

Jonesboro Police Department Annual Report

2015 Annual Report



Rick Elliott, Chief of Police

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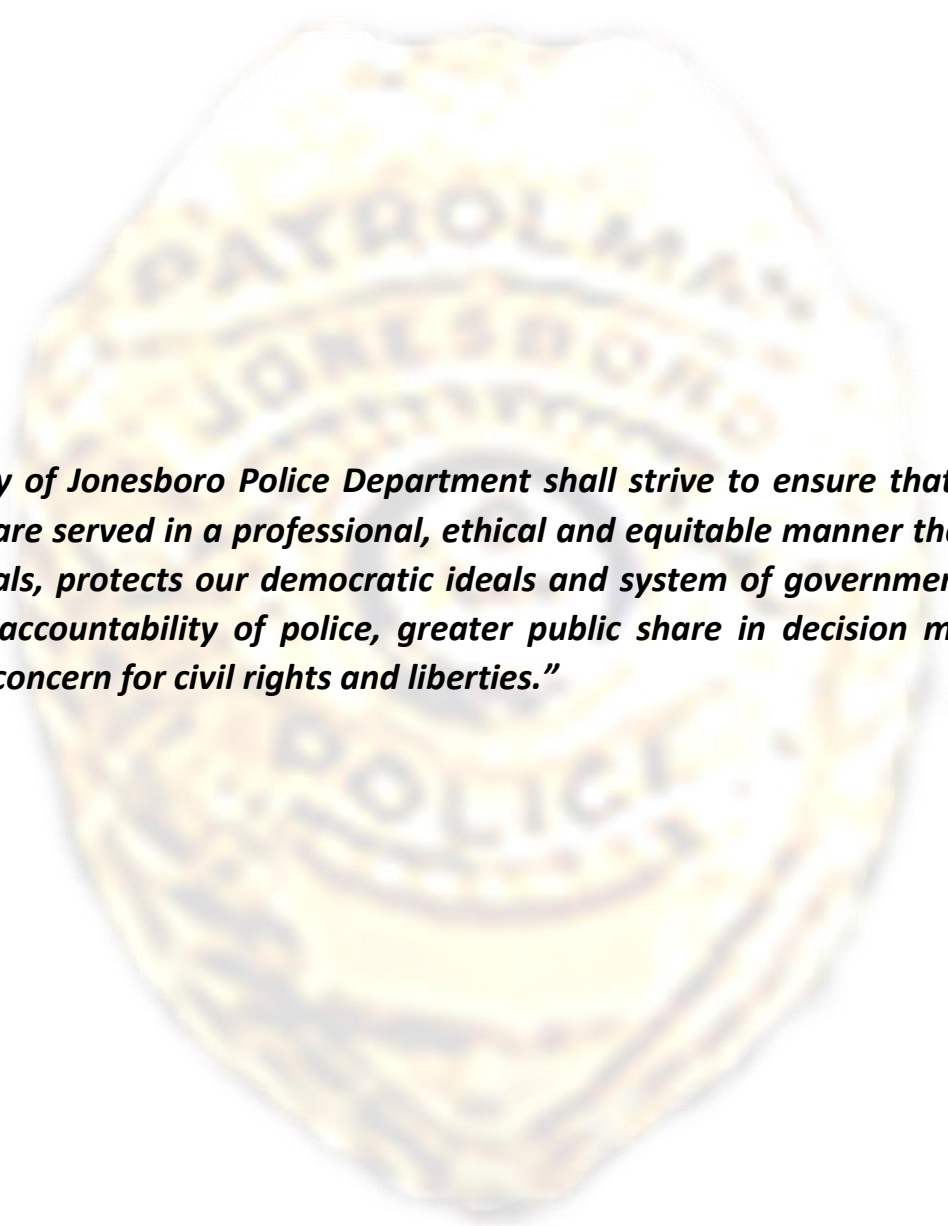
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Mission Statement



“The City of Jonesboro Police Department shall strive to ensure that all of our citizens are served in a professional, ethical and equitable manner that respects individuals, protects our democratic ideals and system of government, pursues greater accountability of police, greater public share in decision making and greater concern for civil rights and liberties.”

Chief's Message

Dear Community Members;

The City of Jonesboro Police Department strives to ensure that all of our citizens are served in a professional, ethical, and equitable manner that respects individuals. We make every effort to protect our democratic ideals and system of government. We pursue greater accountability of officers, greater public share in decision making, and greater concern for civil rights and liberties.



Our reports are issued with the intention to inform our citizens and elected officials about our efforts and the subsequent results. In order to ensure uniformity in crime reporting, we utilize the standard format of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

As this report indicates, the department has been successful in its efforts to control criminal activity over the last 10 years. In 2015 we observed a drop in criminal activities. Both crime rate and count of offenses are down, despite population growth and other factors that typically adversely affect crime rates.

There have been several changes and updates throughout the department in 2015. Highlights include the creation of a Community Outreach and Recruiting Division and the establishment of an in-house, state-approved Training Academy for new hires.

This report presents this information by division and unit, along with each division and unit's progress for the year. This information will provide a more detailed picture of how each division and their units operate.

Our success in crime reduction is most likely attributed to advancement in proactive policing, improved investigative techniques, enhanced technology, research, and analysis. Foremost, our department would not be able to provide this outstanding level of service were it not for the diligence of our dedicated group of men and women who compose the Jonesboro Police Department. The JPD is proud to call these officers their own and is truly grateful for their loyalty, commitment, and service to the community of Jonesboro.

It is our honor to continue to protect and serve our community.

After you read this report, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Elliott".

Rick Elliott
Chief of Police
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Command Staff



Rick Elliott
Chief of Police



Tim Eads
Assistant Chief of Police



BJ Smith
Captain
Administrative Services



Scott Roper
Captain
Special Operations



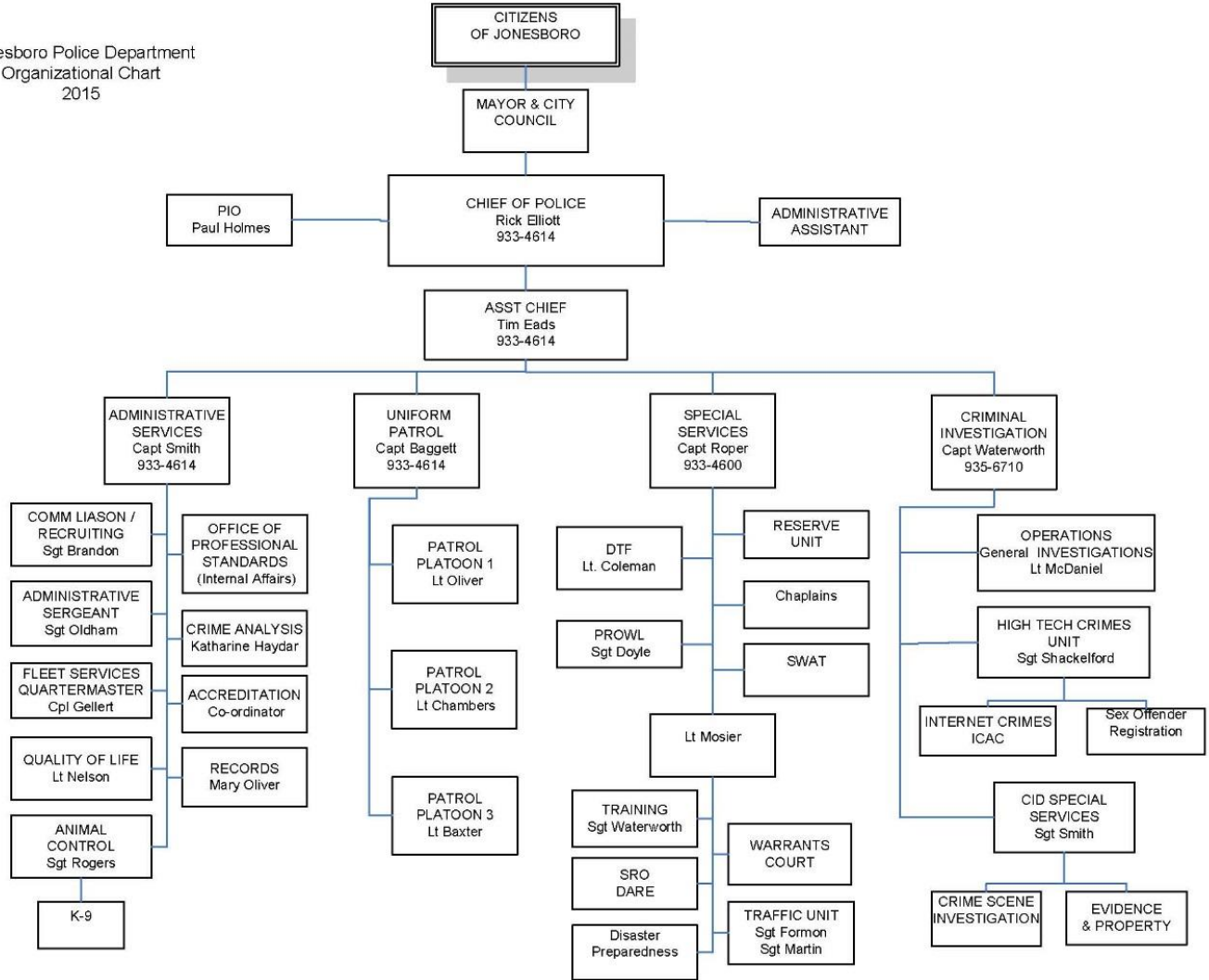
Kelly Baggett
Captain
Uniform Patrol



Lynn Waterworth
Captain
Criminal Investigation

2015 Organizational Chart

Jonesboro Police Department
Organizational Chart
2015



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Uniform Patrol Division

The Uniform Patrol Division is frequently referred to as the “backbone of the police department.” Officers of this division are the most familiar to the general public because they are responsible for the 24/7 task of responding to calls for service, preventing criminal activity, conducting preliminary criminal investigations, apprehending criminals, traffic enforcement, accident investigation and community interaction.

UPD Officers work eight hour shifts and are assigned to one of six different geographical areas of

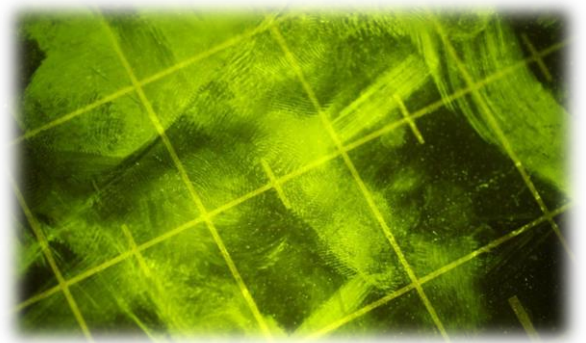


responsibility commonly referred to as Districts. The Division is divided into three shifts providing overlapping patrol coverage during peak hours of activity. UPD is overseen by Captain Kelly Baggett, with each shift consisting of 20-25 officers who fall under the direct supervision of a shift lieutenant, who is assisted by 3 sergeants.

Incidents	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Calls for Service	56,334	67,253	-16%
Complaints	46,550	55,723	-16%
Assists	17,738	13,750	29%
Incident Reports	10,410	10,551	-1%
Street Accidents	1,370	1,179	16%
Private Property Accidents	619	564	10%
Traffic Stops	23,916	33,847	-29%
Traffic Citations	5,426	5,902	-8%
Written Warnings	9,390	15,152	-38%
DWI	224	271	-17%
Mis. Arrests	4,304	4,475	-4%
Felony Arrests	1,021	1,107	-8%
Warrants Served	7,774	10,243	-24%
Alarms	4,522	4,800	-6%
TOTALS	120,968	142,521	-15%
Hours Worked	92,785	95,197	-3%

Criminal Investigation Division

The Criminal Investigation Division is a 20 member unit tasked with the investigation of all types of crimes, as well as other investigative support functions including initial contact, locating and interviewing victims and witnesses, development of suspects, polygraph services, property and evidence storage, crime scene investigation and the high-tech or cyber crimes unit. CID is under the direction of Captain Lynn Waterworth. Units within CID are General Investigations, Property and Evidence, Crime Scene, Sex Offender Registration and the High-Tech Crimes Unit. Detectives are on call 24 hours per day and frequently work varying schedules.



INVESTIGATIONS	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Criminal Investigations Assigned	1760	1702	3%
Criminal Investigations Closed	1275	1176	8%
Cleared by Arrests	727	748	-3%
Unfounded	182	126	44%
Exceptionally Cleared	229	211	9%
Filed With Prosecutors Office	27	55	-51%
Miscellaneous Investigations Assigned	113	50	126%
Miscellaneous Investigations Cleared	42	34	24%
Crimes Against Persons	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Criminal Investigations Assigned	532	455	17%
Criminal Investigations Closed	487	379	28%
Property Crimes	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Criminal Investigations Assigned	1010	1093	-8%
Criminal Investigations Closed	595	696	-15%
Crimes Against Children	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Criminal Investigations Assigned	105	100	5%
Criminal Investigations Closed	78	69	13%
ICAC ACTIVITY	YTD		
Forensic Exams	272		
Computers/Other Devices	95		
Phones	205		
Cyber Tips Received	22		
FINGERPRINTS	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Rolled for the Public	1554	1479	5%

General Investigation

The Criminal Investigation Division Operations section is tasked with investigating most non-drug related felony crimes with a sufficient level of solvability. The unit consists of nine detectives that are supervised by two sergeants and a lieutenant and are responsible for investigating various types of crime including homicide, rape, robbery, burglary and forgery. Detectives receive special training in a variety of investigative techniques and disciplines, including general and advanced criminal investigations, death scene investigations, sex crimes investigations, child abuse investigations, photography, interview and interrogation, crime scene investigation, and collection of physical evidence. Detectives receive many more hours of additional training including those particular to various types of criminal investigations, interviewing and other job specific skills. Two detectives are also certified polygraph examiners and are responsible for conducting polygraph examinations for criminal investigations and new recruit background investigations.

Crime Scene Investigation

JPD has one sergeant and one detective devoted to crime scene investigation and evidence processing. Along with responding to major crime scenes and collecting certain items of video evidence, these detectives are also tasked with processing many of the items collected by patrol officers and detectives in the department's forensics lab. By processing these items in our own facility, it often saves time in order to retrieve evidence that could aid investigations more quickly. Both officers in this unit are state certified Crime Scene Technicians, utilizing a variety of state of the art processes, techniques and equipment.



Evidence & Property

The JPD evidence and property division is responsible for the care and custody of every item collected as evidence or recovered property. The Evidence Technician is responsible for checking in every piece of evidence brought in by officers, storing those items until they can be returned to their owner or destroyed, and maintaining records of the chain of custody for each evidence item. In 2015, the evidence and property section received over 8,000 items.



High-Tech Crimes Unit

JPD's CID has two detectives and one sergeant assigned full-time to the High Tech Crimes Unit. These detectives are responsible for conducting searches of computers, phones, jump drives and other items that may store digital evidence. As an affiliate agency of the Arkansas Division of the National Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Jonesboro Police Department has tasked this unit with investigating complaints of child exploitation and pursuing child predators.

Special Services Division

The Special Services Division consists of a number of various units who are under the direction of Captain Scott Roper. This Division is responsible for deployment and monitoring of the activities of the Motorcycle Unit, Tactical Unit, Traffic Unit, D.A.R.E. program, School Resource Officer program, Warrants Unit, Reserve Officer Program, Police Chaplains, Honor Guard Unit, and Disaster Relief Operations.



These specialized units were developed to combat crime or to better serve our community; they are trained for specific duties, and each of these units are staffed with specially trained officers and equipment specific to their mission. The officers who are assigned to these units often do so as an additional responsibility to their regular duty assignment.

Drug Task Force

The DTF is responsible for investigating major drug traffickers in the area, including all types of illegal drugs. The DTF works closely with local, state, and federal agencies to eradicate drugs from the community.

INVESTIGATIONS	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Opened	388	333	17%
Closed	302	240	26%
TOTAL	690	573	20%
With Nexus to Jonesboro			
YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD	
Opened	359	296	21%
Closed	0	0	0%
TOTAL	359	296	21%
Outside Jonesboro (No Known Nexus)			
YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD	
Opened	16	4	300%
Closed	0	0	0%
TOTAL	16	4	300%
ASSISTANCE RENDERED			
YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD	
Assist to Outside Agencies	22	10	120%
Assist to Jonesboro UPD/CID	96	110	-13%
ARRESTS			
YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD	
Miscellaneous	198	165	20%
Felony	557	388	44%
Marijuana	77	41	88%
Cocaine	9	5	80%
Crack Cocaine	17	14	21%
Methamphetamine/ICE	322	164	96%
LSD	0	1	-100%
Extasy (MDMA or Other Designer Drug)	0	1	-100%
Perscription	46	39	18%
Opiates (Heroin,Opium)	1	0	100%
Labs	0	1	-100%
All Other Drug Offenses	153	103	49%
ASSET FORFEITURE			
YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD	
Vehicles Seized(No.)	2	1	100%
Value of Assets Seized(Includes Value of vehicles)	\$ 70,353.00	\$ 6,814.00	932%
Asset Value Awarded to Jonesboro PD (State)	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Asset Value Awarded to Jonesboro PD (Federal)	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Asset Value Awarded to Jonesboro PD (Total)	\$ -	\$ -	0%
ARRESTS DEMOGRAPHY			
YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD	
White	256	167	53%
African American	131	76	72%
Latino	1	14	-93%
Asain	0	0	0%
Other/Bi-Racial	0	0	0%
Male	278	171	63%
Female	120	77	56%
White Male	157	98	60%
White Female	100	69	45%
African American Male	113	69	64%
African American Female	19	7	171%
Latino Male	1	11	-91%
Latino Female	0	2	-100%
Asain Male	0	0	0%
Asain Female	0	0	0%
Other/Bi-Racial Male	0	0	0%
Other/Bi-Racial Female	0	0	0%

Prowl

The Prowl unit is a uniformed street crimes unit specializing in criminal patrol, narcotics enforcement, gang investigation, and prostitution activity. The unit conducts directed patrols, investigates citizen complaints of street-level criminal activity, and directly assists the 2nd Judicial Drug Task Force. PROWL also assists any division within the Jonesboro Police Department at any time when needed.

Incidents	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Traffic Citations	132	106	25%
DWI	2	0	200%
Mis. Arrests	823	907	-9%
Felony Arrests	198	240	-18%
Drug Arrests	139	200	-31%
Calls For Service	701	494	42%
Written Warnings	409	507	-19%
TOTALS	2,404	2,454	-2%
Value of Drugs Seized	\$ 191,643.00	\$ 152,965.00	25%
Value of Assets Seized	\$216,125.00	\$ 6,534.00	3208%
Patrol Miles	52,520	47,263	11%

Traffic

The Traffic Enforcement Unit is composed of 6 officers who are dedicated to responding to traffic accidents and providing increased enforcement in particularly challenging areas. This unit also provides extra coverage for specific congestion problems and special events in the community. Last, they work details targeting specific issues, such as DWI enforcement and traffic safety checkpoints.

Incidents	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Street Accidents	1690	1683	0%
Private Property Accidents	421	563	-25%
Traffic Citations	1488	1934	-23%
DWI	14	23	-39%
Mis. Arrests	88	112	-21%
Felony Arrests	4	6	-33%
Drug Arrests	0	0	0%
Public Intoxication Arrests	0	0	0%
Calls For Service	1411	1251	13%
Alarms	0	0	0%
Parking Citations	0	0	0%
Written Warnings	1186	2266	-48%
Value of Assets Seized	0	0	0%
Patrol Miles	61501	67061	-8%
Hours Worked	10830	10744	1%



Warrants

The Warrants Division is responsible for serving warrants, criminal summons, and subpoenas that are issued by the District Court. On city court days, the Warrants Division provides a bailiff for court and a transport officer. In addition, this Division is responsible for transporting wanted persons arrested in other jurisdictions back to Jonesboro. The STEP program operates within this division and is a grant-funded operation in which officers can get paid overtime to enforce the safety belt law.

Arrests	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Misdemeanor	19	12	113%
Felony	8	3	300%
Total Arrests	24	8	200%
Warrants by Activity	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Subpoenas	5569	5333	4%
Commitments	66	83	-20%
Warrants Served	12262	12798	-4%
Traffic Citations	9	10	-10%
Complaints	68	36	89%
Assist	8	10	-20%
Alarms	5	5	0%
Hours by Activity	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
SI Criminal	1682	1478.5	14%
Court	1302.5	1223	7%
Prisoner Transport	493	446.5	10%
Hours Worked	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Regular Hours Worked	7090	5865	21%
Overtime Hours Worked	120	173	-31%
TOTAL Hours Worked	7210	4998	44%
Mileage	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Total Mileage	36419	33047	10%
STEP	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
DWI Arrest	1	5	-80%
DUI Arrest	0	0	0%
Traffic Citations	426	1257	-66%
Felony Arrests	0	5	-100%
Drug Arrests	0	4	-100%
STEP TOTALS	427	1271	-66%
Hours Worked	740.5	1296	-43%
Miles Driven	3528	7304	-52%

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)

The goal of the D.A.R.E program of the Jonesboro Police Department is to protect students, faculty, and staff on school property, reduce the incidences of juvenile crime and delinquency and provide proven, valuable student training through the Drug Abuse Resistance Education curriculum.

The D.A.R.E. Officer program is comprised of two veteran officers, both nationally certified in the D.A.R.E. curriculum, who annually provide D.A.R.E. training to over 2,000 students.



Cpl. Kevin Foust, Dare officer

School Resource Officer (S.R.O.)

The Jonesboro Police Department deploys officers to three school districts located within the city. Currently, there are a total of ten School Resource Officers in area schools. The officers are assigned to the Valley View School District, Jonesboro High School, Annie Camp Junior High School, Douglas MacArthur Junior High School, the Area Vocational Technical Center, and the Nettleton Public School District.

School Resource Officers are uniformed, certified police officers who receive specialized training to deal with school-related issues and promote safety on campus. SRO duties include patrolling school properties, assisting school officials with safety plans and crime issues,

controlling traffic, providing security at school events such as ball games, taking reports, making arrests when needed, building positive relationships with students, parents, teachers and staff, and providing other law enforcement services as needed.



SRO Officers Sheridan Watts, Dustin Campbell, and Russ Manning.

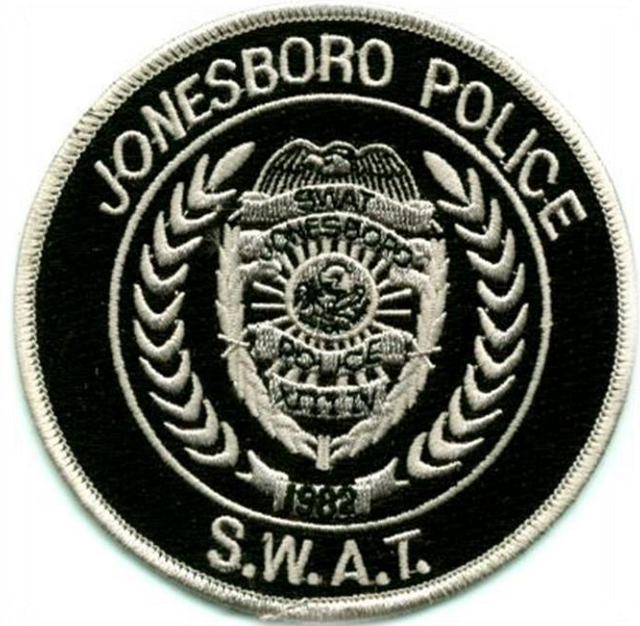
Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.)

The Jonesboro Police S.W.A.T. Unit can rapidly respond when needed.

Recognizing that the presence of a highly trained, highly skilled police tactical unit has been shown to substantially reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, police officers and suspects; and recognizing that a well-managed team response to critical incidents usually results in successful resolution of critical incidents, it is the intent of the Jonesboro Police Special Services Unit to provide a highly trained and skilled tactical team as a resource for the Jonesboro Police Department in the handling of critical incidents.

Currently, the team is comprised of 27 officers. In addition, the team has three medical doctors and five medics who are reserve police officers.

The Special Weapons and Tactics Team (S.W.A.T.) is trained to respond to a wide variety of critical incidents which include the following:



- Hostage Situations: The holding of any person(s) against their will by an armed or potentially armed suspect(s).
- Barricade Situations: The stand-off created by an armed or potentially armed suspect(s) in any location, whether fortified or not, who is refusing to comply with police demands to surrender.
- Sniper Situations: The firing upon citizens and/or police by an armed suspect, whether stationary or mobile.
- High-Risk Apprehensions: The arrest or apprehension of armed or potentially armed suspects where the likelihood of armed resistance is high.
- High-Risk Warrant Service: The service of search or arrest warrants where the warrant service involves armed or potentially armed suspects.
- Personal Protection: The security of special persons, such as VIP's, witnesses, or suspects, based on threat or potential threat to the wellbeing of those persons.
- Special Assignments: Any assignment, approved by the Special Services Commander, based upon a high level of threat.

Training

Officers of the Jonesboro Police Department are required to train in various subjects throughout the year. In addition to mandatory annual refresher training in topics including Bias-free Policing and Use of Force, officers must also complete additional hours of elective training in areas such as Basic Spanish for Law Enforcement, Crime Scene Management or Gang Investigation Techniques. Officers must also attend a range session for various firearms qualifications courses approximately once each quarter.



The training unit is under the direction of a sergeant who reports to the Special Services Division Lieutenant. The training coordinator is responsible for the coordination of all department training, including a comprehensive basic training for newly hired officers, as well as the continued refresher and specialty training for veteran officers.

New recruits to the Jonesboro Police Department must complete at least 33 weeks of training before they are permanently assigned to a shift as a certified police officer. One of the most important parts of that training is the Field Training Officer (FTO) program.

The program consists of a twelve week evaluation period during which new officers are assigned to ride along with a specially trained FTO. Recruits ride for a four week period on each shift and are evaluated each day in twenty-five different areas by the FTO.



Honor Guard



The Honor Guard is a volunteer unit of full-time and reserve police officers who are dedicated to honoring the community and those who serve through a visible, professional display of respect by the department. This unit provides funeral services for current and retired officers. They also serve in parades and special events. The Honor Guard trains monthly and all of its members have other full-time duties.

Reserve Program

The Jonesboro Police Department Reserve Police Officer Unit is comprised of non-paid officers with reserve certification from the State of Arkansas. The unit is a valuable resource for the agency and supplements the day-to-day operations of the department. In doing so, it is the policy of the Jonesboro Police Department to ensure that its reserve police officers meet comparable training and proficiency requirements as required of regular full-time police officers.

Members of the Jonesboro Police Department's Reserve Police Officer Unit while on duty can exercise the same authority and have legal protection afforded full time sworn police officers.

The members of the Jonesboro Police Department's Reserve Officer Unit are selected in the same manner as are full time police officers, must be at least twenty-one years of age, and meet other state, city, and local qualifications.

Although the Reserve Police Officer Unit is primarily intended to function in a support capacity for the Patrol Division such as augmenting regular patrols, providing assistance with sobriety checkpoints, or working special events, they are utilized at any time it is necessary to assist the regular, salaried members of the Jonesboro Police Department preserve the peace, enforce the law and maintain order in the community.

Chaplaincy Program

The goal of the Chaplaincy program is to provide support to local law enforcement officers, their mission (to protect and serve), and offer a special understanding of their unique work: supporting them and their families. Some of the specific ways that chaplains encourage and support officers is by riding along with officers on duty, visiting police department offices and special assignment sites, providing on-scene support during death notifications and appropriately recognizing individual achievements.



Mike Martin, Herschel Richardson, Chief Rick Elliott, Kerry Williams, and Gene Martin

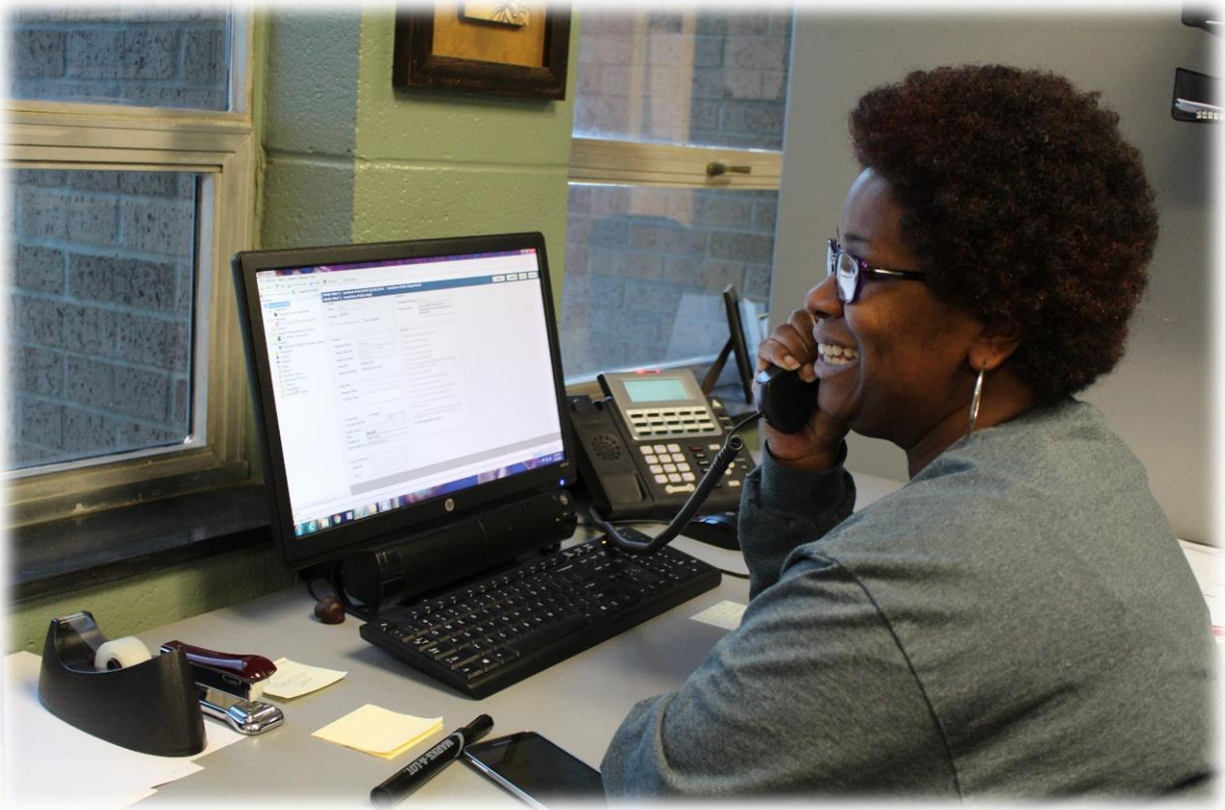
The most important of the chaplain duties is the commitment to regular prayer for officers and their families. The Police Department has 7 local clergymen who volunteer their time to serve as Police Chaplains.

Disaster Preparedness

Disaster preparedness is designed to reduce the disruption of essential services when an emergency situation occurs. The goal is to develop and implement strategies that ensure the continued operation of facilities before, during and after the situation. Common events that could be listed as disasters in Jonesboro are ice accumulation rendering power loss, flash flooding, earthquakes, and other weather-related events.

Administrative Services Division

The administrative office of the Jonesboro Police Department includes the Office of the Chief of Police, which also includes the Assistant Chief of Police, the Administrative Captain, Public Information Officer, Community Outreach and Recruiting Officer and the Chief's Administrative Assistant.



Records Clerk Ashley Rogers

Administrative Services Captain BJ Smith also oversees the Support Services units of the department, as well as Professional Standards (Internal Affairs) and Accreditation. Support units include Animal Control, the Records Division, Fleet Maintenance, the Crime Analysis Unit, and Quality of Life (Code Enforcement). While some of these units are overseen by and include certified law enforcement officers, many are civilian employees.

Administrative services also provides daily support for the Chief of Police and the rest of the department with services such as planning and research, fiscal affairs, crime analysis, alarm tracking, records maintenance, and supply and fleet operations.

Administrative Purchasing and Inventory Control

The Administrative Purchasing and Inventory Control division manages many behind-the-scenes areas at the Jonesboro Police Department. Sergeant Karen Oldham is the Administrative Sergeant who oversees this division. This division oversees purchasing, fleet management, applicant background investigations, taxi cab inspections, inventory control, and many other ad-hoc situational requests.

Fleet Maintenance

Fleet Maintenance is responsible for all of the police vehicle maintenance upkeep, cleanliness, and purchasing. In addition, this Division handles most of the purchasing of equipment, supplies, and uniforms for all of the Police Department.



Repair Costs by Model Year	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
95-99	\$ -	\$ -	0%
2000	\$ 161.97	\$ 2,068.09	-92%
2001	\$ -	\$ -	0%
2002	\$ -	\$ -	0%
2003	\$ 1,516.05	\$ 331.48	357%
2004	\$ 774.15	\$ 944.01	-18%
2005	\$ 545.81	\$ 2,351.10	-77%
2006	\$ 12,999.31	\$ 19,806.15	-34%
2007	\$ 20,520.11	\$ 19,595.76	5%
2008	\$ 7,008.78	\$ 18,203.39	-61%
2009	\$ 14,547.78	\$ 8,736.48	67%
2010	\$ 2,263.89	\$ 2,603.01	-13%
2011	\$ 14,414.60	\$ 5,054.31	185%
2012	\$ 240.99	\$ 1,250.81	-81%
2013	\$ 1,845.70	\$ 1,685.62	9%
2014	\$ 3,841.82	\$ 3,136.08	23%
2015	\$ 632.60	\$ -	63260%
TOTALS	\$81,313.56	\$85,766.29	-5%
Routine Preventative Maintenance by Model Year	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
95-99	\$ -	\$ 24.50	-100%
2000	\$ 194.20	\$ 40.00	386%
2001	\$ 12.00	\$ -	1200%
2002	\$ 300.00	\$ -	30000%
2003	\$ 561.59	\$ 187.54	199%
2004	\$ 732.51	\$ 1,261.77	-42%
2005	\$ 377.00	\$ 1,146.54	-67%
2006	\$ 6,219.67	\$ 6,913.17	-10%
2007	\$ 4,808.13	\$ 10,321.90	-53%
2008	\$ 927.36	\$ 3,843.20	-76%
2009	\$ 4,720.76	\$ 6,906.77	-32%
2010	\$ 2,584.75	\$ 1,178.78	119%
2011	\$ 12,813.61	\$ 16,914.45	-24%
2012	\$ 936.92	\$ 1,760.49	-47%
2013	\$ 3,559.06	\$ 1,565.81	127%
2014	\$ 4,382.57	\$ 3,723.11	18%
2015	\$ 1,035.43	\$ -	103543%
TOTALS	\$44,165.56	\$55,788.03	-21%

Crime Analysis Unit



The Crime Analysis Unit consists of one Crime Analyst and one part-time Crime Analyst Assistant. The Crime Analyst position is responsible for the analysis and dissemination of crime activity data and the collection and maintenance of crime intelligence information for the city of Jonesboro. Additionally, the Crime Analyst is charged with providing the Jonesboro Police Department with current and accurate crime maps presenting crime activity data to audiences of interest and with responding to requests for crime data from civilians and departmental staff. Data exported from this division is used by field agents for more effective, efficient policing; by administration for improved staffing decisions; and by the Mayor’s office for community decision making and enhanced public relations.

Professional Standards

The Office of Professional Standards, a unit within Administration, is charged with the compilation and updating of an extensive set of policies and procedures and providing a general operations guideline and code of conduct for officers to follow. In the event that a member of the public does experience a negative interaction with an officer, mechanisms are in place for them to lodge a complaint. All complaints are reviewed and investigations completed in a timely manner.

Professional Standards	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Opened (TOTAL)	63	67	-6%
Closed	62	66	-6%
Inquiries	46	54	-15%
Formal Investigations	16	13	23%
Sustained	44	36	22%
Not-Sustained	8	11	-27%
Exhonerated	5	1	400%
Unfounded	9	18	-50%

Records

The Records Division is responsible for providing administrative and clerical support to the department. Major responsibilities include entering the accident and incident reports and tickets into the records database management system, assisting the general public for report requests, performing criminal backgrounds, serving as a switchboard at times, performing validations, and setting up and managing the payment plans out of court.

RECORDS	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Incident/Arrest Reports Processed	12971	14772	-12%
Accident Reports Processed	2611	2843	-8%
Citations Processed	31971	39671	-19%
Warnings Processed	9953	17346	-43%
Backgrounds	117	91	29%
Photos	5	2	150%
Accident Requests	891	870	2%
Accident Requests Online	2063	1811	14%
TOTALS	60,582	77,406	-22%

Animal Control

The Animal Control Division is responsible for educating the public on safe and humane issues regarding animal treatment, enforcing all animal laws and ordinances, assisting the public in resolving animal issues, and protecting the safety and welfare of the citizens and animals in this community. The Jonesboro Police Departments Animal Control Division houses and provides humane care for lost and abandoned animals in the community. It strives to reunite pets with their owners, but if this is not feasible or desirable it prepares and promotes these animals for adoption.



Animal Control Officer Eric Schmett

Incidents	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Barking Complaints	95	77	23%
Bite Reports	68	50	36%
Door Hangers	643	647	-1%
Welfare Checks	885	695	27%
Advised of Rights	11491	11772	-2%
Incident Reports	66	49	35%
Gone on Arrival	708	649	9%
Complaints	7594	9971	-24%
Desk Complaints	19021	17543	8%
Captured Dogs	1577	1797	-12%
Captured Cats	223	290	-23%
Captured Wildlife	438	376	16%
Chemical Captures	17	12	42%
Traps	593	390	52%
Deceased Animals	1165	738	58%
Assist J.P.D.	79	65	22%
Assist C.S.O.	59	104	-43%
Public Relations	4747	4500	5%
CITATIONS ISSUED	818	619	32%
WARNINGS ISSUED	1474	1435	3%
Physical Arrests	133	141	-6%
City Warrants Served	121	146	-17%
County Warrants Served	0	2	-100%
Euthanized	784	0	78400%
Euthanized for Humane Society	0	930	-100%
Deceased Animals Landfill lbs.	28400	29140	-3%
Wildlife Euthanized	438	376	16%
Sent to Rescue Centers	84	192	-56%
Adoptions	468	583	-20%
Miles Driven	103010	95991	7%

K-9

The Jonesboro Police Department K-9 Unit is made up of six teams and is supervised by Sgt. Larry Rogers.



K-9 Officer Jason Myers with "Marko."



Officers Erik Johnson with "Gabo", Jason Myers with "Marko", Blake Bristow with "Flak", Bryan Bailey with "Shine, and Pete Lochner with "Kasso"

Each team consists of a handler and K-9. Five of the teams are trained in narcotics detection and patrol work, to include aggression and tracking and are responsible for assisting patrol units when requested. We also have one team trained in explosives detection and patrol work. Each team must participate in at least sixteen hours of formal training per month and are certified on a yearly basis. K-9 teams are also available for demonstrations at local schools.

Quality of Life (Code Enforcement)

The Quality of Life Unit was created in October 2012. The purpose of the QOL Unit is to reduce crime in specific areas of Jonesboro by exploring and utilizing all the available resources of the City of Jonesboro in coordination with efforts by citizens and private groups in Jonesboro. There are two basic principles that guide the QOL Unit's actions. The first is that physical disorder is both a byproduct as well as an attractant to criminal activity, and that if the physical order of a neighborhood is improved, there should be a measurable reduction in criminal activity in that area. Second, the consequences of criminal activity can go beyond incarceration, and include loss of public benefits, eviction, loss of personal property, litigation, etc. The pending application of these alternative consequences can be as much or more of a deterrent to criminal activity than the threat of incarceration. Lieutenant Todd Nelson is overseeing all operations of the unit.

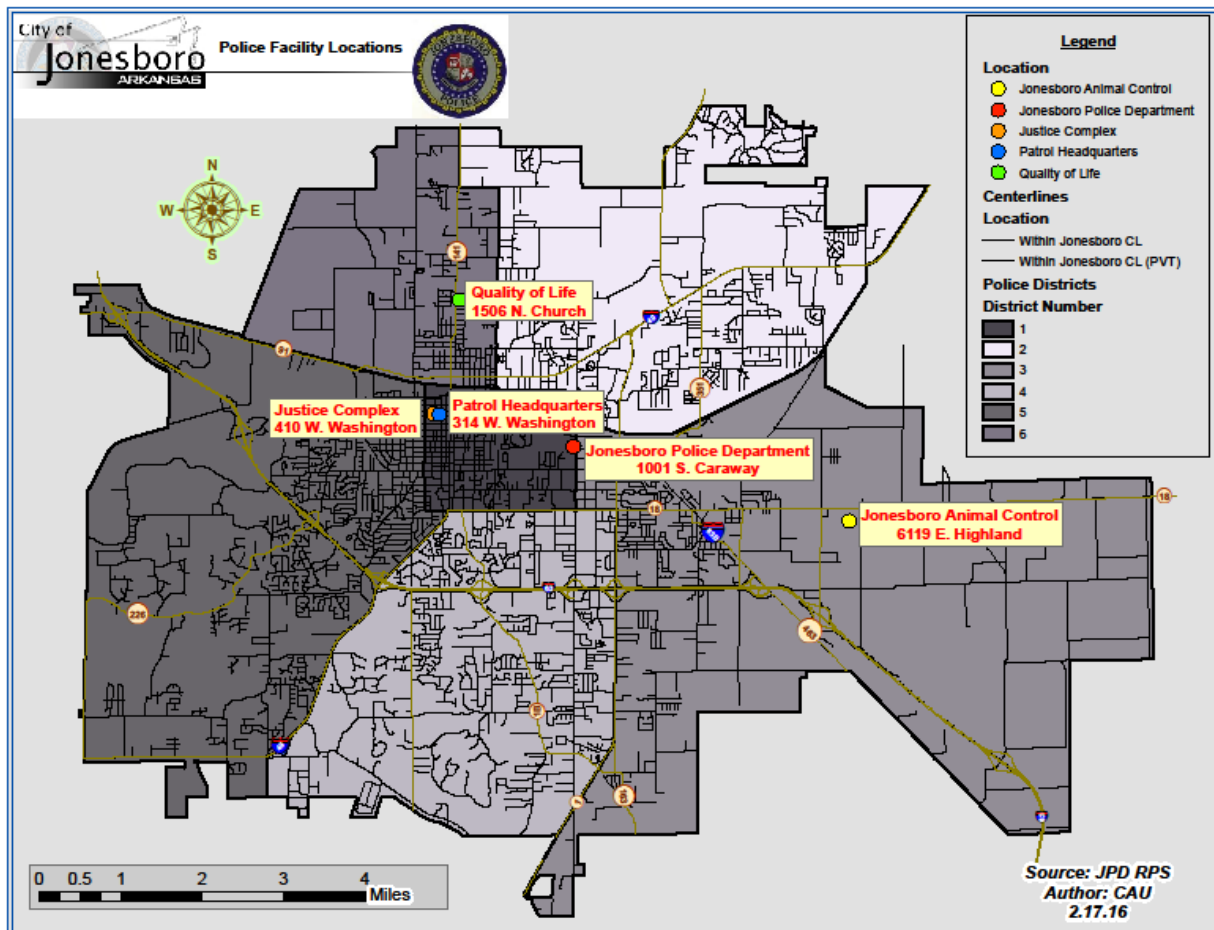


Accreditation Program

The Jonesboro Police Department entered into a contract with the State of Arkansas to participate in the Arkansas Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. The Accreditation Program requires the JPD to provide proofs from each of our divisions to the state that we are following the law enforcement rules and regulations. Periodically, the State of Arkansas assigns an Assessor to come to the Jonesboro Police Department to view our proofs and our facility to ensure the JPD is in compliance.

Police Facilities

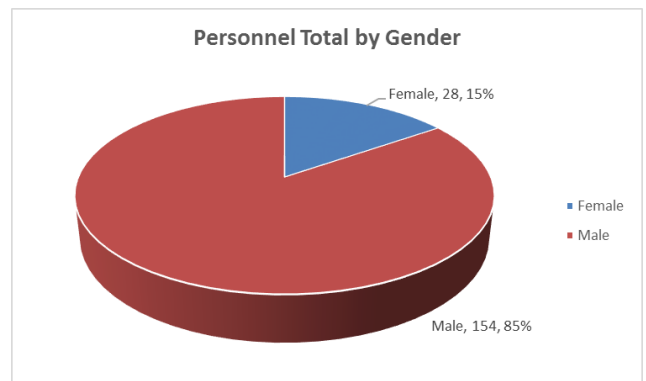
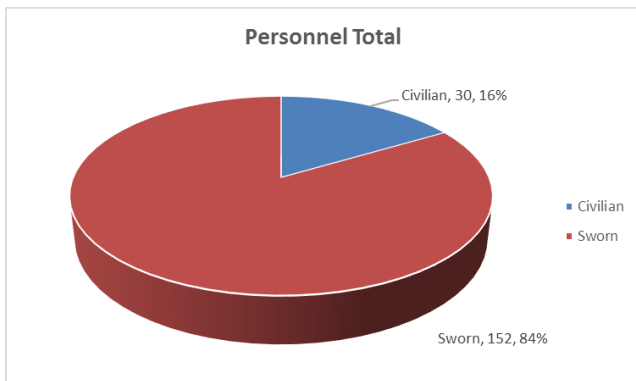
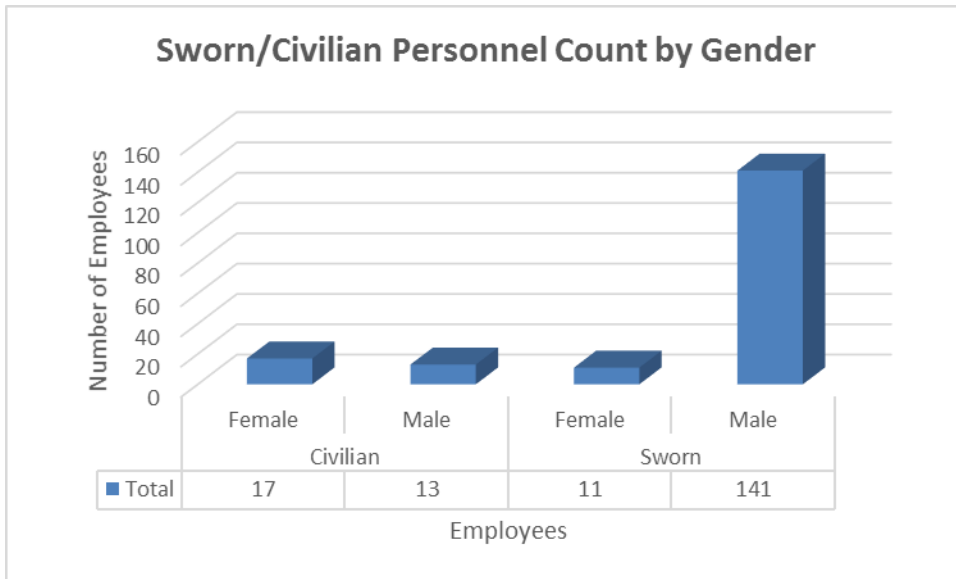
The Police Department operates out of multiple facilities in order to serve the community. The Jonesboro Police Department, located at 1001 S. Caraway Rd. is where Police Administration is located, as well as the Records division, Crime Analytics, Fleet Maintenance, CID, ICAC, and Evidence. The Justice Complex, located at 410 W. Washington, houses the E911 department and many special services operations such as training and warrants. True to their names, the Patrol Headquarters, located at 314 W. Washington, and Quality of Life building, located at 1506 N. Church, house our Patrol Division and Quality of Life divisions, respectively. Animal Control is located at 6119 E. Highland.



Staffing Summary

Division	Number of Officers
Administration	5
Animal Control	1
Criminal Investigation	17
DARE	2
Drug Task Force	9
New Hires	12
Patrol	80
Police Purchasing	2
Quality of Life/Code Enforcement	1
School Resource Officers	10
Traffic	6
Training	1
Warrants	6
Sworn	152

Position	Number
Chief	1
Assistant Chief	1
Captain	4
Lieutenant	7
Sergeant	21
Officer	118
Civilian	30



2015 Awards

Officer of the Year

Ptl. Chris Jefferson 2016

Officer of the Quarter

Cpl. John Shipman January – March

Dfc. Jason Simpkins April – June

Sgt. George Martin July – September

Lt. Todd Nelson October - December

Lifesaving Medal

Sgt. John Porbeck Rescue CPR

Ptl. Scott Byrd Rescue CPR

Sgt. Cassandra Brandon Saved drowning victim

Ptl. Chris Pigg Used tourniquet on victim’s leg

Pfc. Jeremy Smith Used tourniquet on employee’s arm

Pfc. Paul J. Williams Apartment fire – rescued occupant

Pfc. Heath Loggains Apartment fire – rescued occupant

Pfc. Nathan Coleman Apartment fire – rescued occupant

Ptl. Josh Landreth Apartment fire – rescued occupant

Pfc. Joe Robinson Apartment fire – rescued occupant

Honorable Service

Pfc. Nick Dean Body Camera Evaluations

Pfc. Chris Jefferson Body Camera Evaluations

Cpl. Jason Chester Body Camera Evaluations

Top Gun

Sgt. John Porbeck 498/500

Years of Service Awards

30 Years

Assistant Chief Tim Eads

Lt. Roy Coleman

25 Years

Lt. Scott Baxter

Sgt. Derick Goodrich

Cpl. Donna Johnston

Lt. Jim Chambers

Sgt. Cooper Taylor

Sgt. Steve Richardson

Sgt. Karen Oldham

20 Years

Cpl. Kevin Foust

15 Years

Cpl. Vic Brooks

Sgt. Scott Baker

Cpl. Bill Anderson

Cpl. John Shipman

Cpl. Keri Varner

10 Years

Cpl. Caleb Landreth

Cpl. Susan Gray

Sgt. Trey Dupuy

Sgt. Brad Rossman

Cpl. Gary Jackson

Cpl. Mike McCanless

5 Years

Pfc. Jeremy Wheelis

Pfc. Nicholas Dumond

Pfc. Chris Jefferson

Pfc. Brett Mann

Pfc. Richard Rothwell

Pfc. Dustin Smith

The City

Over the past 25 years Jonesboro has become, in many ways, the unofficial capital of Northeast Arkansas.

As the fifth largest city in Arkansas, Jonesboro is by far the most populous NEA city with an estimated 72,210 people in 2010, and its growth rate has been consistently near the top of all cities in the state for many years. Neighboring Paragould, also a growing city, is a distant second in NEA with 27,465 people, to rank 18th in Arkansas.

Jonesboro, with a landmass of 82 square miles, ranks second in physical size among Arkansas cities — behind only Little Rock.

The Jonesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area has a population of about 130,000. The “Jonesboro City Guide” for 2015, a publication of the Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce, says that more than 1 million people reside within a 65-mile radius of Jonesboro and that its labor shed, covering 11 counties, is about 400,000.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors in January reported that the Jonesboro MSA had a 4.3 percent spike in job growth in 2015, the highest rate of any MSA in the state and 64th best in the United States. The report estimated job growth of 2.3 percent this year, second best in Arkansas.

Jonesboro consistently has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. The city began 2015 with a 5.8 percent unemployment rate but had a rate that hovered at or near 4 percent for the second half of 2015 and finished with 3.7 percent in December.

Jonesboro had 36,513 people in its workforce as of December, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. That’s a thousand more workers than at the beginning of the year. Further, that’s about 5,000 more people who were employed in Jonesboro as compared to January 2008 — which indicates that the Jonesboro economy weathered the recession quite well.

One reason for that is that the two largest employers in the Jonesboro MSA are in the businesses of health care and education, which are less susceptible to bad economic times than other industries. The Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce reports that St. Bernard’s Healthcare had 2,833 employees in 2014, and Arkansas State University had 2,435.

In addition, the Northeast Arkansas Baptist Health System opened a new \$400 million hospital and medical campus in early 2014 and hired about 500 new employees, bringing its staff to about 1,800

Other top employers include several food services giants — Nestle, Frito-Lay, Riceland Foods, Butterball and Post Foods — which also tend not to be as affected by a recession as other industries.

ASU figures to add even more strength to the area economy by establishing a College of Osteopathic Medicine on the Jonesboro campus. Under a partnership with the New York Institute of Technology, ASU will open the program in August with as many as 115 students.

Construction in Jonesboro continues at a steady pace. Mayor Harold Perrin in his 2016 State of the City address said the total value of new construction in the city last year was \$85.1 million. Adding renovations to existing structures, building permits issued by the city totaled \$140.4 million.

The city Planning Department processed 47 new commercial business projects and plans for 28 new subdivisions.

Last year the City of Jonesboro opened a most unique facility, the Miracle League Field, the world’s largest such facility providing educational opportunities to children with serious physical and mental disabilities.

Unity in the Community

“Community policing is a philosophy that promotes and supports organizational strategies to address the cause of crime, to reduce the fear of crime and social disorder through problem-solving tactics and community-police partnerships.”

-Community Oriented Policing Services Office



The Jonesboro Police Department believes in building a strong relationship with the community we serve. Our officers are involved in many community outreach events through the department as well as with professional organizations such as the Fraternal Order of Police or the Police Benevolent Association. Some of those events include Shop with a Cop, Special Olympics, Law Enforcement Torch Run, National Night Out and Citizen Police Academy. Our officers have also worked with Make-a-Wish, United Way, John 3:16, local churches and schools, neighborhood groups and many other organizations.



Make-a-Wish

In November of 2015, the JPD was able to fulfill a make-a-wish for a young man in town named Thomas. His dream was to become a Jonesboro Police officer.

Thomas entered an abridged version of the Police Academy. He was officially sworn in as a Jonesboro Police officer by Circuit Judge Brent Davis.

From there, he was the lead detective in a case that resulted in a traffic stop, an apprehension of the suspect, and a trip to the Justice Complex where he was able to see the suspect be sent to jail.

Thomas also had his dream of going to Disney World fulfilled.



Officer Thomas, sworn in by Circuit Judge Brent Davis with Police Chief Rick Elliot and Sherriff Marty Boyd in attendance, as well as other JPD officers.

Special Olympics



Many officers choose to volunteer in their off-duty time with Special Olympics Arkansas, which provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for all children and adults with intellectual disabilities. This affords the Special Olympics athletes opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

The yearly Law Enforcement Torch Run benefits Special Olympics by raising money and awareness. JPD officers are eager every year to run for a good cause.

What began as a 30-mile run is now a four-day relay that covers more than 1200 miles and 700 runners. The Torch Run in Arkansas originates in over 12 locations and culminates at the site of the state Summer Games.



Jonesboro officers also participate in other events to benefit Special Olympics Arkansas, including Polar Plunge and Tip A Cop.

Shop with a Cop



Volunteers from the Jonesboro Police Department joined with representatives of several other area law enforcement agencies to help brighten Christmas for nearly three dozen children through the Shop with a Cop program.



Sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge Number 8 and the Jonesboro Rotary Club, the event not only helps children who would likely be unable to afford Christmas gifts, but also serves to build rapport between police officers and children they serve and protect.

Kids and officers meet at the FOP lodge and then travel together to Chick-Fil-A for breakfast and then go to the shops at the Mall at Turtle Creek.



National Night Out

National Night Out is another example of the police-community partnerships that the Jonesboro Police Department and the citizens of Jonesboro work so hard to establish and maintain.

This annual community-building campaign promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood safety through the sharing of a meal, games, and other activities.

In 2015, officers participated in large National Night Out events at CWL Park (737 West Cherry), at Miles Park (1605 North Bridge) and in front of Life Strategies Counseling (1200 block of Stone Street).



Day of Caring



2015 marked the 60th year for United Way and the second year that the Jonesboro PD was pleased to participate in the annual United Way Day of Caring. This event matches community volunteer groups with various community non-profit organizations in need of special service projects. The projects the department participated in 2015 ranged from cleaning, landscaping, and painting to simple handyman-type tasks, such as assembling shelves and other furniture. Participating teams were encouraged to compete in a t-shirt design contest and the JPD was fortunate enough to bring home the T-shirt design contest trophy!

Citizen Police Academy



CPA Spring 2015 Class

The Citizen Police Academy takes an interactive approach with opportunities for hands-on activities to reinforce the curriculum taught by police officers and specialized law enforcement personnel. Classes covered a wide range of topics including patrol operations, police canine operations, criminal investigations, crime prevention techniques, traffic stops, becoming a better witness, police use of force and SWAT. Students also may choose from electives such as a firing range day, a Simunition course, an interactive Dispatch session and a ride-along with a patrol officer.

The mission is to educate the community about the Jonesboro Police Department in order to dispel misconceptions about police officers and police functions, encourage a partnership with the community to enable community-led problem solving and create an environment for positive police and community interaction. The academy does not create police officers, but rather seeks to educate citizens about the policies, procedures and the laws that govern officers' actions. In turn, the police department benefits by gaining a better understanding of the views and concerns of the community.



CPA Fall 2015 Class

Police Chief Rick Elliott set the establishment of a Citizen Police Academy as a goal when he became police chief in 2014. He assigned Sgt. Cassie Brandon to plan and develop the curriculum, arrange for the instructors and lead the sessions. Brandon, who was serving as a Sergeant in the department's Criminal Investigation Division, has since been assigned to lead the community outreach and recruiting effort. The Police Department held its first Citizen Police Academy in Spring of 2015. The class graduated 33 citizens. The second class session in the fall has successfully graduated 31 citizens. The Alumni have formed an association in order to maintain contact with the Police Department. The Police Department will continue this program two times per year.

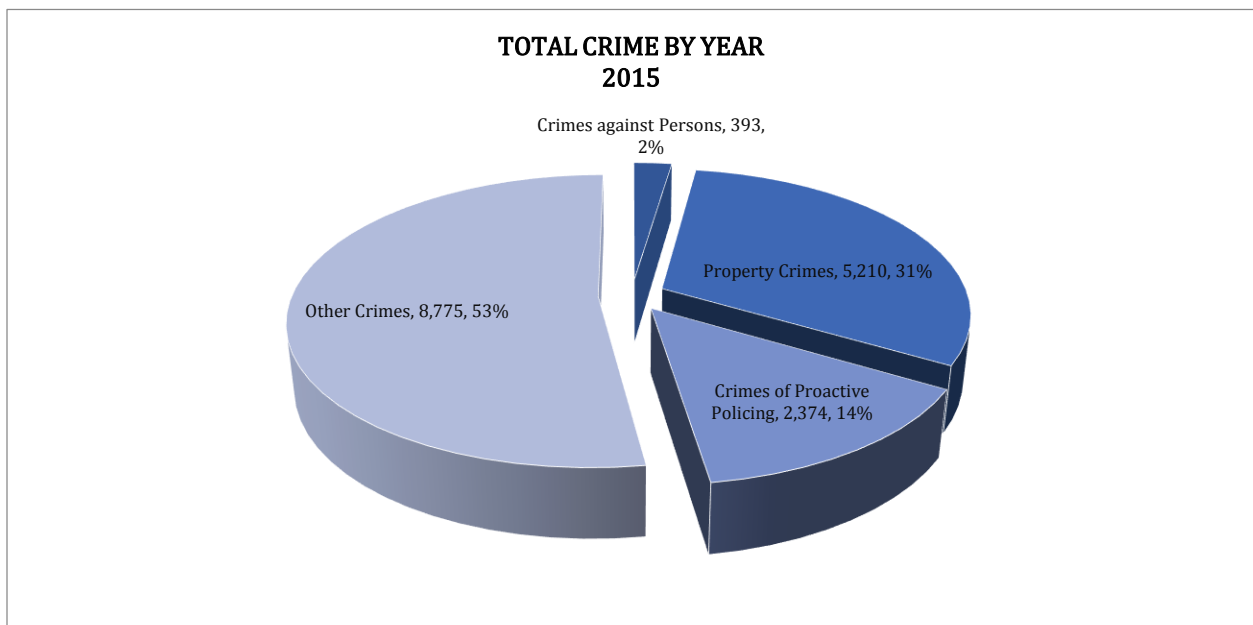
Statistics

FBI Crime Ranking Comparisons 2014

City	Population	Part 1 Crimes Per 1000	Total Crime	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Jonesboro	72569	4.08	3552	380	3172
Little Rock	198217	7.15	17012	2759	14253
North Little Rock	67031	4.07	3272	426	2846
Fort Smith	87989	5.05	5335	663	4672
Fayetteville	80263	3.94	3793	399	3394
Rogers	61105	2.71	1987	210	1777
Pine Bluff	45402	5.93	3232	576	2656
Blytheville	15009	8.41	1514	260	1254
Memphis	654922	6.44	50616	11399	39217

Crime Summary

The crime activity for the 2015 was at a total of 16,752 NIBRS reportable offenses, a 2% decrease compared to the total number of offenses reported in 2014. With Jonesboro population estimated to be equal to 72,958, the crime rate in 2015 was at 19 crimes per 1,000 population, compared to 20 crimes per 1,000 population in 2014. As indicated on the pie chart below, Other Crimes absorb the majority, 53%, of 2015 crime activity ($n = 8,775$), Property Crimes comprise of 31% of crimes ($n = 5,210$), Crimes of Proactive Policing is comprised of 14% ($n = 2,374$) of all reported crimes, and Crimes Against Persons is comprised of 2% ($n = 393$) of all reported crimes in 2015.



Emergency 911

Also known as the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), the Emergency 911 Division is responsible for answering all calls from public for emergency assistance, accessing the needed information to best assist callers, and then assigning the most efficient and effective emergency response. In addition, this department is responsible for setting priority call dispatching to field units including Police, Fire, and EMS. Emergency 911 also maintains all records for radio logs, calls for service, and other emergency service data collections. Below please find the 2014/2015 E911 statistics, the Top 5 calls for service over the last 10 years, and the number of calls for service over the last 10 years.

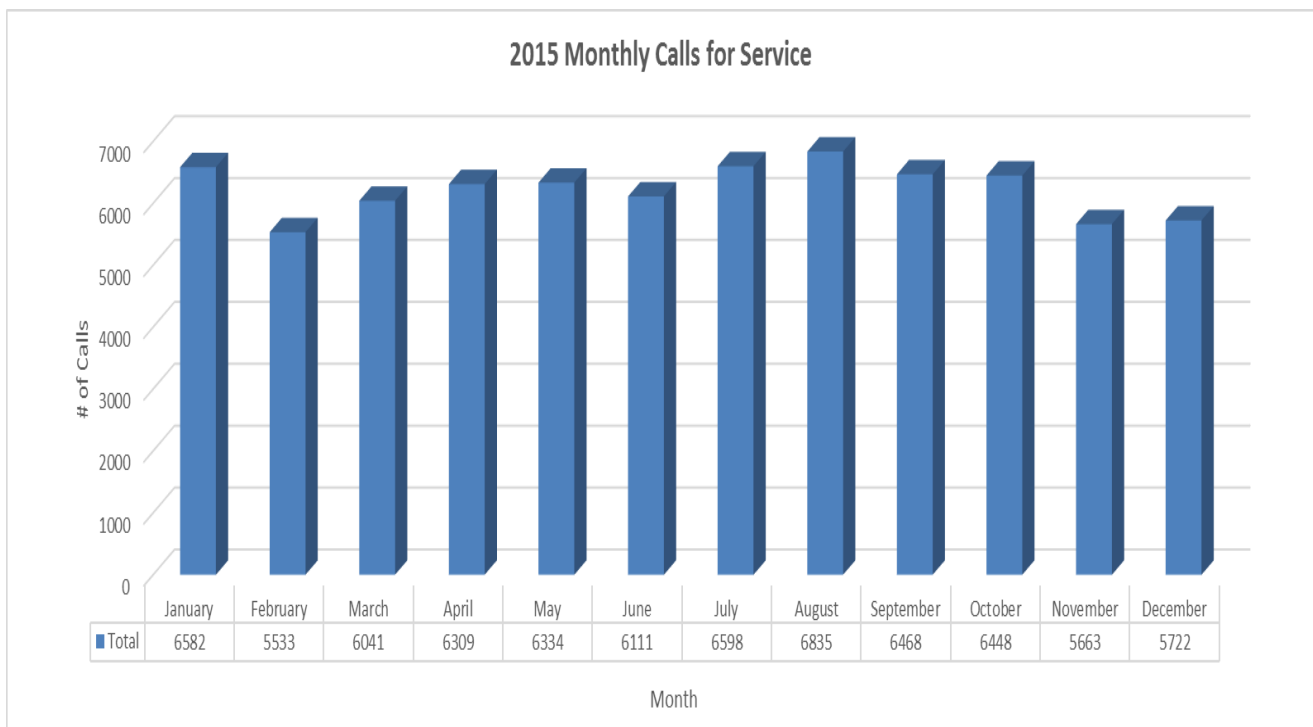
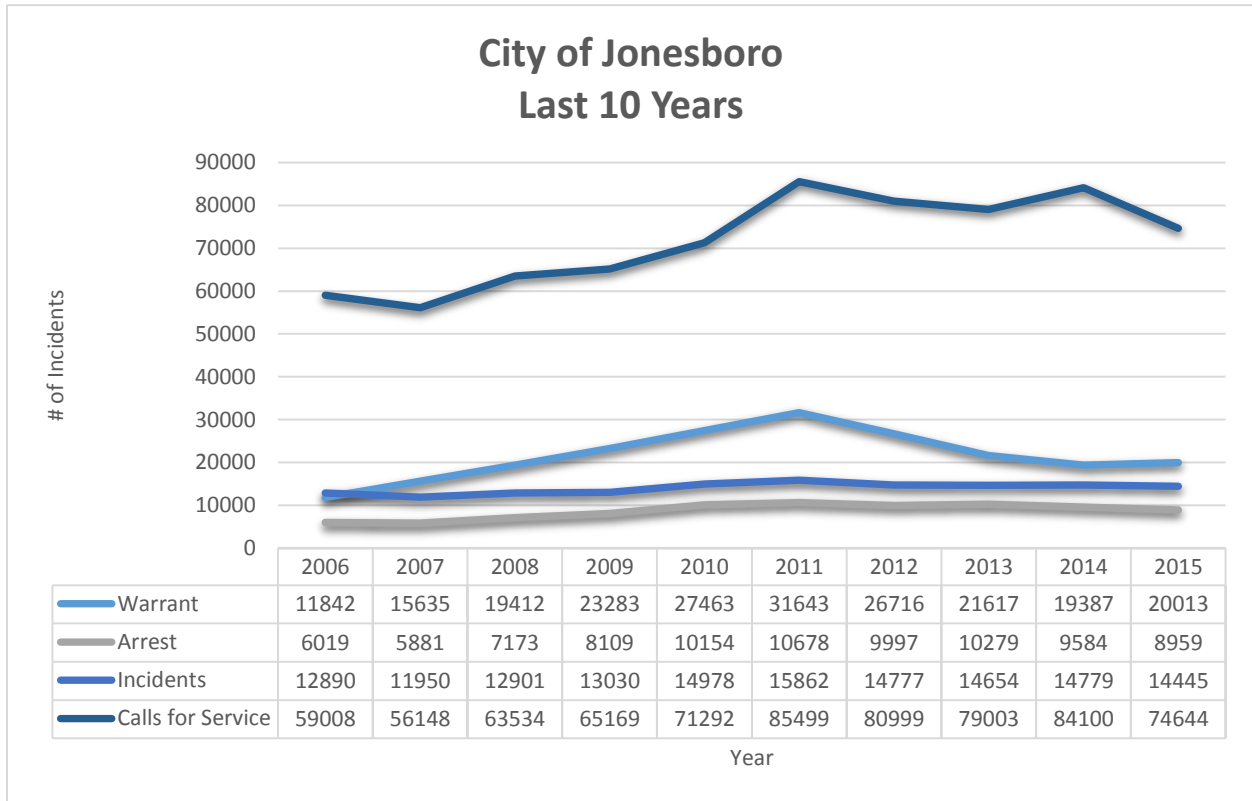
Calls by Type	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Land Line	9,880	10,025	-1%
Cell Phone	69,508	60,561	15%
Admin Lines	180,282	171,835	5%
TOTALS	259,670	242,421	7%
Calls by Agency	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Jonesboro PD Calls	75,532	86,742	-13%
Craighead Cty Sheriff	13,385	13,783	-3%
Jonesboro Fire Dpt - dispatch	2,766	2,462	12%
Jonesboro Fire Dpt - Med Asst	2,045	1,801	14%
Craighead Cty - Fire	568	639	-11%
Craighead Cty - 1st Responder	1,317	1,412	-7%
Emerson Ambulance	4,018	3,710	8%
Medic One	4,678	4,142	13%
Air Evac	12	5	140%
Coroner	30	43	-30%
ARK State Police	97	95	2%
Jonesboro Animal Control	17	50	-66%
Wreckers Called	2,756	2,590	6%
TOTALS	107,221	117,474	-9%
Calls by Municipality	YTD	Last YTD	Change YTD
Bay PD	1,047	1,446	-28%
Bono PD	2,728	3,486	-22%
Brookland PD	3,085	2,687	15%
Caraway PD	760	520	46%
Cash PD	1,795	2,060	-13%
Egypt PD	121	89	36%
Lake City PD	1,609	1,266	27%
Monette PD	1,178	1,391	-15%
TOTALS	12,323	11,925	3%

Top 5 Calls for Service	
Call Type	# of Calls
Alarm	38535
Extra Patrol	31945
Accident (no injury)	22118
Welfare Check	12498
Check Area	12007

Year	# of Calls for Service
2006	59008
2007	56148
2008	63534
2009	65169
2010	71292
2011	85499
2012	80999
2013	79003
2014	84100
2015	74644
Grand Total	719396

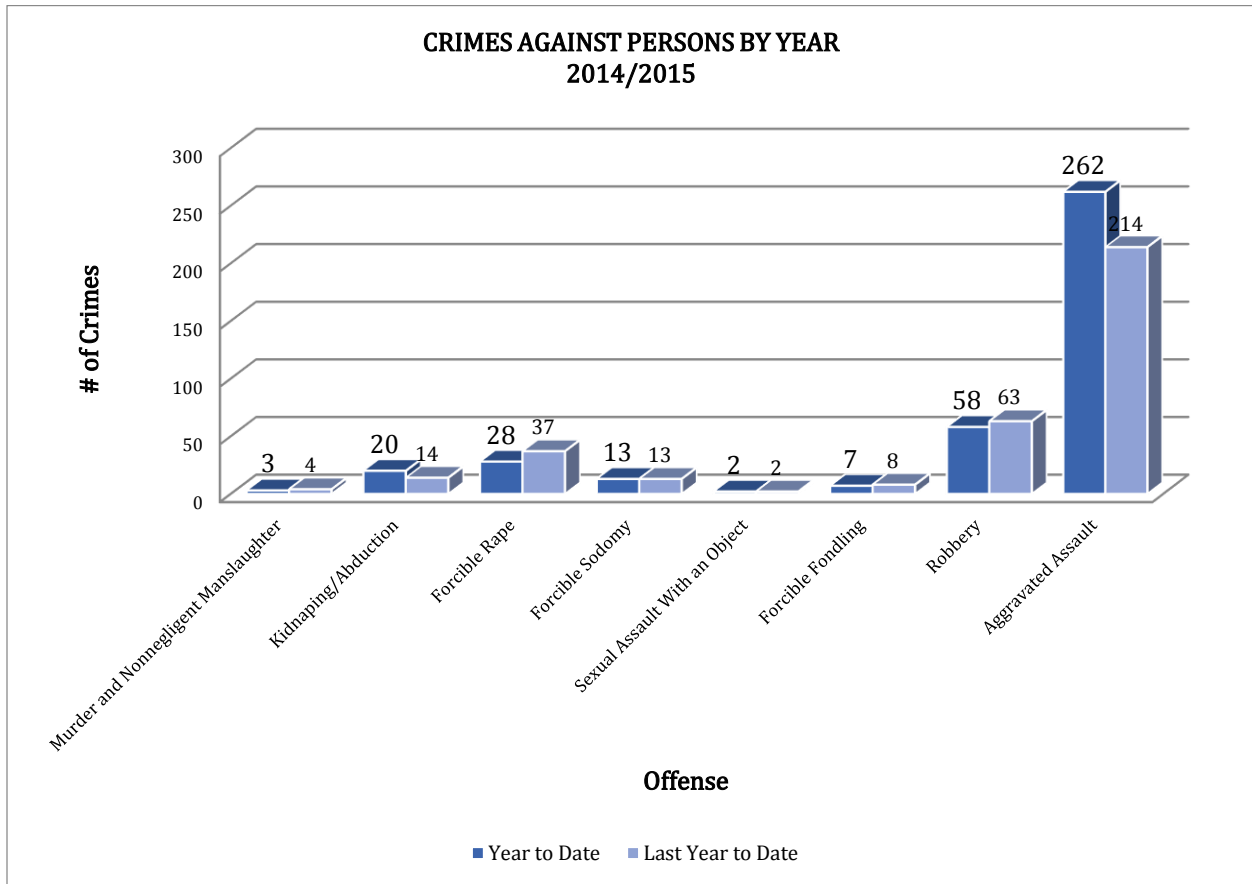
Calls for Service vs Incidents vs Warrants vs Arrests Last 10 Years

Calls for Service are trending up over the last 10 years. Warrants saw a spike around 2009-2011, but have leveled out. Overall, warrants is slightly trending up, while Incidents and Arrests remain steady.



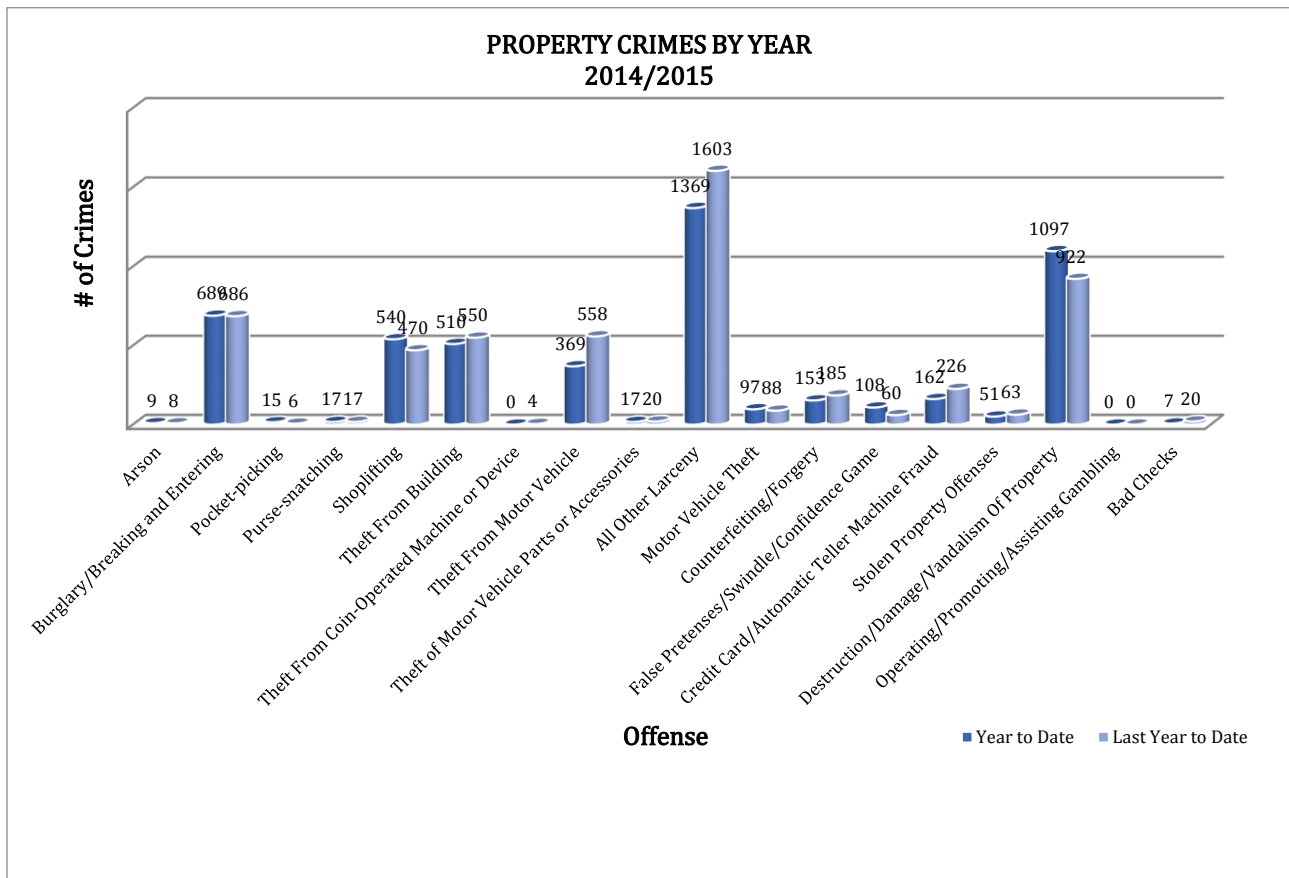
Major Crimes Against Persons

There are 9 NIBRS offenses that make up this section. There were a total of 393 offenses in this area in 2015. As demonstrated on the column chart below, the most significant change was aggravated assault, which increased by 22% (up 48 incidents) in 2015.



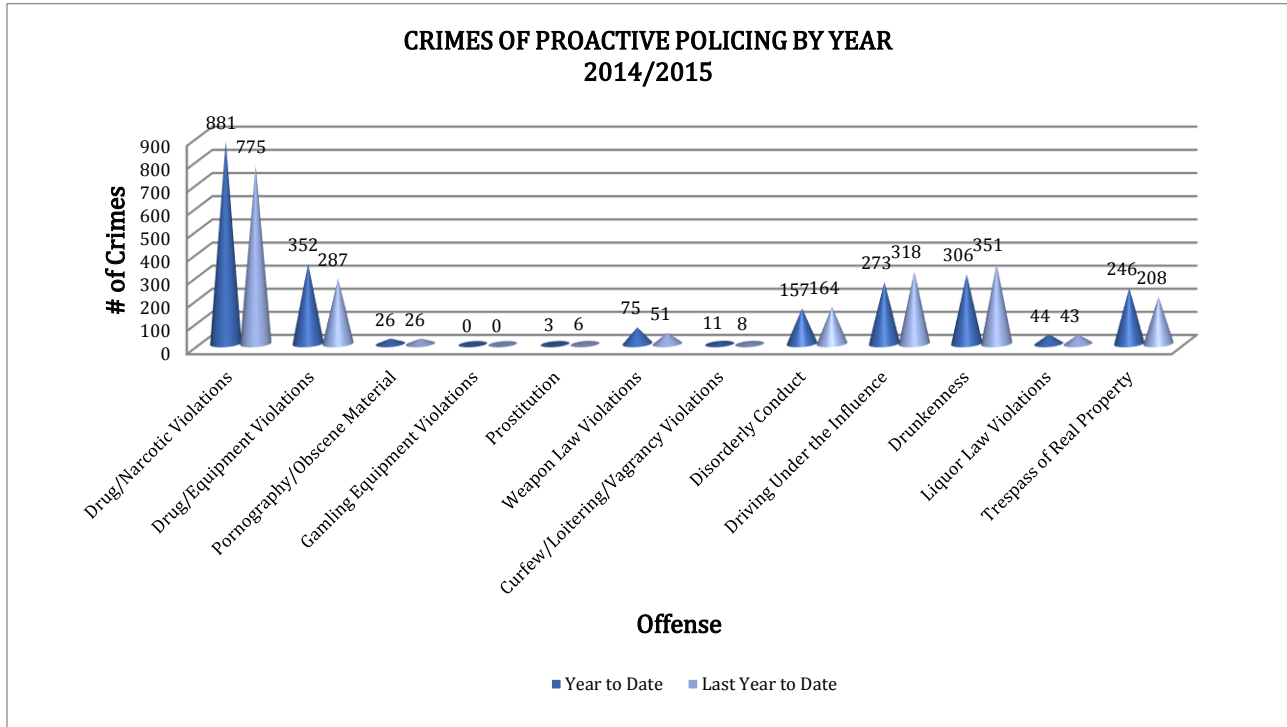
Crimes Against Property

This section displays the criminal activity for property crimes. In 2015, there were a total of 5,210 Property Crimes, a 5% decrease compared to 2014. Theft From Motor Vehicle is down by 34% (189 incident decrease), while Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property is up 19% (a 175 incident increase). No other significant changes are noted for the remainder of the offenses in this category of crimes.



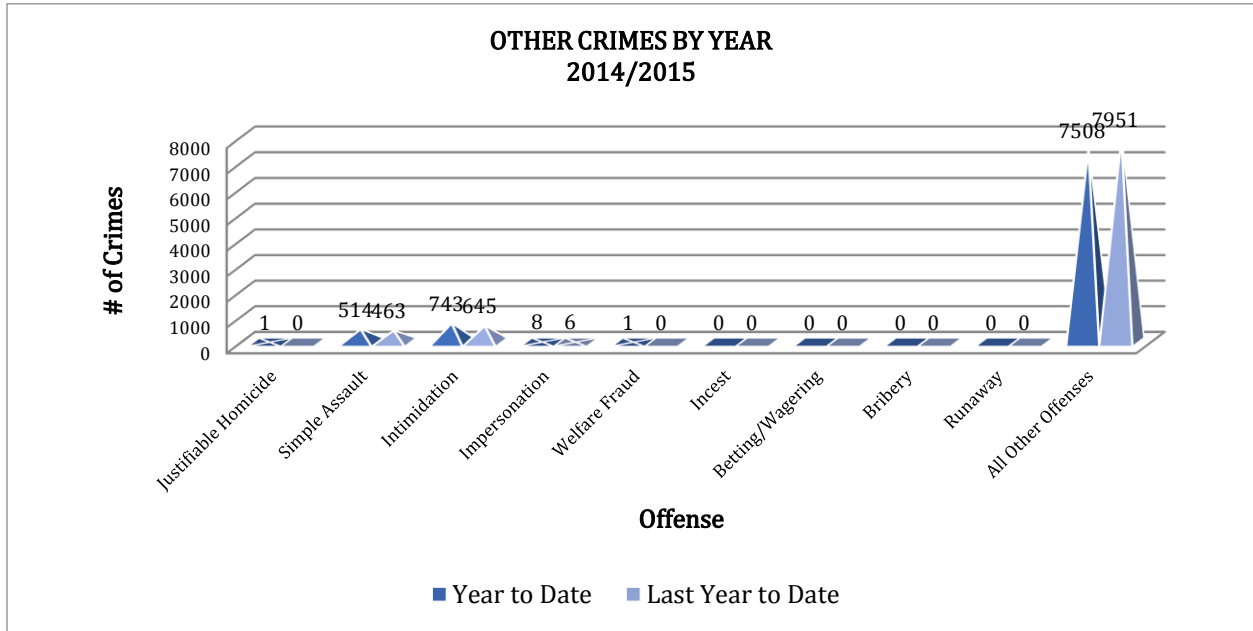
Crimes of Proactive Policing

Crimes of Proactive Policing are crimes that result from police officers actively policing the streets to combat certain types of street crime. As chart below indicates, twelve crimes fall under this category. A total of 2,374 offenses have been reported in 2015, up 6% compared to 2014. Drug/Narcotic Violations are up 14% (a 106 incident increase). Driving Under the Influence Violations are down 14% (a 45 incident decrease). There are no other major changes noted for the offenses in this category.



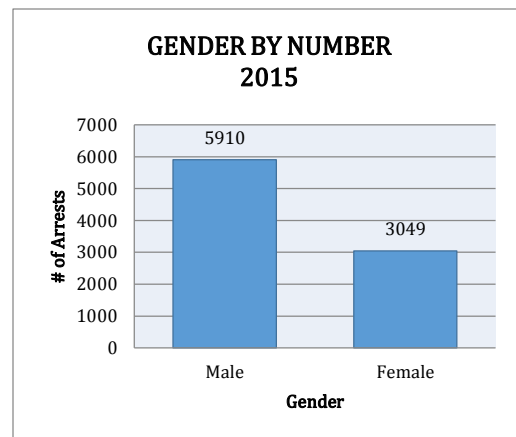
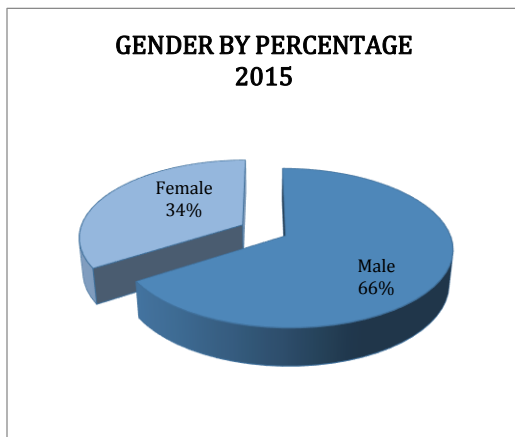
Other Crimes

There are 10 offenses that fall into the Other Crimes category. In 2015, there have been a total of 8,775 Other Crimes reported, a 3% decrease compared to 2014. Intimidation has increased by 15% (a 98 incident increase). All Other Offenses have decreased by 6% (a 443 incident decrease). No other major changes are noted in this category of crimes in 2015.

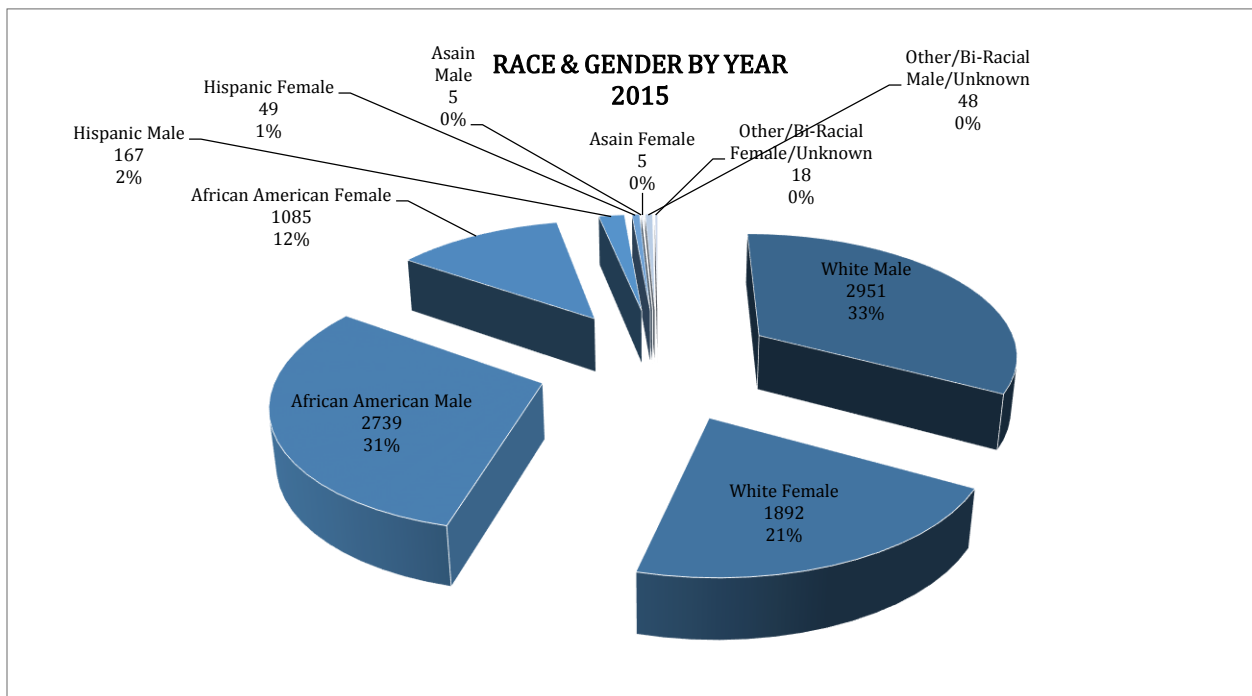
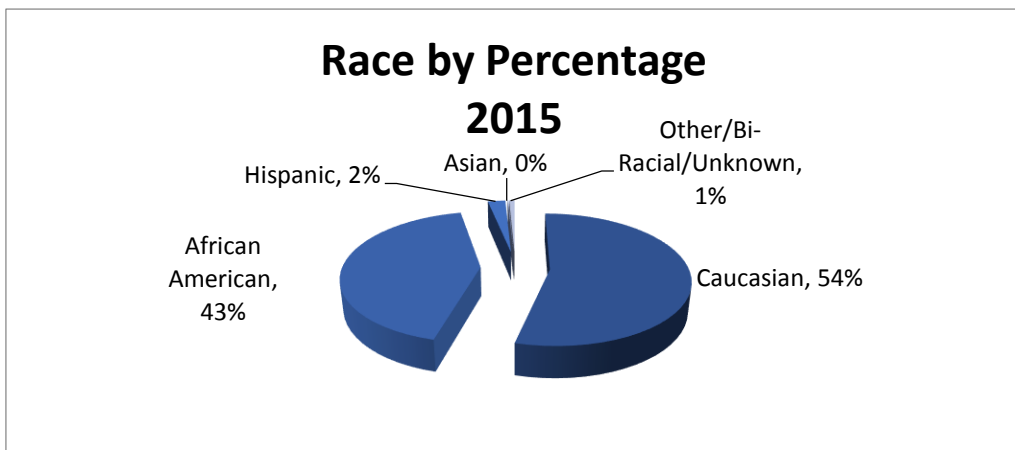
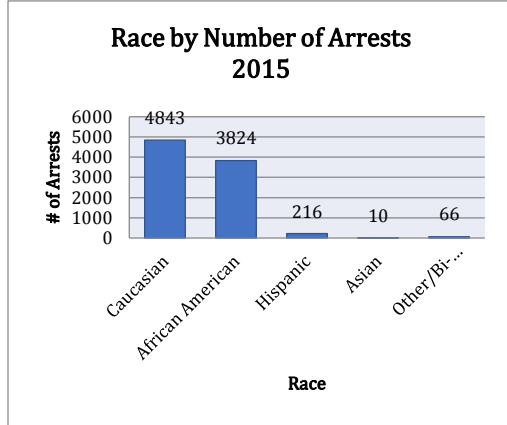


Demographic Crime Data: Gender and Race 2015

In 2015, there were a total of 8959 arrests carried out by the Jonesboro Police Department. This section breaks down 2015 arrests by race and gender. The majority of arrestees, 66%, have been male (n= 5910), as opposed to 34% of female arrestees (n= 3049).



As for the racial/ethnic composition, the majority of arrestees have been Caucasian (54%) and African American (43%), compared to Hispanic (2%), Asian (0%), or other/unknown/bi-racial (1%). Caucasian males make up the majority, at 33% arrestees in 2015, followed by African American males at 31% arrestees. Caucasian females make up 21%, while African American females make up 12% of all the arrestees in 2015. Hispanic males make up 2%, Other/Unknown race males represent less than 1% of arrestees, and females of Other/Unknown race make up for less than 1%, There were 10 Asian arrested in 2015.



What's New in 2015

Chief

Appointed to Chief of Police September 2014, Rick Elliott has been with the Jonesboro Police Department since October 1992. He was among the first officers to respond to the Westside School shooting in 1998. The shooting was the topic of his presentation at a two-day conference on school violence at Arkansas State University.

Before being appointed the new chief of police, Elliott served in both the patrol and Criminal Investigation Division, DTF, and was the SWAT commander. He has also overseen the department's K-9 unit and served as commander of the Crisis Negotiation Team.

Outside of the Jonesboro Police Department, Elliott served as president of the Fraternal Order of Police and chairman of the city's Employee Representative Committee.



Sex Offender Registration Specialist



The Jonesboro Police Department is responsible for registering sex offenders that live within the city limits of Jonesboro. Tony Williams, the civilian sex offender registration specialist, is assigned to CID to carry out that task. The sex offender registration specialist also investigates instances of offenders failing to register or being non-compliant with registration requirements.

Tony Williams is a Retired Lieutenant of the Paragould Police Department. He served there for 28 years.

Crime Analyst

Katie Haydar has been a Crime Analyst with the Jonesboro Police Department since June 2015 and is a member of the International Association of Crime Analysts. Katie has a Bachelor of Science in International Business with concentration in Supply Chain Management from the University of Arkansas. She has minors in Spanish and Economics. Shortly after leaving college, she worked for 3 years in the private sector, conducting analysis and managing logistical operations for a Fortune 500 company.

Katie has always been fascinated by Sociology as well as Analytics. Becoming a Crime Analyst has allowed her to explore both fields at the same time.



Public Information Officer



Paul Holmes joined the Jonesboro Police Department as the civilian public information specialist in October of 2014, after more than three decades of work in journalism. His job duties include assisting the news media in covering daily news stories and at scenes of incidents, preparing and distributing Police Department news releases and managing the department's social media accounts.

His media experience includes work as a television reporter and producer and as a reporter and editor for a daily newspaper and several magazines, covering police and courts, local government, business and economic development.

Holmes was the lead reporter for the Jonesboro Sun's coverage of the 1998 Westside Middle School shooting case, which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in journalism.

Holmes assumed the duties formerly handled by a sworn police officer. That enables the department to make better use of the city's resources by putting a civilian in the position to allow the officer to devote all his time to police work.

Community Outreach Coordinator

Sgt. Cassie Brandon became a police officer for the Jonesboro Police Department in October of 2004. Since that time, she has served in the patrol division as a patrol officer and shift sergeant, on the Prowl Unit as a narcotics detection canine handler, and in the Criminal Investigations Division as a detective and squad sergeant. In late 2014, Sgt. Brandon was tasked with developing and implementing the department's first Citizen Police Academy and in November of 2015, she became the department's first Community Outreach and Recruiting Officer.



Sgt. Brandon has been awarded Officer of the Month twice, Officer of the Quarter, and was named the Crimestopper's Person of the Year for 2015. She was also recently named as a member of the Crisis Negotiation Team for the Jonesboro Police Department.

Administrative Sergeant



Sergeant Karen Oldham has been with the Police Department for 25 years and 10 of those years she has been a Sergeant. She has been involved in working all 3 shifts of patrol, has served on the Drug Task Force, and has recently assumed the role of Administrative Sergeant. This role associates with many areas of the Jonesboro Police Department, including inventory control, fleet management, purchasing, applicant background investigations, and taxi cab inspections.

Building



The Newly Renovated Police Department Building was officially opened in October 2014.

The building at 1001 S. Caraway Rd was formerly an Army Reserve for many years.

There are many divisions located in this facility, including Command Administration, Records, ICAC, CID, Evidence, Crime Analysis, and the CSI Officer.

Police Academy



The Jonesboro Police Department gained approval recently from the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training to establish its own academy after submitting a lesson plan and report on its proposed faculty.

A number of Jonesboro Police Department's veteran officers teach at the Law Enforcement Training Academy at Black River Technical College in Pocahontas and they are among the instructors for the Jonesboro academy.

The quality of instruction and subject matter are the same as that offered at the Law Enforcement Training Academy at BRTC. However, due to the smaller class size, the JPD Academy can offer more individual instruction compared to the state class. The most recent graduating class at Pocahontas included 55 officers from across the state.

Because the recruits don't have to drive to Pocahontas for class, they can devote more time to their training.

The 13-week course provides instruction and practical application in criminal investigation, accident investigation, firearms, defensive tactics, officer safety techniques, traffic law, criminal law, civil liability and other legal aspects of law enforcement. Trainees also learn first aid, crime prevention, crisis intervention, cultural diversity and other general areas of importance to officers beginning their careers.

After graduation, the recruits continue to work for 12 weeks under the supervision of Field Training Officers before taking to the streets on their own.

By conducting our own Academy class, the Jonesboro Police Department will cut two months off of the time that a new officer would be in training.



Firing Range

The Jonesboro Police Department is in the development stages of a new Shooting Sports Complex.

Plans include a Trap/Skeet area, as well as a 200 yard Rifle Range, a 50 yard Pistol Range, an Archery Range, and a 3-D Archery Range.

The estimated date of completion has yet to be determined.



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8:00am-5:00pm

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12:00am-11:59pm

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8:00am-4:00pm

Fingerprints:

8:00am-4:00pm



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