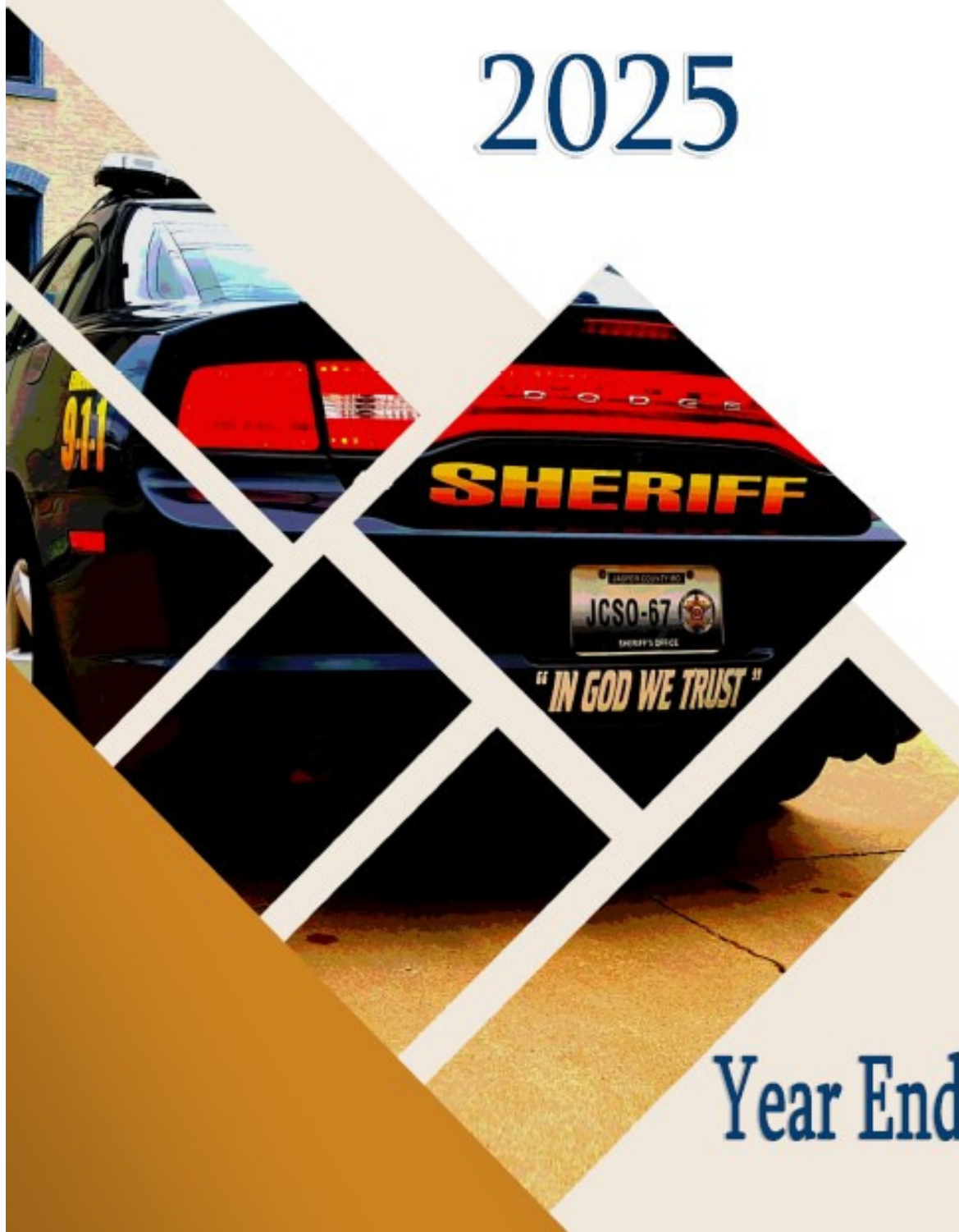


# Jasper County Sheriff's Office

## 2025



## Year End Report

# Letter from the Sheriff



This past August I celebrated my 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of working in law enforcement. In the summer of 1995, I pulled in front of the Carthage Police Department on testing day and nervously went inside to take the test. My nervousness increased when I saw there were about 15 other people looking for the same job as me. Carthage Police Chief Ed Ellefsen took a chance on me and gave me the job. That started my journey in law enforcement.

I learned a lot from Chief Ellefsen and the Lieutenant over my shift, Barry Duncan, over the years. I learned police work, but more than that, I learned how to serve our community in a professional way. These men were more than law enforcement officers, they were men that valued the dignity of their profession above all else.

We have a great community and part of what makes it great is the fact that caring people take on the job of keeping it safe. I have been so fortunate over these years to have a great team alongside me for this journey. Men and women who come to work every day in so many various roles, they do the little things, all for the sake of making the Sheriff's Office great. Who could ask for more?

I am proud this year, as I am every year, to present this year-end report summarizing a small portion of the work we do. Hidden in between the numbers, the statistics and summaries, is hours and hours of hard work. This year-end report represents the hard work of men and women who are dedicated to service and professionalism. That is something you can be proud of, I know I certainly am.

**Sheriff Randee Kaiser**



We will see a lot of visitors to Jasper County this year as this is the 100th anniversary of Route 66. Along with things to look forward to in 2026, we will likely be sending deputies to help out with the FIFA World Cup games in Kansas City this summer. And perhaps most importantly this coming summer, on July 4, 2026, we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of American independence.





# Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is comprised of twenty-eight sworn deputies, all full-time and uniformed. The Division is divided into four shifts, each 12 hours long.

These deputies are the most visible representatives of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. They are dedicated to patrolling and are first responders to all emergencies and calls for service in the county. In 2025, the patrol division answered 32,859 calls for service. These calls included thefts, 911 hang-ups, medical calls, traffic accidents, assaults, animal complaints, and alarm calls, to name a few. Out of the 32,859



calls for service, there were 3,625 reports generated. The Patrol Division conducted 6,179 traffic stops, which resulted in 889 citations and 84 DWI arrests. The patrol deputies also made 851 custodial arrests for a variety of offenses. While effecting arrests, force was used only 38 times. While patrolling Jasper County, the deputies conducted 23,741 extra patrols, community checks, and business checks to deter criminal activity. They also participated in DWI Wolf Packs and Hazardous Moving Violation enforcement throughout the county.

Deputies also help with a variety of community events throughout the year including the annual Community Safety Day, Shop with a Deputy, Salvation Army bell ringing, and the Jasper County Citizens Academy. These events allow the public to interact with deputies and provide insight into daily law enforcement work, all the while, building relationships with those in the community. Patrolling the county resulted in 596,473 miles driven in 2025.

## JASPER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CALLS FOR SERVICE

YEARS	CALLS
2018	29,649
2019	34,392
2020	34,972
2021	29,909
2022	29,133
2023	31,003
2024	34,741
2025	32,859



# Detective Division

The Criminal Investigations Division detectives continued to manage a high volume of complex felony investigations in 2025 while maintaining a strong commitment to professionalism, accountability, and service to the citizens of Jasper County.

Throughout the year, CID remained responsible for tracking registered sex offenders and consistently maintained compliance rates well below the national average. Jasper County achieved one of the highest compliance rates in Missouri, averaging over **97% compliance** throughout the year. This reflects the division's diligence in monitoring offenders, conducting compliance checks, and coordinating enforcement actions when necessary to enhance public safety.

Detectives investigated a wide range of felony offenses, including major assaults, crimes against children, burglaries, thefts, tampering, fraud, and other complex investigations. The division set an exemplary standard in solving several major burglary cases that initially presented with little to no investigative leads. Through persistence, analytical work, and coordinated follow-up, detectives successfully identified suspects, executed arrests, and returned significant amounts of stolen property to victims. Detectives also prepared and presented multiple cases for federal review and worked closely with federal partners throughout the year to ensure thorough and effective case resolution.

The Criminal Investigations Division is staffed by eight detectives who are cross-trained to investigate all felony-level crimes handled by the Sheriff's Office. Despite increasing caseloads, CID continued to clear cases at a rate well above the national average. In 2025, detectives were assigned **over 530 felony cases**, not including warrant arrests, traffic stops, or other minor investigations. Detectives also regularly assisted Patrol with runaway juvenile cases, missing persons investigations, and high-priority calls.

Beyond traditional investigative duties, the division performed numerous additional responsibilities critical to the operation of the Sheriff's Office. These included instruction for the Citizens Academy and Explorers Program, teaching during the 24-hour In-Service training, assisting surrounding agencies, responding to Tri-State Major Case Squad call-outs, and conducting Cellebrite digital forensic extractions for both the Sheriff's Office and local municipal departments. Detectives also spent significant time on court preparation and testimony, off-duty call-outs during evenings and weekends, and extended complex investigations that often span months.

CID continues to support specialized task forces that provide invaluable services to the community. One detective is assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, working to identify and prosecute individuals who exploit children online. Another detective serves with the Ozark Drug Enforcement Team (ODET), focusing on drug trafficking and the removal of dangerous narcotics from Jasper County. These partnerships significantly enhance the county's ability to protect vulnerable populations and combat serious criminal activity.

CASE TYPE	2022	2023	2024	2025
HOMICIDE	1	0	3	0
CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN	122	86	117	99
BURGLARY	83	63	67	91
FELONY STEALING	137	138	153	141
TAMPERING	74	34	32	34
FELONY ASSAULT	12	12	21	16
ADULT SEX CRIMES	14	12	20	12
DOMESTIC ASSAULT	183	191	227	163
ASSAULT	92	86	93	60

2025 CRIME CLEARANCE RATES		
	JCSO	National Avg
BURGLARY	30%	14%
ASSAULT	93%	53%
THEFT	28%	19%
VEHICLE THEFTS	47%	14%
HOMICIDE	NA%	58%





# Detention Center

The detention center concluded the past year with steady operational activity, continued infrastructure improvements, and meaningful community engagement.

In total, 3,600 new inmates were booked during the year, representing a slight decrease from the 3,611 bookings recorded the previous year. This modest change reflects overall consistency in intake volume and highlights the continued demand placed on facility operations.

Throughout the year, several important facility upgrades were completed to improve safety, reliability, and efficiency. The transfer switch on the facility's emergency generator was replaced, ensuring dependable backup power during outages. Additionally, new flooring was installed throughout the administrative offices, the warrants department and booking area, enhancing both safety and the professional work environment for staff.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF INMATES INCARCERATED MONTHLY—6 YEAR PERIOD

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
JAN	187	189	173	181	194	210
FEB	183	196	192	193	201	214
MAR	185	176	202	196	212	218
APR	131	182	204	205	222	227
MAY	141	190	207	199	217	235
JUN	159	182	221	219	217	227
JUL	165	182	215	223	225	226
AUG	202	189	222	209	230	226
SEPT	199	190	219	224	244	228
OCT	182	183	231	227	240	242
NOV	173	192	215	211	222	249
DEC	176	179	194	195	212	243
ANNUAL AVG	174	186	208	208	220	228



The Jasper County Detention Center has a commercial kitchen where all of the food is made for the inmates. Each year more than a quarter of a million meals are prepared and served. In 2025, the average cost is \$1.31 per meal.

Significant mechanical improvements were also made with the installation of a new heating boiler, providing more reliable and efficient climate control throughout the detention center. In addition, the facility began a grant-funded LED lighting replacement project aimed at converting all existing lighting to energy-efficient LED fixtures. This initiative is expected to reduce long-term operational costs while improving visibility and energy efficiency across the facility. This project is slated to be completed in 2026. This project will actually extend beyond the detention center and will include the administrative offices and the fleet maintenance facility.

Beyond facility operations, the detention center remained committed to community involvement. Staff participated in several community service efforts, including assisting with the cleanup of local cemeteries and helping to set headstones. These projects reflect the detention center's dedication to supporting the community it serves and contributing positively beyond its primary mission.

Overall, the year was marked by operational stability, critical infrastructure improvements, and continued community partnership, positioning the detention center for continued efficiency and service in the coming year.



# Jail Treatment



We are very excited about the progress our program is making! The 2025 Treatment Year was another great year! We ended the year with 37 successful treatment graduates, 10 females and 27 males. Seven of those were sentenced into the program and the remainder were volunteers who asked to be in the program. We had four participants that achieved their HiSET (GED) while in the program.

SATOP stands for Substance Awareness Traffic Offender Program. This is a mandatory, state-certified system for those arrested for alcohol or drug related driving offenses like DUI/DWI. A SATOP comparable program requires 12 hours of treatment to qualify for completion. The JCJTP participants who are working on their SATOP comparable hours get an average of 160 hours of approved treatment programming. This year we had 18 participants take advantage of this.

Part of our program includes socializing/fostering cats and kittens for the Humane Society. Animals are statistically proven to help reduce stress and provide a means of coping for some individuals while helping to socialize the animals and make them ready for their forever families. We have completed 4,403 work hours while socializing and caring for the felines. We cared for a total of 56 animals this year while also adopting out several to JCSO staff and jail treatment participants.

Participants in our treatment program produced 64 items for donation as part of skills development activities. Items created included outfits, toys, purses, blankets, scarves, hats, and headbands. We take these items and donate them to local charities throughout the year. This activity supports the development of practical skills such as planning, attention to detail, and task completion, while also fostering a sense of purpose, confidence, and community engagement among participants.

During the reporting period, **124 individuals successfully completed the treatment program**. So far we have had great outcomes from the graduates indicating a strong post-program success rate that demonstrate the program's effectiveness in reducing recidivism among participants. We have a very robust post-release strategy to give each of the participants that best possible opportunity to continue to be successful in their recovery.

We currently have 12 active treatment participants, 3 females and 9 males.



Jasper County Jail treatment participants completed several community work projects this past year including resetting some of the headstones at the Purcell Friends Cemetery.







# SWAT



Two years ago we created a joint SWAT team in the county. By creating a SWAT team comprised of multiple agencies, we have more operators available to respond, thus making our deployments safer and more efficient.

This past year marked continued growth, operational readiness, and organizational maturity for the Jasper County Special Operations Group (JSOG). As JSOG approaches its two-year operational milestone in March 2026, the team has continued to develop into a highly effective, multi-jurisdictional tactical resource serving the citizens of Jasper County and its partner agencies.

JSOG is a combined team comprised of Jasper County Sheriff's Office deputies and police officers from Carthage Police Department, Webb City Police Department, Carl Junction Police Department, and Oronogo Police Department. This collaborative structure ensures trained personnel and specialized resources are readily available to respond to high-risk incidents throughout both rural and urban areas of Jasper County.

All JSOG members are selected through a rigorous testing and evaluation process and maintain operational readiness through continuous training. This commitment ensures officer safety, professionalism, and effective incident resolution.

During calendar year 2025, JSOG was activated for 17 operational deployments, assisting partner agencies with high-risk situations, including warrant services, barricaded subjects, and other critical incidents requiring specialized tactical capabilities.

In addition to operational responses, JSOG emphasized community engagement and outreach, participating in several public events and demonstrations designed to promote transparency, educate the community, and strengthen public trust.

As of the end of 2025, JSOG consists of:

**23 Tactical Operators**

**2 Hostage Negotiation Team (HNT) Members**

**5 Unmanned Aerial System (drone) Operators**

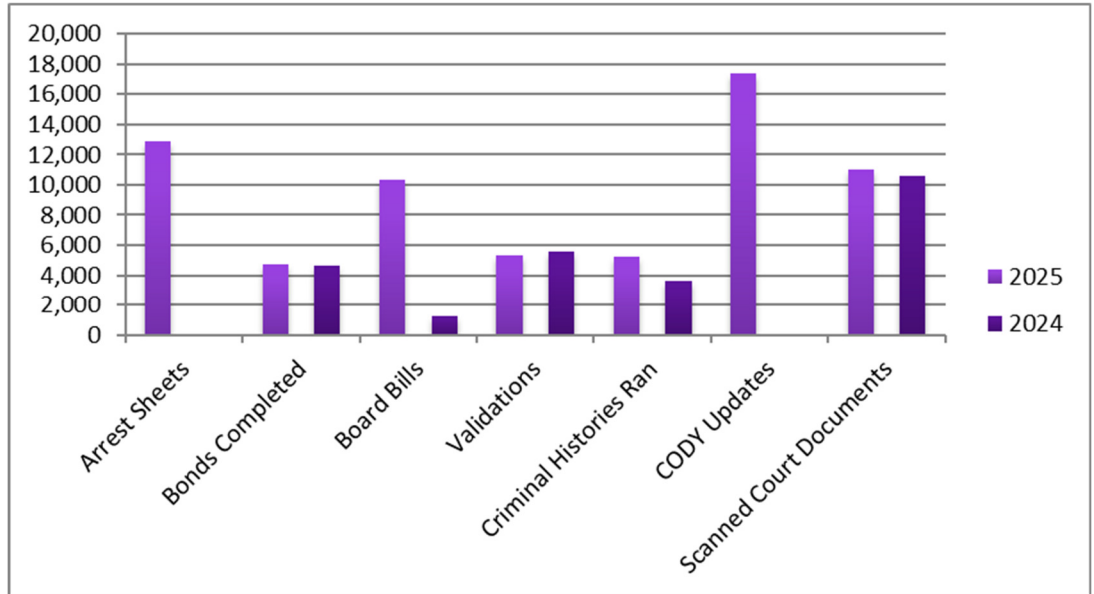
**3 Support Element Drivers**



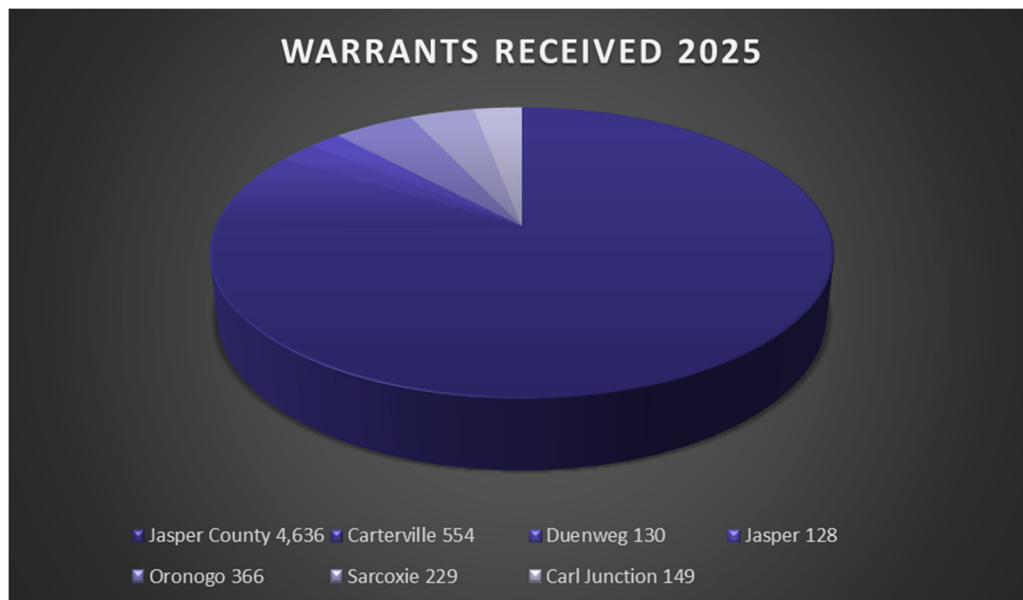


# Warrants Division

The Warrants Division is staffed 24 hours a day and consists of 2 Sergeants, 1 Corporal, 6 Warrant Deputies and 1 Court Deputy. Every employee in the Warrant's division is MULES certified by the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Warrant deputies are sent for numerous trainings throughout the year in order to maintain certifications and continually grow our department.



Duties of the Warrants Division include keeping an accurate count of inmates entering and exiting the facility. We also maintain door security of new arrivals/releases as well as keep accurate records in our jail management system. This year, we assisted in updating the registration of 282 sex offenders, answered inmate correspondence, sent over 6,500 messages to other law enforcement agencies notifying their hold was ready for pick up or had been released from custody. Other duties consist of entering and validating warrants, expartes, stolen items, stolen guns, stolen vehicles, towed vehicles and missing persons. These entries and validations are done for Jasper County and six city agencies within Jasper County. Our Court Clerk communicates with the courts on docket entries and inmate court lists. This year we received approximately 21,630 emails from the court.





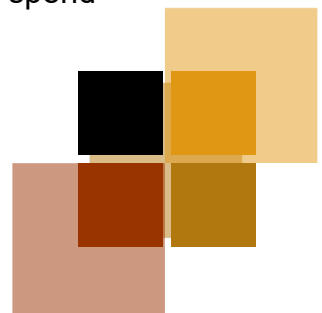
# Community Outreach



The Jasper County Sheriff's Office holds two citizen academies every year. The Spring 2025 graduates pictured here include; Matthew Glass, David Lawhon, Nikki Lawhon, Kaitlyn Lawhon, Anne Eliff, Callie Aleshire, Wilma Aleshire, Sean Bird, Whitney Wood, Jill Waggoner, Daeden Booth and Mark Cook. Each eight week class meets once a week and gets an inside look at the Detention Center, JASCO Emergency Services (911), and patrol functions. Participants also get some hands on time with investigative forensics and firearms.



Every summer the Jasper County Sheriff's Office hosts a junior deputy summer camp. Here a couple of campers show off their shoe print casting ability. They spend a lot of time with detectives learning about forensics. They also learn about the basic functions of law enforcement, firearm safety and teamwork. The free camp fills up fast and will be held again in 2026.





# Sheriff's Office Events



Jasper County Detective Samuel Sarmiento was named the Deputy of the Year for 2025. He consistently did great work throughout the year and had a couple of big cases, including a burglary where a significant amount of high-valued items were recovered after a lengthy and detailed investigation. Detective Sarmiento demonstrated imitative and resourcefulness during the course of this investigation leading to a successful outcome.



Jennifer Russow, accounts payable clerk, received the civilian employee of the year for 2025. She went above and beyond in helping to coordinate the Night Under the Stars, a fundraiser for Shop With a Deputy. She also coordinated a Sheriff's Office food drive during the Holidays. Food that was gathered was donated to the Carthage Food bank and the Crisis Center. She also helped out with other fundraising and benevolent events throughout the year.



Every year in the fall, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office hosts a shooting competition for first responders. It provides an opportunity for networking and comradery at the range. This year Lawrence County Sheriff's Deputy Joey Skaggs won both the iron sight and optics divisions. More than \$700 was raised during the event and was later given to support Shine Joplin.





# Airport Village

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office has provided contract law enforcement service to the Village of Airport Drive since 2008.

While statistics cannot fully capture every interaction or outcome, they provide an important measure of workload, trends, and overall activity. This information assists in evaluating effectiveness, identifying needs, and guiding future planning for the area.



Deputies responded to the following inside the city of Airport Drive:

Calls for Service = 962  
Traffic Stops = 1089  
DWI = 7

Self-Initiated Activities = 1417  
Traffic Citations = 169  
Incident Reports = 322

Sgt. Crossley completed 69 incident reports, conducted 331 traffic stops and issued 34 traffic citations, 297 traffic warnings and 2 non-traffic citations.

Deputy Swift completed 104 incident reports, conducted 445 traffic stops and issued 60 traffic citations, 385 traffic warnings and 3 non-traffic citations.

Deputy Carrier completed 243 incident reports, conducted 295 traffic stops and issued 138 traffic citations, 157 traffic warnings and 1 non-traffic citation.

Village Deputies were on duty for a total of 4,943.75 hours and travelled 42,067 miles enforcing laws inside the Village as well as assisting the patrol division with calls outside of the Village of Airport Drive.

## LETTERS OF CODE VIOLATION

The Village of Airport Drive takes a proactive compliance-focused approach to code enforcement by prioritizing communication and voluntary correction or immediate penalties. When a potential code violation is identified, the Code Enforcement Officer issues a written notice outlining the concern, the applicable ordinance, and clear steps to remediation, giving property owners a reasonable opportunity to resolve the issue before any citation is considered.

In 2025, 25 letters of code violation were mailed out by the Code Enforcement Officer with only 1 citation being issued after no remedies being completed by the property owner.

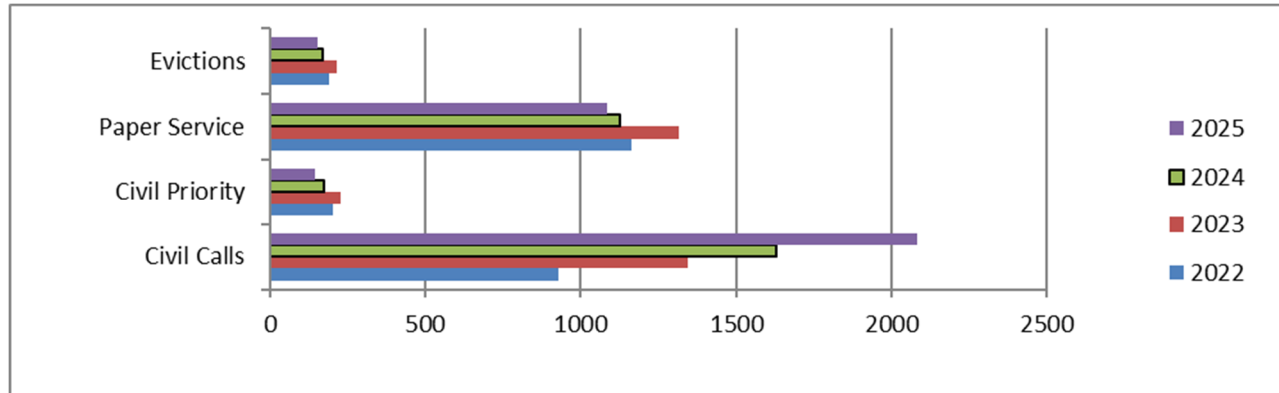


# Sheriff Divisions

## Courts and Civil Process

The Civil Process Division consists of a Sergeant, a Corporal and three full-time Deputies.

In 2025, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office handled approximately 4,586 documents for service.



The Civil Process Division serves summons, writs (wage garnishments or other Court ordered execution of judgments), and other legal documents. Some examples include; landlord –tenant disputes, divorce proceedings and child custody hearing, real estate attachments and seizures, Sheriff sales of property, subpoena of witness, ex partes (restraining orders), replevins and levies

In 2025, 3,225 summons and writs, 523 subpoenas and 684 ex-partes were served. In addition, the Civil Process Division attempted to serve 656 individuals, with some form of legal process, but was unable to locate them. In legal terminology, this is referred to as “non-est”. Deputies within the Civil Process Division made a total of 3,587 attempts to serve legal process in all of 2025.

Also, we handled 30 civil standbys. The Sheriff's Office serves court orders for the removal of persons from the residence or other places, so the property may be restored to the property owner. There were a total of 154 forcible evictions/foreclosures in 2025.

Within the Courts Division there is a corporal and ten bailiffs/court security officers. The Courts Division made a total of 70 warrant arrests (29 in Carthage, 41 in Joplin) and filed 48 medical injury/informational reports.

## Transportation Division

The Transportation Division is staffed by seven deputies. The division ensures the safe and timely movement of inmates while providing significant support to court and detention operations.

The division oversees all warrant and waiver extraditions to the Jasper County Detention Center and conducted **2,320**

live video court proceedings for Jasper County and cooperating jurisdictions. Deputies also assist Detention Center staff and fulfill bailiff duties at courthouse facilities, strengthening the security and efficiency of daily judicial operations.







# SRO and DARE

Our school resource officer, Sgt. Isaac B. West, works alongside public-school administrators to help provide a safe learning environment for students. He has spent several hours in classrooms reading books, teaching internet safety and answering questions about being a police officer. Sgt. West has also provided active intruder training to school staff during teacher in service days. Without students present at the school, blank simulation gun fire was utilized to give teacher the best training possible.

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program lead by Sgt. West reached out to over 100 students, teaching them to develop good decision-making skills and saying no to drugs.

The “DARE Decision Making Model” is a great tool for teaching youth to make safe and responsible choices. Each student completing the course receives a DARE shirt and gift bag. Sgt. West also presented a DARE booth at the Sheriff’s Office annual Community Safety Day.

The S.R.O. is in charge of organizing the Shop With A Deputy Program. Working alongside the community, local school districts and other law enforcement officers, a list was prepared that enabled us to provide 110 children with Christmas gifts for this holiday season. This program is a great way to show the youth of Jasper County they matter and are loved by the community. We accept donations all year around for this event.

Along with working in the schools, the S.R.O. regularly assists the patrol division with calls for service and active traffic enforcement completing 72 police reports, issuing 31 traffic citations and 12 custodial arrests.



More than 100 fifth graders in Sarcoxie, Avilla and Jasper graduated from the D.A.R.E. program in 2025. This program has proven to be effective in teaching kids about making good decisions when faced with peer pressure to use drugs or alcohol.





# Sheriff's Office K-9



The Jasper County Sheriff's Office K-9 Division consists of two teams, Sergeant Nathan Deherrera / K-9 Arner (Certified in narcotics) and Deputy Darren Prater / K-9 Valor (Certified in narcotics and patrol).

During the 2025 calendar year, our K-9 teams were used to assist local, state, and federal agencies. All Jasper County Sheriff's Office K-9 teams must undergo yearly in-house testing to standards that have been set by the sheriff of Jasper County. Each team is also required to complete a yearly accreditation through North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA), a nationally recognized certifying organization. The team is trained bi-weekly by a (NAPWDA) Master Trainer.

Each year our K-9 teams educate the general public and community in the variety of resources on how a well-trained dog and handler can benefit our area. Some of the positive community relations the K-9 Division worked to build include demonstrations at schools, various public/ community events, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office Community Safety Day, and the Jasper County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Academy. Through demonstrations, handlers educate the public about how often a K-9 team can be utilized as well as communicate possible misconceptions the audience may have about how dogs are trained and used as a tool for detecting, deterring, or investigating criminal activities.

During the year of 2025 The K9 Division Seized/Assisted in the Seizure of 20 grams of methamphetamine, three grams of cocaine, one gram of psilocybin, one firearm as well as eight deployments for searches for wanted persons.

The K9 Division made 59 proactive arrests during the year of 2025.



Former Jasper County Deputy  
Adam Black with his K-9 Marmalade

In memory of...

08/10/2009 - 02/26/2025

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office was saddened to announce that retired patrol K-9 Marmalade passed away in February of 2025. Marmalade spent her retirement years with her handler and former JCSO Deputy Adam Black. Adam said, "even after her retirement in 2017 she was ready to go to work every day. She hated me leaving the house without her and the sound of Velcro set her off until her final day. When she heard that sound, she knew she was going places... or going to nap in the car."

