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Letter from the Sheriff

Some of our newer employees, who have only been here for a year or so, haven't seen anything other than a jail under construction. We broke ground on the \$13 million project in August of 2020 and got the keys to the new 25,000 square foot facility in March of this year. After spending so much time over the past years talking about jail overcrowding, we feel so grateful for this additional space. Personally, I also feel very proud for our community to have such a nice facility and that pride spreads to other projects that Jasper County had undertaken over the past years which includes a new juvenile detention center, renovations to the Carthage Courthouse and a new courts building in Joplin. Jasper County citizens have many reasons to be proud of the government infrastructure that will serve this community for many years to come.

Even before the jail construction project got underway, we had been talking about the Jail Treatment Program. This addiction treatment program is conducted within the jail facility and is the only one of its kind in the state. The first participants of this 120-day drug and alcohol treatment program graduated on October 14. It is exciting to hear stories about graduates that now have jobs, that are reunited with their children and families, and most importantly, are remaining clean and sober.

When I first started my law enforcement career there was only one thing that was important to me, catching criminals and putting them in jail. While that is still a very important part of law enforcement, after 27 years in this business I have found that pursuing ways to stop the cycle of crime is just as important. I recently estimated that the entire process from the most basic arrest, through incarceration, the process of obtaining a public defender, prosecution, court appearances and probation parole can cost the community upwards of \$50,000. It doesn't take long on a calculator to figure out that providing people with the tools they need to help them from getting arrested again, is a worthwhile venture. And if you take into consideration the human capital, lives changed and children that have parents back in the home, you really can't put a price on that.



At the end of the day, it really is all about making our community better. Whether by fighting crime or figuring out ways to break the cycles of criminal behavior, we have a staff of Sheriff's Office deputies that work very hard every day to provide a professional-quality law enforcement service to this community. I am very proud to present to you the work they have done in 2022 and continue to do every day. Thank you for your support.

Randee Kaiser
Jasper County Sheriff



More than a year ago we started looking into a way to memorialize officers who have fallen in the line of duty in Jasper County, throughout its history. While various agencies recognize their fallen, we wanted to put something together that would serve to honor all the officers, in one location. During “National Fallen Officer Memorial Week” in May of this year, local law enforcement agencies gathered with friends and family to honor the twenty-six men who had served in Jasper County and made the ultimate sacrifice for the community they served. Missouri Department of Public Safety Director, Sandra Karsten, attended and spoke at the event. The Jasper County Sheriff’s Office worked with the company, Images In Tile, to create the memorial that was placed on the wall on the first floor of the Carthage Courthouse.

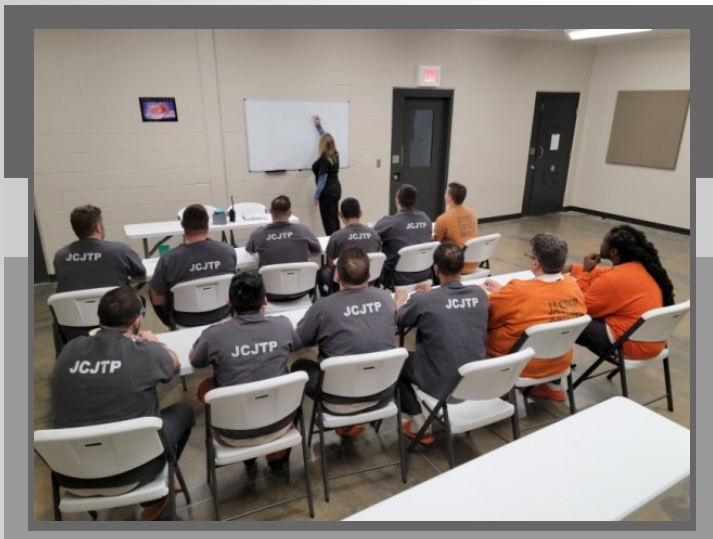
JASPER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

The year has certainly brought about a lot of change. We finished up our jail remodel and spent most of the year getting used to the new facility, all while adding the finishing touches. I am happy to announce the new facility is fully operational, giving us over 100 new beds, 2 treatment dorm rooms, attorney rooms, conference rooms, Tele-a-Health offices and some much-needed space for other activities.

Our treatment program is off to a great start. It has been a long-time dream of our sheriff and we are happy to have it operational. Services delivered within the JCJTP (Jasper County Jail Treatment Program) will provide a structured array of therapeutic processes and interventions to affect cognitive and behavioral changes for treatment program participants. Services will address the treatment program participant's substance use disorder(s) and/or addiction and criminality.

As part of the program criteria, participants must have a specific number of hours dedicated to work and a specific number dedicated to community service projects. To help fulfill this criteria we have partnered with the Joplin Humane Society and have been fostering kittens and cats. So far they have fostered 19 cats/kittens and completed 399 hours towards their requirements. The participants have also learned to crochet. They hand-made 87 items (scarfs, headbands, cupcake purses, snakes, jellyfish, dolls and blankets). They were able to complete 576 hours of work and community service and donated their handmade items to the Ronald McDonald House and Children's Haven.

The program officially kicked off in June and has seen 31 participants through program. Of those, 15 have graduated the program so far; 10 males and 5 females. In the 6 months the program has been running, we have helped 13 of our participants find housing once released. 7 have found jobs and we are very happy to report that no new criminal charges have been documented.



JASPER COUNTY K-9 DIVISION

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office K-9 Division consists of three teams, Corporal George Datum/K-9 Holi & K-9 Valor, Deputy Nathan Deherrera/K-9 Arner, and Deputy Joseph Deras/K-9 Skye. K-9 Holi, a Belgian Malinois, certified in dual-purpose narcotics and patrol, retired in June after serving the Jasper County Community for 8 years. Our newest member, K-9 Valor, a German Shepherd, is certified as a dual-purpose narcotics and patrol. K-9 Arner, a Belgian Malinois, is certified in narcotics. K-9 Skye is a Bloodhound and is certified for tracking.

During the 2022 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 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 a (NAPWDA) Master Trainer. In 2022, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office K-9 Division attended the NAPWDA State Workshop in Eureka, Missouri. This week-long training helped our K-9 teams progress their skills and abilities to assist the citizens of Jasper County.

Each year our K-9 teams educate the general public and community in the variety of resources on 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 K-9 Division located 252.05 pounds of illegal narcotics and 2 firearms, tracked/located 9 subjects, and arrested 41 individuals.

After eight years of service to the Jasper County Sheriff's Office, K-9 Holi retired this year. Holi started her career in 2015 and since then she has been deployed 665 times, making 183 arrests and locating 241.52 pounds of illegal narcotics. In addition, Holi has also located several suspects, subjects who reported lost, apprehended criminals and conducted numerous public demonstrations. She will remain with her handler in her retirement years.



JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

2022 brought more positive growth to the Jasper County Sheriff's Office S.R.O. program. Our School Resource Officer, Deputy West, was promoted to the rank of Corporal within the Sheriff's Office. Cpl. West continually grows his knowledge and skills in law enforcement to effect a more safe and secure environment within the schools.

Cpl. West attended a ten hour training course developed by the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. He will be a part of launching the DEC alliance efforts here in Jasper County, working alongside the Southwest Missouri Alliance, to focus on community efforts providing all levels of care for drug endangered children.

Thank you to the Jasper County Juvenile Office for inviting Cpl. West to attend an event called "Coffee With A Cop", which was hosted by the Juvenile Office. This event allows officers to spend positive time interacting with juveniles that have entered the juvenile system.

The Shop With A Deputy Program continues to be a success. Due to the hard work in fundraising and all the community support through donations, we were able to expand the program for the 2nd year in a row. In 2021 we shopped with 125 children. This year we were able to take 160 children shopping for Christmas.

One of the biggest privileges of being an S.R.O. is teaching the D.A.R.E. program to 5th grade and kindergarten classes. The program focuses on teaching students to make good choices, report bullying, and the consequences of drug abuse. It also allows the student to spend time with a law enforcement officer and ask the many questions they have about the tasks they perform. Over 100 students will complete the D.A.R.E. program this school year.

In the month of July we had 15 students attend Junior Deputy Camp. This five day camp gave students the opportunity to have hands on training with the Sheriff's Office. They processed a mock crime scene, spent time on a shooting range, and learned what the day to day work of being a deputy is like at the Sheriff's Office.

The Jasper County Cadet program had 10 cadets this year. This program is similar to the Junior Camp with a lot of hands on learning. The Cadet program is continued throughout the year and meets on a regular basis. The Cadets also have opportunities to assist the Sheriff's Office during local special events, such as Marion Days and the Maple Leaf Parade.

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.



Community Policing

Our goal is to encourage citizens to be vigilant against suspicious activities in their neighborhoods and to let law enforcement know if there are problems or concerns that need to be addressed. After identifying the problem, we want to work with the citizens to develop solutions that bring about lasting resolutions.

In this modern day and age, a very large part of community policing comes from the use of our social media (Facebook) page. We have increased the number of our followers to over 29,000 people. We use our Facebook page to not only have some fun, but to increase public awareness of scams, notification of road closures, weather related road conditions, missing juveniles, and identifying suspects from surveillance footage.

Sgt. Roy Teed speaks with a youngster about bicycle safety during the Tykes & Trikes event during Big Wheel Day at First United Methodist Church in Joplin.



The Jasper County Sheriff's Office held its first ever Kid's Camp this summer. Area youth ages 12-14 years old came to the Sheriff's Office for a week and learned a variety of things about law enforcement. During the summer camp the youth had the opportunities to interact with deputies assigned to the K-9 division, the SWAT team, the Drug Task Force, Detectives and the Detention Center. Some of the topics covered were crime scene processing, firearm safety, vehicle stops and searches, and drone operations.



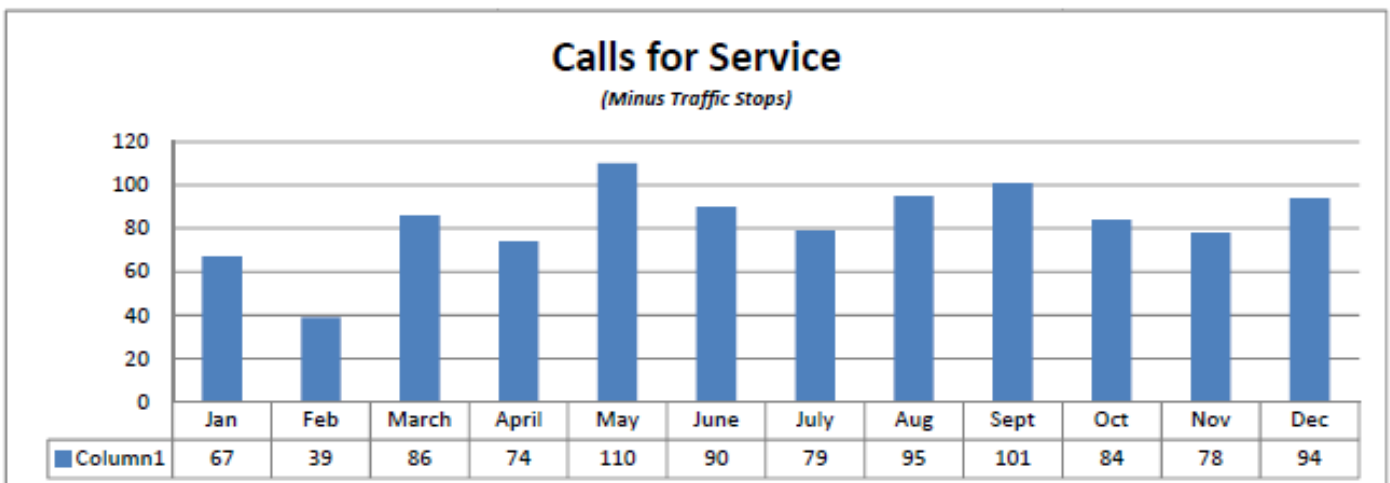
VILLAGE OF AIRPORT DRIVE

2022 Statistics	
911 Hangups	84
Alarm Calls	129
Animal Complaints	51
Assaults	1
Burglary Calls	2
Careless Driving Complaints	45
Check Well Beings	39
Domestic Disturbances	24
Drug Offenses	3
Fraud Calls	16
Gas Drive Offs	1
Harassment	1
Indecent Exposure	1
Information Calls (includes name/number call & Walk in Reports)	64
Intoxicated Subject Calls	1
Medical Calls	45
Motorist Assists	57
Motor Vehicle Accidents	89
Nuisance Complaints	17
Property Damage	8
Robbery Calls	1
Stealing	38
Stolen Vehicle	4
Suicidal Subject (includes 96 hr calls for service)	3
Suspicious Activity (includes person and vehicles)	88
Trespassing	4
Threats	2
Vehicle Fire	3
Vehicle Lockouts	35
Weapon Complaint (includes Gunshots Heard)	2
Miscellaneous Calls for Service (includes everything else not listed above)	129
Department Assists	16
Community Events	3

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office continues to contract with Airport Drive for law enforcement services. Three deputies are assigned to patrol Airport Drive. They perform a number of roles including community policing, business checks, enforcing Airport Drive city ordinances and traffic control. Currently Sgt. Crossley, Deputy Henry and Deputy Kolbeck are in this assignment.



Village of Airport Drive 2022 Annual Report



JASPER COUNTY PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is comprised of twenty-five (25) members, all of whom are full-time, uniformed, sworn deputies. The Patrol Division is broken down into 4 shifts, each shift being 12 hours long. These deputies - the most visible representatives of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office - are dedicated to patrolling and are first responders to all emergencies and calls for service in the community.

In 2022, the Patrol Division was kept busy with 29,133 calls for service. These calls for service included 911 hang-ups, medical calls, traffic accidents, assaults, animal complaints, and alarm calls, to name a few. Out of the 29,133 calls for service, 3,232 reports were generated. They conducted 5,287 traffic stops which resulted in 889 citations and 95 DWI arrests. Patrol deputies also made 672 custodial arrests for a variety of offenses. While effecting arrests, force was used 47 times.

While patrolling Jasper County, patrol deputies conducted 39,715 extra patrols, community checks, and business checks to deter criminal activity. They also participated in DWI Wolf Packs and Hazardous Moving Violations enforcement throughout the county. Some of the community events the patrol assisted with this year were Community Safety Day, Shop with a Deputy, Salvation Army bell ringing, and the Jasper County 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 577,144 miles driven.

JASPER COUNTY RESERVES DIVISION

The Reserves Division is comprised of six deputies who donate their time to assist the Sheriff's Office with several functions from corrections, civil process, patrol, transportation, community policing, as well as special weapons and tactics (SWAT). In 2022, Reserve Deputies donated over nine hundred and fifty hours (950) to the Sheriff's Office. Our reserve division is top notch and can always be counted on to assist at short notice for any task asked of them. The Reserve Division is headed by Lieutenant Alvin Peavler.

JASPER COUNTY DETECTIVES

2022 was a busy year for CID. The unit tracked registered sex offenders, keeping us under the national average of non-compliance all year. Detectives continued to work crimes against children, burglaries, thefts, tampering, frauds, and one murder this year.

Jasper County has five detectives that are cross-trained in all areas of crime that we investigate on felony levels. We continue to clear cases above the national average. The five detectives had been assigned 618 cases this year, not counting warrant arrests, traffic stops and other items they come across. Often, Detectives will assist Patrol on calls with run-away children or missing people, in order to better serve our community. The Detectives continue to go to trainings and learn the newest and most advanced ways to help in our investigations.

Other responsibilities of the Detectives Unit include background employment investigations, instruction for the Citizens Academy and Explorers Programs, instruction for the 24-hour In-Service, assisting other agencies, Tri-State Major Case Squad call-outs, court preparation and testimony, off-duty call outs (evenings and weekends), and extended investigations (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.

CASE TYPE ASSIGNED	2020	2021	2022
HOMICIDE	0	3	1
CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN	57	85	122
BURGLARY	55	65	83
STEALING	108	149	137
TAMPERING	61	56	74
ASSAULT	12	10	12
ADULT SEX CRIMES	16	14	14



LIFESAVING AWARD

Deputy Roy Eppard received the lifesaving award this past year after coming across a young man in medical distress on the side of the road. Deputy Eppard, along with ER Nurse Germaine Mounce (pictured), acted quickly and were later credited by doctors for saving the young man's life. Deputy Eppard has served this community in law enforcement for 23 years.



JASPER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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

Sgt. Thomas Roughton

Cpl. Mitchell Mauller

Dep. Dave Lewis

Dep. Roy Eppard

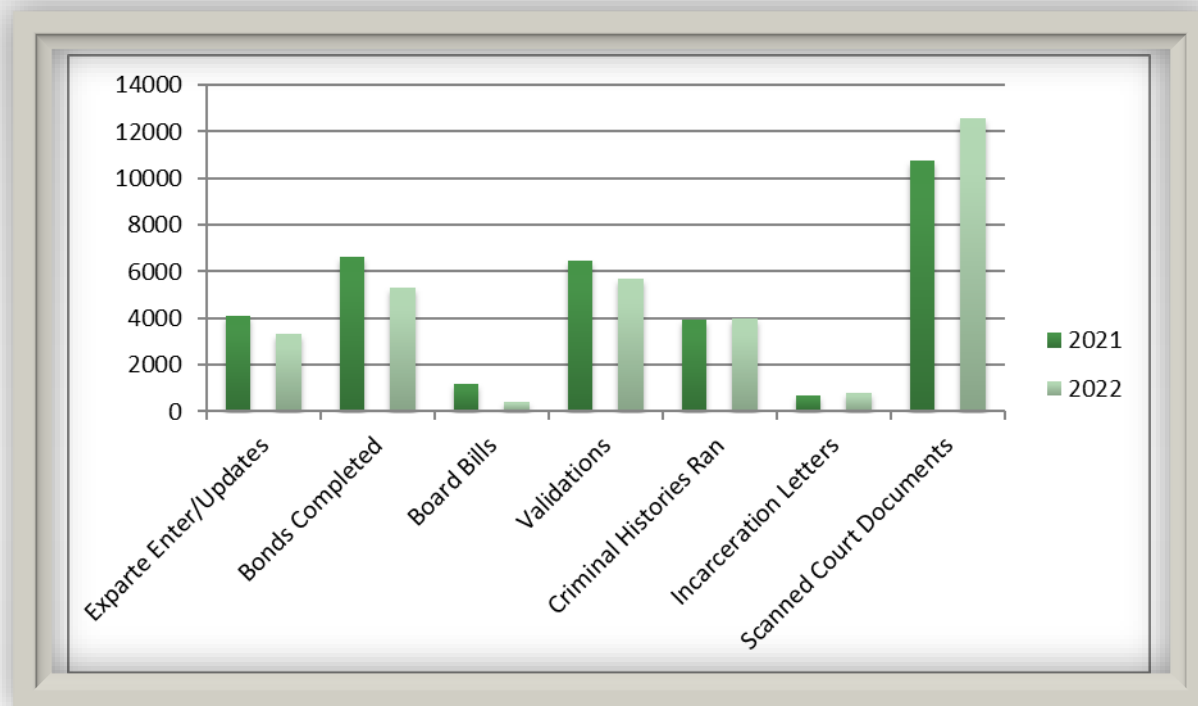
Dep. Luke Farley

With these five deputies, Transportation has a combined law enforcement experience of 101 years. The Transportation Division supports and offers assistance to the Detention Center, Bailiffs, Patrol, and other divisions within the agency.

Transport has driven approximately 90,787 miles, moving inmates 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. In addition to moving inmates, the Transportation Division is responsible for all video court proceedings for our inmates.

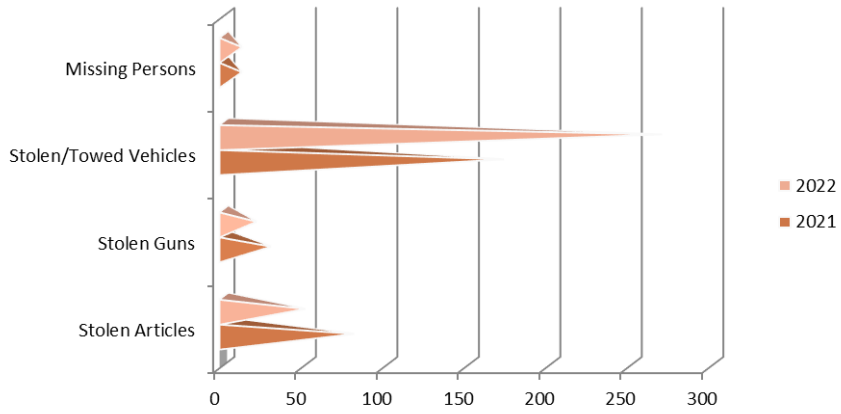
JASPER COUNTY WARRANTS DIVISION

The Warrants Division is staffed 24 hours a day and consists of 1 Sergeant, 3 Corporals, 6 Warrant Deputies and 1 Court Deputy. Every employee in the Warrants Division is MULES certified by the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Warrants Officers are sent to numerous trainings throughout the year in order to maintain certifications and continually grow our department's knowledge.

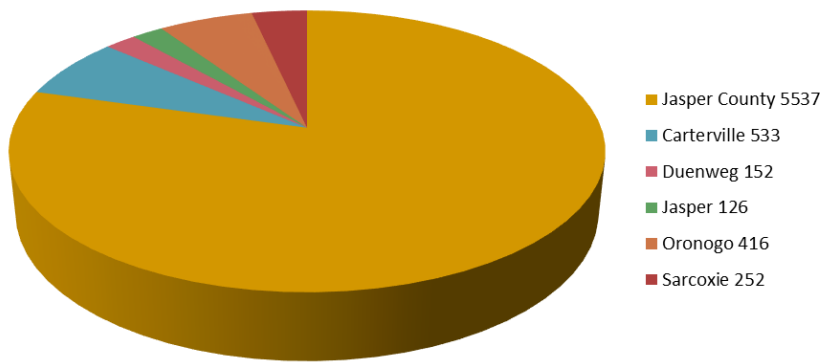


Some responsibilities of the Warrants Division include: keeping an accurate count of inmates coming and going from the facility. **This year our daily average inmate count was 208.** Last year our daily average inmate count was 186. The Warrants Officers maintain door security of arrivals and releases, maintain the jail management system with accurate record keeping, registering sex offenders when needed, answering inmate requests, and communicating with other agencies for pick up and release of inmates. Other duties include entering and validating warrants, ex partes, stolen items, stolen and towed vehicles and missing persons. These entries and validations are done for Jasper County and 5 city agencies within Jasper County. Our Court Clerk communicates with the courts on docket entries and inmate court lists. **This year we received approximately 22,275 emails from the court.** Last year we received approximately 22,093 emails from the court.

ENTRIES



ACTIVE WARRANTS



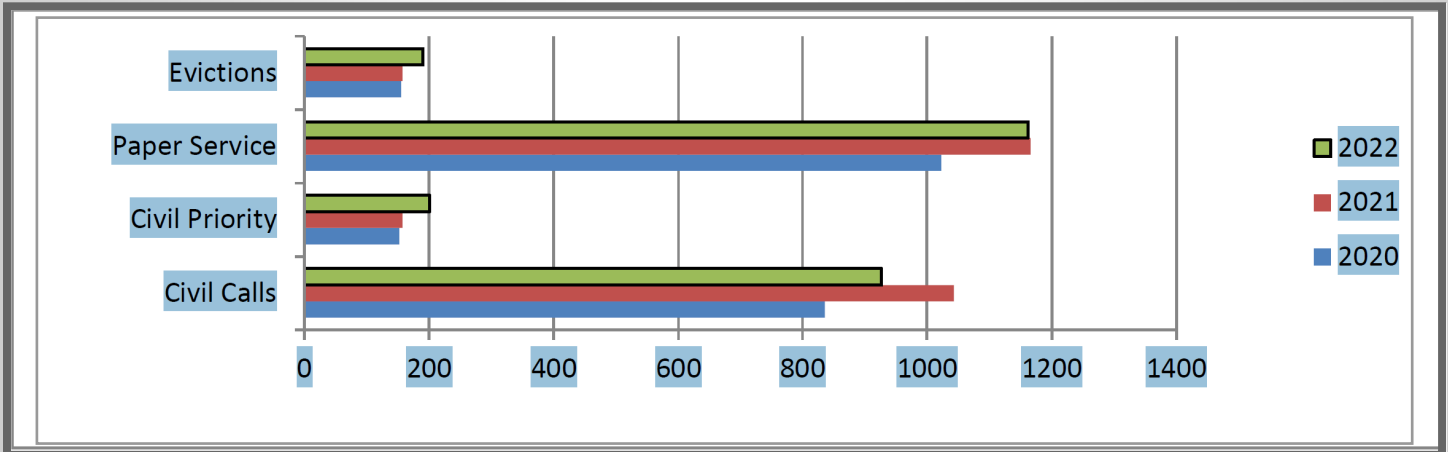
AVERAGE NUMBER OF INMATES INCARCERATED MONTHLY—6 YEAR PERIOD

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
JAN	204	235	221	187	189	173
FEB	203	228	257	183	196	192
MAR	194	236	230	185	176	202
APR	204	252	192	131	182	204
MAY	193	251	195	141	190	207
JUN	197	222	202	159	182	221
JUL	218	237	187	165	182	215
AUG	225	239	178	202	189	222
SEPT	225	224	176	199	190	219
OCT	238	236	172	182	183	231
NOV	220	222	177	173	192	215
DEC	238	208	168	176	179	194
ANNUAL AVG	213	233	196	174	186	208

JASPER COUNTY CIVIL PROCESS DIVISION

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

In 2022, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office handled approximately 4,116 documents for service. The number of documents served by the Civil Process Division had been relatively consistent for the last three years; however, in 2022, there was a 21% increase in forcible evictions over 2021.



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 2022, 2,981 summons and writs, 533 subpoenas (32 percent decrease over 2021; which was up around 30 percent over 2020) and 766 ex partes were served. In addition, the Civil Process Division attempted to serve 656 individuals, with some form of legal process, but was unable to locate them. In legal terminology, this is referred to as “Non-Est”.

We also handled 28 civil standbys (a 47% increase from 19 in 2021). 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 were a total of 190 forcible evictions/foreclosures in 2022.

Community Events



The Village of Airport Drive celebrated its 75th year on September 10th, 2022.

Deputies assigned to the village attended the event to meet with the citizens.

The Front Page – Trunk or Treat

Sgt. Crossley and Deputies Henry and Bloomer attending the trunk or treat event at The Front Page.



JOPLIN

Airport Drive gets a very special Christmas visitor

Photos with Santa Claus

Sgt. Crossley and Deputy Henry invited Santa Claus to come visit the area children in the Village.

Cookies and other refreshments were provided by the Village office.

Photos were taken and emailed to the children.



Our deputies tackle a variety of tasks every year. Including this particular moment when a deputy rescued a wayward honey bee and relocated it back to a flower garden.



Jasper County SWAT members along with Webb City PD work together to resolve a barricaded suspect incident in April of this year.

Jasper County support specialist, “Charlie”, provided some entertainment and support at the JASCO 911 center this past Spring.

