

# Jasper County Sheriff's Office

2017



## Year End Report



Sheriff Randee Kaiser



## A Letter from the Sheriff



### Citizens of Jasper County,

I can still remember it like it was 10 minutes ago. The phone call I got from the head of the Ozarks Drug Enforcement Team on the afternoon of March 1, 2017, that Deputy Nolan Murray had been shot. What came out of the next hours, days and weeks was truly remarkable. I saw firsthand some of the finest examples of bravery, compassion, caring and community bonding that I have ever witnessed. While that event reminded all of us in a very stark way that this is dangerous work, the support that followed this incident also served to remind us that we have the support of the community as our “backup” every day.

The lengths at which the community came together in support of Deputy Murray were truly amazing. From the financial support he received, to volunteers mowing his lawn while he was recuperating, to the endless (and much appreciated!) stream of food donated, not to just his family, but the entire Sheriff’s Office. It seems like I say this every year, but it bears repeating that we are truly blessed to be serving a community like Jasper County!

In past years we have accomplished some big capitol projects and while we completed some smaller projects this year, our biggest accomplishments came in the form of some new programs. Two of these directly relate to the jail in an effort to reduce jail population and reduce recidivism. This year Jasper County signed on with the Stepping Up Initiative. Simply put, this program looks at a new way of dealing with those who suffer from mental illness as they move through the criminal justice system. There are a series of steps that involve training officers in better ways to handle people with mental illness, identifying those that become incarcerated with mental illness and post-release assistance.

The second program that is underway is a pre-trial release program. This program is run by the courts and seeks to evaluate the individuals who are in jail to see if they would be a good candidate to be released while awaiting trial. On average, only three percent of everyone incarcerated in the county jail is serving county time. The rest are pre-trial detainees. The goal of this program is to get those that don’t pose a risk to the public and are likely to appear in court out of the county jail so taxpayer dollars aren’t spent on housing while awaiting trial.

Every year we work hard to fulfill our mission statement: to 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. I can’t tell you the sense of pride I have in watching the employees of this agency carrying out that mission every day.

Sincerely,

Randee Kaiser  
Jasper County Sheriff







## Patrol Division

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office patrol division answered 30,840 calls for service in 2017. This is a very slight increase from 2016. Out of these calls for service, there were 4,215 reports generated. Deputies issued 1,179 citations from 8,279 traffic stops. From these traffic stops, there were 92 DWI arrests made. Patrol deputies also made a total of 1,280 custodial arrests and drove over 700,000 miles patrolling the county. As you can see below, while making these custodial arrests, force was used only 24 times.

### Number of times force used in 2017 = 24

Race	Sex	Age	Bean Bag	Seen By Medical	Deputy Injured
White	23 Male	21 Juvenile	0	0	Yes 1
Black	1 Female	3	17 - 29	11	No 23
Hispanic	0	30 - 39	3	2	
Other	0	40 - 49	2	0	
		50 - 59	7	8	
		60 +	1	1	
			ASP	0	
			TVI	0	
			PFirearm	14	
			DFirearm	0	

In addition, the patrol assisted the Missouri Highway Patrol and other departments with accidents and acted as back-up for several agencies. The Sheriff's Office also conducted numerous DWI checkpoints, special hazardous moving enforcement details, and public relations commitments were completed.



In April of 2017 at the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) banquet, a few of our Deputies were recognized for their contributions. Corporal Chris Thresher and Sergeant Chris Calvin were both recognized for their DWI arrests in 2016. Staff Sergeant John Hicks was honored for his work on the Southwest Missouri DWI Task Force. Corporal Matt Smith received special recognition honoring the recent

passing of his two K-9 partners (Lisa and Tundra). Deputy Nolan Murray, who was shot in the line of duty in 2017, was presented with a "Blue Line" flag with his name and badge number embroidered on it and signed by all of his co-workers.



## Community Oriented Policing

For the fifth straight year the Jasper County Sheriff's Office has utilized Community Oriented Policing projects to positively impact our community. In 2016 we added a Community Oriented Policing position to our patrol division. That 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 contacts have led to several search warrants, several of which have also led to arrests for drug related activities. 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. Throughout the year members of the Sheriff's Office continue to look for target areas in which a neighborhood effort can be used to prevent and solve crime. 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.

Sgt Williams took part in over 60 public events this year. Those events included Safety Day events, DARE graduations, career days and Neighborhood Watch meetings.



Our Community Policing program also includes our social media page. We have increased the use of our social media page to increase public awareness of scams, road closures, warnings about weather related road conditions, missing juveniles, as well as numerous other things. We also implemented programs such as our "Joke of the Week", and the "Adopt a pet" videos. We have used our social media to ask the public for their help in solving crimes. To date we were able solve nearly every case where we asked social media for the public's help. In one case, it was solved within 15 minutes. We receive tips via Facebook messenger on a daily basis. Those tips have been extremely effective in solving and preventing criminal activity. It has been an invaluable tool for our agency.

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On May 13<sup>th</sup> of 2017 we held our 5th annual Community Safety Day. This event is held at the Sheriff's Office each year and is open to the public. It is a kid friendly opportunity for citizens of Jasper County to visit with deputies and see different demonstrations put on by the K-9 and SWAT teams. Some other activities included: kids fingerprinting, face painting, Missouri Conservation Department's interactive trailer, Sheriff's Posse, free food, and numerous other events.



# Citizen's Academy

The Sheriff's Citizen's Academy was started 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 hands-on training and take the role of a Deputy Sheriff in training simulations. The classes are one night a week for three hours and the academy runs for 10 weeks. Topics include:

- History of the Office of Sheriff
- Courthouse Operations,
- Patrol Functions,
- Dangerous Drugs
- DWI Enforcement
- K-9 Operations,
- Detention Center Operations
- SWAT Operations
- Firearms Training
- Cyber Crimes
- Crimes against Children
- Criminal Investigations
- Crime Scene Investigations



## **Reasons for participating in the Sheriff's Citizen's Academy** **Participant Quotes:**

"To become familiar with how the Sheriff's Office works."

"To help prepare me to be an officer in the future."

"I plan on using this knowledge to serve at my church."

"To help educate younger generations."

"This experience can help me better understand and appreciate all the hard work LEO's do for our community."

"My father was a Deputy Sheriff, and law enforcement has always been near and dear to my heart."

"To learn how Jasper County is dealing with the current challenges of Law Enforcement."







## Village of Airport Drive

Airport Drive celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> birthday in September of this year. Things slowed down a bit during the summer as the new bridge on State Highway 171 was being built. It is still a great area to live in. The Enlight Inn opened up at Fountain and Main and is doing well. The convenience store, Kum and Go on Main and Demott closed its doors November the 13<sup>th</sup> for various reasons. Other businesses new to Airport Drive this year are Genuine Realty, Footprints & Friends Daycare, Farmers Insurance and The Meat-N-Place. The Enlight Inn and Wal-Mart will be celebrating their first year after opening their doors in early 2017.



**Sgt Roughton and Deputy Henry**

The population in Airport Drive has stayed close to the same as the year before. According to the census the population is 845. Approximately 50,000 drivers come through Airport Drive a week. Sgt. Melissa Roughton and Deputy Justin Henry, who are assigned to Airport Drive, responded to numerous calls for service while also enforcing traffic and code violations within the village.



## Detective Division

In 2017, there were 555 reports originated by, assigned to, or assisted by the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) for investigation. The following represent the major categories of those incidents:

### Homicide

1 assigned  
1 cleared 100%  
-National clearance rate 61.5% \*\*

### Robbery

4 assigned  
1 cleared 25%  
2 closed 50%  
1 inactive 25%  
-National clearance rate 28% \*\*

### Sex Crimes (Adult)

15 assigned  
7 cleared 47%  
4 closed 27%  
1 inactive 07%  
3 open 20%  
-National clearance rate 37% \*\*

### Burglary

118 assigned  
15 cleared 13%  
75 closed 63%  
5 inactive 04%  
13 open 11%  
- National clearance rate 12% \*\*

### Stealing\*

116 assigned  
20 cleared 17%  
71 closed 61%  
2 inactive 02%  
23 open 20%

### Fraud/Forgery\*

67 assigned  
23 cleared 34%  
42 closed 63%  
1 inactive 01%  
1 open 01%

\* Note: The FBI uses "Larceny-Theft" as one category; that clearance rate is listed at 21%. Combining our "stealing" and "fraud/forgery" clearance rates it would equate to 25%.

### Tampering

43 assigned  
7 cleared 16%  
25 closed 58%  
6 inactive 14%  
5 open 12%  
-National clearance rate 13% \*\*

### Child Crimes

86 assigned  
25 cleared 29%  
46 closed 53%  
1 inactive 01%  
14 open 16%  
-National clearance rate is 40%.

### Fail to Register as an Offender

49 assigned  
49 cleared (100% clearance rate)

### Totals assigned to CID:

555 incidents assigned to CID

97 open/inactive (17%)  
305 closed/cleared (55%)  
153 cleared (28% clearance rate)

\*\* National clearance rates from FBI.gov



Detective Sgt Mitchell



## Detective Division

### 2016 to 2017 Comparisons:

Note: The stealing statistics reported are only those meeting felony criteria. The burglaries listed below include all that were reported to the Sheriff's Office. Totals may vary from previous page in that some were resolved during the preliminary investigation by the Patrol Division.



#### Total 2016

#### Total 2017

Burglaries: 144  
Stealing: 187

Burglaries: 144  
Stealing: 170

No Change  
Decrease of 09%

#### Total 2016

#### Total 2017

White Collar: 61  
Tampering: 44  
Child Crimes: 91

White Collar: 67  
Tampering: 43  
Child Crimes: 86

**Increase of 09%**  
Decrease of 02%  
Decrease of 05%



## Reserve Division

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office Reserve Division is made up of 11 citizen volunteers. They supplement the Sheriff's Office by volunteering their time in a variety of areas. In 2017, they were involved in DWI and Drug Court compliance checks, SWAT callouts, the drug take back program, courthouse security, detention assistance and road patrol. These deputies that volunteer are required to meet the same training requirements as full time deputies. They put in a total of 1,136 hours of work time for the Sheriff's Office in 2017. Without their assistance, the functions they performed would have been completed by full time deputies causing a larger strain on manpower.





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

During the 2016 / 2017 school year, Corporal Matt Terry worked as the School Resource Officer / D.A.R.E. Instructor for the Jasper County Sheriff's Office and the school districts in Avilla, Jasper and Sarcoxie.

Corporal Terry served approximately 1,390 students (Avilla: 146, Jasper: 468, Sarcoxie: 776) and assisted school staff members in their assigned districts. He responded to several different calls involved with the above schools and took a total of 103 incident reports in which 38 of them were school related. Corporal Terry responded to or initiated a total of 548 calls and conducted a total of 167 traffic stops in Jasper County.

Some of the school incidents Corporal Terry was involved in are the following but not limited to:

- Burglaries
- Assaults
- Peace Disturbance
- 96 Hour Commits
- Investigations
  - Stealing
  - Drug-Related
  - Child Abuse and Neglect
- Departmental Assists with
  - Other police departments
  - Department of Social Services
  - Juvenile Office



**Cpl Matt Terry**

**School Resource Officer and D.A.R.E Instructor**

In the 2016 / 2017 school year Corporal Terry graduated a total of 17 Avilla Elementary students at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade level and continued the D.A.R.E. program for the Avilla kindergarten students to teach them about safety, avoidance of strangers, how to read safety signs and how to report bullying and other criminal activity in the school and county. This program was mainly designed for the students to become more acquainted with their school resource officer and to show them they are always there to assist them if needed.

In the 2016 / 2017 school year Corporal Terry graduated a total of 43 Jasper Elementary students at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level and also continued for the fourth year to teach the Jasper Kindergarten students D.A.R.E. lessons concerning safety and other important topics. He instructed and graduated a total of 67 Sarcoxie Elementary students from the D.A.R.E. program at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level.



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

Throughout the year, the School Resource Officer assists with a variety of school staff educational trainings and programs. The training programs include school safety plans, active shooter training, internet safety classes and training school staff on how to respond in critical incidents.

Corporal Terry assisted all of the above schools in the operation, functions and safety procedures with the LOCKDOWN program. This application program was introduced and implemented in the schools to assist the school staff in better communication with one another in critical incidents and to work towards making the schools safer for students.



The SRO also helps each year with the “Shop with a Deputy” program along with the Shop with a Deputy Committee, which allows children to receive Christmas gifts during the Holiday Season. This year Cpl. Terry and several other volunteers, Sheriff’s Office staff and school personnel from the above schools, were able to help 99 students / kids in receiving gifts for Christmas with the donations by local businesses and the people in the community.

Corporal Terry works in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on the “Drug Take Back” program bi-annually and in 2017 was able to collect over 81 pounds of prescription medication from the citizens of Jasper County.

The Jasper County Sheriff’s Office created the School Resource Officer position in 2007 to work with the local school districts in an effort to assist schools with a variety of law enforcement related incidents that involve students.







## 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 as future employees 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. In 2017, our Explorers assisted deputies with sobriety check points, as well as with traffic control at Marian Days and the Maple Leaf Festival. The Explorers have participated in over 50 public events where they have a chance to be a positive role model to other youth in the community. Through these public events they also have the opportunity to learn that the most important part of this job is giving back to the community. They assist our agencies with our active shooter and SWAT trainings, by role playing as the perpetrator. By the end of 2017, we had eight Explorers participating in the program. The Explorers have volunteered numerous hours to events that have helped the community. Some of our Explorers also participate in the criminal justice program through Carthage Vo-Tech.



**Explorers 2nd place in Transportation for the  
Jasper Days parade**



## Transportation



Nearly 115,436 accident-free miles were driven by the Jasper County Sheriff's Office Transportation Division in 2017 which brings them up to 650,728 miles and 69 months accident-free as of December 31, 2017. This includes transporting inmates to and from the courts in Jasper County, to and from other detention centers, hospitals, 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 7 deputies, 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.





## Detention Center

This year we saw a lot of improvements for the Detention Center. We finished the second half of a two-year long project to update the heat and air system to a new digitally controlled system. The project has been finished for four months and is considered to be a major improvement with the HVAC system at the jail. It is possible to remote in via computer to each housing unit or office area and check the temperature and air flow, then make changes if necessary.



Jail Improvements

We have conducted a yearly security analysis on ways to improve security and safety within the facility and in the process, several locking mechanisms were added and updated. Several in-house remodeling projects were completed in 2017 including a new bathroom for the control center, new laundry room floor and the removal of carpet from the multipurpose room creating a more sanitary environment.

There were also some improvements to help with inmate communication. We have begun a trial run of a few new programs including inmate email, picture mail and video visitation. Inmate email allows family and friends to send a text from their phone or computer to the incarcerated person. Once the email is received, the inmate may then send a reply text. Family and friends may send pictures via their phone or computer the same way. Video visitation allows for family to call in to the inmate and essentially have a visitation over the computer. Each of these communication options has a sophisticated filtering program that deters unwanted or unauthorized communications. It is also worth noting that this system completely pays for itself through nominal inmate charges, therefore, it doesn't cost taxpayers anything.

	5 Year Average Daily Inmate Count					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>January</b>	187	184	181	182	182	203
<b>February</b>	186	191	171	190	193	200
<b>March</b>	167	202	173	194	200	189
<b>April</b>	171	205	172	197	223	201
<b>May</b>	172	185	178	193	214	190
<b>June</b>	178	179	193	203	213	194
<b>July</b>	185	166	193	185	219	215
<b>August</b>	195	181	193	186	217	226
<b>September</b>	209	202	189	176	228	237
<b>October</b>	206	222	191	173	221	235
<b>November</b>	178	191	200	198	207	227
<b>December</b>	166	169	173	187	206	212
<b>Annual Average</b>	183	190	184	189	210	212



## Detention Center



In 2017, we redesigned our current scholarship program. Originally, we paid for the tuition for the winning scholarship candidate to a Law Enforcement Academy program. Now, we have expanded that to allow not only the tuition, but also compensate the employee for time while they are attending the academy. This year we were able to grant three employees a scholarship to the academy.

To the left are Deputy Ashley Linder and Deputy Garrett Metscher, two of the three scholarship recipients that graduated from the academy in the fall of 2017. The third recipient, Sarah Belin, will be attending class in spring of 2018.

In May of 2017, Capt. Becky Stevens was honored with the Warren Brewer Jail Administrator of the Year award at the annual Missouri Jail Administrators Conference. Capt. Stevens has been an employee of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office for 10 years. She started out working as a detention officer and quickly moved up through the ranks and was named Captain over the jail in May of 2011. She has performed as the jail administrator since that time. She oversees seven divisions within the Sheriff's Office consisting of 75 employees including; jail detention, warrants, transportation, sex offender registry, conceal and carry and commissary. Capt. Stevens is a remarkable example of law enforcement excellence and creates the best possible environment for the employees of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. Equally as important, her professionalism and leadership qualities also lead to a well-managed jail that provides the best possible service to the community.



Capt Becky Stevens



## Warrants Division

The Warrants Division is always an active area of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. This division is staffed 24 hours a day with 14 employees that include a sergeant, two corporals, nine warrants officers, one warrants court clerk liaison and one sex offender registration administrative assistant. Each of these officers are MULES (Missouri Uniformed Law Enforcement System) certified with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Throughout the course of the year the Warrants Division is responsible for thousands of computer entries for warrants, stolen articles, restraining orders, etc. Much of the electronic information for the law enforcement effort in Jasper County goes through this department.

### 2017 WARRANTS YEARLY REPORT

WARRANTS RECEIVED	
JASPER COUNTY WARRANTS	5,793
CITY WARRANTS	
CARTERVILLE PD	365
DUENWEG PD	115
JASPER PD /PURCELL PD	81
ORONOGO PD	249
SARCOXIE PD	20
EXPARTES ENTERED	4,357
BONDS	4,549
BOARD BILLS	1,532
VALIDATIONS	5,897
CRIMINAL HISTORIES	4,039



## Sex Offender Registration

The Jasper County Sex Offender Registration Division continues to be a leader in the state in maintaining compliance. This division currently maintains files on 306 registered sex offenders. Most offenders have to register or check in every 90 days. If there is a change of address, automobile, employment, etc., that is also required to be reported to our office. Currently there are nine offenders that are not in compliance, or in other words, they have not checked in or registered when they were supposed to. An investigator is assigned to each of these cases and follow ups are conducted. A warrant is issued for those that become non-compliant and they will subsequently be arrested when located. Jasper County's compliance rate is currently at 97.1% which is far above the state average of 91%.

### 2017 SEX OFFENDER YEARLY REPORT

OFFENDERS CHECKING IN	NEW OFFENDERS REGISTERED	FILE CHANGES (ADDRESS, EMPLOYMENT, VEHICLE ETC...)	MONTHLY TOTALS
YEARLY TOTALS	1,149	57	322
			1528

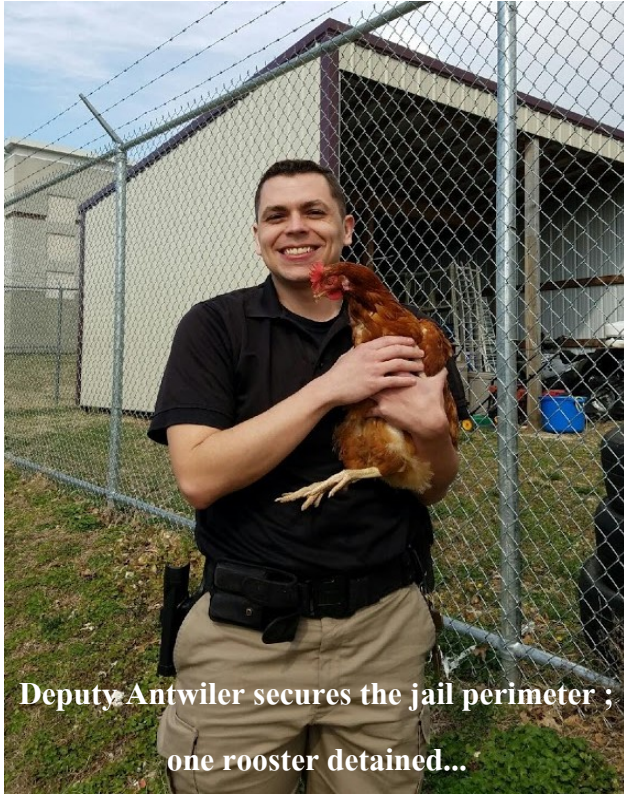
For information about offenders in Jasper County visit  
<http://www.jaspercountysheriff.org/SexOffender.html>







## Animal Control



Deputy Antwiler secures the jail perimeter ;  
one rooster detained...

The duties of the Animal Control Division consist of responding to animal abuse and neglect calls. In 2017, the Animal Control Deputy responded to 455 animal complaints and took 23 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.



## Conceal & Carry

New Conceal Carry permits were steady for the first half of 2017, but still considerably lower than permits from the same time in 2016 due to the recent changes in Missouri law allowing Missourians to carry concealed without a permit. There are still some benefits to obtaining a Missouri concealed carry permit. Thirty six other states recognize Missouri's permit and allow you to carry in that state with your Missouri permit. Another benefit is if you make a mistake and carry into an area prohibited by law and you have a permit you may be asked to leave. If you carry into a prohibited location without a permit you could be charged with a class B misdemeanor crime.

The 2017 statistics show almost no renewals for the year. This is due to a law change in August 2013 that changed the Missouri permit from a 3 year permit to a 5 year permit. We anticipate renewals to pick up in the last part of 2018 as the 5 year permits begin to expire.

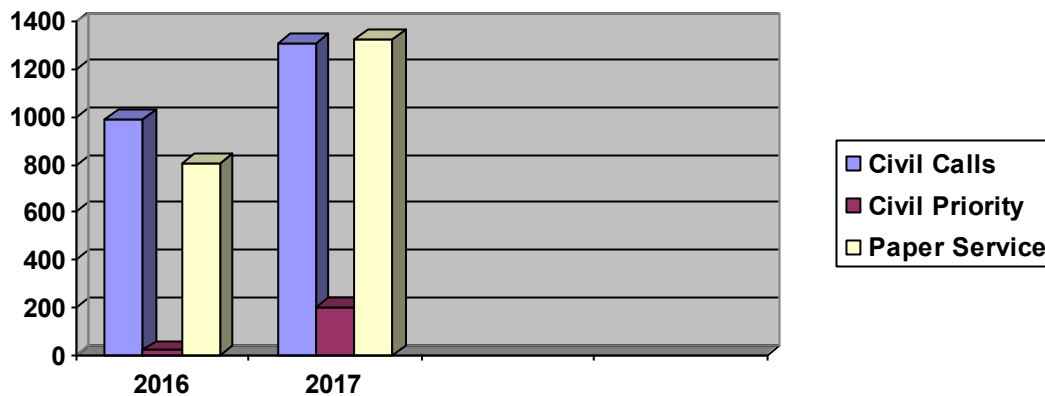


## Civil Process Division

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office is responsible for executing or serving of all types of legal documents. The Sheriff's Office takes pride in maintaining a positive professional relationship with the general public and the various businesses we routinely assist in our daily responsibilities. The Patrol Division supplements the service of these documents, during weekend and holiday hours.

The Civil Process Division consists of a sergeant and three full time deputies.

In the year 2017, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office handled approximately 5,500 documents for service. This is a slight decrease from 2016; however, the call load for other types of service increased dramatically.



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)
- Replevins and Levies

In 2017, we served 3,731 summons and writs; 410 Subpoenas; and 950 expartes. In addition, the Civil Process Division attempted to serve 433 individuals, with some form of legal process, but were unable to locate them. In legal terminology, this is referred to as “non-est”.

In 2017 we served a replevin, which resulted in a large amount of antiques and collectibles being seized by the Sheriff's Office. This service consisted of literally hundreds of items and took a full work week to complete. In total we served four replevins and two levies. This division also handled 12 court ordered civil standbys.



## SWAT

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team was called into service for 10 high risk situations for the year of 2017. Of these calls, there were several calls for assistance from other agencies. The team was comprised of 16 entry team members, 1 team leader, 1 entry team leader, 1 sniper, 2 hostage negotiators, and team commander. The team was called upon to serve high risk warrant services, including searches and arrest. They trained monthly at various locations and worked on all areas of search, detect and entry. The team was also called upon to do public demonstrations, to include the Citizen's Academy and the Explorer's Program.



## 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. In 2017 the state of Missouri changed it's requirements for continuing education for all peace officers within the state. The new requirements expanded the number of hours required by 50%, and required annual reporting instead of reporting every three years. Additional training courses were also added to the continuing education requirement for 2017, which included; fair and impartial policing practices including implicit bias recognition, officer wellness, dealing with people with mental health or cognitive impairment issues, and de-escalation techniques, crisis management, critical thinking and social intelligence. These new topics were included in our training this past year, along with topics that are usually covered such as racial profiling, skill development, legal training and technical skill development.



In 2017, the Jasper County Sheriff's office deputies received over 4,000 hours of training, and for the three-year reporting period of 2015-2017 Jasper County deputies received over 9,000 hours of training. To help offset some of the cost of this training, the Sheriff's Office completes in-house training using deputies that are trained as generalist instructors or specialized instructors much of the time. The Sheriff's Office also provided a considerable amount of free training to other smaller jurisdictions in Southwest Missouri to help them meet their training requirements.





## K-9 Division

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office K-9 Division consists of two teams, Deputy George Datum/K-9 Holi and Deputy Jeremy Eads/K-9 Gunny and K-9 Skye. Both handlers and their K-9 partners are trained/certified as dual purpose narcotics/ patrol canines. The Division deploys two Belgian Malinois and one Bloodhound, for tracking.

Department policy and federal guidelines recommend a minimum amount of 16 hours of training per month to hone their specific skill set. During 2017 the division as a whole conducted approximately 600 hours of training in their respective areas of expertise.

During the 2017 calendar year our K-9's were used to educate the general public and community in the variety of resources a well trained dog and handler can benefit local, state and federal agencies. Some of the positive community relations the K-9 Division worked to build 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 detective, deterring, or investigating criminal activities.



Training session K-9 Holi

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 a nationally recognized certifying organization. The team is trained bi-weekly by Master Trainer Travis Walthall, he is a law enforcement veteran of 23 years and was a K-9 handler for 17 years before retiring. Mr. Walthall, owner of Patriot K-9, acquired his "Master Trainer" status through the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA). The Jasper County Sheriff's Office K-9 Division is a current member of the NAPWDA. The K-9 Division, along with several hundred K-9 handlers across the nation, attended the 2017 National workshop held in Eureka, Missouri where they were certified under NAPWDA standards.



## K-9 Division

It is with sorrow that during 2017 we laid to rest a veteran of the team, K-9 Tundra. K-9 Tundra, a Weimaraner, was donated by TSA assigned to San Francisco International Airport after two years of service. K-9 Tundra served with Jasper County Sheriff's Office for three years. She was certified in explosives and tracking. K-9 Tundra was transported to Main Street Pet Care where a large mass was located in her stomach. It could not be removed. K-9 Tundra was laid to rest; owner of Rayzor's Edge, Brandon Kelley donated a custom urn to hold her remains.



During 2017 after several years of service K-9 Marmalade retired due to age. K-9 Marmalade's handler has since retired as a full time employee and is now a reserve deputy.

K-9 Marmalade, a bloodhound certified in tracking was replaced with K-9 Skye. K-9 Skye was donated to the Jasper County Sheriff's Office and is offspring of retired Jasper County Sheriff's Office K-9 Copper. Jasper County Sheriff's Office conducted interviews and selected Deputy Eads as the handler of K-9 Skye. Deputy Eads since has completed a rigorous 120+ hour handler course and now handles both K-9 Skye and K-9 Gunny a dual purpose narcotic / patrol canine.

For 2017 Jasper County K-9 Division has further continued our community relationship with Heartland Pet Products who provides our agency, along with others, with high quality Blue Buffalo dog food. As mentioned above, Main Street Pet Care, has also continued to partner with our agency. In October, Main Street Pet Care put on a fundraiser "Paws For A Cause" which raised money for equipment for local K-9's and to cover medical expenses for retired K-9's.

Overall K-9 Unit Stats for 2017:  
K9 related calls for service: 166  
Narcotics Detection: 140  
Tracks performed: 14  
Public demonstrations: 12  
Arrests made by K-9 handlers: approximately 80







## Community Involvement

At the beginning of 2017 the Jasper County Sheriff's Office has made it a priority to educate children in Jasper County about gun safety in the home. In doing this, Sgt. Williams of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office has partnered with the Alliance of Southwest Missouri to further the efforts of promoting gun safety. Sheriff's deputies will be teaching the Eddie Eagle program in schools throughout Jasper County in the near future. We believe this initiative is an extremely important topic.



Local artist Lowell Davis has been decorating the Carthage landscape with his artwork for many years now. In 2017 he completed his tribute to the Jasper County Sheriff's Office with a 1948 Ford vintage sheriff's car parked behind a billboard. The display is located just south of the intersection of Central and Garrison on the Boots Court Motel parking lot.



On Halloween of this year we held our first ever "Zombie Shoot Out". It was an interactive spook house, where participants shot live zombies with air soft guns. This event was put together to provide a safe and fun place for kids to go on Halloween night. It was also used to raise money for the Shop with a Deputy program. The event was an overwhelming success with the money being raised for a good cause.

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office hosted its first ever law enforcement and public safety shooting competition in May of 2017. More than 50 shooters from area law enforcement agencies and fire departments competed for the "top shot" honors. Officer Michael Weston of the Oronogo Police Department won first place. The proceeds from this event went towards the Shop With a Deputy program. The Sheriff's Office intends to make this an annual event each May.







## Sheriff's Posse



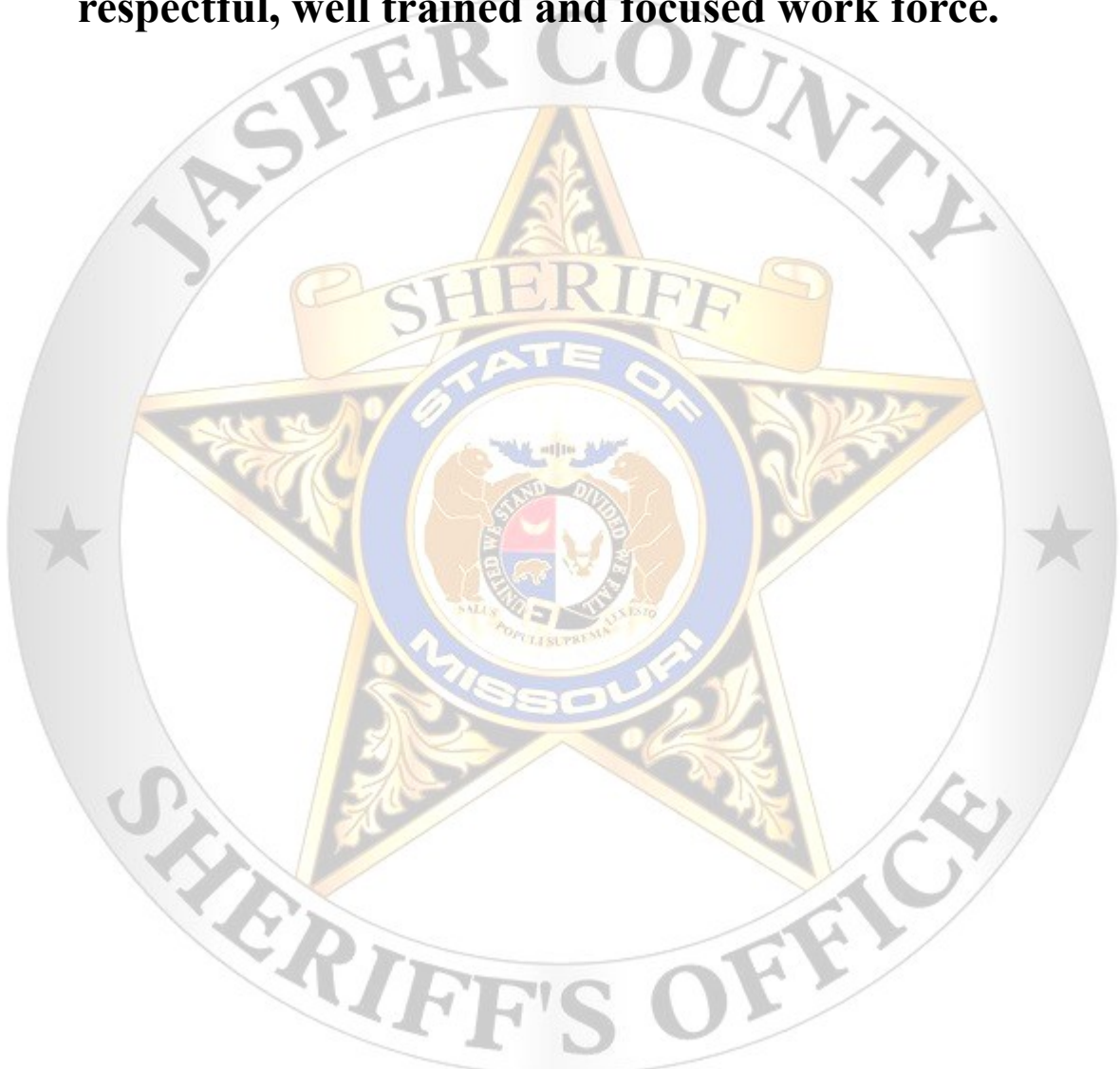
Community Safety Day



Shop with Deputy

## **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.**