

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2020





A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

As a 29-year veteran of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department and Interim Chief, I am proud to represent the dedicated men and women who serve our community. Whether patrolling neighborhoods, checking on the welfare of residents, responding to emergencies or volunteering with youth, our officers are committed to safety, honor, integrity and professionalism.

The year 2020 was challenging for our entire nation. From COVID-19 to protests and civil unrest, it was a year like no other for those in law enforcement.

Thanks to support from the Unified Government, officers received vital personal protective equipment and other resources that allowed us to remain on the front line of pandemic response.

Members of the community who chose to stand up and speak up did so peacefully, allowing us to clearly hear their message and engage them in thoughtful discussion.

As a department we endeavored to also make this a year of growth by moving forward with new initiatives such as the implementation of body worn cameras and increased transparency.

We hope that you find this report thoughtful and informative. As we review the year that was, we thank the Kansas City, Kans. community for its support as we continue to protect, partner and innovate for 2021 and beyond.

MICHAEL YORK

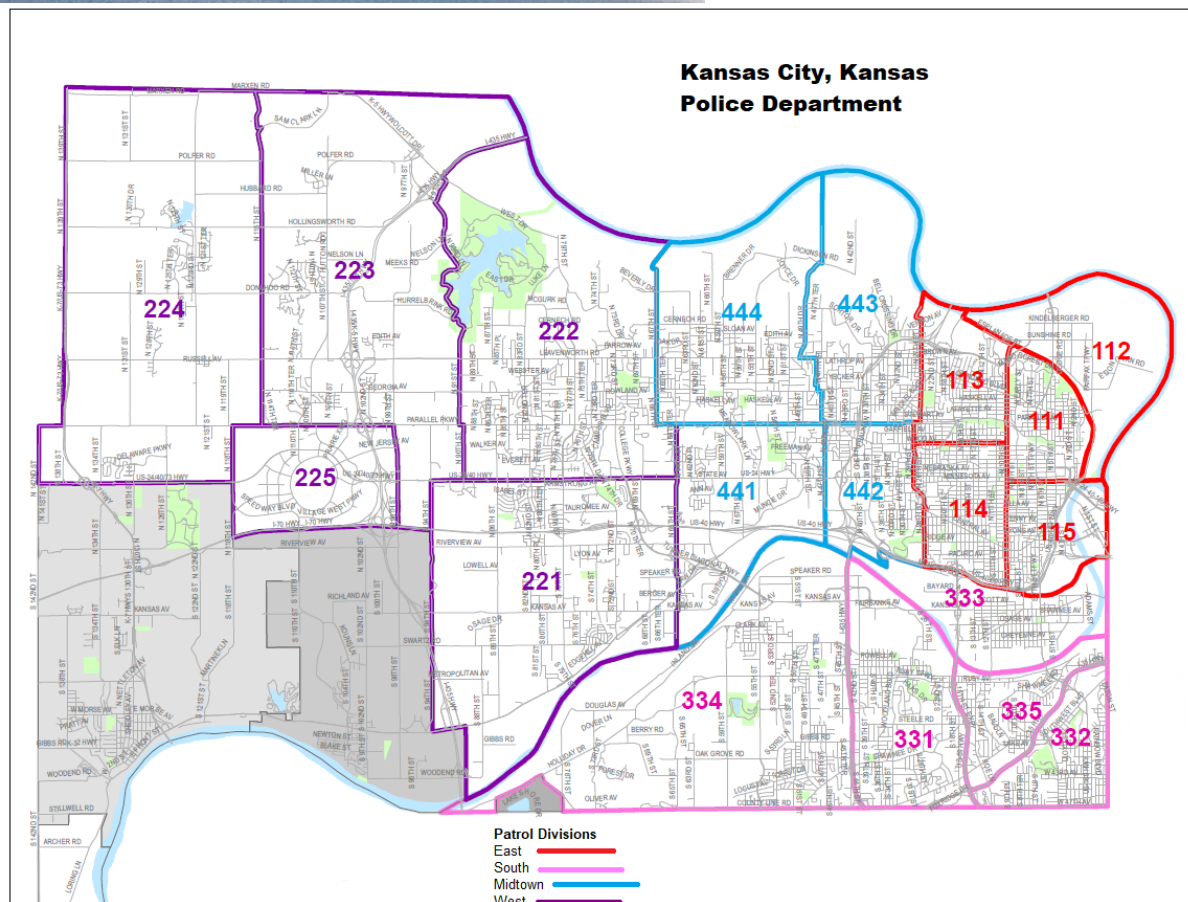
*Interim Chief of Police
Kansas City Kansas Police Department*

Department Overview

The Kansas City, Kansas Police Department strives to ensure the safety of the 153,000 residents of a community which spans approximately 125 square miles. The men and women of the KCKPD continually strive to distinguish the department as a model law enforcement agency through service, honor, integrity and professionalism.

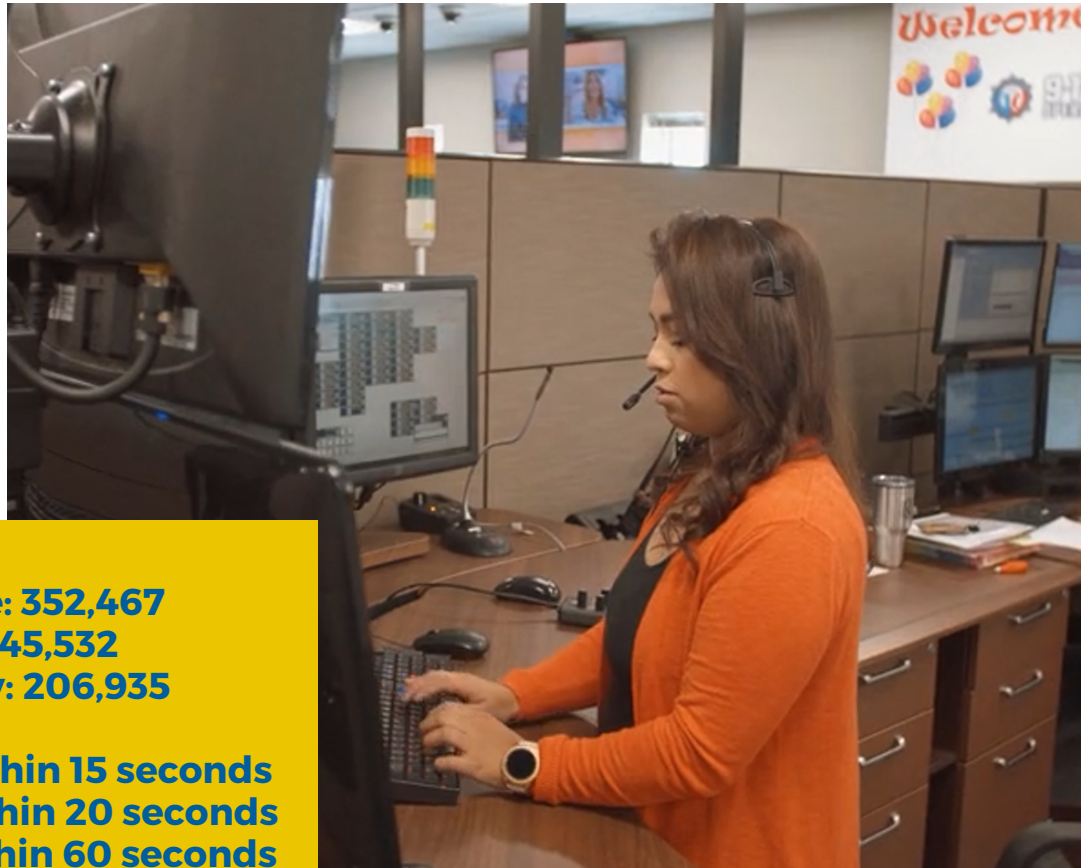


Total Staff: 412
Sworn Officers: 339
Dispatchers: 34
(13 new in 2020)
Patrol Divisions: 4



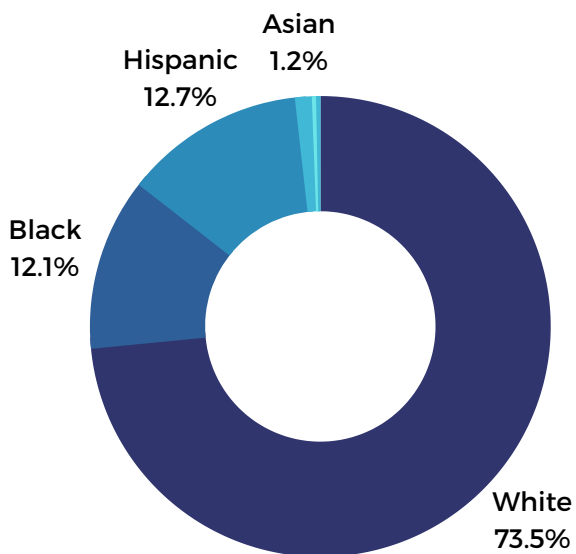
"Today was a pretty bad day, especially when my car broke down this afternoon. An officer stopped to make sure I was okay. I realize he was only doing his job, but he was super nice and stayed with me the whole time, until a tow truck came. He made an embarrassing situation 1000X better. I just wanted to pass my appreciation along."

Department Overview

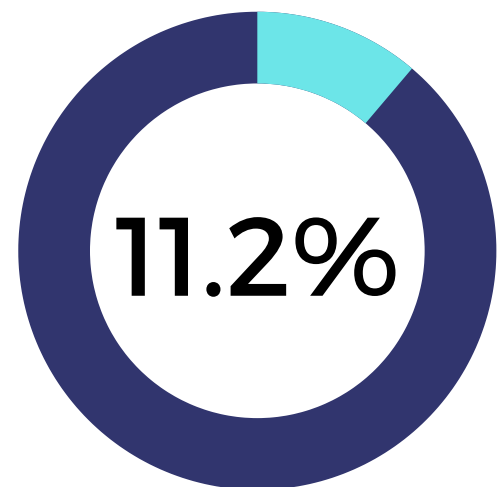


Calls for Service: 352,467
Emergency: 145,532
Non-Emergency: 206,935

92.23% answered within 15 seconds
95.36% answered within 20 seconds
99.81% answered within 60 seconds

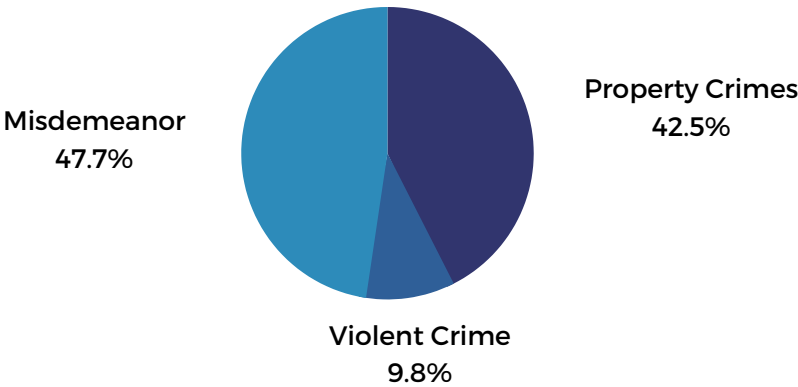


Ethnicity of Sworn Officers



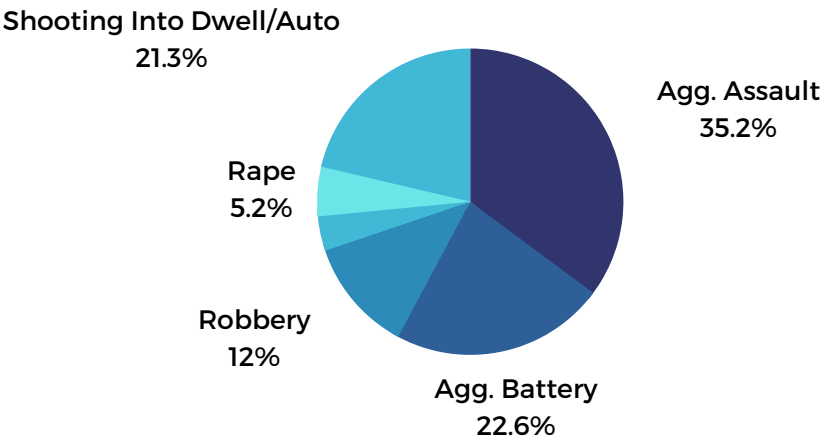
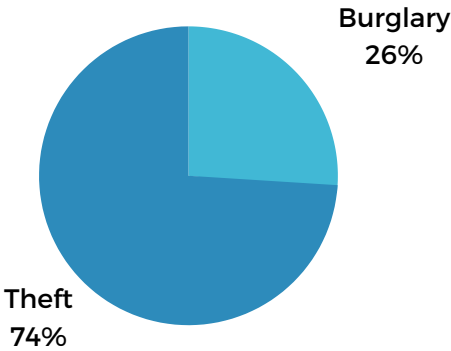
Percent of Female Sworn

Crime Statistics



Total Crimes 17,806

Property Crime Breakdown



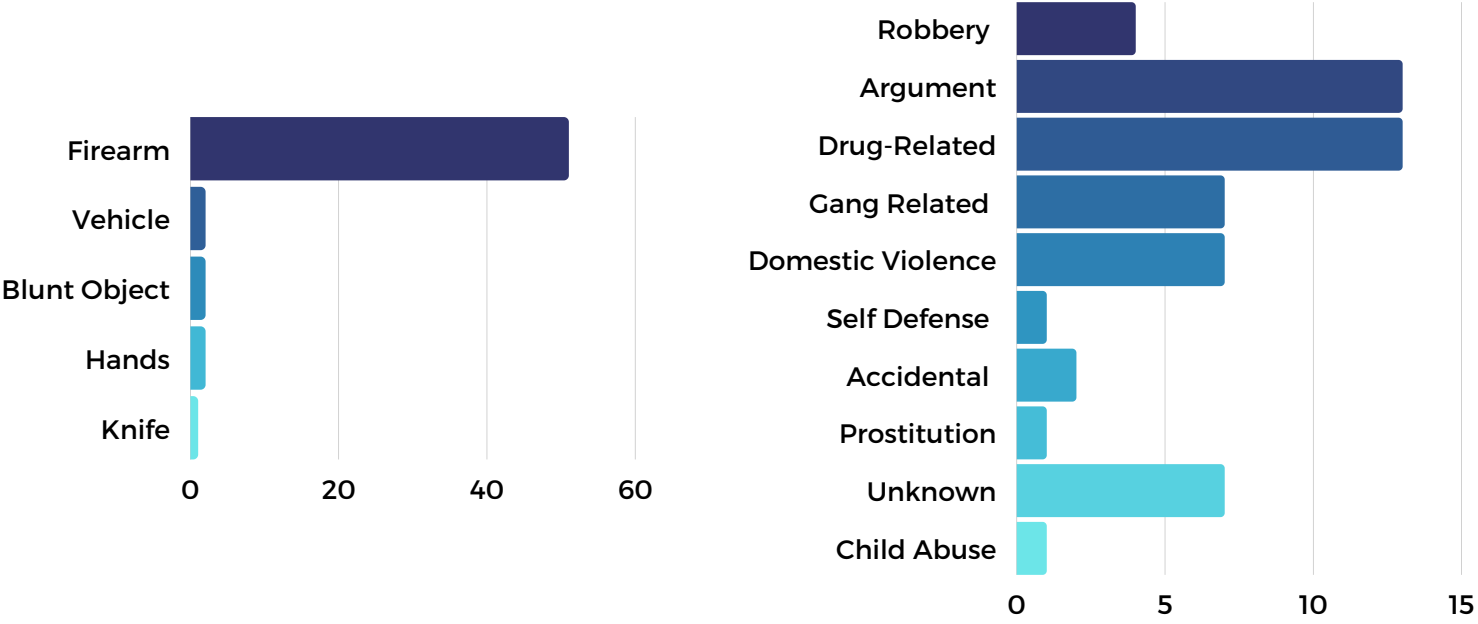
Violent Crime Breakdown

Total Homicides - 58



70.6% Cases Solved

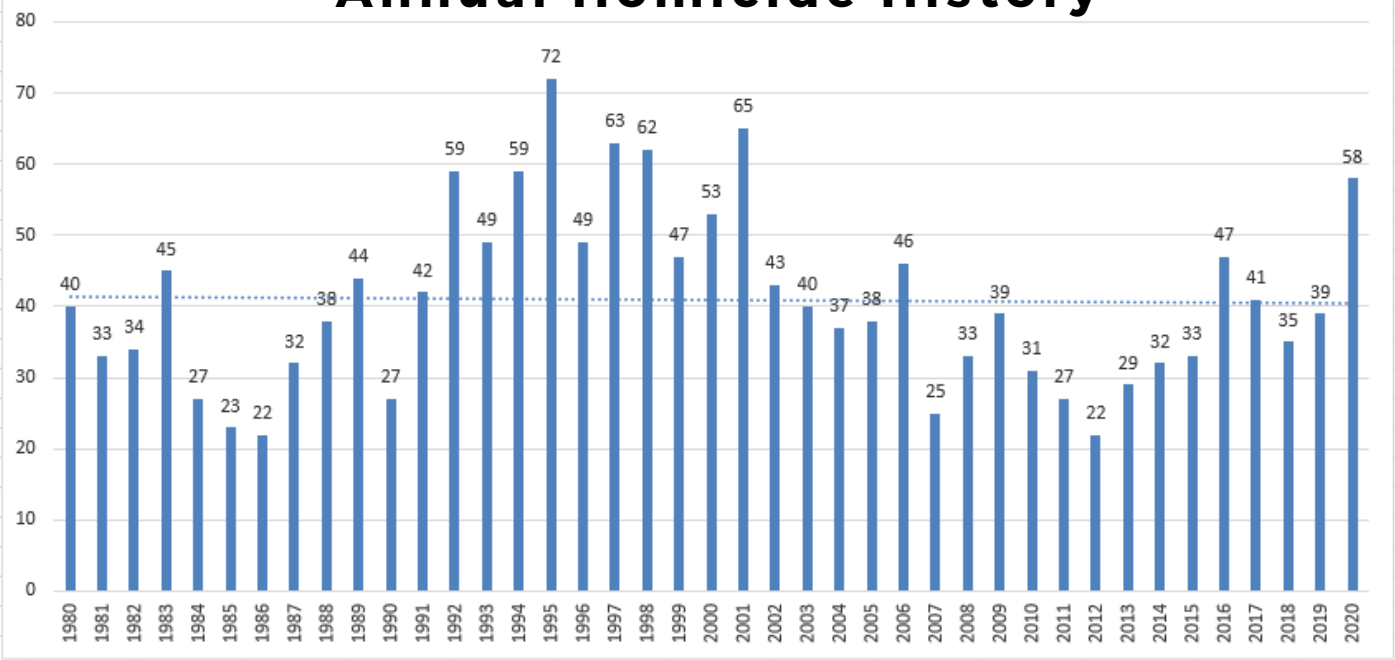
Crime Statistics - Cont.



Circumstance of Homicide

Method of Homicide

Annual Homicide History



"Your kindness and compassion were much appreciated during this sad time for our family. If your demeanor and expertise is representative of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, the department is truly blessed you and your partner as part of it. Thank you for your service to the community."

Use of Force

Breaking Down Use of Force


151,178 Dispatched
Calls for service

4,833 Ended in
Arrest

95.7% of Arrests Required
No Use of Force


208
Uses of
Force

The year 2020 has been a challenging one for our entire nation – from COVID-19 to protests and civil unrest. In response, the training, policies, practices, and overall culture of police departments nationwide have been called into question. Some of the most pressing issues regarding police practices have focused on use of force. Due to policies, highlighted below in our response to #8CANTWAIT, and training, use of force incidents are a rare occurrence within the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department.












#8CANTWAIT

Kansas City, Kansas Police Department Response




A Closer Look at Our Policies


1 BAN CHOKEHOLDS  Since 2000	2 DUTY TO INTERVENE  Since 2020	3 BAN SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES  Since 2000	4 ESTABLISH USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM  Since 2000
KCKPD has policies in place that align with the 8 Can't Wait movement launched by Campaign Zero earlier this year. In addition, we continue to review policies and tactics in order to insure they remain in-line with our high department standards.			
5 REQUIRE DE-ESCALATION  2014 CIT Officers were trained prior to that date. All officers are trained in CIT and de-escalation.	6 REQUIRE WARNING BEFORE SHOOTING  Since 2000	7 EXHAUST ALL ALTERNATIVES BEFORE SHOOTING  Since 2000	8 REQUIRE ALL FORCE TO BE REPORTED  Since 2000




BANNED - KCKPD does not and has not used "chokeholds" for over 20 years. Our Officers are trained to utilize a shoulder pin restraint which applies pressure to the side of the neck as opposed to the trachea and to only use it when faced with deadly force.




REQUIRED - All Officers are trained in de-escalation techniques and alternatives to deadly force both at the academy and through annual training.




REQUIRED - Officers have a duty to intervene when they see another officer violating or about to violate a law or any policy related to professional integrity or use of force. They also have a duty to report any misconduct.




REQUIRED - When an officer reasonably believes it does not place the officer or others in further jeopardy, a verbal challenge or verbal warning should be given prior to the use of deadly force.




REQUIRED - Officers will not fire at a moving vehicle unless occupants inside the vehicle are using deadly force against the officer or others.



REQUIRED - Officers are trained to use only that level of force that is objectively reasonable to effectively bring a subject under control given the facts and circumstances perceived by the Officer at that time.






REQUIRED - When officers determine that they must use physical force, the level of force to be used is dependent upon the officers' perception of the resistance encountered or whether the resistance is placing the officer or others in jeopardy of serious injury or death.



REQUIRED - Every use of force by an Officer, no matter the level, requires they notify a supervisor and document and complete an official report after the incident.

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Use of Force - Cont.

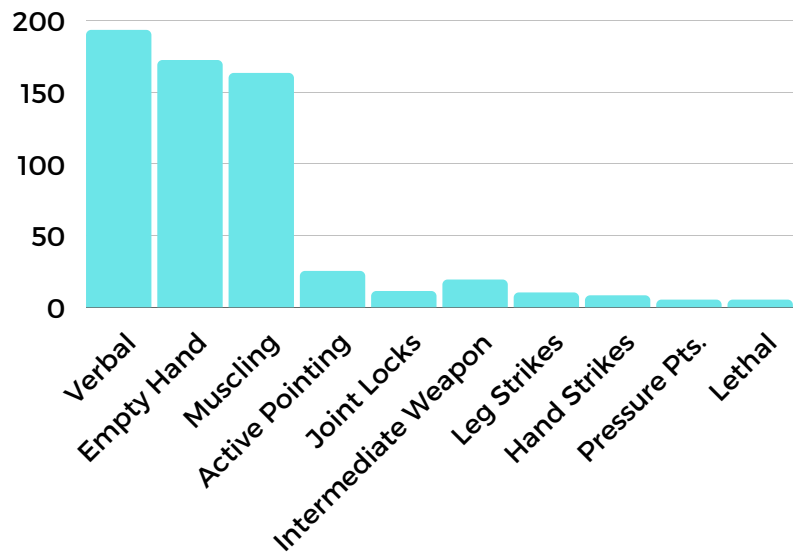
HIGHLIGHTS

Active Pointing - 25

Discharged Firearm - 5

Verbal commands, empty hand control and muscling used vast majority of time.

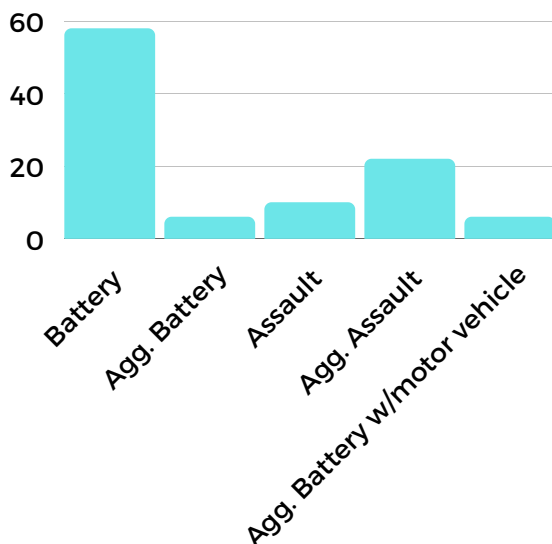
Levels of Control Used by Officers



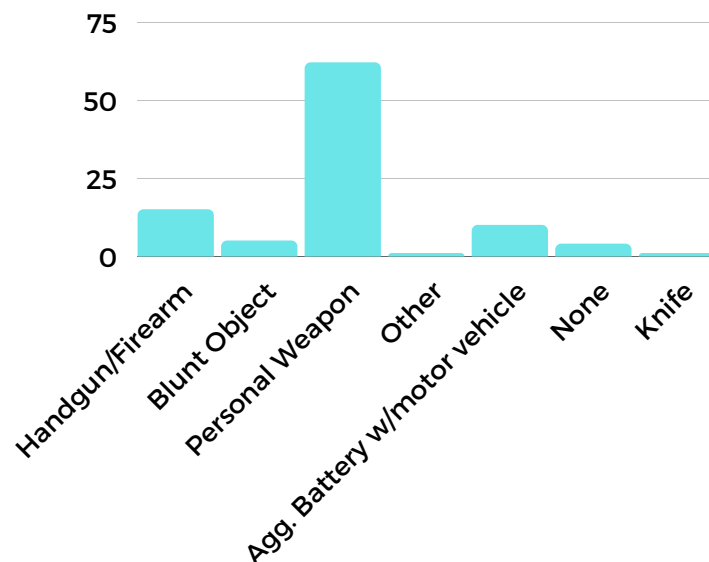
Attacks on Law Enforcement Officers (LEO)

In 2020 there were 69 incidents in which an assault or battery of a law enforcement officer took place. A total of 98 officers were subjects of these attacks. The majority were categorized as misdemeanor battery followed by felony assault. The weapon (anything used to cause harm to another) most often used in these incidents by the suspect was a personal weapon such as hands, arms, feet, etc.

Attacks on LEO



Weapons Used Against LEO



Traffic

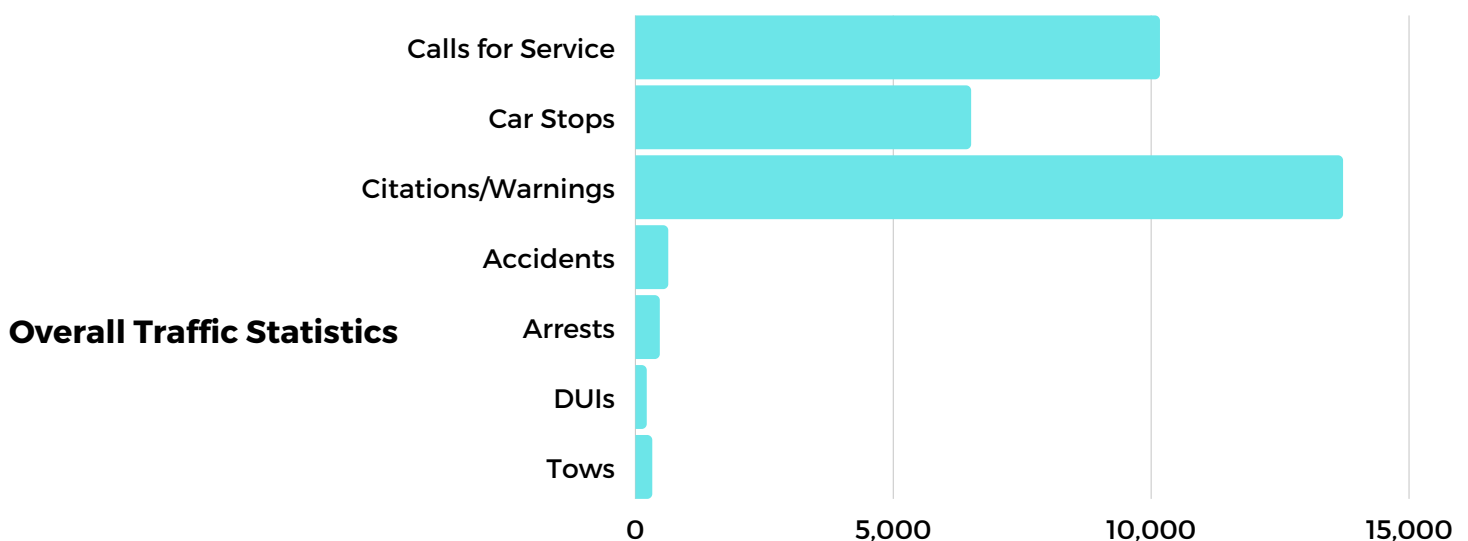


KCKPD's Traffic Division provides support for calls for service and community events; manages crash scenes; enforces seat belt compliance; speeding; towing of vehicles; DUI compliance; and participates in selective enforcement campaigns.

Speeding by motorists remains an area of great concern by the KCKPD and the community as a whole. To address that concern, the Traffic Division targets between 15-20 "hot-spots" monthly for speed limit enforcement while participating in public education efforts on the dangers of speeding.

STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) Grant Arrests

- Click It or Ticket - 38
- Operation Impact Enforcement - 9
- You Drink. You Drive. You Lose. - 31
- Thanksgiving Safe Arrival - 26
- Taking Down DUI - 3
- Agressive/Inattentive Driving Campaign - 10



 *"A big thank you to Officer Bussel for helping my husband this morning with a car accident ♡ I didn't catch the other officers name, but they were both very helpful and kind."*

Internal Affairs

The mission of the Internal Affairs Unit is to protect the public, the employee, and the Department through fair, thorough, and impartial investigations of alleged misconduct. The KCKPD Internal Affairs Unit reviews and investigates complaints regarding its employees as well as employees of the Unified Government. The statistics shared in this report relate only to the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department.

Five Ways to File a Complaint or Commendation

In person: Internal Affairs Unit, 701 N. 7th St. Room #505

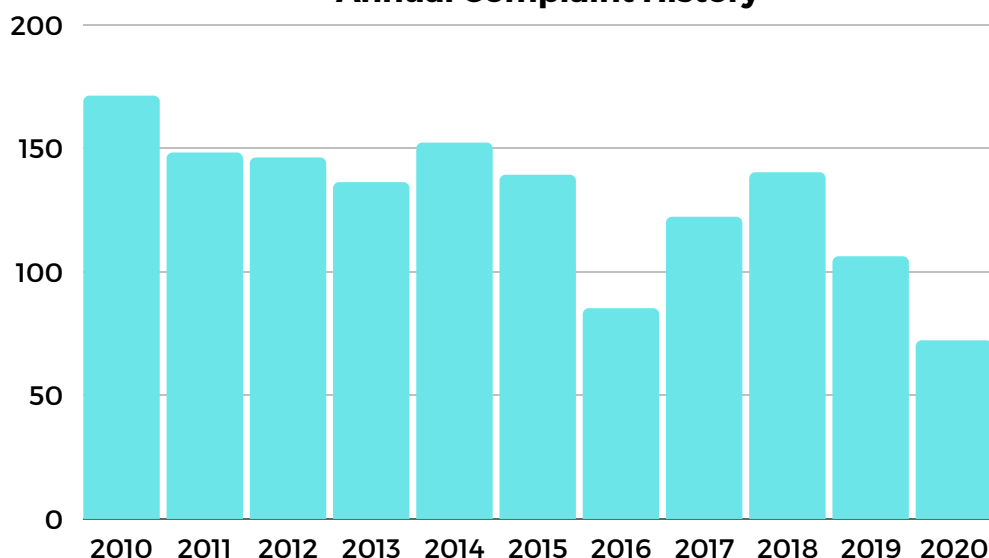
Phone: (913) 573-6370 or 24/7 Police Conduct Hotline (913) 573-6373 (Spanish or English)

Email: InternalAffairs@kckpd.org

Online: [KCKPD.org](https://www.kckpd.org)

Mail: KCKPD Internal Affairs Unit, 701 N. 7th St., #505, Kansas City, KS 66101

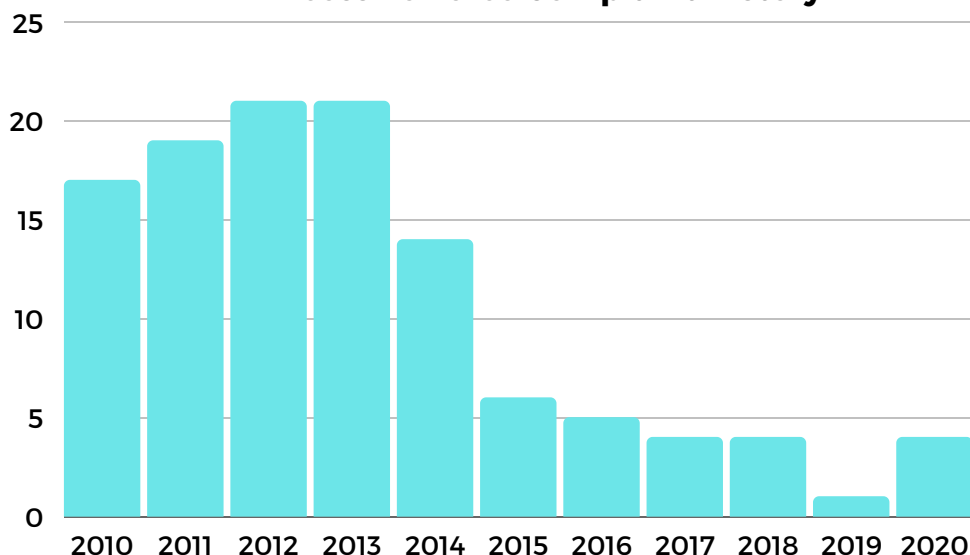
Annual Complaint History



**Total Complaints
for 2020
72**

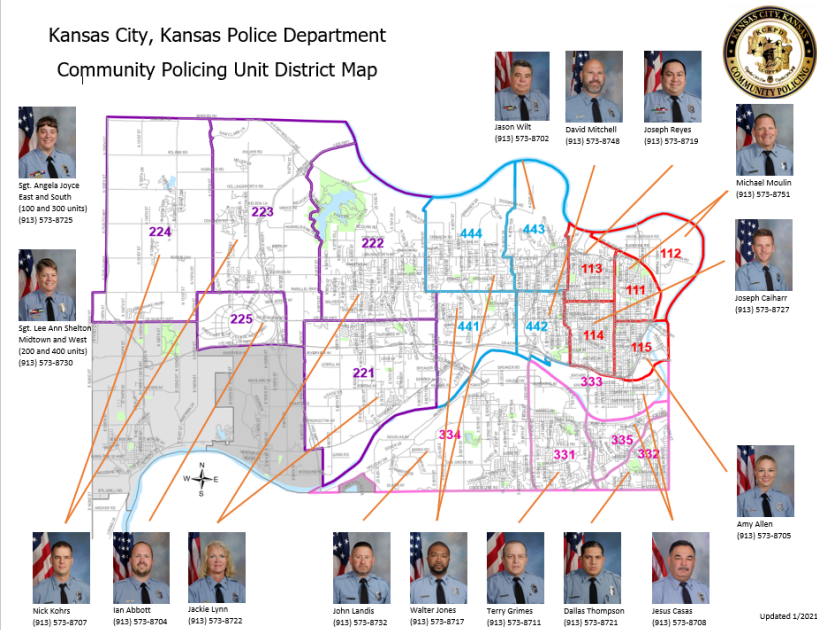
Excessive Force Complaint History

**Total Excessive
Force Complaints
for 2020
4**



Community Policing

Kansas City, Kansas Police Department
Community Policing Unit District Map



Since 1995 the KCKPD has had an officer assigned to every district in the city. They dedicate their time to working with the community to help solve issues facing our residents.

The unit was an integral part of the KCKPD's response to the COVID-19 pandemic throughout 2020. At the onset Community Policing flexed schedules to create a 24-hour reaction team in order to monitor businesses and assist with the report desk. Officers also assisted the Unified Government Public Health Department in distributing educational materials throughout the community and served as a vital resource of information on Covid-19 compliance for businesses.



"Thank you Officer Mitchell! I bumped into him this afternoon as he was posting crime alerts on mailboxes in the Delaware Ridge neighborhood. He was very friendly, approachable, professional and gracious. I was grateful for the opportunity to thank him for his service in person."

Community Policing



Community Policing currently coordinates 24 programs (see below) which target four core areas:

- Youth Engagement
- Schools
- Health/Safety
- Environment

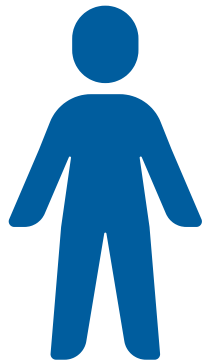
While many of these programs were temporarily curtailed due to the pandemic, we hope to have all back up and running in 2021 as health guidelines allow.

Other key initiatives in which the division participated:

- Homeless outreach
- Illegal dumping
- Support of social justice demonstrations
- DDACT/ICON Initiatives

 <p>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS YOUTH ENGAGEMENT</p> <p>Community Policing Division Kansas City, Kansas Police Department</p>	 <p>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS SCHOOLS</p> <p>Community Policing Division Kansas City, Kansas Police Department</p>	 <p>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS HEALTH/SAFETY</p> <p>Community Policing Division Kansas City, Kansas Police Department</p>	 <p>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Community Policing Division Kansas City, Kansas Police Department</p>
<p>CHRISTMAS PROGRAM</p> <p>Every holiday season officers deliver gifts and good cheer to children in our community who may otherwise not have a Christmas. Traditionally, families receive gifts and a Christmas dinner. In 2020, while the pandemic prevented the delivery of dinners, officers wrapped and delivered over 600 gifts for 172 children. Community members nominate families who are then selected based on a series of criteria, including need and family background. Fundraising projects and private donations fund the program.</p> <p>Contact: Sgt. Jared Shearer (913) 575-8724/jshearer@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>B.O.S.S. (BEING OF SOUND STANDARDS)</p> <p>Children who experience negative influences early in life have an increased risk for engaging in negative behaviors later. This mentoring program targets 5th graders who regularly receive negative attention at school, using sports to make lessons relatable. Officers meet weekly with students in the gym to discuss life skills and struggles, and offer encouragement. Currently B.O.S.S. is in place at J.F.K. and Emerson Elementary Schools.</p> <p>Contact: Officer Jesus Casas (913) 575-8708/jcasas@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>S.A.F.E. (SEATBELTS ARE FOR EVERYONE)</p> <p>The SAFE program uses education, positive rewards, and enforcement to increase the use of seatbelts by teens. It's designed to bring awareness to the importance of wearing a seatbelt and thus reduce the number of motor vehicle-related injuries and fatalities among Kansas teens.</p> <p>Contact: Officer Jackie Lynn (913) 575-8722/jlynn@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>PROBLEM RESIDENCE ABATEMENT</p> <p>Frequently, homes that are abandoned or in disrepair are utilized for nefarious purposes. While they are normally on the list with various Neighborhood Resource Center departments for abatement, it's often in the best interests of all involved if they are promptly secured. When program resources are stretched thin, Community Policing Officers utilize donated lumber and secure the residences to alleviate issues.</p> <p>Contact: Sgt. Lee Ann Shelton (913) 575-8730/lshelton@kckcpd.org</p>
<p>JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY</p> <p>The KCK Junior Police Academy is a school-based curriculum taught by KCKPD staff that at Bishop Ward High School. The classes establish a foundation upon which police can effectively connect with youth and potentially influence attitudes towards public safety employees.</p> <p>Contact: Sgt. Jared Shearer (913) 575-8724/jshearer@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>D.I.V.A.A.S. (DEDICATED IN VALUES AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS)</p> <p>The goal of the DIVAAS Program is to cultivate young women to become future leaders and productive citizens in our community. The program focuses on building relationships that support attitude enhancement, positive lifestyle choices and academic success.</p> <p>Contact: Officer Amy Allen (913) 575-8705/aallen@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>CIGARETTE STING PARTNERSHIPS</p> <p>A collaboration between Community Policing and Wyandotte County COPPS routinely partners with Kansas Alcohol Beverage Control agents to detect, deter and arrest licensed establishments whose employees are illegally selling tobacco products to underage persons.</p> <p>Contact: Sgt. Lee Ann Shelton (913) 575-8730/lshelton@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>PROJECT CLEAN SWEEP</p> <p>A collaboration between Community Policing and Wyandotte County Municipal Court, individuals unable to pay docket fees volunteer at Saturday morning clean up events. These weekly community beautification projects include trash pick-up, tree trimming, and more.</p> <p>Contact: Officer Nick Kohrs (913) 575-8707/nkohrs@kckcpd.org Officer Dallas Thompson (913) 575-8722/dthompson@kckcpd.org</p>
<p>P.A.L. (POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE)</p> <p>Connecting kids, cops and community - that is the goal of the Police Athletic League. Located in the historic Saint Mary's Church at 5th and Ann Ave, in Strawberry Hill, the P.A.L. strives to help KCK kids build the confidence, leadership and problem-solving skills they need in today's world through activities like boxing, art, chess and cultivating a community garden. Learn more at palckc.com</p> <p>Contact: Officer P.J. Locke (913) 543-2654/plocke@kckcpd.org Officer Joey Reyes (913) 575-4059/jreyes@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>P.O.P. (POLICE OVER PIZZA)</p> <p>Middle school can be tough. COPPS developed the Police Over Pizza program for kids who are having a hard time making the adjustment. Launched in the Turner School District, school administrators select students to have lunch with officers to discuss current events as well as life lessons. This program usually occurs on Fridays, which is typically pizza day.</p> <p>Contact: Officer Nick Kohrs (913) 575-8707/nkohrs@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>DISTRACTED DRIVING SIMULATOR</p> <p>Outfitting youth (16 and older) with special goggles that manipulate vision as they drive a pedal car, provides the opportunity to experience the dangers of driving while under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Goggles are also utilized for other activities like shooting a basketball or tossing a bean bag, to show how drugs and alcohol affect their ability to complete different tasks. This program also provides a fun, educational opportunity for officers to interact with youth.</p> <p>Contact: Officer Jackie Lynn (913) 575-8722/jlynn@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>M.C.S.P. (METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM)</p> <p>M.C.S.P. is a collaboration with the Metropolitan Crime Commission that provides community service opportunities throughout the metropolitan area. Directed and supervised by officers, workers assist with scheduled neighborhood clean-up efforts as well as any labor project deemed appropriate.</p> <p>Contact: Officer Nick Kohrs (913) 575-8707/nkohrs@kckcpd.org Officer Dallas Thompson (913) 575-8722/dthompson@kckcpd.org</p>
<p>SUMMER CADET PROGRAM</p> <p>This teen program is designed to be a stepping stone towards a career in public service. Teens are expected to serve as a community role models, exemplifying high ethical and moral standards, while participating in law enforcement observations and supporting sworn and non-sworn staff. This program is limited to high school students in good standing.</p> <p>Contact: Officer Jackie Lynn (913) 575-8722/jlynn@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>TODAY A READER, TOMORROW A LEADER</p> <p>Designed to inspire children to learn by engaging them in reading, once a month officers visit selected elementary schools in the community to read books to kindergarten, first and second graders. The selected reading always supports a character trait the school is teaching for that month. These hour-long guest reading sessions end with a question and answer session.</p> <p>Contact: Officer Jason Wilk (913) 575-8702/jwilk@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>HARVESTERS FOOD PROGRAM</p> <p>Throughout the school year, Community Policing and Harvesters' The Community Food Network, organize bi-weekly food distributions to families in need.</p> <p>Contact: Capt. Brittanie Pruitt (913) 575-8715/bpruitt@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>GRAFFITI ABATEMENT</p> <p>Once a neighborhood looks uncared for, crime tends to increase. Graffiti and illegal dumping are two visual ways neighborhoods send a message that nobody cares, making it imperative to address both immediately when detected. When other resources are not available, Community Policing has stepped up to quickly abate graffiti on both public and private property.</p> <p>Contact: Officer Joe Calharr (913) 575-8727/jcalharr@kckcpd.org Officer Mike Moulin (913) 575-8731/mmoulin@kckcpd.org</p>
<p>SLURPEE WITH A COP</p> <p>This 7-Eleven community outreach program is designed to create opportunities for officers to establish positive connections with neighborhood kids. Once a quarter, and at various locations throughout Kansas City, Kan., 7-Eleven hosts Slurpee events with fun prizes for families and Community Policing Officers.</p> <p>Contact: Sgt. Jared Shearer (913) 575-8724/jshearer@kckcpd.org Officer Jackie Lynn (913) 575-8722/jlynn@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>P.U.P.S (PUPILS UNDERSTANDING POLICE SERVICE)</p> <p>Designed by Community Policing, this program strives to explain the role of police in our community to students in grades three through five. Presentations are scheduled directly before or after lunch to allow officers to eat with students in the hope they will see officers as people, instead of just a uniform.</p> <p>Contact: Sgt. Jared Shearer (913) 228-0775/jshearer@kckcpd.org Officer Jackie Lynn (913) 575-8722/jlynn@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME</p> <p>National Night Out Against Crime is an annual community building campaign that promotes police community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live.</p> <p>Contact: Capt. Brittanie Pruitt (913) 575-8715/bpruitt@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH/CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER</p> <p>Frequently Officers become aware of residents, who due to lack of finances or assistance, need help maintaining their home and/or property. When other resources are not available, Officers will often secure the materials and donate their own time and talent. Over the years, work performed has included replacing heaters and hot water tanks, faulty plumbing, roof issues, landscaping projects, etc.</p> <p>Contact: Sgt. Jared Shearer (913) 228-0775/jshearer@kckcpd.org</p>
<p>BICYCLE RODEO</p> <p>The International Police Mountain Bike Association trains and qualifies all Community Policing Officers. Several times a year we partner with various agencies and schools to host bicycle safety rodeos. The purpose of these rodeos is to teach safety and street laws.</p> <p>Contact: Officer David Mitchell (913) 575-8748/dmitchell@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>NEW CHELSEA ELEMENTARY OUTREACH</p> <p>Community Policing has established a firm relationship with New Chelsea Elementary. Officers frequently visit the school during lunch and recess to visit with students, assist with parking, and participate in school assemblies and field day.</p> <p>Contact: Sgt. Jared Shearer (913) 228-0775/jshearer@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>DEA DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM</p> <p>A collaboration between KCKPD, KCKCC, and the DEA, this program provides an easy, legal way to dispose of expired, unused or questionable medications. This program helps prevent the possibility of accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse.</p> <p>Contact: Sgt. Jared Shearer (913) 228-0775/jshearer@kckcpd.org</p>	<p>ILLEGAL DUMPING</p> <p>Illegal dumping is not simply an eyesore; it poses significant health risks to humans and animals. The federal government now offers a \$250 cash incentive to anyone providing information that substantially contributes to an illegal dumping conviction. Anyone who witnesses someone dumping illegally in KCK should take photos, call (913) 596-3000 with suspect and vehicle information, and provide officers their contact information.</p> <p>Contact: Officer Joe Calharr (913) 575-8727/jcalharr@kckcpd.org Officer Mike Moulin (913) 575-8731/mmoulin@kckcpd.org</p>
<p>FOLLOW KCKPD ON SOCIAL MEDIA.  @KCKPDCHIEF  f@KCKPOLICE</p>	<p>FOLLOW KCKPD ON SOCIAL MEDIA.  @KCKPDCHIEF  f@KCKPOLICE</p>	<p>FOLLOW KCKPD ON SOCIAL MEDIA.  @KCKPDCHIEF  f@KCKPOLICE</p>	<p>FOLLOW KCKPD ON SOCIAL MEDIA.  @KCKPDCHIEF  f@KCKPOLICE</p>

Victim Services



Victims Served
3,702



**Protection From Abuse
Orders (PFA)**
1,068

Victim Services assists and empowers crime victims by providing them the support and tools they need to overcome the trauma of victimization. Along with officers, our knowledgeable and compassionate professionals have more contact with crime victims in the immediate aftermath of a crime than any other criminal justice professional. In addition, they provide support to emergency first responders of Wyandotte County in order to enhance service to victims.

Some of the key ways in which Victim Services provides support include:

- Response (24/7) for victims' families in immediate aftermath of homicide
- Assistance in applying for protection from abuse orders (PFA)
- Accompanying victims to court hearings
- Assistance with completing crime victims' compensation applications
- Facilitating shelter placement
- Crisis intervention for victims
- Education and outreach to community

Other Highlights

- Responded to 47 homicide scenes to provide victim services to 52 survivors
- Accompanied 70 victims to file reports/detective interviews
- Provided crisis intervention to 74 victims
- Assisted 92 immigrant victims with U-Visa certifications
- Advocated on behalf of 14 victims to have cases upgraded from misdemeanors to felonies
- Outreach to 3,009 victims to advise them of their rights and available services



"A man showed up at my house with a gun. Officer Beck and Detective McCurry said that they were going to go look for him. They picked him up at 3 a.m. the same morning and put him in jail on a hold. They both were so kind and got this bad guy off the street for at least 48 hours. Great job KCK Police Officer Beck and Detective McCurry!"

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)



1,904

CIT-related Calls for Service

2,088

CIT Contacts

85%

Officers CIT Certified

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs are an innovative, community-based approach to improve the outcome of interactions between law enforcement and those in mental health crisis. CIT officers improve communication, identify mental health resources for those in crisis, and help ensure officer and community safety.

The KCKPD has one full-time CIT Officer who is assisted by a full-time co-responder. In 2020 operations responded to 1,904 CIT-related calls for service. Our CIT officer and co-responder made an additional 2,088 contacts, such as self-initiated and repeat contacts, phone calls, e-mails and collaborations.

Wellness Program



In 2020 KCKPD added a full-time wellness officer in order to support its ongoing efforts to support the physical and mental health of all employees, but sworn officers in particular.

Highlights of the program

- Adoption of Hailey & Charley from Animal Services to serve as comfort canines
- Special programming aimed at engaging and supporting officers' families
- Addition of wellness officer to Officer Involved Shooting Response Team
- Development of specialized wellness initiative targeting dispatchers

Animal Services



Calls for Service: 5,235

Animal Intake: 2,010

While the pandemic caused modifications of some operations, Staff with KCK Animal Services remained dedicated to protecting the health and safety of KCK residents while protecting animals and promoting their humane treatment.

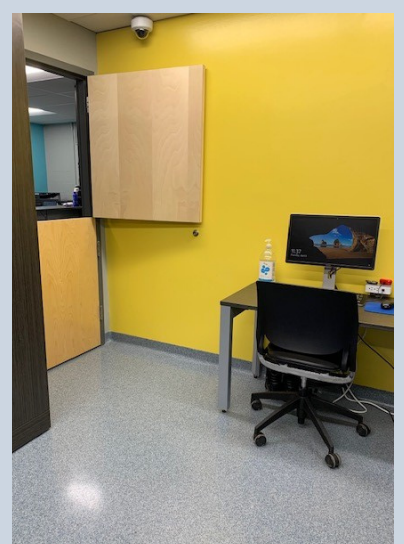
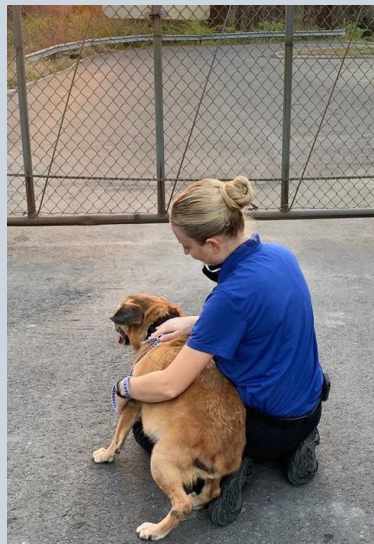
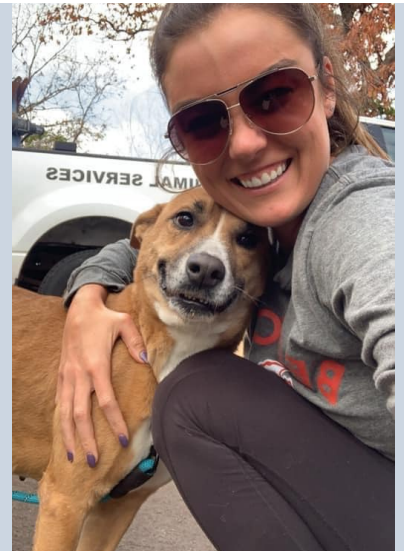
Highlights of 2020 included:

- Due to adoption events cancelled in response to the pandemic, rescue partner transfers nearly doubled.
- The Animal Services building received a facelift.
- Volunteers from Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. constructed a much-needed shed as part of their team-building day.
- Puppies, Hailey and Charley were rescued from 10th & Quindaro and adopted by KCKPD to serve as staff comfort dogs.

Rescued Animals



Plus numerous...



2020 Highlights

Body Worn and In-Car Camera Integrated System

The highly anticipated addition of officer body-worn cameras, as well as a new integrated in-car video system, became a reality in 2020. With receipt of equipment delayed due to the pandemic, installation of equipment and training began in November. By the end of March 2021 the new system is anticipated to be up and running with every officer who has regular contact with the public, outfitted with a body-worn camera. Members of the community who have questions regarding the use of this technology and its applications or those wishing to schedule a presentation are encouraged to email our Public Information Office at PIO@kckpd.org or call 913-573-6168..



Police Athletic League

Throughout the pandemic the Police Athletic League, located at 800 N. 5th St., continued its mission to connect kids, cops and community; it just looked a little different. Some programs were paused, while others required masks and utilized outdoor space to create social distancing.

The food pantry and community garden took on new importance this year as more families struggled to maintain food security. The PAL helped fill the gap for nearly 200 families with weekly drive-thru food distributions.



Over the summer, officers both current and retired, dedicated hours of sweat equity to help expand the size of the garden, add a water feature and construct a more permanent home for the PAL's resident bee colony.

Staff hopes to be able to open programs to higher capacities as Covid-19 restrictions ease. For information on the PAL visit PALKCK.com or follow them on Facebook @PALKCK.

2020 Highlights

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is not ok in KCK. That is the message that KCKPD wants to get out in our community. Community Policing partnered with the Unified Government's SOAR (Stabilization, Occupation, and Revitalization) Initiative to help combat this major and costly concern for Kansas City, Kans. In 2020 these efforts have led to nine successful convictions, nine more that are awaiting trial and 15 which will likely be solved. Community Policing has also worked with the UG to create an ordinance that provides a \$250 cash reward to individuals whose tips substantially lead to an illegal dumping conviction. The first reward was presented in November with the hopes of many to follow.



ICON (Impacting Crime in Our Neighborhoods)

ICON is a violent crime reduction initiative funded by the Department of Justice. ICON Commanders analyze data every 30-60 days to identify "hot spot" zones in each of our precincts so that additional resources may be deployed. The goal is to establish proactive patrol work and increase our presence in these zones as increased visibility of police has been proven to reduce crime.

Tactics Used by ICON

- Traffic Enforcement
- Pedestrian, Checks Residential & Business Checks
- Positive Community Engagement Contacts



"Thank you for having your patrol cars driving in my area, especially my street. I think your presence helps from having things getting out of control. Again much appreciated! ☺"

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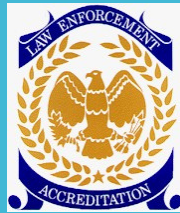
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