectives work collaboratively, regardless of case assignment, to solve the complex cases. They also work cooperatively with other agencies, within and outside the county, along with other local, state and federal agencies.

This year the Jasper County Detectives Division assisted with the identification of 18-month-old Baby Jane Doe who was found deceased, in a river, 38 years ago in Jackson County, Mississippi. Mississippi law enforcement officers contacted the Jasper County Detectives Division asking for assistance in locating individuals possibly related to Baby Jane Doe. During the investigation that followed, family members were contacted, and the deceased child was identified as Alisha Ann Heinrich, who was last seen in Missouri around Thanksgiving of 1982 with her mother, Gwendolyn Clemons.

[https://youtu.be/Rf\\_63Ng7fMU](https://youtu.be/Rf_63Ng7fMU)

We currently have two Deputies assigned as part of the Ozark Drug Enforcement Team (ODET) and two Deputies assigned to (ICAC) Internet Crimes Against Children. (Their statistics are not included within this report).

In 2020, approximately 3,953 incidents were reported to the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. Of those, 445 were originated by, assigned to, or assisted by the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) for investigation. Cases are classified as one of the following:

**Cleared** – Charges were submitted to the prosecuting attorney and/or arrests were made.

**Closed** – All leads have been followed up on. The case will be re-opened if new leads are discovered. Or, the case was forwarded to another agency/jurisdiction.

**Inactive** – Awaiting information from an outside source; from investigative subpoenas, lab results, etc.

**Open** – Still under investigation, pursuing leads.

The following represents the major categories of incident types investigated by the Criminal Investigations Division in 2020:

<b>Burglary</b>	55 assigned	
	14 cleared	25%
	33 closed	60%
	8 open	15%
<b>Stealing</b>	108 assigned	
	38 cleared	35%
	65 closed	60%
	4 inactive	4%
	1 open	1%
<b>Robbery/Assault</b>	12 assigned	
	8 cleared	67%
	1 inactive	8%
	3 closed	25%
<b>Sex Crimes-Adult</b>	16 assigned	
	6 cleared	38%
	5 closed	31%
	5 open	31%

This year has been a year of new and different obstacles to overcome. How we respond, investigate, and follow-up with victims and suspects, substantially changed. Investigations, where subpoenas were required to be submitted, came to a near halt while we worked with companies, where the people who work in the legal departments, are working from home. They seldom respond in a timely manner and they seldom have the same direct access to records as they normally would from their business office. However, we continue to do what we can to build the case and then place the case into inactive/closed status, until the requested information is received.

~ Help us help you; lock your doors and windows, keep a list of serial numbers for your high dollar items, take pictures, or even a video with your cell phone or camera, to include makes, models and serial numbers of your valuables. Get to know your neighbors so you can look out for each other and each other's property and notice when someone or something seems suspicious or out of place.

The amount of crimes being committed, using the internet, grew during the Covid-19 shutdown. Previously, any electronic devices that were recovered for evidence had to be sent to the Missouri ICAC Task Force to be processed. And, rightly so, the devices were processed by order of importance; with property crimes ranking low on the list compared to internet crimes against children. This meant that it could be months before we were able to get any information back about what was on the electronic device. But, this year, the Sheriff's Office received a substantial, anonymous donation to be used specifically for the investigation/recovery of evidence from electronic devices. A Cellebrite was purchased by the Sheriff's Office and one of our Deputies will be attending training at the beginning of 2021 to become certified in its use. This will be used for investigations other than internet crimes against children; focusing on all the "other" crimes in an effort to produce usable leads in a timely fashion.

<b>Fraud/Forgery</b>	39 assigned	
	9 cleared	23%
	18 closed	46%
	10 inactive	26%
	2 open	5%
<b>Tampering</b>	61 assigned	
	22 cleared	36%
	30 closed	49%
	5 inactive	8%
	4 open	7%
<b>Child Crimes</b>	57 assigned	
	25 cleared	44%
	19 closed	33%
	10 inactive	18%
	3 open	5%
<b>Missing Persons &amp; Runaways</b>	16 assigned	
	16 cleared	100%
<b>Other</b>	81 assigned	
	47 cleared	58%
	29 closed	36%
	5 open	6%

\* Other includes: Fail To Register as an Offender, Property Damage, Arson, and other incidents that are not included in the above categories.

**The summary of reports given does not reflect all of the cases assigned: The Jasper County Detectives assignments also include:**

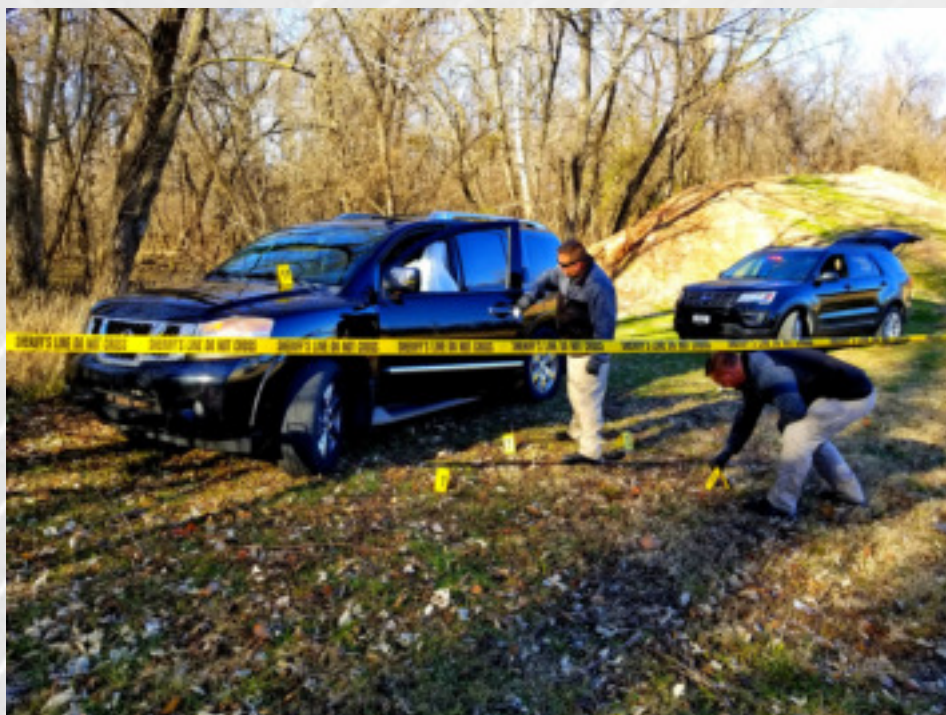
- Background Employment investigations
- Instructors for the Citizens Academy and Explorers Program
- Instructors for the 40 hr. In-Service
- Assisting other agencies
- Tri-State major case call outs
- Court preparation and testimony
- Off Duty call outs (evenings and weekends)
- Extended investigations (Death Investigations, Property Recovery & Locating Missing Persons)

**Detectives Division Accomplishments:**

All Jasper County Detectives have completed, or will be attending in 2021, CSI training. All detectives have been trained in the Reid Interview and Interrogation method.

Each Detective receives specialized training for the crimes they are assigned to investigate.

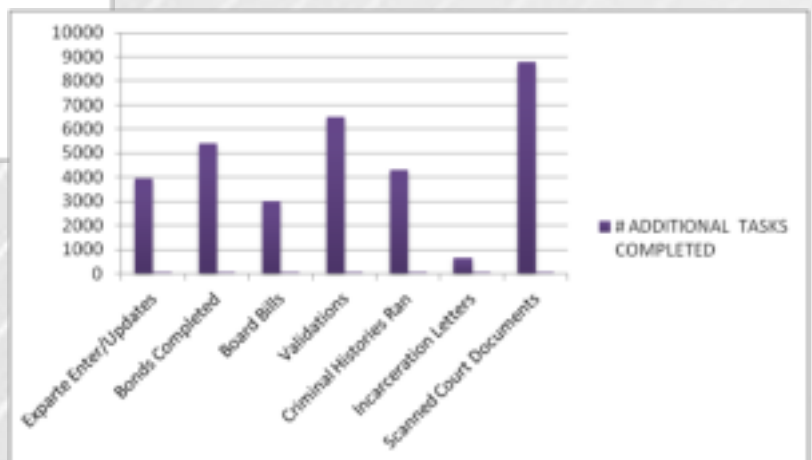
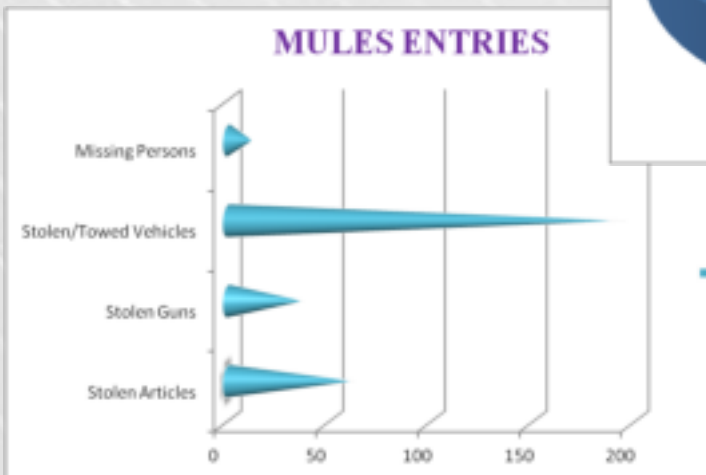
Our ICAC Liaison, Deputy Matt Smith, has provided presentations and education to over 508,000 students and adults in reference to their digital on-line footprint and the dangers of the internet.



# Warrants Department

The Warrants Division is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and consists of a Sergeant, 2 Corporals, 7 Warrant Deputies and 1 Court Deputy. Every employee in the Warrant's Division is MULES certified by Missouri State Highway Patrol. Warrant Officers are sent for numerous trainings throughout the year in order to maintain certifications and continually grow that department.

Some responsibilities of the Warrants Department include: keeping an accurate count of inmates coming and going from the facility. **This year our daily average inmate count was 176.** The Warrant Deputies maintain door security of arrivals and releases, maintain the jail management system with accurate record keeping, registering sex offenders, communicating with other agencies for pick up and release of inmates. Other duties include entering and validating warrants, ex-partés, stolen items, stolen and towed vehicles and missing persons. These entries and validations are done for Jasper County and 5 city agencies within Jasper County. Our Court Deputy communicates with the courts on docket entries and inmate court lists. **This year we received approximately 18,802 emails from the court.**



# Booking Department

2018	YEAR TOTAL	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>BOOKED</b>	<b>4643</b>	388	348	401	427	452	396	410	424	376	348	240	349
<b>RELEASED</b>	<b>4651</b>	357	389	390	400	483	394	401	452	355	350	334	346

**AVERAGE MONTHLY INTAKE-387**

**AVERAGE DAILY INTAKE-12.7**

2019	YEAR TOTAL	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>BOOKED</b>	<b>4305</b>	349	324	374	347	385	378	371	388	328	376	322	363
<b>RELEASED</b>	<b>4359</b>	316	326	411	377	378	367	397	397	326	380	298	386

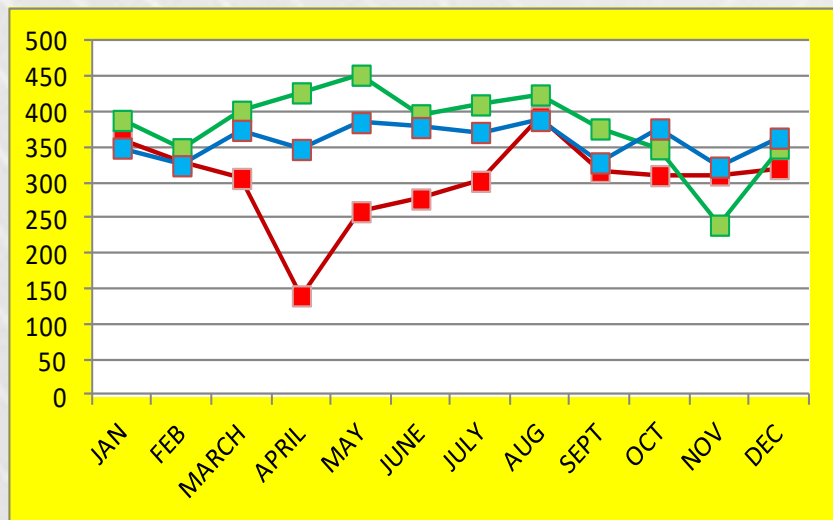
**AVERAGE MONTHLY INTAKE-359**

**AVERAGE DAILY INTAKE-11.8**

2020	YEAR TOTAL	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>BOOKED</b>	<b>3623</b>	361	328	306	140	259	277	302	393	316	310	311	320
<b>RELEASED</b>	<b>3605</b>	356	310	331	179	227	256	304	349	334	329	307	323

**AVERAGE MONTHLY INTAKE-302**

**AVERAGE DAILY INTAKE-10**

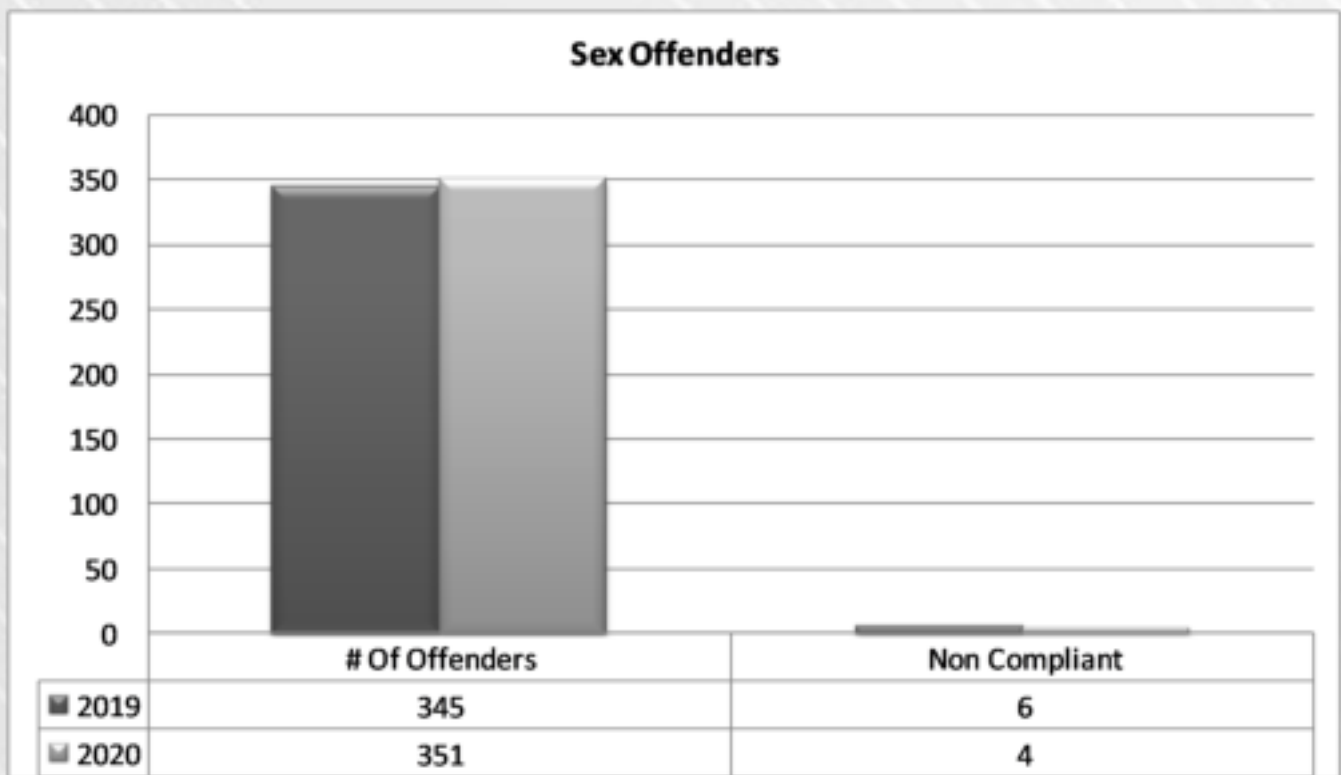


You can see more easily, on the graph to the left, the effect the pandemic had on this year's incarceration numbers (seen in red).

- ~ 2018
- ~ 2019
- ~ 2020

## Sex Offender Registration

The Sex Offender Registration Administrative Assistant Robin Roughton is responsible for maintaining registration files on Jasper County sex offenders. There are currently 351 sex offenders registered in Jasper County with 4 of those offenders being non-compliant. That is a **98.9% compliance rate**. The Registration Administrative Assistant ensures our department is compliant within the three day record submission required by the state of Missouri. If an offender is found to be non-compliant, a detective is notified and they set out to locate the offender. Since our agency runs 24 hours, our Warrant Deputies register offenders after hours.



- 2019 ~ 98.3% compliance rate
- 2020 ~ 98.9% compliance rate

## K-9

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office K-9 Division consists of three teams: Deputy George Datum/K-9 Holi, Deputy Nathan Deherrera/K-9 Arner, and Deputy Joseph Deras/K-9 Skye.

K-9 Holi is a Belgian Malinois. She is certified as a dual purpose narcotics and patrol canine. K-9 Arner is a Belgian Malinois and is certified in narcotics. K-9 Skye is a Bloodhound and is certified for tracking.

At the start of the calendar year of 2020, K-9 Gunny, a Belgian Malinois, retired at the age of nine, along with his handler, Deputy Jeremy Eads. Deputy Eads transitioned to Reserve Deputy with the Jasper County Sheriff's Office while K-9 Gunny enjoys his retirement lounging on the family couch.

During this past year, K-9 Arner was purchased from Patriot K-9, NAPWDA Master Trainer Travis Walthall with donations provided by Arvest Bank. After an extensive selection process, Deputy Nathan Deherera was selected to work K-9 Arner and Deputy Joseph Deras was selected to work K-9 Skye. At the beginning of December, both new handlers completed a 6-week Handlers Course.

During the 2020 calendar year, our K-9 teams were used to assist local, State and Federal agencies. Our K-9 Team also assisted several schools throughout the year in Jasper and Newton Counties by checking the schools for illegal narcotics.

All Jasper County Sheriff's Office K-9 teams must undergo a yearly in-house testing to standards that have been set by the Sheriff of Jasper County. Each team is also required to complete a yearly accreditation through North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA), a nationally recognized certifying organization. The team is trained bi-weekly by a (NAPWDA) Master Trainer. The Jasper County Sheriff's Office K-9 Division is a current member of the NAPWDA.





Normally our K-9 teams hold a variety of demonstrations to educate the general public and community on how a well trained dog and handler can benefit our area; however, due to COVID 19, we were unable to conduct any public events.

Some of the positive community relations of these public events, the K-9 Division created, include demonstrations at schools, various public/community events, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office Community Safety Day and the Jasper County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Academy. Through many of the demonstrations, handlers educate the public about how often a K-9 team can be utilized as well as communicate possible misconceptions the audience may have about how dogs are trained and used as a tool for detecting, deterring, or investigating criminal activities.

Total Training Hours - 630.8

Total Deployments - 62

Tracking Deployments - 10

Apprehension no force - 5

Apprehension force used - 0

Narcotics - 47

Marijuana - 983.3 grams

Methamphetamine - 1,104.2 grams

Heroin - .5 grams

Firearms seized - 2

Total Currency seized - \$26,652

Arrests made - 20



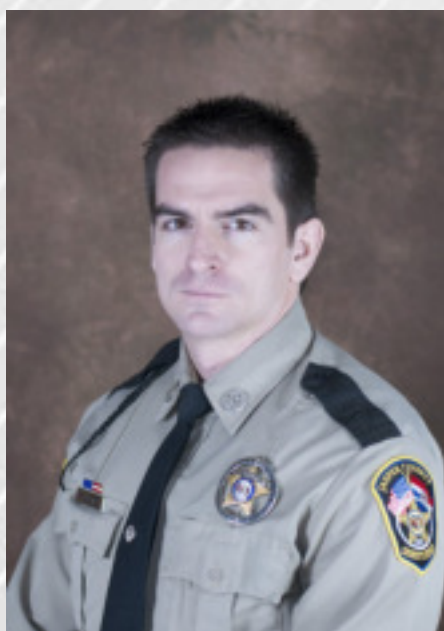
## School Resource Officer

Deputy Isaac West transferred from the Road Patrol division and is now the full-time Jasper County S.R.O. (School Resource Officer). He brings seven years of law enforcement experience with him to this division. There are several responsibilities delegated to the S.R.O.; some which include assisting the patrol division, organizing the annual Shop With a Deputy Program, educating students on how to be safe during their everyday lives by leading gun safety and internet safety classes, and teaching D.A.R.E. classes. A total of 112 5<sup>th</sup> graders attended D.A.R.E. class which covers Jasper, Avilla, and Sarcoxie Schools.

The COVID- 19 Pandemic has caused an influx of virtual online learning. In turn, several home visits have been made to assist parents with students falling behind in their studies and checking on their well-being.

Since school has been back in session, Deputy West has conducted seven Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline investigations with the Jasper County Children's Division. The "Handle With Care Program" has been continued from the past years. The program was formed to notify schools when a student has experienced a traumatic incident outside of school. Our focus is to assist the local schools to provide a safe, positive place for students to learn. Identifying the trauma can help explain possible behavioral changes and proper treatment can be given to the child. A total of 21 notifications have been made this year.

~ "My goal is to assist the local schools in providing a safe learning environment for the children. I want to thank all the schools for welcoming me into their buildings and allowing me to be a positive impact on the children's lives". ~ Deputy West



## Shop With a Deputy

The Shop With a Deputy program is headed up and coordinated by SRO Deputy Isaac West. With the help of several of the Jasper County Deputies who gladly take time out of their busy schedules to take children, who are nominated by local teachers, social workers, and law enforcement officers, Christmas shopping when they feel there is a child or children who are in need.

With help from the community giving donations and fund raisers the Jasper County Deputies participated in, the Shop With a Deputy program was able to provide 105 children with Christmas gifts. This helps show the children, the community they live in, cares about them.



*Merry Christmas!*

## Reserve Deputy Division

Our current Reserve Unit is made up of 6 volunteers who give their time to keep Jasper County a safer place to live. Some of the duties they volunteer for include: assisting with the Drug Take Back program, guarding prisoners that are admitted into the hospital, Court-house Security, prisoner transport, Patrol duties, and Halloween Compliance checks. Several members are also involved in SWAT who attend training and activations.

The Reserve Unit volunteered over 725 hours of unpaid assistance in 2020 which is greatly appreciated.

In October 2020, Captain James Sember retired from the Jasper County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputy Division. Pictured below, Captain Sember is being recognized as a valuable member of this organization for his dedication, time and service during the 46 year span in which he served the citizens and community of Jasper County.

When Captain Sember started in June of 1974, reserve deputies were responsible for paying for their own weapon, uniforms, duty gear and even their badge. During his time as a reserve deputy, Captain Sember along with other reserve deputies, held fundraisers to help provide the reserves with those needed items and also purchased the first K-9 for the sheriff's office.



# Jasper County Transportation Department

The 2020 Pandemic brought some major procedural changes to Transport operations. The biggest change was the utilization of social video platforms like Zoom and WebEx. Due to courthouses limiting access, more video court was necessary to keep up the pace. Transport maintained this scheduling and overseeing the video meetings that gave access to courts, attorneys, and mental health providers.

In addition, Transport still logged over **96,536** miles moving inmates throughout the year. This includes transporting inmates to and from the courts in Jasper County, to and from other detention centers, hospitals, medical appointments, and mental health facilities in Missouri as well as from other states, and transporting convicted felons to and from the Missouri Department of Corrections.

The Transportation Division, consisting of one Sergeant and six Deputies, often assists with duties that support the jail staff in the detention facility, with patrol duties, bailiff and security duties, as well as legal paper service when necessary. The Transportation Division is also responsible for arranging and handling warrant and waiver extraditions to the Jasper County Jail and conducting the live video court.

In 2020, the Transportation Department improved its fleet to now include 4 Dodge Caravans and 3 Ford Transit full-sized Vans. We also added new modular separation systems for the full-sized vans.



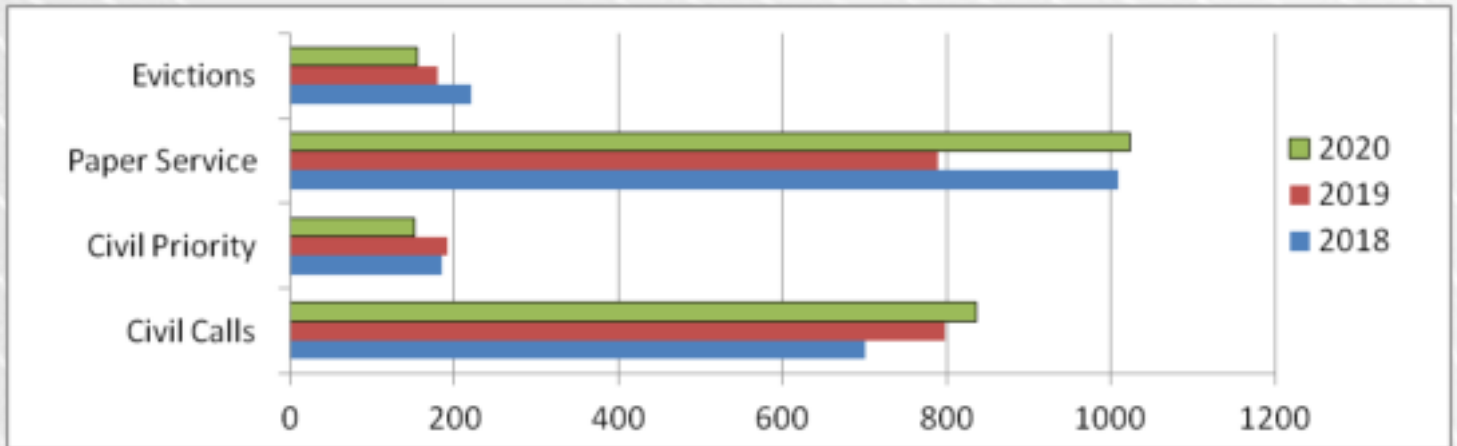
Webex Meetings



## Civil Process

The Civil Process Division consists of a Sergeant and three full time Deputies.

In 2020, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office handled approximately 4,600 documents for service. The number of documents served by the Civil Process Division had been relatively consistent for the last three years. There was a notable decline in service numbers this year as Covid-19 caused all courts in the State of Missouri to be closed for a number of weeks. In Jasper County, courts were closed for several weeks at different times throughout the calendar year, starting in March 2020.



The Civil Process Division serves Summons', Writs (wage garnishments or other court ordered execution of judgments), and other legal documents. Some examples are:

- Landlord/Tenant disputes
- Divorce proceedings and child custody hearings
- Real estate attachments and seizures
- Sheriff sales of property
- Subpoena of witness
- Ex parte's (restraining orders)
- Replevins and Levies

In 2020, 2,802 Summons' and Writs, 485 Subpoenas, and 681 Ex-parte's were served. In addition the Civil Process Division attempted to serve 611 individuals with some form of legal process but was unable to locate them. In legal terminology, this is referred to as "Non-Est".

Also, a total of 1 Real Estate/Personal Property Levy and 16 Civil Standbys were handled. The Sheriff's Office serves court orders for the removal of persons from the residence or other places so the property may be restored to the property owner. There are two deputies assigned to carry out evictions and foreclosures. There were a total of 155 forcible evictions/foreclosures in 2020.

## DO NOT BE FOOLED!! ~

The Jasper County Sheriff noticed an increase in scams, which were instructing individuals to purchase pre-paid credit cards and provide the numbers to the scammers. The primary victims in these scams were elderly citizens. Knowing there was no way to stop the scams, Sgt. Tim Williams came up with an idea to try and stop the money.

He approached The Alliance of Southwest Missouri to help produce a poster card, based off an idea he had drawn up, that could be displayed where pre-paid credit cards are sold. The Alliance took his poster and sent it to a marketing company to come up with a final product ready for display. He went and talked to local retailers about the idea. They were more than willing to display them on the pre-paid credit card displays and at their registers. That poster card is not only displayed in stores that sell pre-paid cards in Carthage, Jasper, Sarcoxie, and other cities in Jasper County, but when the McDonald County Sheriff's Office heard about the poster cards, they also requested some to distribute to vendors in their county in hopes that displaying them would help people from being taken advantage.

If you are a retailer that sells pre-paid credit cards and would like a poster card for your business, feel free to contact Sgt. Williams, (417)358-8177 X1223, and we will gladly provide you some for your business.

# SCAM



**Before you purchase a pre-paid card, ask yourself:**

**“IS THIS A POSSIBLE SCAM?”**

**Once you send the money, it is gone FOREVER.**

**If a stranger is demanding immediate payment with a pre-paid card, then it is most likely a scam. If in doubt, please contact your local law enforcement agency.**



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COMMUNITIES COALITION

## Explorers

The Sheriff's Office continues to run the Boy Scout based program called "Explorers". The Explorers program is for kids 15 to 21 years of age that have an interest in law enforcement related jobs when they are older. As part of the Explorer program, they participate in several of the community events throughout the year. We emphasize community cooperation and involvement with our deputies and we teach the same to our Explorers.

We have several employees working for us that were part of an Explorer program before starting their career with the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. The Explorer program has been an invaluable recruiting tool for our agency.

Sadly, due to the restrictions of COVID, the Boy Scouts have not granted permission for us to have any trainings or events with the Explorers this past year. We look forward to being able to get back to recruiting and growing our Explorers programs, because they are the future for law enforcement agencies.



**Jasper County SHERIFF Department**

**JASPER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**EXPLORERS**

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office explorer program allows you to become involved in Sheriff's Office operations. As an explorer you will adventure through several training activities including patrol ride alongs, first aid, firearms safety, crime scene processing and much more. The program is open to young adults ages 15 to 20 that must maintain a "C" average or higher in school.

For more info, contact:  
Detective Tim Williams  
at 417-358-8177 ext. 1223





## Gun safety

Gun safety remains a big goal for the Sheriff's Office. We continue to provide free gun safety locks at all the community safety events we attend and in our office lobby. For the past several years we have held our annual "Community Safety Day". Unfortunately, with the unique challenges and restrictions COVID brought this year, we decided to cancel the event. We are looking forward to the opportunity to offer this again in the near future.

In 2019, we started working on a public service announcement encouraging family members to have a discussion about gun safety with their children. That "Gun Safety in the Household" public safety announcement video was made with cooperation with The Alliance of Southwest Missouri and is in the works to be aired in the beginning of 2021.

We continue to teach the "Eddie the Eagle" gun safety program in the schools where we have a School Resource Officer present.

"Eddie the Eagle" is a kid-friendly, video based program that teaches a simple message that, if a child comes across a fire arm; "Stop. Don't touch. Run away. Tell an adult.". It is a very simple message that could potentially save a child's life. The program has been such a success that we continue to get requests from families that home school their children on where they can find the materials to teach the same classes at home.

The "Eddie the Eagle" program videos can easily be found for free online. We encourage you to watch the short video lessons with you children.



In October of 2018, we partnered with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and hosted our first ever "Hunter Safety" class. The class was limited to 75 seats and filled up in record time, according to the Department of Conservation. We only offered one class that year. In 2019, we were able to offer two classes; one in the spring and one in the fall. We planned to offer two classes again during 2020, but with the COVID restrictions, the classes were canceled by the MDC. We will continue to partner with the MDC to hopefully be able to offer these classes once again when things get back to normal.

## Animal Control

The duties of the Animal Control Division consist of animal abuse and neglect calls. Deputy Kieth Maggard is currently assigned to this position. In 2020, he responded to 316 different animal complaints.

Other duties of the Animal Control Deputy include investigating animal bite/attack calls, animal theft calls, assisting in the investigations of cattle theft, and assisting the humane societies investigating calls they receive. Deputy Maggard is also tasked with checking on quarantined animals, removal of animal carcasses off of the roadway when causing traffic hazards, responding to livestock at large calls as well as repairing fencing when the owners are unable to be contacted. Additionally, the Animal Control Deputy assists with road patrol calls when needed.



Deputies delivered pizza to the JASCO 911 Center as part of National Telecommunicator Appreciation Week. This is a tradition every year that we enjoy participating in as we recognize the hard work and dedication of our 911 dispatchers.



Priscilla Jobe, wife of Deputy Rob Jobe, speaks to the media after leading a prayer service on the Carthage Courthouse lawn on June 8, 2020. She organized the prayer service, which was well attended by a number of agencies, specifically for first responders that serve our community.



Pictured to the left is Ethan who is enjoying spending time with Sgt. Tim Williams as part of [Make-A-Wish](#).



Sgt. Williams is involved with the community in many different ways and enjoys interacting with them all. He started a little basketball game with the local youth.