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# **Johnson County Sheriff's Office 2010 Annual Report**

# Message from Sheriff Frank Denning

Welcome to the Johnson County Sheriff's Office Annual Report. I offer this report as a way to provide information about my office in a transparent and easy to understand format. During 2010 we experienced a year full of capital projects including a ribbon cutting for the completion of Phase II of the New Century Adult Detention Center, a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Sheriff's Office Criminalistics Laboratory and the beginning of the remodel of the Olathe Adult Detention Center. All of these projects were made possible by a ¼ cent sales tax passed by the citizens of Johnson County in 2008.

As we continue to experience a historic recession, I have directed my Executive Staff to reduce our budget in several ways. First, we have looked closely at how we conduct business, how our staff is allocated and what positions can be moved, repurposed or eliminated. I have, since 2008, provided over five million in savings to the citizens of Johnson County through innovative programs and reduction and repurposing of staff.

One initiative to reduce costs I am particularly proud to be a part of is the Second Chance-Reentry Program, which encompasses programming in areas including mental health and vocational services for those in the criminal justice system. These programs are intended to reduce costs by targeting recidivists in several areas, the largest being those with mental health issues.

In my 37 years of service in law enforcement, I have witnessed many changes in how we work with the community. Today I believe we are beginning a new chapter in fighting crime by taking a micro-level look at why many of our worst recidivists commit the crimes they do. Through our studies we determined that mental health issues are a major underlying reason. Working with all of our partners from Johnson County Mental Health to the Courts, to non-profit agencies, we are developing and implementing these programs throughout the criminal justice system. Some of these programs include Mental Health Diversion through the courts, and a Co-Responder program to identify mentally ill individuals in the field prior to being arrested.

It is my belief, with these initiatives; we will continue to enjoy the safe community in which we live.

Frank Denning, Sheriff



**Sheriff Frank Denning**



**Undersheriff Kevin Cavanaugh**

## Adult Detention Bureau



**Major  
Bret Cortright**

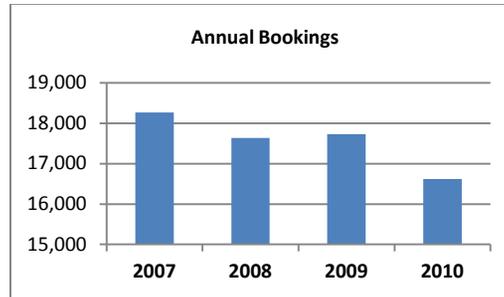


**Major  
Eric Livengood**

### **Adult Detention by the Numbers**

- 16,616 Inmates Booked
  - 12,410 Men
  - 4,206 Women
- 16,661 Inmates Released
  - 12,439 Men
  - 4,222 Women
- 17.6 Days Average Length of Stay
- 1,931 Bookings for DUI
- 32 Average Age of Inmate
- 58.3% Of Inmates are County Residents
- 41.7% Of Inmates are Non-County Residents

During 2010, the Adult Detention Centers experienced a 6.2% decrease in bookings over 2009.



### **Court Services by the Numbers**

- 20,471 Inmates Transported
- 19,997 Inmates Transported to Court
- 11,731 Video Court Appearances

### **Olathe Detention Remodel**

In January 2010, a major reconstruction began on the Detention Center in Olathe. The façade was removed because of leaks and structural concerns. To improve efficiency a Zinc skin will be placed over foam sealed concrete. The first floor was reconfigured and readied for new work space with an additional 31,760 square feet added to the south of the existing footprint. Work will continue for the rest of 2011 with projected completion in the second quarter of 2012. New features include:

- Expanded Booking
- Larger Sallyport (garage)
- Expanded Locker Facilities
- New Administrative Offices
- New HVAC System

### **LEED Certification**

The Olathe Adult Detention Center project has been registered with the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) in an effort to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. The Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Facilities Management, and our consultants are working together to properly document the design and construction solutions that are incorporated into the project, as well as the operations and maintenance procedures that will be implemented upon the facility's re-opening. LEED certification is an excellent metric to ensure this high performance building achieves the objectives of energy performance and sustainability from design and construction through building operation.

The Project is set to achieve LEED credits in a myriad of categories, including energy performance, building commissioning, indoor air quality management, construction waste management and innovations such as diverting waste through composting. While the project is primarily a remodel and expansion, major mechanical upgrades throughout the facility required the building be certified as a new construction project, which is more stringent than other certification rating systems. Upon completion and certification of the project, OADC will be one of only a few LEED certified detention facilities in the United States, and one of the only remodel and expansion projects to pursue and achieve this type of high performance certification.

## Operations Bureau



**Major Daryl Reece**

### **Investigations**

The Sheriff's Office provides general and specialized investigative services throughout Johnson County. Investigative services are organized into the functional groups of Crimes Against Property, Crimes Against Persons, Drug Enforcement, Organized Crime, Crime Scene processing, Crime Analysis and Street Drug Enforcement. Investigative staff routinely collaborates with investigators from area police departments, as well as state and federal investigative agencies, in order to share information, leads and resources. Investigators also serve search warrants and subpoenas in the course of their investigations. Investigators are assigned to crimes that vary from burglary, robbery, credit card and identity fraud, computer crime, homicide and missing person cases.

## T.R.A.C.E



The objective of the '**Theft Reports of Agricultural and Construction Equipment**' program is to quickly inform all participants of suspicious activities and crime in their neighborhood, farming community or construction sites. The program was initiated in 2010 and ended the year with 125 members throughout 22 counties and four states. Agriculture producers, livestock owners, farmer cooperatives, implement dealers, construction businesses or insurance companies can register for the program. Once an individual or business has been put on the distribution list they will be able to receive emails from T.R.A.C.E. notifying them of suspicious activity in their area. This program has seen great success in the recovery of stolen property and apprehension of suspected thieves.



### **Notable Activities**

- Working with officers from the Secret Service, HUD, Overland Park Police Department and the IRS, Investigations concluded a mortgage fraud case that resulted in 16 subjects being charged, tried and convicted in Federal Court.
- In December of 2010, \$140,000 worth of motorcycles, ATV's, trailers and equipment were identified as stolen and subsequently recovered.
- Investigation Detectives participated in five Metro Squad homicide cases and assisted the Sheriff's Office in Miami County, Kansas, in a homicide investigation.
- In a combined effort with six area law enforcement agencies, a suspect was identified and arrested who was believed to be responsible for approximately 30 burglaries.
- Through investigative efforts, 25 new cases were opened for Sexual Exploitation of a Child.
- 563 cases were assigned and 349 cases were completed.
- Detectives invested 563 hours in computer examination and 176 cell phone examination hours.

## Operations Bureau

### Patrol Division

One of the primary focuses of the Patrol Division for 2010 was for each Patrol Deputy to adopt a Community Policing approach to law enforcement. More emphasis was placed on getting out of the patrol cars and meeting the public they serve, with the intent of developing a stronger working relationship within the community.

Another change for 2010 involved a revision of the work schedule for Patrol deputies. In the past, patrol districts had little or no coverage during shift changes. This issue was resolved by implementing overlapping shifts during shift changes, resulting in uninterrupted law enforcement services for the community and a reduction in overtime costs.

2010 saw a 7% increase in overall crimes compared to 2009.

- 32% Increase in Drug Offenses
- 68% Increase in Theft Offenses
- 44% Decrease in Property Damage
- 10% Decrease in Battery Offenses

### Directed Patrol Unit

Illegal drug use and addiction is a contributing factor in the commission of many crimes, ranging from robberies and property crimes to domestic violence. The Directed Patrol Unit has set a new standard for the Sheriff's Office concerning the investigation of illegal drug activity and in the apprehension of those responsible for the manufacture, possession and/or sale of illegal drugs in Johnson County. The DPU recovered a record amount of indoor Marijuana grow operations in 2010 by seizing 631 plants from 10 separate grow operations.

This amount of plants accounts for almost 75% of the total plants seized in the entire state and resulted in \$50,000 worth of Drug Tax Stamp Offenses. In addition to these seizures, DPU:

- Seized 6,000 lbs of K2 related products
- Received \$46,000 in cash from drug seizures
- Received 3 vehicles from drug seizures
- Made 75 arrests for prostitution related offenses



### Warrant Division

The Warrants Division is primarily charged with searching out, detecting and apprehending persons wanted by written order of the Johnson County District Court.

The Warrants Division is also tasked with attempting arrest warrants within Johnson County, as well as other agencies nationwide. They also coordinate the extradition efforts of fugitives wanted by the Johnson County District Court who have been located outside the State of Kansas.

- 8,345 Warrants Received
- 5,872 Warrants Executed

## Judicial Services Bureau



**Major Vicki Simpson**

### **Communications Division**

The Sheriff's Communications Division dispatches for the Sheriff's Office, Johnson County Park Police and the cities of: Fairway, Gardner, Lake Quivira, Merriam, Mission, Olathe, Roeland Park, Spring Hill, and Westwood.

The Communications Division is the gateway to citizens as they access the 911 system. The Communications Division then remains the liaison to the field units as they continue to update and relay relevant information.

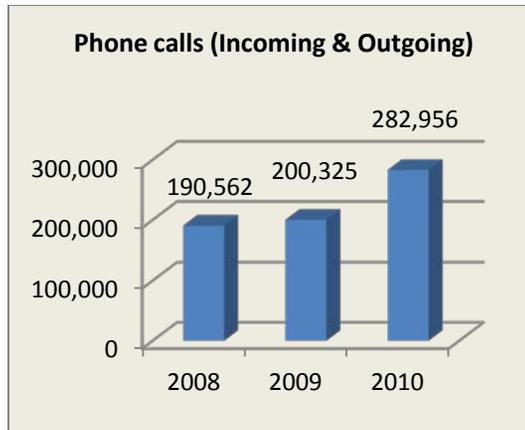
2010 saw the Communications Division's successful merger with the City of Olathe Police Department. This merger included staffing of 12 additional deputies to handle the increased workload on the dispatch

center due to the increase in call volume following this merger.

Sheriff's Dispatchers, throughout this merger and into the future, provide the highest level of customer service to the residents of Johnson County as well as the law enforcement community.

### **Communications by the Numbers**

- 1,816,134 Computer Inquiries
- 86,968 Calls for Service
- 282,956 Total Calls
- 62,330 Wireless 911 Calls
- 22,830 Wired 911 Calls
- 4,987 911 Hang-Up Calls
- 520 TDD Calls
- 98.7% of 911 Calls Answered Within 10 Seconds or Less



## Take Me Home Program

In 2010 the Take Me Home program was initiated through the Communications Division. This program is a database maintained by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office for adults and children who may have difficulty communicating due to a developmental or cognitive disability.

The database includes a picture, disability information, physical description and emergency contact information for all registered individuals. If a person in the Take Me Home program is encountered alone by a police officer, or is reported missing, the officer can access the database by the person's name or description to locate their information. With this information at hand the officer can appropriately assist the person.

This is a free service offered to the developmentally and cognitively disabled citizens who live in Johnson County, Kansas.

This service has been successful in assisting law enforcement to locate registered individuals in two documented instances since the inception of the program.

The Take Me Home Program has registered over 200 individuals in Johnson County.

## **Judicial Services Cont.**

### **Court Security**



Court Security is a walking police beat. Deputies in the Courthouse provide security to members of the judiciary, the general public, law enforcement officials and Courthouse employees. This security is provided to allow those in the Courthouse to fulfill their duties, obligations and responsibilities with minimal threat of danger to their person and/or property.

#### **Court Security by the Numbers**

- 631,731 – People Screened Entering the Courthouse
- 2,114 – Offender Registrations
- 1,373 – Concealed Carry Applications Filed
- 1,247 – Arrests Made in the Courthouse

### **Civil**

The Civil Division is assigned to serve documents issued from the various courts of Johnson County.

These courts would include: District Court, Magistrate Court, Probate Court, and Juvenile Court. Civil Process is also received from other counties within the State of Kansas, as well as out-of-state district courts.

The division also collects delinquent tax owed from any unpaid Johnson County Property Tax bills.



#### **Civil by the Numbers**

- 60,729 Civil Papers Received
- 42,166 Civil Papers Executed
- 4,603 Protection Orders Served
- 2,764 Evictions Completed

### **Collections**

The purpose of this division is to carry out duties according to statutes that give the Sheriff authority to collect monies or property on delinquent taxes, insufficient funds from a worthless check and to enforce the laws within the state of Kansas regarding vehicle registration.

#### **Tax Warrants**

- 2,986 Tax Warrants Received
- 2,287 Tax Warrants Executed
- \$1,482,047 Tax Revenue Collected

#### **Foreclosure Sales**

- 3,423 Foreclosure Sales Scheduled
- 1,263 Foreclosure Sales Completed
- \$307,106,221 Total Foreclosure Sales

#### **Other Fees Collected**

- \$322,942 Vehicle Registrations Collected
- \$67,746 Non-Sufficient Check Fund Fees Collected for Vehicle Registrations

## **Staff Services Bureau**



**Major Dale Reed**

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office was established in 1861 and has grown from a one man office to a highly skilled and advanced law enforcement agency.

With a full range of public safety duties including two Adult Detention Centers, Civil, Communications, Courthouse Security, a Criminalistics Laboratory, Investigations, Road Patrol and many other sections, the Sheriff's Office is able to provide quality law enforcement to the citizens of Johnson County by ensuring proper training in all divisions.

### **Research and Planning Unit**

Research and planning provides review, planning, research and analysis of current and proposed policies, tools and technologies for the Sheriff's Office. This unit is responsible for collecting, analyzing and maintaining research information and criminal justice data which assists

management in reaching quality decisions while keeping current in law enforcement issues to adequately support other Sheriff's Office elements.

### **Training Division**

Law enforcement training is a critical component of a deputy's career development. The lessons that are learned in the classroom and in field exercises' can be the difference between life and death. The Training Division is tasked with ensuring that all sworn personnel acquire the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in their public safety duty.

In 2010, the Training Division provided 29,986 hours to Deputies of the Sheriff's Office. In addition, another 6,027 hours were provided by outside vendors and agencies to staff.

The Sheriff's Office also participates full time in the Regional Police Academy at Johnson County Community College by providing full and part time instructors for county and city agencies.



### **Personnel Division**

The duties of the Personnel Division are to recruit, conduct background investigations and hire both sworn and civilian staff.

Because of proper vetting and subsequent training, the attrition rate for all Civil Service employees was 5.59%. This is only a slight increase over 2009.

### **Personnel by the Numbers**

- 516 Civil Service Applicants Tested
- 254 Deputy Applications Received
- 748 Civilian Applications Received
- 67 Background Investigations
- 23 Deputies Hired
- 22 Civilians Hired
- 434 Security Checks Conducted



## Criminalistics Laboratory



### **Director Gary Howell**

In 2010, the Johnson County Criminalistics Laboratory continued its high level of excellence in forensic science services to the County and its partner agencies. Director Howell and his staff are building on advances in technology and highly trained scientists and technicians to provide in-depth analysis of all evidence submitted to the laboratory.

The need for case examination in DNA and Biology did not slow down as 4,430 separate items were submitted for review. In addition, 822 pieces of trace evidence and 556 firearm and firearm related items were given to the laboratory for processing.

The Director and his staff are eagerly anticipating the opening of the new Criminalistics Laboratory to further enhance their service commitment to Johnson County.

## Construction Update



The construction of a new Criminalistics Laboratory has been identified as one of Johnson County's top capital projects for more than four years. At approximately 62,500 square feet, the new state-of-the-art, two-story laboratory will feature Forensic Science services such as:

- Biology
- DNA
- Controlled Substances
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Digital and Multimedia
- Firearms and Tool Marks
- Impression Evidence
- Latent Prints
- Trace Evidence

Laboratory Staff and Facilities Personnel are working together to ensure work spaces meet both code and logistical requirements. It is still anticipated that occupation of the new building will be during the first quarter of 2012.

## New Guidelines for DNA Submission



Early in 2010, Criminalistics Laboratory management and the District Attorney's Office met to discuss and develop a case management system for DNA requests and to streamline the evidence submission process. This new approach would be a cooperative effort between participating law enforcement agencies and the Laboratory.

After much discussion and planning, three focal points were established. One, submit best evidence first. Two, establish a priority for analysis of each item and third, submission of known samples from victims and suspects. Also developed was an electronic DNA submission form.

After completion of the project, liaisons went to each participating agency in Johnson County and provided training on the new submission guidelines and form. As a result, backlogged cases were given a second review based on the new guidelines. This review resulted in clearing 443 backlogged cases in 2010. More cases are expected to be cleared in 2011.



## **Executive Staff**

*Sheriff Frank Denning*

*Undersheriff Kevin Cavanaugh*

*Chief Financial Officer Kent Brown*

*Criminalistics Laboratory Director Gary Howell*

*Major Brett Cortright*

*Major Lynn Garcia*

*Major Bill James (retired)*

*Major Eric Livengood*

*Major Daryl Reece*

*Major Dale Reed*

*Major Vicki Simpson*

## **Command Staff**

*Captain Doug Baker*

*Assistant Criminalistics Laboratory  
Director Allen Hamm*

*Captain Bob Keller*

*Captain Mike Marshall*

*Captain John Messmer*

*Captain Shaine Pennington*

*Captain Mike Raunig*

*Captain Wayne Rector*

*Captain John Resman (retired)*

*Captain Ed Schlesselman (retired)*

*Captain Rick Simpson*

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