

2021



Year End Report





Jasper County Sheriff's Office

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We spent a lot of time in 2021 trying to figure out what the “new normal” looks like in the shadow of 2020. While we may not have a complete understanding yet, we are certain of this; this is a law enforcement agency that is fast becoming pretty adept at working through obstacles. Even while figuring out what a post-pandemic law enforcement effort looks like, we have made significant progress in a couple of key areas. Certainly, the most significant accomplishment is getting through the majority of the build and overhaul of the \$13 million addition to the jail.

I think by now the entire community is aware of what is in store once this newest facility opens. It is going to be more than a county jail, in the traditional meaning. My intention moving forward is that we utilize some of the resources available by offering treatment to those sentenced to serve county time or those awaiting disposition of their case. We will be the first county in the state to offer the types of programs that will be available in our county jail. As you might imagine, we are excited about what the future of this program looks like. Suffice it to say, we have been doing the county jail incarceration business the same way for nearly 200 years. It might be time to take a look at ways we can do it better.

I know when people ask about how things are going in the county they typically aren't thinking about corrections reform. What you really want to know is what the crime situation is looking like in the county. After a weird year of 2020, where crime could not be calculated in the usual way, we have found that in 2021, the numbers have returned to more normal levels. Property crimes did see a spike, in large part due to theft of catalytic converters. Some key arrests were made late in the year, in southwest Missouri, that will hopefully curb that particular crime. Across the board though, we still live in a very safe part of the world. Still yet, it's best to keep everything locked up. If you carry a weapon in your vehicle, bring it in at night.

I make this plea multiple times a year and it bears repeating here; the largest amount of loss we suffer as a community due to crime every year comes in the form of scams. Individuals report to us every year that they have fallen victim to some form of scam. Take a minute and think about someone you know that might benefit from a conversation about how to avoid becoming a victim.

One of the biggest obstacles we face as a Sheriff's Office, is the very same obstacle many other industries and businesses are facing, and that is finding good quality employees. No one will be surprised to hear that not everyone wants to work in law enforcement. In turn though, not everyone that wants to work in law enforcement, should. I expect that finding quality employees will be a struggle for this agency and every other agency for many years to come.

As you view the following pages, you will get an understanding of the vast amount of work done by this agency throughout the year. I hope that as you see the high quality of work performed and the dedication in which they conduct business, you will be filled with a sense of pride, as I am, in the knowledge that you have some of the best people in the law enforcement profession working every day to serve you right here in Jasper County. Thank you for your support.

Randee Kaiser
Jasper County Sheriff



Promotions

Cpl.

Benjamin Carrier
Walter Coleman
Jonah Holly
James Pennington
Derek Webb

Sgt.

David Cobb
Dylan Smith
Michael Kingsbury
Michael Lane
Josiah McDaniel

Lt.

Jamathan Lynch

Awards

Chris Calvin - **Medal of valor**
Elizabeth Poe - **Life saving award**
James Pennington - **Life saving award**
Ashley Linder - **Life saving award**
Wyatt Bridges - **Life saving award**

Sheriff Certificate of Commendation

Trenton Greene
John Karraker
Dave Lewis
Ryan Mercer
Dene Sardella



Sheriff Certificate of Appreciation

Walter Coleman
Darren Prater
Isaac West

Employee of the quarter

1st Qtr Stormi Potts
2nd Qtr Roy Masters
3rd Qtr Shawn Carnes

Deputy of the Year 2021- Ssgt. John Karraker

Meritorious Service Award (Jerry Gilbert Award) 2021- Dep. Everett Barrett

Civilian Employee of the year 2021 - Shannon Karraker and Dene Sardella

Patrol

The Patrol Division is comprised of twenty six (26) members, all of whom are full-time uniformed sworn deputies. The Patrol Division is broken down into 4 shifts. Each shift is 12 hours and comprised of a sergeant, corporal and three deputies. These deputies – the most visible representatives of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office – are dedicated to patrol duties and are first responders to all emergencies and calls for service in the community.

In 2021 the Patrol Division was kept busy with 20,246 calls for service and 9,662 self-initiated calls for a total of 29,908 calls. These calls for service included 911 hang ups, medical calls, traffic accidents, assaults, animal complaints, alarm calls, and structure fires, to name a few. Between calls for service and self-initiated calls, 3,268 reports were generated. Deputies made 4,790 traffic stops which resulted in 681 citations issued and 134 DWI arrests. Patrol deputies also made 840 custodial arrests for a variety of offenses. While effecting arrests, force was used 65 times.

Use of Force Summary

Race	Sex	Age	Force Used	Seen By Medical Personnell	Deputy Injured	Yearly Total	65
W - 52	Male - 51	Juvenile - 3	Bean Bag - 1	Yes - 15	Yes - 1	Mental Health YTD	13
B - 8	Female - 14	18 - 29 - 26	OPN - 0	No - 50	No - 64		
H - 5		30 - 39 - 18	PTaser - 6				
O - 0		40- 49 - 13	Taser - 4				
		50- 59 - 5	Mace - 1				
		60 + - 0	Hands - 24				
			ASP - 0				
			TVI - 0				
			Pfirearm - 37				
			Dfirearm - 0				

While patrolling Jasper County, patrol deputies conducted 50,196 community checks, business checks and extra patrols, in order to deter criminal activity. They also participated in DWI Wolf Packs and Hazardous Moving Violations enforcement throughout the county. Some community events the Patrol Division assisted with this year were the Community Safety Day, Shop with a Deputy, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and the Citizens Academy. These events are a way for the public to meet our deputies in a non-law enforcement capacity. Patrolling the county resulted in over 596,359 miles driven.

The Patrol Division was able to send all deputies to 40 hours of Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). Through collaborative community partnerships and intensive training, CIT improves communication, de-escalation techniques and enables deputies to identify mental health resources for those in crisis and ensures officer and community safety.



CID/Detectives Division

This past year saw a continuation of the pandemic's mark on the county and the country at large. With more people spending time in their homes, phone and internet scams plagued our citizens more than ever. It is worth mentioning that if you ever get a suspicious email or phone call, please call us, and we can help you determine if it is legitimate or not.

Catalytic converter thefts also jumped dramatically in 2021. These thefts are particularly difficult to solve - partially because stolen parts can match a variety of vehicles, and partially because suspects will cut each part a few times (which makes it almost impossible to match cut marks on recovered pieces). Burglaries and vehicle thefts, as always, remain a concern. As a reminder, it is best to keep a flash drive containing serial numbers and photographs of tools, electronics, jewelry, firearms, and other valuables, so that in the unfortunate event of a burglary, we have a better chance of recovering your property. If you have any questions as to what serial numbers are good to have on hand or where they are located, you can contact the CID unit at the Sheriff's Office to assist you. There are also many brands of security cameras, doorbells, and security systems for sale that can be helpful in preventing and solving crime. For vehicle crimes, remember to lock your doors and keep your valuables out of sight or - better yet - take them inside at night.

Large scale personnel changes occurred in this past year in the Detectives Division at the Sheriff's Office; in particular, this past year saw the retirement of three long-time detectives. As a result, the Detectives Division was able to train two new detectives. Our new detectives are slated to attend Crime Scene Investigation classes and other job-related training in the coming year to better serve the community. Currently we have one lieutenant in charge of the division along with a sergeant and three detectives. Our detectives are assigned general felony-level cases that range from burglary and property thefts to physical or sexual assault of adults or children. We have two detectives that specialize in person crimes and two that are property crime investigators. Detectives are cross-trained across all disciplines but handle limited types of cases for efficiency and continuity.

Other responsibilities of the office include, but are not limited to, background employment investigations, instruction for the Citizens Academy and Explorers Program, instruction for the 24-hour in-service, assistance to other agencies, Tri-State Major Case Squad call outs, court preparation and testimony, off duty call outs, and extended investigations such as death investigations, property recovery, and locating missing persons. We also have one detective with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) and two more serving with the Ozark Drug Enforcement Team (ODET). Those two units provide invaluable services to our citizens, protecting children from internet predators and working to keep drugs out of our county.

In 2021 there were 498 cases assigned to the CID unit to investigate. Jasper County cleared all categories of crime at rates above the national average.

<u>CASE TYPE ASSIGNED</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
HOMICIDE	0	0	3
CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN	88	57	85
BURGLARY	117	55	65
STEALING	110	108	149
TAMPERING	70	61	56
ASSAULT	14	12	10
ADULT SEX CRIMES	10	16	14



K-9

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office K-9 Division consists of three teams, Deputy George Datum/K-9 Holi, Deputy Nathan Deherrera/K-9 Arner, and Deputy Joseph Deras/K-9 Skye. K-9 Holi is a Belgian Malinois. She is certified as a dual purpose narcotics and patrol canine. K-9 Arner is a Belgian Malinois and is certified in narcotics. K-9 Skye is a Bloodhound and is certified for tracking.

During the 2021 calendar year, our K-9 teams were used to assist local, state, and federal agencies. Our K-9 Team also assisted several schools throughout the year in Jasper County by checking the schools for illegal narcotics.

All Jasper County Sheriff's Office K-9 teams must undergo a yearly in-house testing in accordance with standards that have been set by the Sheriff of Jasper County. Each team is also required to complete a yearly accreditation through North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA), a nationally recognized certifying organization. The team is trained bi-weekly by a (NAPWDA) Master Trainer. In 2021 the Jasper County Sheriff's Office K-9 Division attended the NAPWDA National Workshop in Broken Arrow Oklahoma. This week-long training helped our K-9 teams progress their skills and abilities to better assist the citizens of Jasper County.

Each year our K-9 teams educate the general public and community in the variety of resources of how a well-trained dog and handler can benefit our area. 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 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.

The Jasper County K9 Division assisted 14 law enforcement agencies and was deployed 83 times in 2021 resulting in the following:

- 45 Arrests
- 6 People Located
- 73 Items Seized
- 997.48 grams of Methamphetamine (dry)
- 50 milliliters of Methamphetamine (liquid)
- 4,329 grams of Marijuana
- 2.1 grams of Cocaine
- 1 gram of Heroin
- \$32,000 U.S. Currency
- 2 Handguns



School Resource Officer

2021 has brought excitement and growth for Jasper County S.R.O. Deputy West. Sarcoxie High School has provided him with an office space which allows more time for officer presence on the school property. A new internet safety class has been taught to several middle school students in Jasper, Sarcoxie, and Avilla. Deputy West has brought the D.A.R.E. program to approximately 100 fifth graders and 75 kindergarten students. He presented NRA's Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Class to several students in classes between kindergarten and second grade. He served on a panel with Life Choice's Health Network as they conducted an assembly for all Carthage High School students focusing on sexual assault awareness, answering questions from the students about reporting, law enforcement response and how to overcome being a victim.

In October, Deputy West attended a 40 hour C.I.T. training on responding to mental health crisis'. Throughout the school year, law enforcement responds to several calls regarding students having a mental health crisis. This training has helped equip law enforcement by providing knowledge on how to de-escalate a crisis event and assist families by providing them mental health resources in the community.

On October 2nd, with the help of several local businesses and members of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office, we held a fund raiser at the Carthage Courthouse that consisted of live music, silent auction, car show, and a dinner. The event was a huge success and we were able to expand the Shop With A Deputy event to 125 kids from 100. We now look forward to this event every year and hopefully keep expanding the Christmas Shop With A Deputy Program.

Along with his duties within the schools, Deputy West also assisted the Patrol Division, Courthouse Security, and worked several security details throughout the county completing approximately 130 reports.

We saw an increase with the "Handle with Care" program, having 47 total notifications (around 17 the previous year) made to the schools alerting them a student has experienced a traumatic event outside of school hours.

The purpose of Jasper County S.R.O. is to provide students with positive interactions with law enforcement and assist schools with providing a safe learning environment for students and staff. Deputy West is the perfect representative to do just that.



SWAT

In 2021 we added 3 probationary members to SWAT bringing the total number to 27. Members of SWAT include the SWAT Commander, Team Leader, Entry Team Leader, Team Members, Sniper and Spotter, SWAT Drivers, Drone Pilots and Weapons Support Member. The 4 drone pilots and 3 drivers train alongside SWAT during their training scenarios, which are conducted monthly, using different scenarios to be prepared to handle any situation that may arise.

There are SWAT call outs that do not require a full team activation so, this past year, we created three, 3 member teams that are utilized for warrant arrests and search warrants. For 2021, SWAT was activated a total of 14 times to assist with search warrants and arrest warrants within Jasper County and to assist other agencies and counties who do not have their own SWAT.

Drone

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office Drone Team consists of 4 pilots and 3 drones that are available at all times when assistance is needed. The drones are equipped with thermal cameras with FLIR and Hi Def cameras for video and pictures. The Drone can also deliver live feed to a command post for real time video. The Drone Team assists in SWAT calls, Search and Rescue, and Investigations. The Drone Team has also assisted other agencies, in and out of the county.

During the 2021 year, the Drone Team was used to assist with 5 SWAT calls, 11 Search and Rescue calls, 3 Investigations, and 3 other Agency Assists. The team has logged flight time to include around 20 hours of flight training, 6 hours of SWAT call flights, 36 hours of Search and Rescue, and 5 hours of Investigations. The Drone Team located two subjects during two separate search and rescue calls.

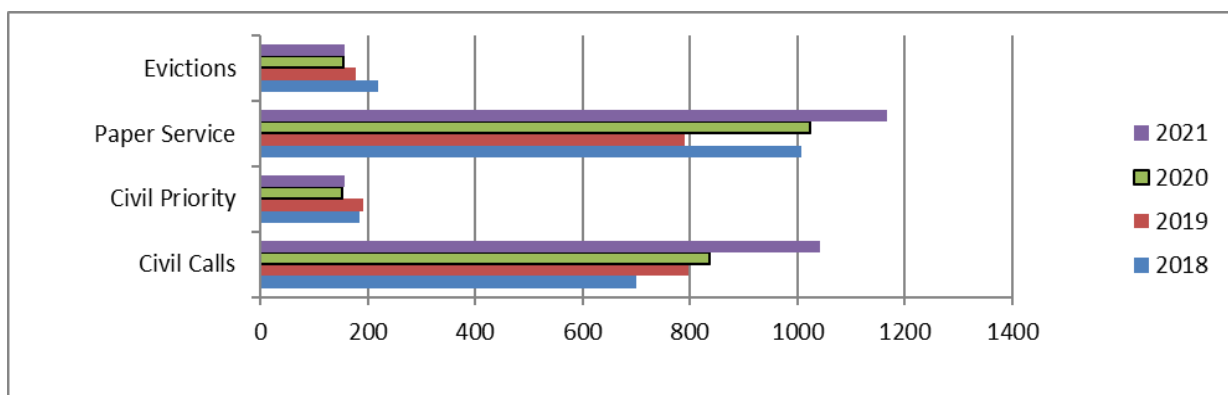


Civil Process

The Civil Process Division consists of a sergeant and three full time deputies. The division serves summons', writs (wage garnishments or other Court ordered execution of judgments), and other legal documents, those of which include:

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

In the last year, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office handled approximately 4,600 documents for service. The number of documents served by the Civil Process Division have been relatively consistent for the last four years. As you can see from the graph below, there was a 19.8 percent increase in civil calls for service in 2021.



There were 3,079 summons' and writs (8.9 percent increase over 2020), 795 Subpoenas (38.9 percent increase over 2020) and 710 ex-parte's served. In addition, the Civil Process Division attempted to serve 743 individuals (17.7 percent increase over 2020) with some form of legal process but were unable to locate them. In legal terminology, this is referred to as "Non-Est".

The Sheriff's Office also serves court orders for the removal of persons from residences or other places, so the property may be restored to the property owner. There were a total of 157 forcible evictions/foreclosures in 2021 and 19 Civil Standby's.

Airport Drive 2021

Unfortunately, in 2021, three businesses had to close their doors due to another year of Covid related issues. Fancy Flamingo, Country Pickens, and the Meat-n-Place have either moved to other areas in the county or have closed permanently due to not having anyone wanting to work during that period. Woody's Smokehouse had to make changes to their operating hours by keeping the business closed on Mondays as they did not have enough employees to run the business.

Airport Drive has already gained and will be gaining new businesses during 2022. Enterprise Rentals, Dollar General and Social Climbing Professionals have opened and are doing well thus far. There is a proposed unknown name pizza place coming in on Fir Road, across from Harps grocery store, sometime after the first of the year. There is also a mobile coffee brewery company coming in next to Besa-Me Wellness Marijuana Dispensary, which is also on Fir Road.

Airport Drive still contracts 3 Jasper County Deputies. Sgt. Melissa Roughton, Deputy Justin Henry and Deputy Andrew Albertson, who work various shifts and times. In 2021 there were 112 citations written for various traffic violations, 2 burglaries reported, 19 stealing reports, 4 property damage reports, 6 fraud reports and 1 domestic dispute/abuse report.

The above stats reflect from 01-01-21 to 12-13-21



Community Policing

The objectives of Community Policing are to identify, prioritize and analyze problems within the community. After identifying the problem, we want to work with the citizens to develop solutions that bring about lasting resolutions. We encourage citizens to be vigilant against suspicious activities in their neighborhoods and to let law enforcement know if there are problems or concerns that can be addressed.

Another part of our Community Policing Program includes the use of our social media (Facebook) page. We have increased the number of our followers to over 28 thousand people. We use our Facebook page to increase public awareness of scams, notification of road closures, weather related road conditions, missing persons, people who are wanted for apprehension, and identifying possible suspects.



On October 21st, 2021 members of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office and inmate trustees, along with citizens and volunteers from West Chestnut Monuments, came together to lend a hand with the upkeep and repair at the Purcell Friends Cemetery to raise and reset stones that were in need of attention. The cemetery is a nonprofit organization that relies on donations and assistance from the community.

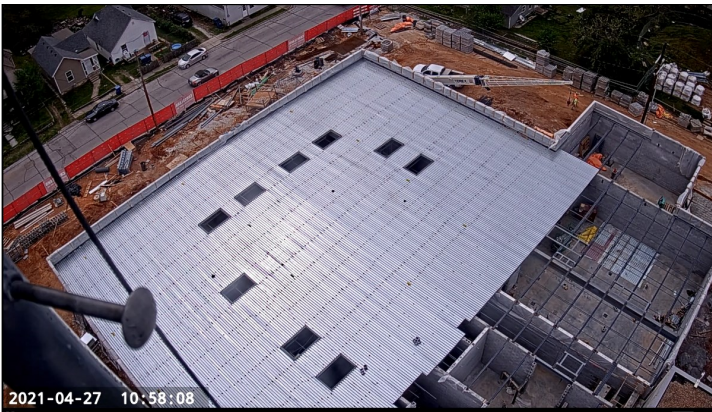
Purcell Friends Cemetery 205 West 6th Street, P.O. Box 43, Purcell, Mo. 64857



Detention Center

The year 2021 was the beginning of a lot of much needed planning and construction to improve and grow the Jasper County Detention Center. We started the remodel and addition of over 100 more beds, court offices, attorney visitation rooms, medical offices, Tele-a-health space and recreation areas. We are especially excited about the addition of two new treatment dorms. We were also fortunate enough to receive a grant which enabled us to employ a case manager to help with release planning for some of our residents.

With the addition of the new treatment dorms, Jasper County will be the first in the state of Missouri to implement a treatment program within its facility. The program is scheduled to start at the first of this year. We hope to help some of our residents with basic life skills, coping mechanisms, education, mental health issues and other areas while utilizing many community resources that are already available. By doing this, we hope to bridge the gap between their release from cus-



In 2020, the Detention Center added a special member to our staff, named Charlie. He is a “support specialist” (as we like to call him). Charlie wandered to the facility in October of 2020 as a very loving and well-behaved stray puppy and was quickly adopted by the staff. Charlie is the perfect addition to the team. He has never met a person he doesn’t immediately love.

Animals are proven to help alleviate stress, lower blood pressure, increase positive moods and we have seen this, firsthand, with the staff. We took it one step further this year and introduced Charlie to our inmate population. He was an absolute hit! They love him and he loves the attention. Charlie’s goal here, at the Detention Center, is to help alleviate stress and tension and he is quite good at his job. We are glad to have him.



Average of Inmates Incarcerated Daily - 5 Year Period					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
January	204	235	221	187	189
February	203	228	257	183	196
March	194	236	230	185	176
April	204	252	192	131	182
May	193	251	195	141	190
June	197	222	202	159	182
July	218	237	187	165	182
August	225	239	178	202	189
September	225	224	176	199	190
October	238	236	172	182	183
November	220	222	177	173	192
December	238	208	168	176	179
Annual Average	213	233	196	174	186

Animal Control

The primary duties of the Animal Control Division consist of animal abuse and neglect calls. Deputy Kieth Maggard is currently assigned to this position. In 2021, he responded to 386 different animal complaints.

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

Transportation

Providing professional and safe transportation to exceeded expectation.

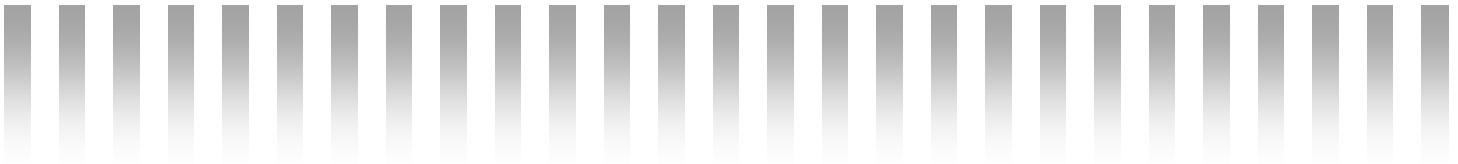
Transportation has had a few changes in 2021; we implemented the use of a few new video platforms, Zoom and WebEx, in addition to what we had previously been using, to help streamline many of our court processes. We have been able to conduct court for each of our six court divisions. We have also been able to conduct court for other counties in Missouri, Kansas, as well as for Federal Court. Attorneys are able to visit with their clients utilizing the video platforms and Probation and Parole, Ozark Center, Department of Mental Health, and the Center for Behavioral Health have all been able to conduct meetings and evaluations.

In 2021, the Transportation Division had driven a total of 88,736 miles. This total was achieved by delivering inmates to and from court and various agencies and counties within Missouri. We have also picked up and delivered inmates to our detention center from Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, and Tennessee.

The Transportation Division consists of one sergeant, one corporal, and five deputies.

Sgt. Michael Kingsbury
Cpl. Thomas Roughton
Dep. Gerrett Snook
Dep. Roy Eppard
Dep. Ryan Antwiler
Dep. Della Cobb
Dep. Mitchell Mauller

With these seven deputies, Transportation has a combined law enforcement experience of 107 years. The Transportation Division supports and offers assistance to the Detention Center, Bailiffs, Patrol, and other divisions within the agency.



RESERVES

Our current Reserve Unit is made up of 7 volunteers who give their time to keep Jasper County a safer place to live. Some of the duties they volunteer for include assisting with the Drug Take Back Program, guarding prisoners that are admitted into the hospital, courthouse security, prisoner transport, patrol, and Halloween Compliance Checks. Several members are also involved in SWAT and attend training and activations.

The Reserve Unit volunteered over 968 hours of unpaid assistance in 2021, which is greatly appreciated.

To maintain Reserve Deputy status, a significant annual commitment to training and a contribution of a minimum of 192 working hours is required. Each Reserve Deputy goes above and beyond the minimum required hours.

