

# Jasper County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Randee Kaiser

2014



# Year End Report



## A Letter from the Sheriff

Citizens of Jasper County,

I am once again very proud to present to you the 2014 year-end report for the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. We remain committed to serving the citizens of Jasper County with the highest level of professionalism and I think you will see that reflected in the following pages.

In 2013 we made some changes that we had hoped would save us some money in the future. We began to see that pay off already in 2014. In September of 2013 we took over our jail kitchen services from a private contractor and already have noticed substantial savings as a result. The Sheriff's Office benefitted greatly from lower fuel prices in 2014, allowing us to save a considerable amount of money from our fuel budget. We have also made changes to our fleet through the addition of more economical cars that serve in non-emergency roles that has helped us save money as well.



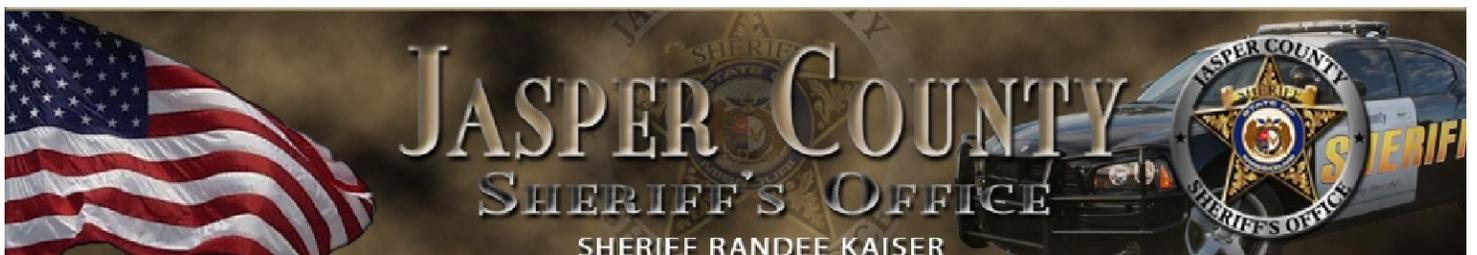
Early in 2014 we began looking at ideas to expand our jail capacity by better utilizing our current space. The facility was originally built with an exercise pod, but using it as such just never worked out as being very practical. It had been used mainly for storage for a number of years. It was decided to refurbish this area to create a dormitory style housing pod. A bathroom and shower was built, the room was painted, bunks, lockers and tables were added and at the end of December 2014 we began using this area to house low-risk and trustee offenders. Not only did this allow us to take this classification of prisoner out of general population, it also allowed us to add 20 beds to our capacity.

I am happy to report that crime is down in several key areas, including burglaries and thefts. Our detectives division has once again exceeded the national average in clearance rates on many crimes.

I am very grateful that many of our citizens take time out of their busy lives to commend our officers for the work they do. I very frequently have the honor of receiving these commendations and it is always a pleasure to hear your appreciation for the work our officers do. I know that all of the officers and civilian employees of the Sheriff's Office share my sentiment when I say we are truly blessed to be serving such a fine community as Jasper County. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Randee Kaiser



## **THE BUILDING OF OUR MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS**

During the first months of 2014 the command staff of the Sheriff's Office worked to revise our mission and vision statements. We wanted a mission statement that reflects our values and be a reference for our employees. Having hard working, professional and respectful employees that are well trained is the essence of what we strive for. We do take our commitment to provide a great law enforcement service to the community very seriously. After completing our mission statement we began working on our vision statement. After a number of proposals and rough drafts we decided on a single sentence that encapsulates where we want to be in the future. You may notice that again, service to the community was at the heart of our conversations, and being leaders in our profession seems like a worthy vision for the future of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office.



### **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.**



## Patrol Division

Reflecting back on the past year of 2014, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office, specifically the patrol division, logged 26,264 calls for service from January 1st to December 31st. Patrol deputies completed 4,297 reports for the year. In addition, more than 500 reports were completed by the Civil Process Division and Criminal Investigations Division. Of the total 4,297 reports filed, there were 915 arrests made. During the course of these arrests some level of force was used 64 times. Thirty four of those use of force incidents were soft empty hand techniques or hand strikes, a Taser was deployed 13 times and 25 incidents involved pointing duty weapons. The patrol division wrote 1,362 traffic tickets during the course of 2014, including 113 DWI arrests.



In cooperation with the Southwest Missouri DWI Task Force, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office patrol division participated in 13 DWI checkpoints, serving as the hosting agency for three of them. The patrol division was also involved with special enforcement operations including "Click It or Ticket" as well as an educational and enforcement detail at the new Stone's Corner roundabout at the junction of MO 43 and MO 171 Highways.

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## Community Oriented Policing

For the second straight year the Jasper County Sheriff's Department has utilized Community Oriented Policing projects to positively impact our community. Team Policing is one of those projects and it continues to be very successful. Two deputies were assigned to work in three target areas of the county for five months. During this time they made contact with residents in those target areas, gave extra patrol, responded to calls for service and increased visibility in selected neighborhoods. This type of project has the goal of not only making citizens feel safer, but also to encourage them to partner with us in the crime fighting effort. We encourage citizens to be vigilant against suspicious activities in their neighborhoods and let law enforcement know if there are problems or concerns that can be addressed.



In May of 2014 we held our annual Community Safety Day. This event is held at the Sheriff's Office and is open to the public. It is a kid friendly opportunity for citizens of Jasper County to come visit with deputies and see different demonstrations put on by the K-9 and SWAT teams. It also included: kids fingerprinting, face painting, Missouri Highway Patrol seatbelt convincer, Missouri Department of Conservation display, as well as informative booths from the Children's Haven, Lafayette, Children's Center and Alliance of Southwest Missouri. The Southwest Missouri FOP provided a bounce house for the children as well as free food for the participants.



Throughout the year members of the Sheriff's Office participate in and assist with the six active neighborhood watch programs that are working to keep our neighborhoods safe each year.

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## Citizen's Academy



The Sheriff's Citizen's Academy was initiated in 2010 to give the citizens of Jasper County an inside look into the day to day operations of the Sheriff's Office and Jail. Participants are introduced to the challenges faced by law enforcement and learn about why we do what we do. Participants receive a hands on experience and will take the role of a Deputy Sheriff in training simulations

"I was very interested each week and gained a lot of insight and knowledge."

"Love it! Thanks for taking the time to host these classes."

"Each presenter was passionate about their job and their diligence and professionalism certainly showed."



"It was well worth the time we spent learning what the Sheriff's Department is doing to help and protect all citizens."



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## Village of Airport Drive



The Jasper County Sheriff's Office continues to be contracted with the Village of Airport Drive for the deputies to patrol their area. The most significant change in 2014 was the addition of a roundabout at the intersection of Highways 43 and 171 to alleviate traffic congestion. Airport Drive has approximately 60 businesses the sheriff's deputies patrol, as well as two communities and apartments complexes. The two deputies who serve Airport Drive on a daily basis are, Sgt. Melissa Roughton and Deputy Earnest Soole. They enforce the village codes as well as take care of the needs and concerns of the citizens. It is anticipated that Wal-Mart will be coming to Airport Drive this year pending plan approval by the Board of Trustees of Airport Drive.



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# Detective Division

In 2014, more than 4,200 incidents were reported to the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. Of those, 669 were assigned to, or assisted by, the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) for investigation. The following represent those cases.

**Homicide:**

0 assigned to CID  
0 Cleared

**Robberies:**

4 assigned to CID (two were unfounded and closed)  
1 open  
1 cleared (25% clearance rate)  
• National clearance rate for robberies is approximately 28% (FBI.gov)

**Burglaries:**

206 assigned to CID  
38 cleared (18% clearance rate)  
• National clearance rate for burglaries is approximately 12% (FBI.gov)

**Stealing:**

196 assigned to CID  
37 cleared (19% clearance rate)  
- National clearance rate for stealing (larceny) is 21% (FBI.gov)

**Identity Thefts:**

21 assigned to CID  
3 cleared (14% clearance rate)

**Child Crimes:**

84 assigned to CID  
18 cleared (21% clearance rate)  
• National clearance rate for child crimes is approximately 40% (Flowers – Sex Crimes)

**Fail to Register:**

47 assigned to CID  
44 cleared (94% clearance rate)

**Tampering:**

59 assigned to CID  
14 cleared (24% clearance rate)  
- National clearance rate for motor vehicle thefts is 11% (FBI.gov)

**Fraud:**

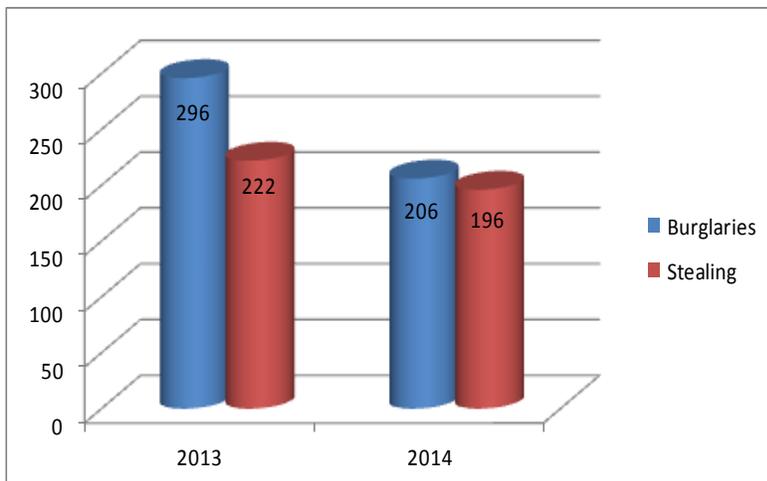
44 assigned to CID  
5 cleared (11% clearance rate)

**Forgeries:**

8 assigned to CID  
3 cleared (38% clearance rate)

**Totals:**

669 incidents assigned to CID  
468 closed/cleared (70%)  
163 cleared (24% clearance rate)



Total 2013	
Burglaries	296
Stealing	222
Total 2014	
Burglaries	206
Stealing	196
Decrease	
Burglaries	30%
Stealing	12%

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## Detective Division

### The Jasper County Detectives assignments also include:

- Background Employment investigations - 48 total
- Instructors for the Citizens Academy and Explorers Program
- Instructors for the in-house training programs
- Assisting other agencies with investigations
- Computerized Voice Stress tests administered
- Tri-State major case call outs
- Court preparation and testimony
- Extended investigations (death investigations, property recovery & locating missing persons)



### There are currently three detectives assigned to task forces outside our agency

Two assigned to the Jasper County Drug Task Force

One assigned to the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

### Detectives Division Accomplishments:

All Jasper County Detectives have completed CSI training and are trained in the Reid Interview and Interrogation method.

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

We have Detectives that teach law enforcement classes at other agencies and colleges.

Our Detectives are asked to give presentations and speak to civic groups and churches in Jasper County.

Our overall clearance rate is above the national average.

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## SRO & D.A.R.E. OFFICER

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office created a law enforcement/school district liaison position, a School Resource Officer/Deputy (SRO), in 2007. A full-time SRO/D.A.R.E. Officer position was assigned to Cpl. Matt Smith and in 2014 a limited part-time D.A.R.E. Officer position was created and assigned to Cpl. Matt Terry. These positions were created to work in conjunction with local school districts in an effort to assist the schools in a variety of law enforcement related incidents within and on a school's property.



The Sheriff's Office supplies SRO/D.A.R.E. Officers services to the Jasper, Avilla, and Sarcoxie School Districts, during the 2013/2014 school year the SROs served approximately 1,900 students within the three assigned districts. The SROs are responsible for assisting the school districts in investigating assaults, property damage, theft, acts of bullying, truancy, assist with at-risk students, work closely with the Jasper County Juvenile Office, and also assist the Division of Family Services with allegations of abuse or neglect of students in the school districts. An SRO also teaches numerous student education programs, including the D.A.R.E. program, online internet safety, driver's education, stranger awareness, drug and alcohol awareness, anti-bullying programs, prescription and over the counter abuse education, and impaired driving education. The Jasper County Deputies assigned to this unit will teach approximately 200 students about the negative effects of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, as well as other drugs on their bodies through the D.A.R.E. program presentations. Not only is an SRO position used as a teaching role for mentoring students, Cpl. Smith and Cpl. Terry are on hand to respond to any safety related issues that may arise on or near school property.

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## Detention Center

2014 has been a busy year at the Detention Center. We have made considerable progress on some continuing projects, as well as establishing some new programs to build on our goal of policing through good community relationships.

In the area of jail renovations; we have completely remodeled the upstairs to include an employee gym, and two new offices that are available to use for investigative interviews. The employees break room was remodeled to provide more storage, a microwave, refrigerator, and a table chair set that better accommodates our growing needs. The warrants division was remodeled and provides some much needed space, while still maintaining the storage capacity and functionality of the previous layout. Also, in warrants a new station was added allowing for better ease of offender registry.



During the course of 2014 we took on a remodel project of the old exercise pod. It has now been modified into a dormitory style housing unit which expanded our capacity by 20 beds.

The medical department has recently adopted new software, Accuflo, specifically designed for Correctional facilities. This switch will enable us to cut our time spent passing medications.

In cooperation with the Jasper County Cemetery Board we have begun assisting with the cleanup of local cemeteries that haven't been maintained in some time. We have had a total of six work days, totaling over 70 man hours and helped to restore 2 cemeteries.



**before**



**after**

Cemetery clean up detail.

We have been holding monthly meetings with all of the support groups I.E. Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery and local church groups. This is done to foster support between each group to better serve our inmate population.

In the area of officer support; we have started a scholarship program for current employees with one recipient each semester that offers financial assistance toward the police academy.

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## Explorer Program



The Jasper County Sheriff's Office began an Explorer program in the summer of 2014. This program is a cooperative program between local law enforcement and the Boy Scouts of America. It is designed to teach youth 15-20 years old about law enforcement with the goal of giving them a head start in their future careers. Not only does it serve to engage youngsters in the learning process, it also benefits the Sheriff's Office in future employees that have gained considerable knowledge and experience. Deputies from various divisions within the Sheriff's Office enjoy the opportunity to teach classes each week on different law enforcement topics.



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## Warrants Division

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office warrants division is a very busy area of this department. This division is staffed 24 hours a day between a sergeant, a corporal, 11 warrants officers and a warrants clerk. Each of these employees have specialized training and are MULES certified.

In 2014 the warrants division accomplished many tasks including:

Entered 5,247 warrants

Entered 1,021 ex parte

Entered 366 full orders of protection

Processed 3,739 bonds

It is worth noting that this division also handles the sex offender registration. Jasper County ranks among the best in the state for offender registration compliance. We currently have 331 sex offenders that the Sheriff's Office tracks and maintains records on.

In addition to coordinating the booking process with the booking and detention officers, warrants officers are responsible for helping update and maintain the jail management system. Warrants officers maintain over 4,588 active warrants. The overall records, communications and checks entered and maintained in the MSHP System equals to more than four million through the course of the year.



## Transportation



More than 110,000 accident-free miles were driven by the Jasper County Sheriff's Office Transportation Division in 2014. This includes trips to and from court in Jasper County as well as to and from other detention centers including the Missouri Department of Corrections. The Transportation Division also assists with duties that support the jail staff in the detention facility and with patrol and bailiff duties when necessary.

The Transportation Division is also responsible for arranging and handling all warrant extraditions to the Jasper County jail.

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## Civil Process Division

In 2014, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office handled 659 calls for service, of a civil law nature, in the Patrol Division and Civil Process Division.

There were several personnel changes throughout the course of the year.

- Deputy Nathaniel Nord was assigned as Bailiff in the Family Court, for Commissioner Jerry Holcomb.
- Deputy Michael Robertson was assigned as Bailiff in Division V of the Associate Circuit Court, for Judge Richard Copeland.
- Deputy Tim Shields was moved from the Transportation Division and assigned as Bailiff in Division IV of the Associate Circuit Court, for Judge Joseph Schoeberl.
- Deputy Rob Jobe was assigned to the Civil Process Division.
- Deputy Duane Sewell was assigned as security officer for the Joplin Courthouse.

Below is a basic spreadsheet with approximations of various paper services. These figures are noted as "approximations", because papers returned "Non-Est" are not included (papers that were returned "Non-Est", were not able to be served).

2014	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Summons/ Writs	329	389	390	402	328	434	2272
Subpoenas	25	21	28	30	23	49	176
Expartes	61	67	73	119	56	95	471
Attempts	286	303	338	410	326	393	2056
Non-Est	33	39	47	49	44	46	258
2014	July	August	September	October	November	December	Yearly Total
Summons/ Writs	356	429	340	389	284	352	4422
Subpoenas	51	44	32	35	42	36	416
Expartes	91	81	76	59	57	64	899
Attempts	292	317	277	283	284	304	3813
Non-Est	43	41	53	40	43	44	522



## Animal Control Division

The duties of the Animal Control Division consist of responding to animal abuse and neglect calls. In 2014, the animal control deputy responded to 494 animal complaints and took 30 reports. Deputy Kieth Maggard is currently assigned to this position which also entails removal of animal carcasses from the roadway when causing traffic hazards, animal theft calls and assisting in investigating cattle theft.



Other duties include investigation of animal bite calls and checking on quarantined animals. The Animal Control Deputy also assists the Humane Society investigating calls they receive, responding to livestock at large calls and repairing fencing when the owners are unable to be contacted. The Animal Control Deputy also assists with road patrol calls.

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## SWAT

In 2014, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office SWAT team, shown here during a demonstration, had a total of 15 activations. Nine of these were assisting the Jasper County Drug Task Force on high risk search warrants. Five activations were assisting other agencies, Webb City PD, Joplin PD, and Carl Junction PD, with high risk search warrants. One call out was assisting Jasper County Detectives with a command and call out for a shooting suspect. There were approximately 30 subjects taken into custody.



## TRAINING



Jasper County promotes training for its employees. The Sheriff's Office has 8 Generalist instructors, 6 firearms instructors, 4 defensive tactics instructors, 3 instructors in DWI detection, 2 Active shooter instructors, 2 EVOC driving instructors. The Sheriff's Office provides a wide scope of in-house training each year. The Sheriff's Office also regularly sends deputies to other locations for further specialized training.

Chief Deputy Tim Wilson [right] and Roger Renken [left], Missouri Highway Patrol prepare a plastic skeleton to be buried for an evidence recovery class.

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## K-9 Division

The Canine Unit is currently assigned to the Patrol Division, in 2014 it consisted of four full time canine teams. Two teams are dual purpose narcotics/patrol canines, one is trained for explosives detection and the third is a tracking team utilizing a bloodhound. The unit currently deploys the Belgian Malinois, Weimaraner and Bloodhound breeds.

Canine teams conduct 16 hrs of training per month in their respective areas of expertise. This training meets guidelines recommended by the federal government. Each team with the Sheriff's Office exceeded that total during the 2014 calendar year.



One of the goals of the canine unit is to promote positive community relations through demonstrations at schools and various public/community events. These demonstrations primarily focus on children; however, we have found adults are often just as intrigued as to the training and abilities of the canine. Quite often the general public is misinformed as to the uses of the canine and how they are utilized in modern day law enforcement. These demonstrations help clarify common misconceptions and dispel rumours. They also help to educate the public on the fact that canines are generally not vicious animals, but rather well trained animals that undergo extensive control and obedience work. Furthermore, the canine is capable of completing a wide variety of tasks. These demonstrations are usually provided to schools, church groups, college career days, community groups, and other public functions.

Assignment to the canine unit is voluntary and requires a tremendous commitment of personal time and effort to properly maintain and care for the canine. Interested Deputies undergo practical exercises, a comprehensive review of their work performance, and an oral interview prior to selection to the unit. So long as they remain in good standing within the unit, the handler has the option to work the canine for the entirety of its career and may even partner with a new canine afterwards. When it is determined a canine needs to be retired, the current handler is given the option of adopting the canine from the county. If they do not wish to adopt the canine, other members or former members of the canine unit are then afforded that opportunity.



## K-9 Division

In 2014 the Jasper County Sheriff's Office canine team consisted of four teams:

<b>K9 Holi</b>	<b>Belgian Malinois</b>	<b>narcotics/ patrol</b>
<b>K9 Tundra</b>	<b>Weimaraner</b>	<b>explosives/tracking</b>
<b>K9 Marmalade</b>	<b>Bloodhound</b>	<b>tracking/trailing</b>
<b>K9 Gunny</b>	<b>Belgian Malinois</b>	<b>narcotics / patrol</b>

All canine teams are required to undergo yearly in-house testing to standards that have been set by the Sheriff of Jasper County. Each team is also required to complete yearly accreditation through a nationally recognized certifying organization. Every year each team has completed this accreditation above the standards set by each certifying organization.

Throughout 2014, the Canine team has received donations of dog food from the Petland, Joplin. This donation has saved the Sheriff's Office approximately \$1,600.00 during the 2014 budget year. Plans are in the works with Petland, Joplin or Heartland Pet Products, Joplin for food donations to continue throughout 2015.

In 2014 we saw several of our current K9 partners needing to be retired due to unforeseen medical reasons. K9 Copper was retired early in the year due to a medical injury to his hips. K9 Stagg followed in July when he was retired due to joint and arthritis issues. These medical issues prevented both canines from completing their duties with the Sheriff's Office.

All current canines being deployed by the Sheriff's Office are 3 years of age or younger.

### **COMPLETED PROJECTS (2013 & 2014):**

K9 utility uniform (outer vest) was implemented within the team.

K9 Training Software (Kanine 5.0) was purchased and all K9 training and deployment documentation has been input into this system.

Three agency canines have been replaced as needed due to age or medical reasons. This was completed through either donations of dogs or purchase of partially trained canine and training was completed in-house.

New explosives K9 training aides were purchased and out dated ones destroyed per agency policy.

### **CURRENT K9 TEAMS FOR 2015:**

**Cpl. Matt Smith & Tundra (explosives/tracking) –TEAM SUPERVISOR**

**Deputy Adam Black & Marmalade (bloodhound tracking team)**

**Deputy Jonathan Murphy & Gunny (narcotics /patrol)**

**Deputy George Datum & Holi (narcotics/patrol)**



# Reserve Division

Following are the hours for all Reserve activities for 2014 :

Patrol / Uniform Duty.....	985.5
SWAT callout & training.....	151.5
POST continuing education classes.....	295.0
Meetings.....	178.5
Administration.....	130.0
MSSU Police Academy training (Score).....	261.0
Weapons training.....	63.0
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Total.....	2074.5



Notes :

- Reserve unit duty includes road patrol, detention, courthouse security, hospital security, citizen academy, Shop with a Deputy, DWI check-point, and miscellaneous. security details.
- Weapons training includes firearm qualification and training, firearms inspection, and taser training.

The Jasper County Sheriff's Reserve officers consists of 16 commissioned deputies that assist full time deputies with day to day activities and special details. To be a reserve deputy, these individuals put in most of their time on a volunteer basis. The Reserve Deputies have one captain, a lieutenant and two sergeants. Reserve deputies are required to keep up their continued education to keep their Missouri POST status, and many of them have other full time jobs.

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# Community Service

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Sheriff's Office deputies and employees help some of the Jasper County Children who participated in the Shop with the Deputy Program this year.



Every year the Jasper County Sheriff's Department participates in the Salvation Army's bell ringing fundraiser. Here two young family members of Jasper County employees get a chance to ring the bell.

Deputies Barrett and Tappana traveled to Burrillville, Rhode Island to build a playground and park area for a young man who has been battling Leukemia. Tyler's family requested cards of encouragement from law enforcement agencies across the US. Our deputies responded with not only cards, but donated resources and labor to help build a play park near his home.



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