

2015



Year End Report



Jasper County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Randee Kaiser



A Letter from the Sheriff



Citizens of Jasper County,

It is truly hard to believe that I am beginning my fourth year in office. It seems like just yesterday that I was sworn in and began work. It has been an honor to serve our county as the Sheriff and I look forward to continuing to serve in the years to come. In the following pages you will see a glimpse of some of the activity at our department over the past year. We have implemented a number of changes over the past years and we look forward to continued improvements in 2016.

As you can see from the cover, one of the things we did this past year was to add "In God We Trust" on our patrol cars. Out of all of the things that we have done over the past several years, I have received more positive comments about this than anything else. I appreciate the support.

While nationwide it has been a tough time for law enforcement, it is comforting to know that citizens in this area know and appreciate the good work that is done by our officers day in and day out. Our citizens recognize that the majority of law enforcement officers have your best interests at heart each day they put on a uniform and don't define the profession as a whole by the actions of a few bad apples.

I am pleased to report that crime is once again down in many key areas. After a number of years of dramatic decline, overall thefts edged up by 15% last year. Burglaries again were on the decline, down 18%. Once again our detectives division exceeds the national average in clearances in nearly every category.

I never cease to be amazed at the sheer volume of work that goes on in the many divisions of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office each year. Just some of that activity includes, nearly 5,000 civil papers served, nearly 7,000 people processed in or out of the detention center and 122,934 accident free miles driven by the transportation division. We strive to do all of this work very efficiently and very professionally as you, the citizens of our county, expect.

As I take a great deal of pride in serving as the leader of the Sheriff's Office, I know also, that each of our employees takes a great deal of pride in doing their job to the best of their abilities. Once again I thank you for the opportunity to serve and I am looking forward to a great 2016.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Randee Kaiser





Patrol Division

For the calendar year 2015, the Patrol Division took a total of 29,927 calls for service and self-initiated actions. These calls and actions generated 4,111 reports out of which a total of 784 arrests were made. The deputies issued 1,471 traffic tickets of which 108 were DWI arrests. The Patrol Division drove just over 811,000 miles during the course of the year.

It is worth noting that during the course of the 784 arrests, force was used only 60 times. Below is a breakdown of those instances:

(It should be noted that some incidents required more than one type of force to be used.)

Pointing firearm = 28

Hands = 27

Taser = 9

Police nunchaka = 1

Beanbag = 1

In conjunction with the Southwest Missouri DWI Task Force, deputies assisted with 15 DWI checkpoints. Jasper County hosted three of those checkpoints.



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Community Oriented Policing



For the third straight year the Jasper County Sheriff's Office 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 a target areas of the county for five months. During this time they made contact with residents in that target area, 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 2015 we held our 3rd 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, air soft target practice 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



"It made me realize more of what they all do!"

"This was a great course!"

"Very educational."



"{I} really enjoyed seeing the "behind the scenes" of the Department."



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Village of Airport Drive

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office has continued to contract with the Village of Airport Drive for law enforcement service. Sgt. Melissa Roughton and Deputy Ernest Soole enforce the village codes and ordinances. They also control the traffic and address the citizens' concerns.

The roundabout at 171 and 43 has eliminated much of the congestion but as motorists have been learning their way around a two-lane roundabout there have been a number of minor accidents. Jasper County deputies along with the Missouri Highway Patrol and MODOT have been working very hard on educating citizens and attempting to reduce the number of accidents at this location. In 2015 it was predicted a Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market would be built in Airport Drive. The Wal-Mart Neighbor Market is finished and is open for business as of January 13, 2016. Also new to Airport Drive are a couple of businesses. Hagglers Auto Spa at 5174 N. Main for vehicle detailing, and Etcetera, an antique store, which is located at 5215 N. Main. According to the latest census, the population in Airport Drive has risen from 698 to 836.





Detective Division

In 2015, approximately 4,270 incidents were reported to the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. Of those, 684 were originated by, assigned to, or assisted by the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) for investigation. The following represent those incidents:

Homicide:

2 assigned to CID
2 Cleared (100% clearance rate)
• National clearance rate for homicide is approximately 65% (FBI.gov)

Robberies:

2 assigned to CID
1 closed
1 cleared (50% clearance rate)
• National clearance rate for robberies is approximately 28% (FBI.gov)

Burglaries:

177 assigned to CID
21 cleared (12% clearance rate)
• National clearance rate for burglaries is approximately 12% (FBI.gov)

Stealing:

164 assigned to CID
42 cleared (26% clearance rate)
• National clearance rate for stealing (larceny) is 21% (FBI.gov)

Child Crimes:

111 assigned to CID
13 cleared (12% clearance rate)
• National clearance rate for child crimes is approximately 40% (Flowers – Sex Crimes)

Fail to Register:

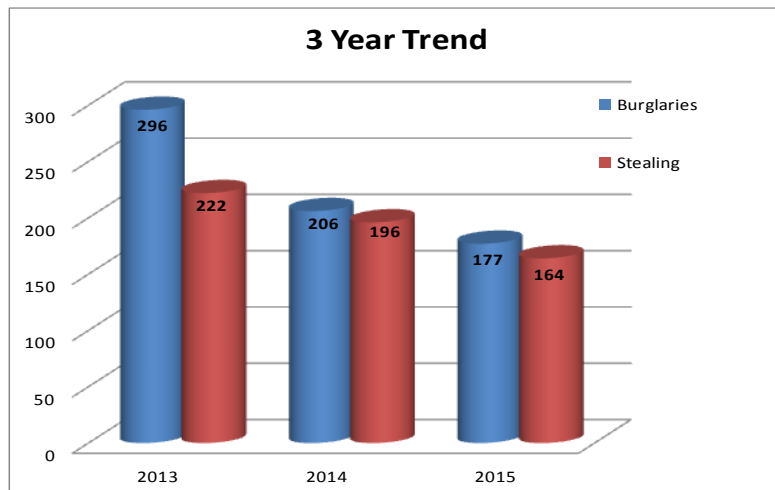
40 assigned to CID
40 cleared (100% clearance rate)

Tampering:

51 assigned to CID
12 cleared (24% clearance rate)
• National clearance rate for motor vehicle thefts is 11% (FBI.gov)

White Collar (fraud, forgery, identity theft):

53 assigned to CID
13 cleared (25% clearance rate)
• National clearance rate for fraud/forgery/ID theft is 20% (FBI.gov)



Totals:

684 incidents assigned to CID
148 open/inactive (21%)
327 closed/cleared (48%)
209 cleared (31% clearance rate)



Detective Division

The Jasper County Detectives assignments also include:

- Background Employment investigations - 32 total for 2015
- Instructors for the Citizens Academy and Explorers Program
- Instructors for the 40 hour in-service training program
- 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)

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, or are scheduled to take CSI training and are, or will be, trained in advanced interview and interrogation methods.

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 frequently give presentations and speak to civic groups and churches in Jasper County.



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SRO & D.A.R.E Officers

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

The Sheriff's Office SRO positions are assigned to the Jasper, Avilla, and Sarcoxie School Districts. During the 2014/2015 school year, Cpl. Smith and Cpl. Terry served approximately 1,900 students and school staff members within their assigned districts. The SROs are responsible for assisting the school districts in investigating assaults, property damage, theft, acts of bullying, truancy and assist with at risk students.



They also work closely with the Jasper County Juvenile Office, as well as the Division of Family Services investigating allegations of abuse or neglect involving students in their school districts. The School Resource Officers also teach numerous educational programs for the students, including the D.A.R.E. program, online internet safety, student driver's education in the summer, stranger awareness, drug and alcohol awareness, anti-bullying programs, prescription and over the counter medicine abuse education, and impaired driver deterrence. Not only is the SRO position used as a teaching role for mentoring students, but the Deputies are on hand to respond to safety related issues that may arise on or near school property.

The SROs also assist in a variety of school staff educational trainings throughout the school year. They assist the school districts in creating an implementation of school safety plans, training the staff how to respond in critical incidents, diagnosing risk assessments of safety concerns, and providing information on current drug or crime trends to identify students who are at risk of criminal behaviors.



During the 2014/2015 school year, our SROs assisted Detectives during the investigation of a juvenile related homicide, investigated and charged two students with Harassment and Making Terrorist Threats, located several pieces of stolen property, and mitigated multiple personal conflicts of students and resolved potentially violent situations.

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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. We are happy to announce we have 2 young men from our 2015 Explorer's program that have chosen to move on in their careers in Law Enforcement.



Reserve Division

The Reserve Division is a group of volunteer deputies who compliments the Sheriff's Office in a variety of positions. The unit consists of 14 deputies and has assisted in uniformed patrol, SWAT callout and training, weapons training, and numerous security details. One very important task the unit took on for the year was compliance checks for the DWI and Drug Courts. For the year 2015, they put in 1,745 hours of service to the community. They accomplished all of this while keeping up on their required POST approved training and maintaining a full time job. They have proven to be a vital resource to the Sheriff's Office.



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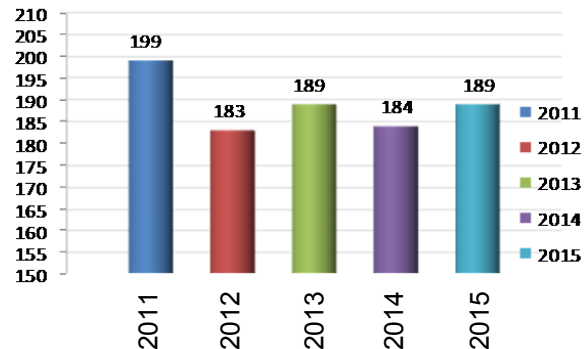
Detention Center

There have been a number of significant changes and improvements at the Detention Center in 2015.

One of the most significant changes at the detention center this year was the change in commissary services. With this change inmates are issued a card upon release from the facility with all of their money on it. The new commissary system also makes ordering commissary easier for the inmates. It provides them with easier access and more revenues for the county.

Also, the county applied for and received a technology grant for a new ELSA Livescan fingerprinting machine. This new hardware will replace the jail's outdated Livescan fingerprinting machine, as well as allow for some additional software features such as the new "Fast I.D." function. This is a valuable new feature which allows law enforcement to identify individuals even more quickly than before. Fast I.D. can potentially cut the identification process from hours to minutes in some cases.

Average Daily Jail population



The detention center's 22-year old emergency generator was replaced and re-located in preparation for the addition of new holding cells in the near future.

Louvers were added to the detention center windows to control possible introduction of contraband into the facility. After a string of incidents involving property destruction to the windows, presumably for that purpose, it was decided that some sort of additional covering was needed. The louvers still allow for the admission of natural light into the cells while effectively obstructing the path of incoming contraband.

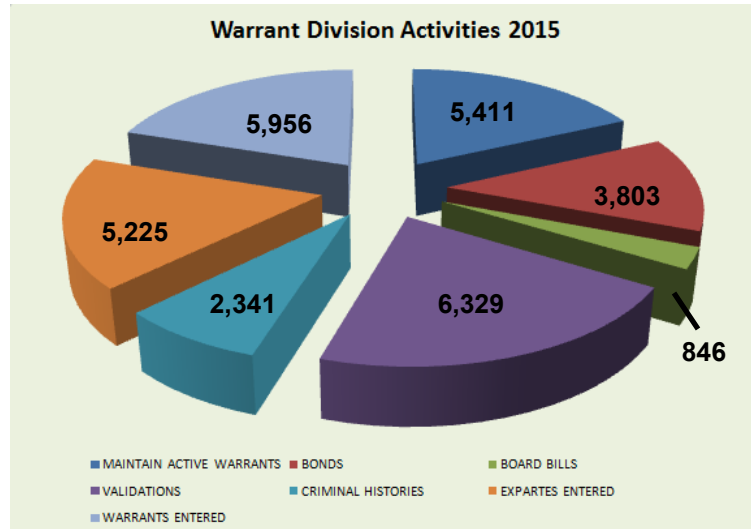


All inmate cells and housing areas got a fresh coat of paint this past year, and the Trustee program helped paint the Carthage Saddle Club arena. Trustees also continued with the Cemetery Cleanup details helping to maintain abandoned cemeteries out in the county.

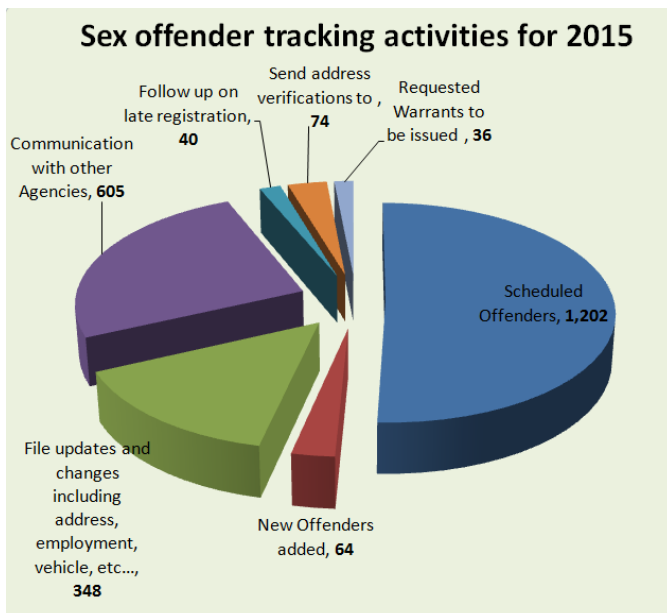


Warrants Division

The Warrants Division is an extremely active area of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. This division is staffed 24 hours a day between a Sergeant, a Corporal, 11 Warrants Officers, a Warrants Court Clerk Liaison and a Sex Offender Registration Administrative Assistant. Each of these officers are MULES (Missouri Uniformed Law Enforcement System) certified with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Warrants officers responsibilities also include updating and maintaining the jail management system. The overall records, communication messages, checks entered and maintained in MULES equal more than four million throughout the course of the year.



Sex Offender Registration



The Jasper County Sheriff's Office received recognition this past year from the Missouri State Highway Patrol CJIS division for meeting or exceeding the three day records submission requirement to the State Registry.

It is also worth noting that 332 sex offenders are registered in Jasper County and that 95% are currently in compliance with their registration requirements. If an offender were to be found out of compliance, a detective is immediately assigned to attempt to locate that individual.

For information about offenders in Jasper County you can visit www.offenderwatch.com. All the information that our office posts about registered offenders, goes to this web site.



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Civil Process Division

The Civil Process Division of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office is responsible for serving legal documents and court papers from all Missouri courts, as well as from courts in other states. The Patrol Division supplements the service of these documents, during weekend and holiday hours.

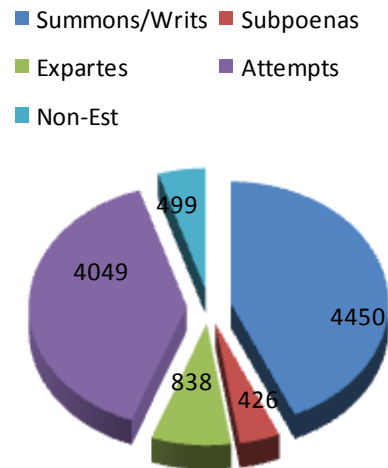
The Jasper County Sheriff's Office handled approximately 6,000 documents for service, in 2015. We are proud to offer professional, courteous, and timely service to attorneys and the public.

The legal community can rely on the qualified and experienced staff of the Civil Process Division. 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 partes (restraining orders)

In 2015, we served 4,450 summons and writs; 426 Subpoenas; and 838 ex partes. In addition, the Civil Process Division attempted to serve 499 individuals, with some form of legal process, but were unable to locate them. In legal terminology, this is referred to as "Non-Est".

Civil Process 2015 Yearly Total



In 2015, direct civil complaint calls which might include property line disputes, child custody disagreements, landlord – tenant disagreements, etc.) were up 50% , when compared to 2014. Calls increased from 659, in 2014, to 990, in 2015.

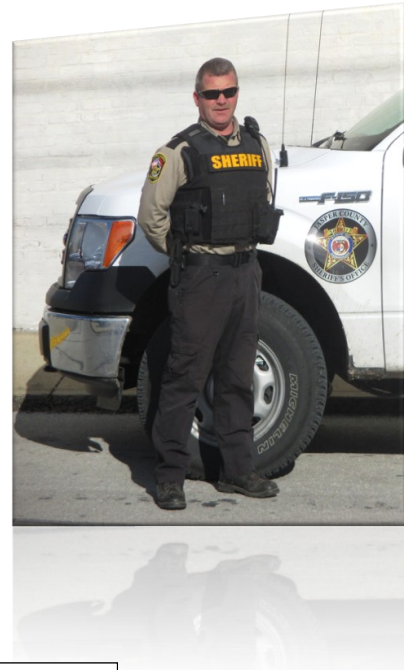


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Animal Control

The duties of the Animal Control Division consist of responding to animal abuse and neglect calls. In 2015, the animal control deputy responded to 382 animal complaints and took 35 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.



Transportation



Nearly 123,000 accident-free miles were driven by the Jasper County Sheriff's Office Transportation Division in 2015. This includes transporting over 3,500 inmates to and from the courts in Jasper County, to and from other detention centers, prisons, hospitals, and mental health facilities in Missouri as well as from other states, and transporting right at 300 different convicted felons to the Missouri Department of Corrections.

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

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SWAT

Jasper County's SWAT Team is made up of 13 members plus the SWAT Team Commander and K9 Deputy. During the year 2015, the team was activated five times for various high risk calls in the county, ranging from assisting other municipal agencies to assisting with the Drug Task Force. They also participated in Community Safety Day, and helped with instruction for the Carthage Police Department Explorers, and the Jasper County Sheriff's Office Explorers, giving demonstrations on the capabilities of the SWAT Team. Each member is required to meet certain physical training and marksmanship standards, and train each month on different training scenarios.



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. On occasion the Sheriff's Office will invite trainers from other agencies and organizations to teach a class. The photo above shows Sheriff Wetzzel of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma giving instruction on vehicle operations and pursuit driving during one of the patrol meetings.

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K-9 Division

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit is assigned as a supplemental shift designed to assist and aid the Patrol Division in K-9 related calls for service. During 2015 the K-9 Unit consisted of four full time teams, two teams are trained/certified as dual purpose narcotics/patrol canines, one is trained/certified in explosives detection and tracking and one is trained/certified as a tracking team. The overall unit deploys two Belgian Malinois, a Weimeraner and a Bloodhound, for tracking.

Department policy and federal guidelines recommend K-9 teams should conduct 16 hours of training per month to hone their specific skill sets, during 2015 the unit as a whole conducted approximately 1,000 hours of training in their respective areas of expertise.

During the 2015 calendar year our K-9s were used to educate the general public and community the variety of resources a well trained dog and handler can benefit local law enforcement. Some of the positive community relations the K-9 Unit worked to build included demonstrations at schools, various public/community events, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office Community Day, and the Jasper County Sheriff's Office Citizens 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 behaviours.



All K-9 teams must undergo yearly in-house testing to standard 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, the Four States Police Canine Association.

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K-9 Division

Accomplishments for 2015:

K-9 teams are assigned to a new scheduling system outside the Patrol shifts
K-9 Holi and Deputy Datum have been added to the Sheriff's Office SWAT team
Cpl. Smith, Deputy Datum, and Deputy Murphy attended a three day K-9 decoy training seminar
Deputy Datum attended a five day K-9/SWAT training seminar
A new dog food donation was secured through Heartland Products (Blue Buffalo brand)
Purchased a new K-9 behavior shaping device to increase focus and drive for detection K-9s
Increased K-9 calls for service by a more flexible schedule system

Created a larger K-9 training network by building relationships with 9 other local/semi local K-9 Units

Utilized K-9 budget and purchased equipment for the teams

Partnered with our K-9 vet for multi agency K-9 first aid training

Secured a donated protective vest for each of the K-9s through, "We Ride To Provide"



Overall K-9 Unit Stats for 2015:

Calls for service: 401
Tracks performed: 45
Successful tracks: 18
Public demonstrations: 21
Alarm calls assigned: 46
Arrests made by K-9 handlers: approximately 110

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Community Service



Members of the Sheriff's Office often volunteer to help the community, Sheriff's Office employees Darin Porter and Amon Henady pictured above are ringing the bell for the salvation army.



Sheriff Kaiser and members of the Jasper County Posse accept a check from Butterball employees for Shop With a Deputy. The employees worked very hard to raise \$1,000 to donate. The Shop With a Deputy program is completely funded by the very generous citizens of our county. Thanks to everyone that helped to make this program a success!



Reserve Deputy Denis Brasfield and his wife Linda donated items to our K-9 division. Among the donated items were four tracking harnesses, two tracking leashes, two collars and four regular leashes.



Prosecuting attorney Dean Dankelson recognizes Chief Deputy Derek Walrod for his service to crime victims in Jasper County.

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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.



Historic Jasper County Courthouse bell