

JASPER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2018



YEAR END REPORT



SHERIFF RANDEE KAISER



Our Vision

MISSION STATEMENT

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



VISION STATEMENT

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

Letter From the Sheriff



It was my great honor, recently, to be invited to speak at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony. In addressing a group of Boy Scouts and, in particular, two young men who were receiving the rank of Eagle Scout, I stressed that the journey is not completed just because you attained a particular skill, ability, or in this case, the rank of Eagle Scout. The journey should actually be just beginning, because what you do with your abilities, skills and talents is really what is important. Serving and helping others by using your gifts is often the greatest reward.

There are many people in the law enforcement business in Jasper County who have been blessed with a unique set of skills and talents and have chosen to use them to benefit the community through service. I am thankful, as I know many of you in this community are as well, for those who have chosen a life of service. As you will see in the following pages, we do a lot of traditional law enforcement work every year. We patrol the roads, we investigate crimes and we arrest suspects. We also do a number of things that are specifically designed to build our relationship with the community we serve. For example, we host a Community Safety Day, we shop with the children at Christmas and we undertake teaching children important lessons about safety and wellness.

Probably the biggest story coming out of the Sheriff's Office for 2018 was in reference to the incredibly high numbers of individuals we had incarcerated over the summer. Never in the history of the county have we held such a large number of people in our jail. Our average daily population for the year was up to 233 inmates per day. This was a 10 percent increase over the year before and the second time in three years that we have experienced that level of growth. In 1992 the jail facility remodel and expansion project was completed bringing the capacity up to 163. Since that time several smaller projects have been completed to bring the population capacity up to 183. Overcrowding is not a problem that is unique to just Jasper County. Jail and prison overcrowding in Missouri has been an area of concern for quite some time now. It was the topic of a state-wide committee formed recently, the Missouri State Justice Reinvestment Task Force. It is interesting to note that many of the suggestions that came out of this state-wide task force, are already being implemented in Jasper County.

As we head into 2019, we will remain committed to being progressive in our thinking on how we deal with the jail, the inmate population and how it relates to our overall justice system. We also look forward to continuing to build relationships with our community members that we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randee Kaiser".

Randee Kaiser
Jasper County Sheriff





Village of Airport Drive

Not many things had changed in Airport Drive this year, compared to 2017. A few businesses have come and gone but the majority are still here. There are 2 deputies assigned to the area for enforcing the ordinances set forth by Airport Drive, as well as traffic control. In 2018, between the two deputies, there were 123 citations given for various traffic violations. There were also 36 stealing reports, shoplifting from Harps and the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market being the majority. Sgt. Melissa Roughton and Deputy Justin Henry stay involved with the community as well as businesses. Airport Drive continues to be a great area to live and work in.



Animal Control

The duties of the Animal Control Division consist of responding to animal abuse and neglect calls. In 2018, the Animal Control Deputy responded to 241 animal complaints and took 15 reports. There were 13 dogs and 3 cats transported to the Joplin Humane Society and 3 dogs transported to the Carthage Humane Society. 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 the investigation of cattle theft. Other duties include investigation of animal bite calls and checking on quarantined animals. The Animal Control Deputy also assists the Humane Society in investigating calls they receive, responds to "livestock at large" calls and repairs fencing when the owners are unable to be contacted. In addition, the Animal Control Deputy also assists with road patrol calls.



Patrol



The Patrol Division was kept very busy in the year 2018, taking 15,903 calls for service and 13,746 self-initiated calls for a total of 29,649 calls. From these calls, 4,176 reports were generated. Deputies issued 1,586 citations from 8,044 traffic stops. Of these traffic stops, there were 96 DWI arrests made. Patrol deputies also made 1,337 custodial arrests for a variety of offenses. As you can see below, while making these custodial arrests, force was used 40 times.

Not all of the deputies' time was taken up with arrests. They also did 7,450 extra patrols for areas of concern, some where crimes had been committed, and some from citizens calling in various concerns.

They also assisted area municipalities and the Missouri State Highway Patrol when they were either short-handed or needed a little assistance. The deputies assisted with DWI checkpoints, hazardous moving details and public relations events throughout the year. All of these activities resulted in over 659,000 miles being driven.



Number of times force used in 2018 = 40

<u>Race</u>		<u>Sex</u>		<u>Age Group</u>		<u>Type of Force Used</u>		<u>Seen By Medical Professional</u>		<u>Deputy Injured</u>	
White	39	Male	34	Juvenile	1	OPN	0	Yes	16	Yes	3
Black	1	Female	6	17 - 29	14	Bean Bag	0	No	24	No	37
Hispanic	0			30 - 39	15	Point Taser	3				
Other	0			40 - 49	6	Taser Used	5				
				50 - 59	3	Mace	0				
				60 +	1	Hands	34				
						ASP	0				
						TVI	0				
						Point Firearm	19				
						Firearm	1				
						Discharged					

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





Community Oriented Policing

Recently Jasper County Sheriff's Office 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 search warrants, apprehension of suspects with warrants, identities of unknown suspects from surveillance video footage, along with numerous other benefits. The purpose is to encourage the community to partner with us in the crime fighting effort and to feel safer in their own neighborhoods.



We encourage citizens to be vigilant against suspicious activities in their neighborhoods and to let law enforcement know if there are problems or concerns that can be addressed.

In 2018, Sgt. Williams took part in over 60 public events this year. Those events included DARE graduations, Career Days, Safety Day events, and Neighborhood Watch meetings. He also took part in organizations such as the Carthage Coalition (which he was elected to their board) and The Alliance of Southwest Missouri.

Part of our Community Policing program includes our social media (Facebook) page. We have increased our followers to just under 20,000 people. We use our Facebook page to increase public awareness of scams, notification of road closures, weather related road conditions, missing juveniles, and identifying suspects from surveillance footage. To date, we have solved every case but one, where we used social media to ask the public for help. One such case took just fifteen minutes from post, to the suspect being identified and taken into custody.

We also implemented programs such as our "Joke of the Week" and the "Adopt a Pet" videos, where we attempt to help get pets adopted out of the shelters we use.

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.

If you have not "liked" our Facebook page, please do so now.
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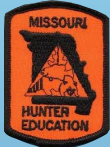
Community Oriented Policing



During the 2018 year, firearm safety was a big goal for the department. We started providing gun safety locks, free of charge, at all the community "Safety Events" we attend, as well as in our office lobby. After receiving approval from the school boards, we implemented the "Eddie the Eagle" firearm safety program into the Avilla, Sarcoxie and Jasper schools.



"Eddie the Eagle" is a child-friendly video-based program that teaches a simple message in the event a child comes across a firearm; "Stop. Don't touch. Run away. Tell an adult". It is a very simple message that could potentially save a child's life.



In October of 2018 we partnered with the Missouri Department of Conservation and hosted our first ever "Hunter Safety" class. The class was limited to 75 seats and filled up in record time, according to the Department of Conservation. We plan to continue hosting classes like this in 2019.

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

On May 12th of 2018 we held our 6th annual Community Safety Day. This event is held at the Sheriff's Office each year and is open to the public. It is a child-friendly opportunity for the citizens of Jasper County to visit with deputies and see different demonstrations put on by the K9 and SWAT teams. Some other activities included: fingerprinting of children, face painting, Missouri Conservation Department's interactive trailer, Sheriff's Posse, free food, and numerous other events. This event continues to grow each year.





Detective Division

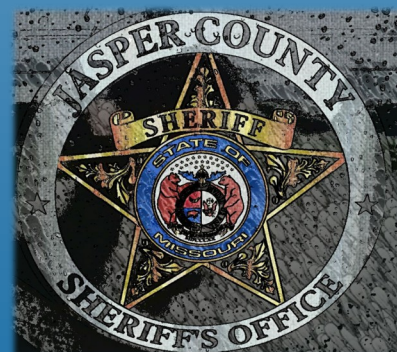
In 2018, approximately 4,277 incidents were reported to the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. Of those, 503 were originated by, assigned to, or assisted by the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) for investigation. The following represent the major categories of those incidents:

Homicide	0 assigned		Tampering	64 assigned	
				15 cleared	25%
Robbery	5 assigned			41 closed	68%
	1 cleared	33%		2 inactive	03%
	1 closed	33%		2 open	03%
	1 open	33%		4 unfounded	N/A
	2 unfounded	N/A		- National clearance rate	13%
	- National clearance rate	28%			
Sex Crimes	14 assigned		Child Crime	61 assigned	
	6 cleared	50%		15 cleared	33%
	3 closed	25%		24 closed	52%
	1 inactive	08%		1 inactive	02%
	2 open	17%		6 open	13%
	2 unfounded	N/A		15 unfounded	
	- National clearance rate	37%		- National clearance rate	40%
Burglary	96 assigned		Other	59 assigned	
	13 cleared	14%		39 cleared	66%
	55 closed	59%		17 closed	29%
	7 inactive	07%		2 inactive	03%
	19 open	20%		1 open	02%
	2 unfounded	N/A			
	- National clearance rate	12%			
Stealing	96 assigned*				
	20 cleared	21%			
	57 closed	60%			
	3 inactive	03%			
	15 open	16%			
	1 unfounded	N/A			
	- National clearance rate	20%			
Fraud/Forgery	80 assigned*				
	22 cleared	30%			
	46 closed	63%			
	3 inactive	04%			
	2 open	03%			
	7 unfounded	N/A			
	- National clearance rate	20%			

- **Other** includes: Fail To Register, Property Damage, and Information incidents that are not included in the "major categories".

Total cases assigned to CID:
503 incidents assigned to CID
 -84 open/inactive (18%)
 -254 closed (54%)
 -133 cleared (28%
 clearance rate)
 -32 unfounded

*Note: The FBI uses "Larceny-Theft" as one category; that clearance rate is listed at 20%. Combining our "stealing" and "fraud/forgery" clearance rates it would equate to 26%.



Detective Division



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

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

We currently have two Deputies assigned as part of the Ozark Drug Enforcement Team (ODET) and one Deputy assigned to (ICAC) Internet Crimes Against Children.

As part of the Detective Division, Sgt. Mitchell works to identify trends that can be seen with the reports taken. When a trend, or pattern, is discovered, the information is used to capitalize on allowing our Deputies and Detectives to be as efficient as possible in addressing criminal activity.





SRO & D.A.R.E. Officers



During the 2017 / 2018 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 1,360 students (Avilla: 140, Jasper: 460, Sarcoxie: 760) and assisted school staff members in their assigned districts. Corporal Terry responded to several different calls involved with the above schools and took a total of 107 incident reports in which 31 of them were school related. Corporal Terry responded to or initiated a total of 417 calls and conducted a total 165 traffic stops in Jasper County.

Some of the school incidents the School Resource Officer was involved in are the following but not limited to:

Burglaries, Assaults, Peace Disturbances, 96 Hour Commits, Stealing cases, Drug-Related cases, Child Abuse/Neglect cases, in which he assists in the investigations of. In addition, he conducts Departmental Assists with the Jasper Police Department and Sarcoxie Police Department as well as assisting with other investigations with the Department of Social Services and Juvenile Office, along with several other types of cases related to incidents involving students/ juveniles.

In 2018, Corporal Matt Terry (D.A.R.E. Instructor), graduated a total of 21 Avilla Elementary Students at the 6th grade level, 45 Jasper Elementary students at the 5th grade level, and a total of 43 Sarcoxie Elementary Students from Wildwood Elementary School in the D.A.R.E. program at the 5th grade level. Corporal Terry assisted the Golden City School District in instructing D.A.R.E. and graduating 19 students from the 5th grade level at their school. The D.A.R.E. program is supported by the Sheriff in educating students on several topics including drugs, peer pressure, bullying/cyber bullying and the reporting of suspicious incidents to law enforcement, just to name a few. The "Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Program" was introduced to all 4 of the above schools and it was taught to students from Kindergarten thru 2nd grade, totaling around 344 students, teaching them about safety or avoidance with firearms. This is highly important to Sheriff Kaiser and he requested this program to be taught to younger students in the schools for their safety and the safety of others dealing with firearms.



SRO & D.A.R.E. Officers



In 2018, Sheriff Kaiser opened up another position to assist Corporal Terry in instructing D.A.R.E. to students in the school. Deputy West was chosen for the position to assist Corporal Terry with part-time duties and brings around 5 years of law enforcement experience and currently works in the Patrol Division. In September of 2018, Deputy West completed his training as a D.A.R.E. Instructor and was voted the president of his class and is currently teaching the D.A.R.E. program at the Avilla School District.



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

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 aforementioned schools, were able to help 102 students/children in receiving gifts for Christmas with the donations by local businesses and the people in the community. These donations and funds are used only for the Shop with a Deputy program and no other purchases are made from it.

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 and the safety of the schools.

Corporal Terry works in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on the "Drug Take Back" program bi-annually and in 2018 was able to collect over 451 pounds of prescription medication from the citizens of Jasper County. These collections consisted of a total of 312 pounds collected in April and 139 pounds collected in October of 2018.



Shop with a Deputy



Thanks to the generosity of the community for making moments like this possible at our annual Shop With a Deputy program. The Jasper County Sheriff's Office deputies, Explorers and Posse members, along with the Missouri Highway Patrol, Jasper Police Department, Sarcoux Police Department, Missouri Probation and Parole and JASCO dispatchers shopped with 108 children this year. Each child received a \$100 gift card to shop for Christmas presents.

Among the fundraisers, Ghetto Tacos owner Carletta Renteria (left) donated a day of sales profits. The Webb City Elks Lodge also made a generous donation (bottom left). Jasper County Deputies put on a Clown Spookhouse (bottom right).



Transport



A total of 118,670 accident-free miles were driven by the Jasper County Sheriff's Office Transportation Division in 2018, which brings them up to 769,398 miles and 81 months accident-free as of December 31, 2018. This includes transporting inmates to and from the courts in Jasper County, to and from other detention centers, hospitals, medical appointments, and mental health facilities in Missouri as well as from other states, and transporting convicted felons to and from the Missouri Department of Corrections.

The Transportation Division, consisting of 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 Detention Center and conducting the live video court. In 2018, the Transportation Department replaced a 2005 Ford E-350 van, that had over 160,000 miles on it, with a 2017 Ford Transit-350. A hitched cargo box with a swing arm was added to more easily transport inmate items when in transit.



Detention Center

This year was very busy with inmate numbers spiking at an all time high of 300 this summer. With numbers like that, our staff certainly stayed busy. It does not leave a lot of time for our extra projects that we like to do throughout the year, but we did manage to fit in a few things. One of those projects, pictured to the right, would be the college and high school career fairs. It gives our deputies a chance to get out and mingle with the community.



Certainly, our biggest project in 2018 was signing on with the statewide Stepping Up Initiative, along with other Jasper County offices. What this meant for us was the start of some new procedures designed to aid in the process of linking individuals in need of mental health services to those services or someone who could help. Our staff members have also become more involved with the local Crisis Intervention Team and implemented several outside services to aid incarcerated individuals.

We were able to complete a few structural changes to the facility, as well as update some electrical wiring and lighting within one of our divisions. In addition, we added nearly 600 square feet to our Maintenance shop. The jail's exterior dome lighting was replaced with new, cost efficient LED lights.

5 Year Average Daily Inmate Count						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January	184	181	182	182	203	235
February	191	171	190	193	200	228
March	202	173	194	200	189	236
April	205	172	197	223	201	252
May	185	178	193	214	190	251
June	179	193	203	213	194	222
July	166	193	185	219	215	237
August	181	193	186	217	226	239
September	202	189	176	228	237	224
October	222	191	173	221	235	236
November	191	200	198	207	227	222
December	169	173	187	206	212	208
Annual Average	190	184	189	210	212	233



Detention Center



Every year the Sheriff's Office awards scholarships to employees to attend the Police Academy. Pictured here are five of our employees that graduated from the MSSU Academy in 2018 while working in our detention center. We are proud to encourage our employees to excel in their chosen field.



Our spring graduates were Deputy Darren Prater and Deputy Sarah Belin. Deputy Sarah Belin was the spring scholarship winner.

Our fall graduates were Deputy Justin Dickson, Deputy Walter Coleman and Deputy Stormi Potts. Deputy Dickson was the fall scholarship winner.

Explorers

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

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



In 2018 we started the Internship program back up, taking in a limited number of applicants from local colleges and high schools. During 2018 we had two individuals complete the internship program and both were hired on as full time employees. Two additional individuals started the program in the fall of 2018 and will finish in the spring of 2019.

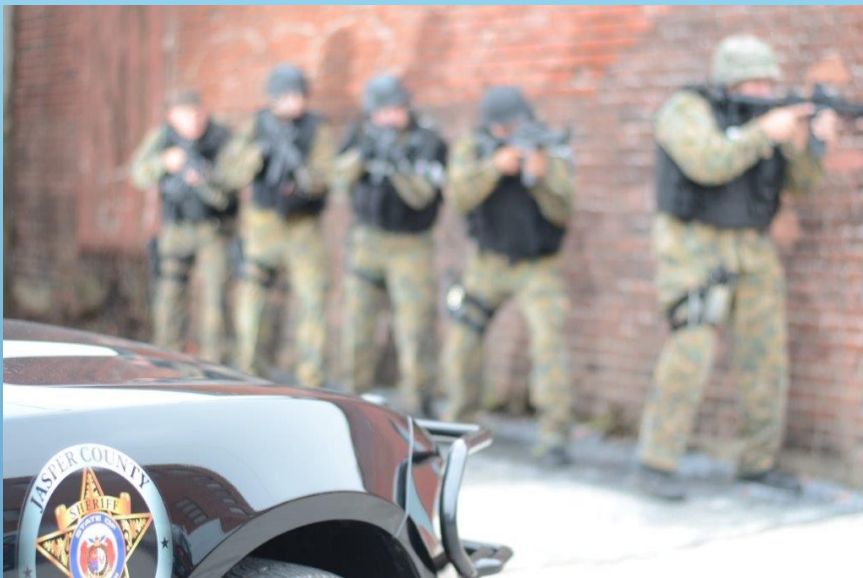


SWAT

It was a relatively quiet year for the SWAT team in 2018. They were activated for a total of 4 calls for the year. These activations were for high risk entering and securing of known drug houses. Partial units of the team were also deployed to assist other agencies that were short on manpower for similar situations. Although the calls were down for the year, the team remains strong with a total of 19 active members. These include the SWAT Commander,

Team Leader, Assistant Team Leader, Sniper and Spotter, and Hostage Negotiator.

Even though the callout numbers were low for activations, the team kept itself sharp by having monthly training sessions. These sessions consisted of a variety of situational training events. By using the different scenarios, it hopefully will keep the unit well versed and able to respond to any situation.



Reserve Unit

Our Reserve Unit component dropped in manpower numbers from 2017, but the number of hours worked stayed very consistent. The Unit is made up of 8 volunteers who do a variety of jobs for the Sheriff's Department. They assisted in the drug take back program, and also worked safety fairs for us. They were called on to guard prisoners that were admitted into the hospital, which relieved the jail detention staff for duties in the detention center. They added extra manpower for us during the Marion Days event in Carthage. Some of the members are also involved in SWAT activations. All of these activities were done in addition to supplementing our patrol division doing regular patrol duties.

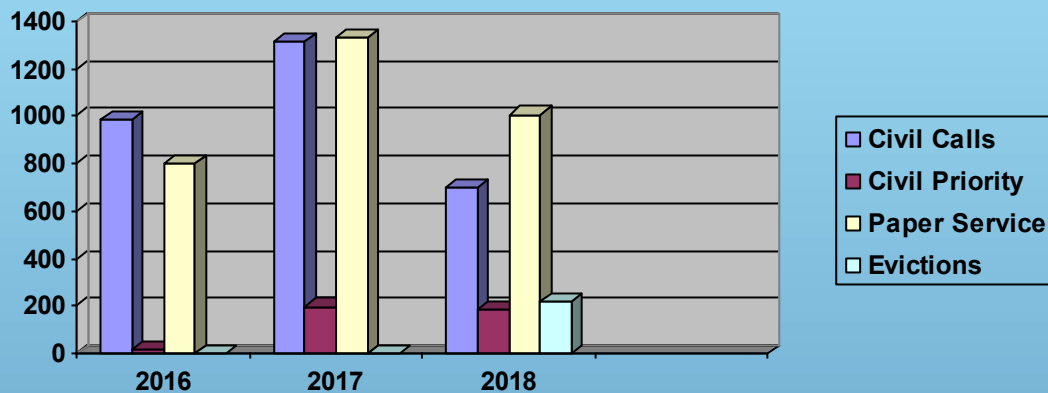
The Reserve Unit for the year 2018 volunteered for a total of 936 hours of unpaid assistance, to which the Sheriff's Office is very appreciative.

Civil Process Division



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

In 2018, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office handled approximately 5,500 documents for service. This is on par with the total documents handled in 2017.



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 2018, more than 3,705 summons and writs, 443 Subpoenas and 915 ex partes were served. In addition, the Civil Process Division attempted to serve 436 individuals, with some form of legal process, but were unable to locate them. In legal terminology, this is referred to as “Non-Est”.

Also, a total of 11 Real Estate/Personal Property Levies and 34 Civil Standbys were handled. For the first time, the number of court ordered evictions were tracked. The Sheriff's Office serves court orders for the removal of persons from the residence or other places, so the property may be restored to the property owner. There are two Deputies assigned to carry out evictions and foreclosures. There were a total of 220 forcible evictions/foreclosures in 2018.



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.



During the 2018 calendar year, our K-9 teams were used to educate the general public and community in how 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 detecting, deterring, or investigating criminal activities.

K-9 Division



For 2018, Jasper County K-9 Division has continued its community relationship with Heartland Pet Products and Petland of Joplin, who both provide this agency with high quality dog food. Main Street Pet Care and Fur-ever Friends of our K-9 Heroes have also continued to partner with our agency.

Main Street Pet Care put on fundraisers which raises money to help cover medical expenses for active K-9's and retired K-9's. Fur-ever Friends of our K-9 Heroes continue to raise money to assist surrounding agencies with the cost of equipment and training.

One of the contributions made to the Sheriff's Office throughout the year includes quality dog food. Samantha Boyle of Petland shares some time with Deputy Datum and K-9 Holi.

Overall K-9 Unit Stats for 2018:
K9 related calls for service: 167
Narcotics Detection: 142
Tracks performed: 11
Building Search: 6
Public demonstrations: 8
Narcotics Seized: 53.3 pounds



All Jasper County Sheriff's Office K-9 teams must undergo a yearly in-house testing to standards that have been set by the Sheriff of Jasper County. Each team is also required to complete a yearly accreditation through North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) a nationally recognized certifying organization. The team is trained bi-weekly by (NAPWDA) Master Trainer Travis Walthall, owner of Patriot K-9. The Jasper County Sheriff's Office K-9 Division is a current member of the NAPWDA. The K-9 Division, along with over a hundred K-9 handlers across the nation, attended the 2018 Missouri State workshop held in Eureka, Missouri, where they were certified under NAPWDA standards.



Citizens Academy



The 2018 Citizens Academy graduates, pictured above, spent 10 weeks learning about various areas of law enforcement. During this time they received hands on experience with K-9 demonstrations, forensic investigations, traffic stops, along with tours of the Jasper County Jail and the JASCO 911 Center. Participants in the Citizens Academy are able to get an inside look into the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office. The academy combines instruction in law enforcement procedures and theory with practical hands-on scenarios.

Community Involvement



Summertime brings opportunity to support our young entrepreneurs. Deputy Justin Henry (top left), who works in Airport Drive, stopped to enjoy some refreshment as did members of A-Shift. (top right)

Below, Sheriff Kaiser found a couple of young recruits while ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at the Carthage Wal-Mart.



Landon (right) wants to be a SWAT officer when he grows up. Cpl. Peavler planned a special visit with Landon. Sgt Williams and Cpl Peavler met with Landon, and presented him with his very own SWAT shirt, and a really cool SWAT banner.



We are always looking for good recruits!