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## Parsons Police Department

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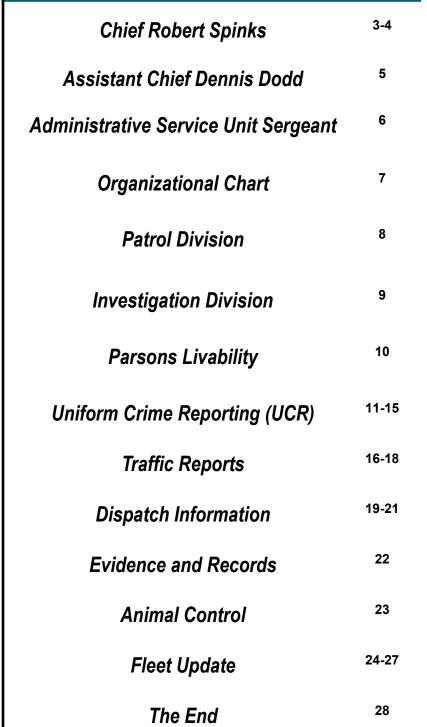


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# FROM THE CHIEF

## Parsons Police Chief Robert Spinks, MA, MS



This publication contains information about the services provided by your police and puts crime statistics into a true factual perspective. Creating and maintaining a safe community environment for resi-

dents, commuters, students and visitors of Parsons is of paramount importance. We strive to foster an environment in which individuals feel safe to visit, live, learn, and work. Our goals are principles of **professionalism**, **pride and dedication**. These values are essential to our community and serve as the foundation for mutual success and productivity. A safe, supportive community can be achieved with everyone's involvement.

This past year we saw a change in Chiefs. Former Chief Jason Sharp become the Dean of Instruction at Labette Community College (LCC). Much of the successes outlined in this report are attributed to his efforts as Chief in setting our agency on the right path for the future. In October, I assumed command of the Department. I am continuing with the efforts of Chief Sharp. Consequently, we are pushing forward with new programming, training, and strategic planning for the future success of the Department.

By far the greatest challenge facing the police department is officer retention and recruitment. Over the past 20 years over 100 employees have moved to other police agencies and employment. On average what that means is that we lose 5 to 6 employees to better paying jobs in and out of the region. With each new opening comes the cost of recruitment, academy training, and supervised field training before that officer can begin solo patrol duties. This costs nearly a year of time from start to finish and reduces the agency's overall effectiveness during this training cycle. Addressing employee retention is a city-wide challenge.

2018, showed a turnaround in crime trends. We saw **drops in vehicle theft, assaults, theft, burglaries and rape**. The total number of incidents handled by the police this past year also had

a slight drop. These reductions still placed the community in the top third of our comparable cities for crime rate. We also see challenges with individuals in crisis and families in-need.

Illegal drugs form a nexus to a series of crimes ranging from aggravated assault, domestic assault, theft, and burglary. So focusing new efforts and resources on illegal drugs is a strategic goal. Working in partnership with the County Attorney Stephen Jones, Labette Sheriff Darren Eichinger and our Department, we are working to create a new Narcotics Task Force based in the Parsons Police Department. This small group, once funded and deployed will focus solely on illegal drug manufacturer, transportation, distribution and sales. We hope to see this group staffed in 2019.

We strive to ensure that crime victims are supported beyond the time when a crime occurs. On March 1st, 2019 we will establish a **new Special Victim's Unit (SVU)** with a Detective who will work to divert people in crisis out of the criminal justice system and toward helping agencies. A **future Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program** will be established to expand our service to individuals and families in crisis. Also in 2019 the agency embarked upon a training program created by the U.S. Department of Justice to train all staff on **Investigating and Prosecuting Sexual Assault**. This training totals 105 hours and includes a final exam to receive national certification. Our agency is the only law enforcement agency in Kansas to work toward having 100% of our officers nationally certified.

Our agency evolution is one of **continuous improvement.**We are continuing to achieve the goals set out in our strategic vision. While we have accomplished much, we remain focused on evolving the Department with the goal of benchmarking ourselves as leaders in Kansas in order to provide the most cost-effective level of service possible to our community. Not only is a safe community a livable city, but it is a community ready to support economic development.

ROBERT L. SPINKS, MA, MS
CHIEF OF POLICE

# FROM THE CHIEF

## Parsons Police Chief Robert Spinks, MA, MS Continued...

## **Looking Back to 2018:**

- Achieved a year with no formal sustained citizen complaints.
- Partnered with KLKC Radio to create the weekly 'Rap Sheet' radio program. These programs are then turned into podcasts and posted on the Parsons Police website.
- **Maintained certification** of all police officers by exceeding the minimum annual in-service training requirements of the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (KS·CPOST).
- Increased the usage of press releases to **increase community awareness** of policing in town.
- Trained two **Armorers** to maintain agency firearms.
- Trained two new Taser Instructors.
- The Department applied for a US Department of Justice, **Office of Community Policing Services (COPS) Grant** to assist with community policing planning and development of a community survey.
- Initiated a planning process to **update the agency's strategic plan**. Conducted one-on-one and group sessions.
- Began the use of stratified management process that includes utilizing crime mapping, identifying crime trends, creation of an annual report to track trends, and to improve internal communications through a new weekly supervisor's meeting, an agency newsletter and quarterly in-service training program.

## In a nutshell for 2018:

- 17,927 total incidents were handled in 2018, resulting in 2,190 crime reports.
- A **14.6% decrease in overall call load** from the peak year of 2014 (20,980 total incidents)
- Police response times were superior with Priority 1 calls averaging 2.19 minutes; Priority 2 calls were 4.26 minutes; Priority 3 calls were 4.5 minutes and Priority 4 calls were 9.34 minutes. Nationally, a Priority 1 Call response can range from a low of nearly 6 minutes to over 11 minutes.
- Patrol officers logged over 175,337 miles of city patrols.

### **Total arrests included:**

- Arrest trends were up totaling 595, which was an increase for 2017 (570) and 2016 (511) totals.
- Felony drugs arrests totaled 83 while misdemeanor drug arrests totaled 64.
- A total of 305 felony and misdemeanor **arrest warrants** were served.

## Traffic enforcement also contributed to safer streets

- The agency received the **AAA Platinum Traffic Safety Award** for the 3rd year in a row.
- **2,930 traffic stops** were made in 2018, but 1,231 of these stops resulted in enforcement action while 1,699 warning were given. This equates to one citation for every 2.41 traffic stops.
- Traffic enforcement did not merely target speeding which comprised 19% of all citations. No insurance (21%), Seatbelts (15%), and Expired Vehicle Tags (10%) rounded out a majority of citations. A complete breakdown is on page 15.
- A series of **traffic safety grants** from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) contributed to a decline in vehicle crashes in town.

### **Schools**

The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program continues to be an integral partnership with Parsons USD 503.

# **ASSISTANT CHIEF**

## **Assistant Chief Dennis Dodd**



The Assistant Chief is responsible for the day to operaday tions of the Parsons Police Department.

Award Presentation

Assistant Chief Dennis Dodd oversees Uniform

Services, Investigations, Dispatch, and the School Resource Program. The Parsons Police Department consists of more than 26 sworn officers and 7 civilian employees.

The Parsons Police Department is responsible for providing rapid response to emergencies, comprehensive investigations on all criminal matters, traffic safety, community service, and assistance to the general public.

Our goal as a department is to respond to the community's needs in a professional manner with a customer service mentality guiding us. We are committed to working in a collaborative effort with the community to identify, address, and resolve quality of life issues with our focus directed toward long-term resolutions.





We at the Parsons Police Department take pride the fact that we are providing the community with great law enforcement services. The City of Parsons can take pride in what we have accomplished in 2018.

**Assistant Chief** 

Dennis K. Dodd



# 2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

## **Administrative Services Unit Sergeant Jason Ludwig**

2018 Brought some new changes to the Parsons Police Department including a new Chief of Police. Joining the Parsons Police Department is Robert Spinks. Chief Spinks took over after Jason Sharp vacated the position during the summer. Chief Spinks brings new and different ideas to the department such a an updated website and 'THE RAPSHEET' podcast with Annette Tucker from KLKC radio. Chief Spinks has hit the ground running and has

added a new building and a third detective position to the police department roster. Chief Spinks has implemented the slogan for the citizens of Parsons to help the men and women of the Parsons Police Department stop crime and deter future criminal activity. 'See It, Hear It, Report It' will be a common phrase coming from police department employees. "Only together can we create a community that provides the All American feel that we desire to live in." Says Spinks.

Other changes with the police department is the addition of a

**Special Victims Unit Detective** position specializing in crimes involving children, sexual abuse and dependent adult abuse. This position will be a welcome addition to the

police department giving victims a singular person to communicate with during the investigation process.

Among the additions to the departments personnel we have added a new

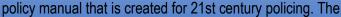
Lexipol Policy was formed to be a fluid document that will change as case law and new statutes change. This gives the Parsons Police Department continual training on the changes in law enforcement trends. We have also added to our tool kits body worn cameras that are linked to the patrol vehicle. The WatchGuard system body camera activates automatically when officers turn on their vehicle lights. This system also wirelessly downloads all video to a computer

in the police department when the patrol car gets within range, this saves the officer time from manually downloading each video.

2018 also brought the third consecutive AAA Traffic Safety Platinum Award. This award was given for our participation in traffic safety events including Click It or Ticket, Thanksgiving Safe Arrival, You Drink You Drive You Loose, along with our department ran programs such

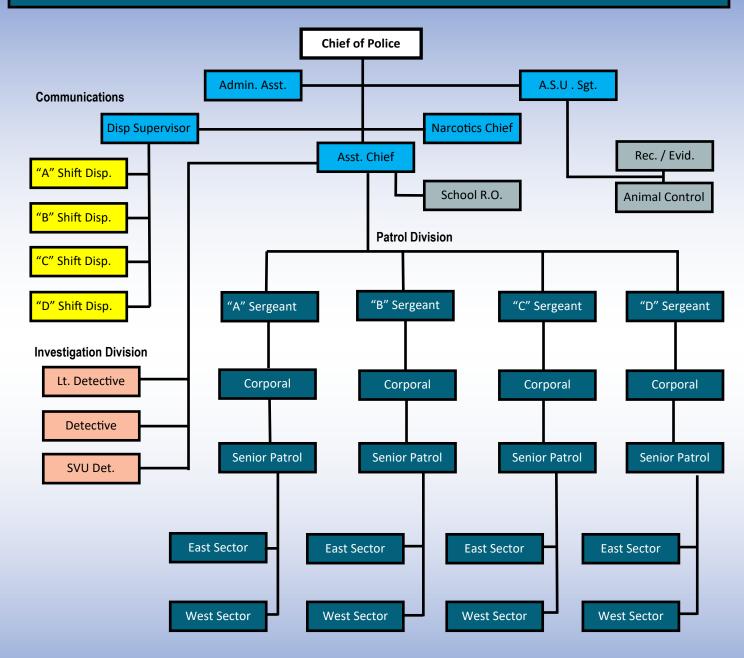
as the child safety seat program, and **Ident-a-kid**. These achievements are only the beginning for the Parsons Police Department. Even with all these additions Chief Spinks

was able to add personal protective equipment to the department with hard plate body armor and ballistic helmets, we are able to meet force with force in the event of an active shooter. The department has also updated our weapons from Sig Sauer to the more commonly used **Glock 17**, giving the Parsons Police Department Glocks guarantee. This has been an interesting end to 2018 and we can only expect great things in 2019.



# Parsons Police Department

## Organizational Chart



The Parsons Police Department is Staffed 24 hours a day 365 days a year. We have four divisions in the department. Administration, Investigation, Patrol, and Communications. Patrol and Communication Divisions are available to the public at all times with the Investigation Division on a call rotation for felonious and large crimes. The Parsons Police Department averages about 30,000 calls for service yearly and incorporates half of the population for the entire county. We focus on serving our citizens with our core values Pride, Professionalism, and Dedication.

# **PATROL**

## **Patrol Division Operations**

## **Patrol Division:**

The Patrol Division is comprised of four 12-hour shifts working 6 am to 6 pm and vice versa. Each shift is comprised of a Patrol Sergeant, a Corporal, a Senior Officer, and two Sector (East and West) officers. The Patrol Sergeant answers directly to the Assistant Chief. Duties of the Patrol Division include but are not limited to:

Provide for public safety by maintaining order, responding to emergencies, protecting people and property, enforcing motor vehicle and criminal laws, and promoting good community relations. Identify, pursue, and arrest suspects and perpetrators of criminal acts. Record facts to prepare reports that document incidents and activities. Review facts of incidents to determine if criminal act or statute violations were involved. Render aid to accident victims and other persons requiring first aid for physical injuries. Testify in court to present evidence or act as witness in traffic and criminal cases. Evaluate complaint and emergency-request information to determine response requirements. Patrol specific area on foot or motorized conveyance, responding promptly to

calls for assistance. Monitor, note, report, and investigate suspicious persons and situations, safety hazards, and unusual or illegal activity in patrol area. Investigate traffic accidents and other accidents to determine causes and to determine if a crime has been committed. Photograph or draw diagrams of crime or accident scenes and interview principals and eyewitnesses. Monitor traffic to ensure mo-



torists observe traffic regulations and exhibit safe driving

procedures. Relay complaint and emergency-request information to appropriate agency dispatchers. Issue citations or warnings to violators of motor vehicle ordinances. Direct traffic flow and reroute traffic in case of emergencies. Inform citizens of community services and recommend options to facilitate longer-term problem resolution. Provide road information to assist motorists. Process prisoners and prepare and maintain records of prisoner bookings and prisoner status during booking and pre-trial process. Inspect public establishments to ensure compliance with rules and regulations. Act as official escorts, such as when leading funeral processions or firefighters.



# **INVESTIGATION**

## **Lieutenant Sherri McGuire and Sergeant Kyle Wiford**

#### **INVESTIGATIONS**

In 2018, the police department had two full-time detectives and two street investigators. The job duty of the detectives is to provide investigative support to patrol, criminal investigations and narcotics investigation. The investigations division also works with outside agencies to coordinate investigations that involve criminal activity which may begin in our community and spread out to other jurisdictions.

In 2019, a third full-time detective has been added to the investigation division. This position is a career develop-

ment training. The Career Development Investigations Training Program (CDI-TP) is designed to provide a rotating (short-term) crosstraining opportunity for police officers/corporals and Sergeants to develop and enhance their investigative skills. While all police officers are expected to conduct preliminary investigations, conduct interviews, process crime scenes and follow a

case from its dispatch to arrest and preparation for court, this career development cross-training opportunity allows an officer to receive additional training, mentoring and hands-on experiences to make them a more effective police officer. Special Victims Unit (SVU) is the term used to

designate a Police Officer/Corporal or a Sergeant who is engaged in a temporary, rotating CDI-TP who is receiving

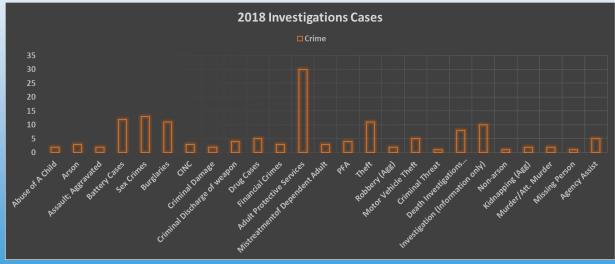


training and mentoring that is focused on dealing with families and juveniles in-crisis or at-risk, is a lead in sex crime investigations, is the agency liaison to develop partnerships with helping

agencies, non-profit groups, the faith-based community and state or county agencies to support and divert individuals and families out of the criminal justice system whenever possible.

Tim Jones, Patrol Sergeant, was promoted and will become the first SVU Detective the Parsons Police Department in the Career Development Investigations Training Program.

The end of 2018 saw the Investigations division move from the main police department to their own building. The new building provides more space for families in crisis, two additional interview rooms and a play room for children that have contact with the police. This move allows for more



space opening in the main department and removes victims and children and allows them to be in a more relaxed environment.

# **PARSONS**

## **COMMUNITY LIVABLILTY**

Behavioral and property based crimes can be an indicator of a community's overall level of livability. These types of crimes can also be precursor warnings to the development of more serious crime in the future.

Key indicator crimes include criminal damage, assaults, thefts, burglary, domestic violence calls, and disorderly conduct. By paying attention to these crime today, the police and the community can see trends that may later lead to more serious types of criminal activity.

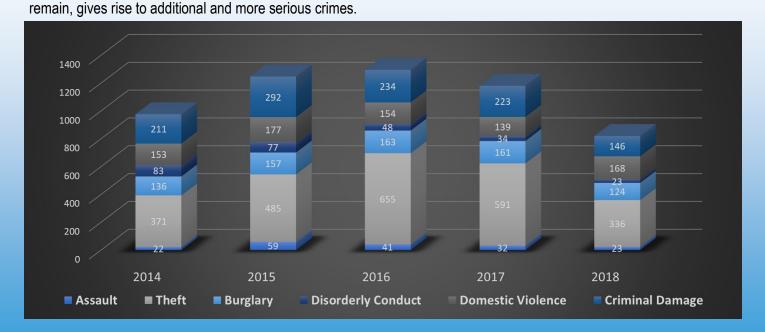
As the columns in the lower graph decline, there is a greater level of livability in the community—in essence the community is healthier.

The results of quickly nipping 'quality of life' crimes supports the "Broken Windows" theory of crime. If minor violations and crimes are left unchecked by the community, then a breeding ground for crime develops which, if allowed to

In a small community, it is relatively easy to drive through unkempt neighborhoods and then overlay crime mapping on those areas to see the accuracy of the Broken Windows Theory of Crime. Proactively addressing nuisance code

Year	Criminal Damage	Assault	Theft	Burglary	Disorderly Conduct	Domestic Violence
2018	146	23	336	124	23	168
2017	223	32	591	161	34	139
2016	234	41	655	163	48	154
2015	292	59	485	157	77	177
2014	211	22	371	136	83	153

violations, abandoned vehicles, and minor criminal activity really is the first line of defense to protect the overall quality of life and livability in Parsons.



# **UCR**

## **UNDERSTANDING CRIME: WHAT IS UCR?**

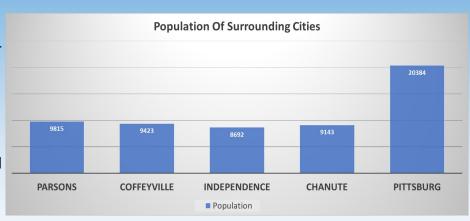
The Parsons Police Department reports crime data to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), which serves as the clearinghouse for collecting crime data in the state of Kansas.

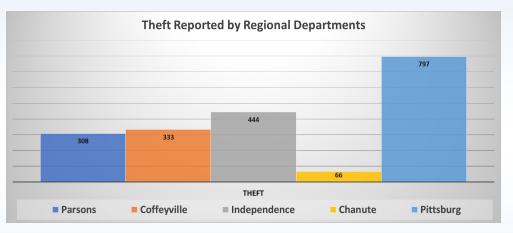
Serious Crimes include: Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. Simple Crimes or less serious

Crimes are also tracked, this is not an all inclusive list of crimes. The charts shows the local UCR crime rate. This allows a comparison between PPD and other agencies.

One common misconception is that the work environment for rural police officers is safer than in metropolitan communities. Yet, the data has shown for decades that the two highest risk work locations for police

officers are the largest metropolitan cities and in rural communities. All other areas and sizes of communities tend to provide a safer work environment for law enforcement officers. Usually because of lower staffing, less back-up, availability of weapons and a host of factors, policing metropolitan

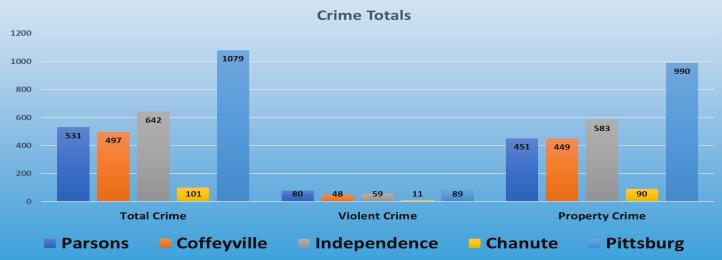




cities and rural communities remains a risky occupation.

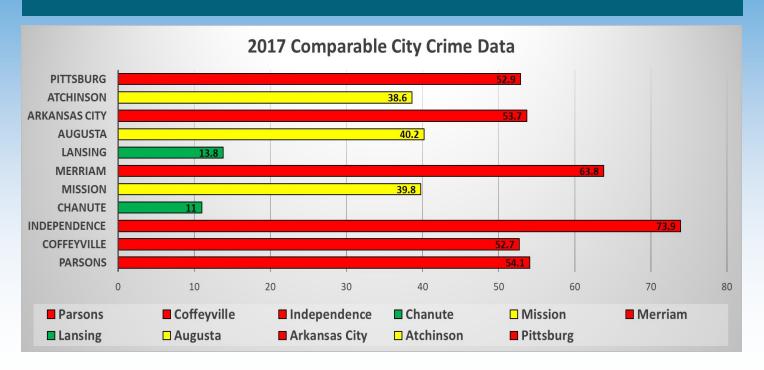
Here are local agencies and how Parsons compares to them in 2017.

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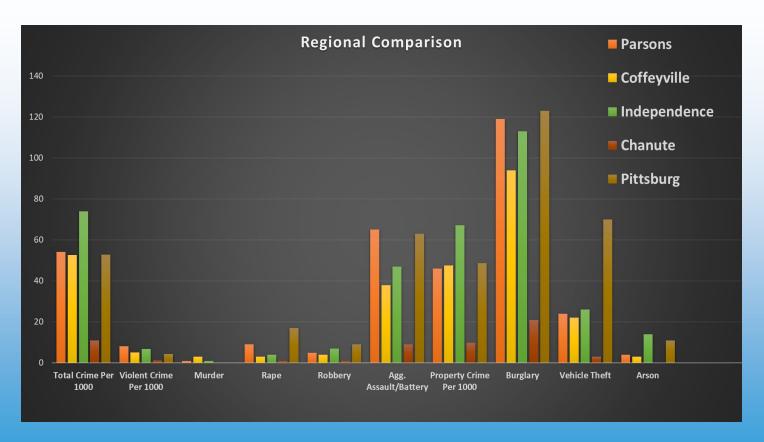


# **UCR**

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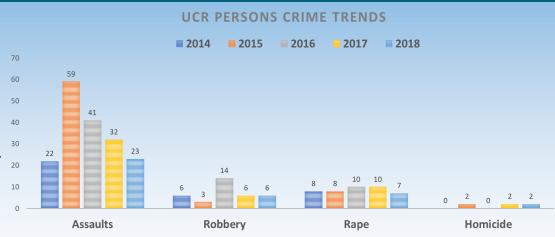
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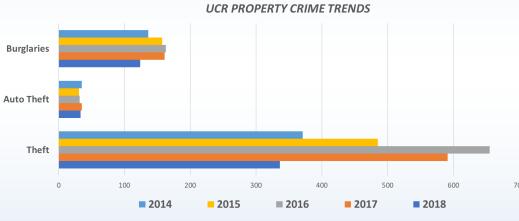


# **STATISTICS**

## **UCR** CONTINUED

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) samples only a handful of specific crimes, which allows for uniform comparison of data across city, state and regional lines. This system was created in 1928 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). It was then transferred to the



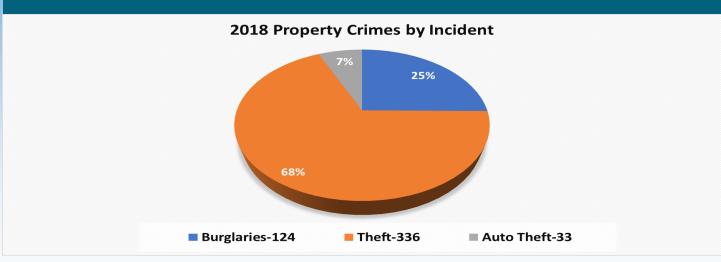


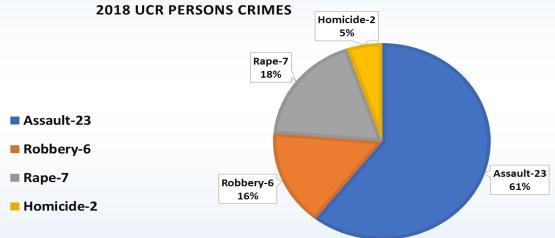
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a means to establish a way to systematically measure crimes across the United States. The US Department of Justice publishes this data annually in the FBI Crime in the United States Report available on-line at: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm).

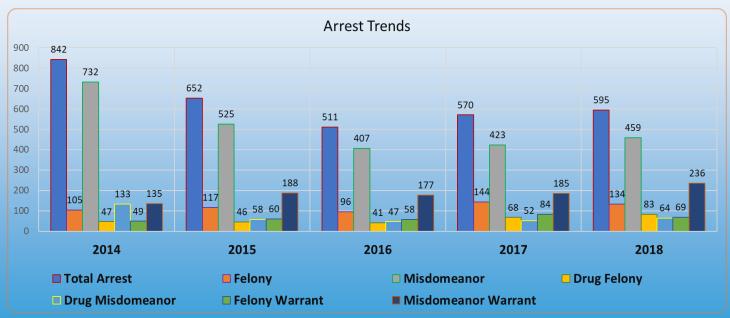


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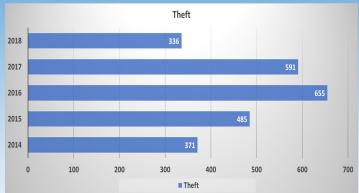


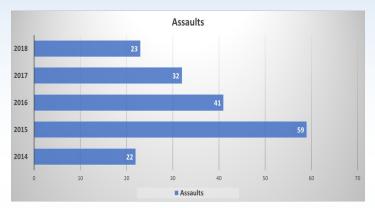


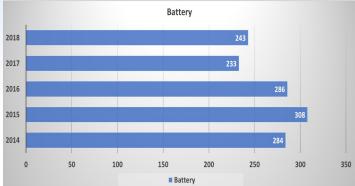
# **CORE CRIME STATS**

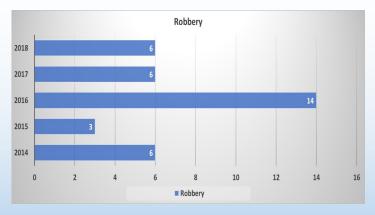
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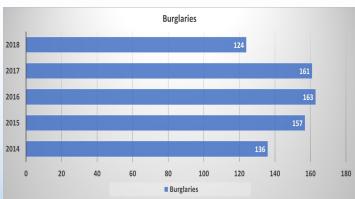


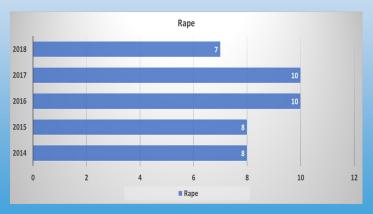


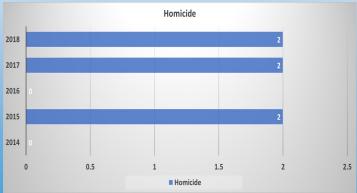












# TRAFFIC REPORT

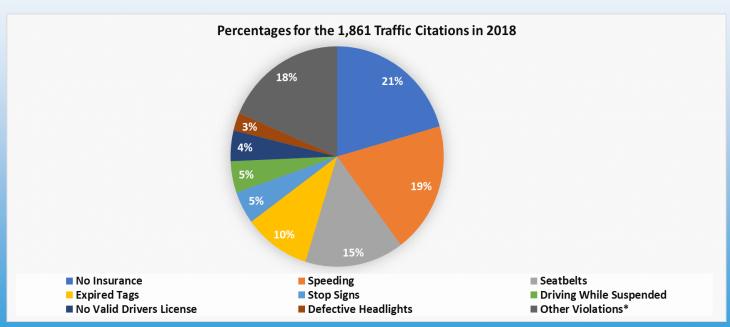
## **2018 Traffic Citation Data**



Citations for the Parsons Police Department are fairly consistent with only a few ups and downs over the last 4 years. The trends have shown that the police department has always been well over 1200 total citations yearly and only in 2017 have the dropped below 1600 for the year. This can be accredited to a multitude of things such as; higher visibility, better compliance, or even more verbal warnings over written citations.

The break down for citations is interesting as well. The Pie Chart shows that 21% of all citations are for No Liability

Insurance. This seems like a high percentage of uninsured drivers but it can also be misinterpreted since officers write the citations for not having proof of the insurance in the vehicle. If the driver has proof of the insurance and takes it to the municipal court they can have the charges dropped. The second greatest citation is Speeding. Speeding creates a higher probability of accidents due to not having sufficient time to slow or stop a vehicle. The Seatbelt violations are also high but the majority if those citations are written during the Click-It or Ticket enforcement period.



# TRAFFIC REPORT

## **2018 Traffic Citation Data**

When making comparisons and graph data, the citations issued include several other types. In the citation total on page 14 of the Annual Report it states that there were 1,861 citation issued. That factor is total citations issued which would be all citations including multiple counts on one hard copy of a citation and includes minor misdemeanor citations as well. The process for excluding and separating each citation is not feasible for reporting purposes. The statistics below on page 15 are the number of traffic stops that resulted in citations issued (1,213) and does not reflect multiple charges or misdemeanor citations issued.

This chart is important to show due to many police complaints deriving from traffic stops. The most complaints are that officers only write citations and do not give warnings. This chart shows that the Parsons Police Department is fair and equitable in the amount of citations that are written compared to the amount of warnings given.

Parsons Police Department averaged a percentage of 41.39% of traffic stops resulting in citations or enforcement actions.

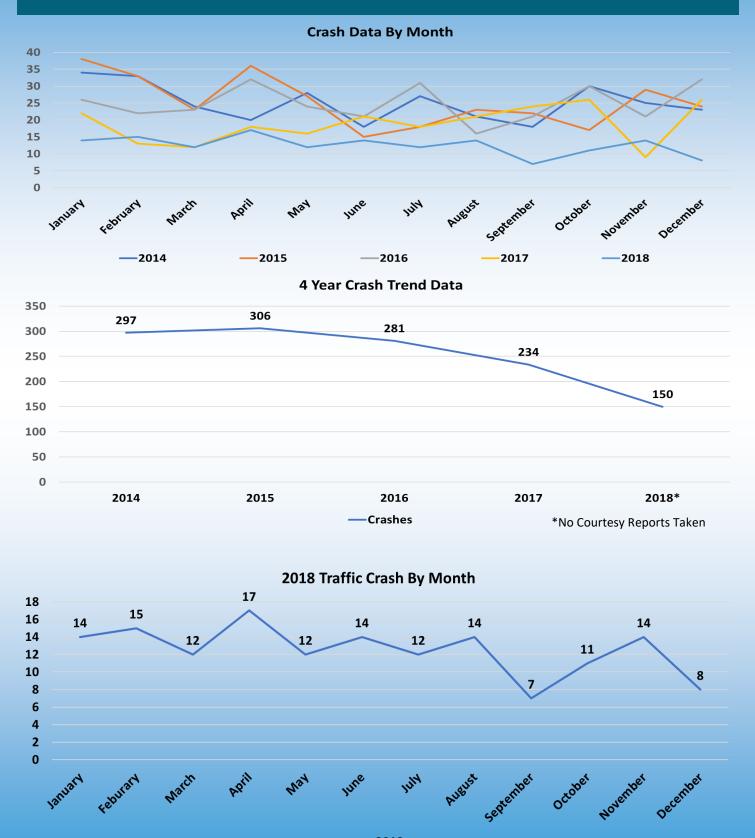
The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) conducted a survey in 2015 and the national average was estimated at \*49% of traffic stops resulting in citations or enforcement action. This puts Parsons Police below the national average for citations issued on traffic stops.

\*This information was obtained from an outside source: https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/cpp15.pdf

2018 Citation to Stop Ratio					
Total Stops	2930				
Total Stops with Is- sued Citation	1213				
Percentage of Stops Resulting in Citation	41.39%				
1 Citation per 2.41 Stops					

# PARSONS CRASH DATA

## **CRASHDOCS.ORG**



# DISPATCH

## **Parsons 911 Statistics**

The Parsons Police Department dispatch center is a 24 / 7 / 365 PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point), that is staffed by four full-time dispatchers and one dispatch supervisor. Dispatchers are often the first "first" responders and are almost always the first point of contact for any major emergency.

Our dispatch team has many duties such as; monitoring twenty-five cameras and six phone lines (three administrative and three NG911 (Next Generation 911) lines)

and person information, checking criminal history for criminal investigations, entering and confirming warrants and running serial numbers to check for stolen items.

Parsons Dispatch also monitors severe weather and NWS (National Weather Service) alerts and sound storm sirens when tornado warnings are issued. Dispatch is also the coordinating point to open storm shelters and is responsible for conducting weekly testing on storm siren equipment for the city. Dispatch staff is responsible for

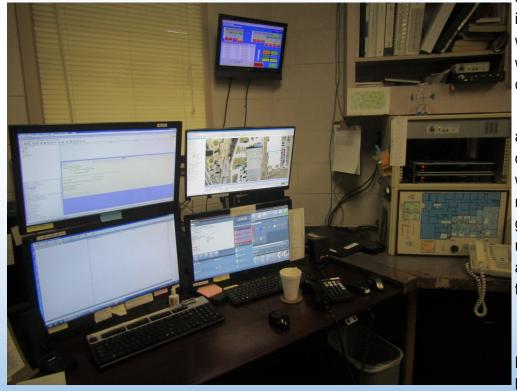
> conducting hourly checks of inmates in our holding facility, which consists of three cells with four total beds, a detox cell and a holding cell.

Parsons Dispatch is also the first contact for the department when a citizen walks into the Police Department for assistance. They guide citizens to the help they and provide calming words to those who are in distress.

need and officers to the needy

The Parsons Police Department Dispatch staff have a combined 17 years of

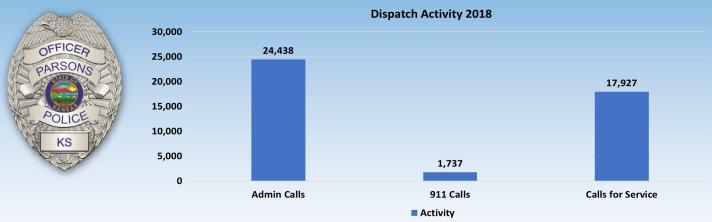
dispatch experience and 27 years of total law enforcement experience and they are always continuing to improve their training and skill set to better serve the people of Parsons, Kansas. They strive to hold themselves and others to the Parsons Police Departments core values, PRIDE, PROFESSIONALISM, DEDICATION.



as well as text to 911 and up to ten police, fire and EMS 800MHz radio channels at the same time. A single dispatcher will take caller information, prioritize calls, and dispatch officers in a 12 hour shift. All dispatchers are full access NCIC (National Crime Information Center) certified and dispatchers are responsible for running vehicle plates

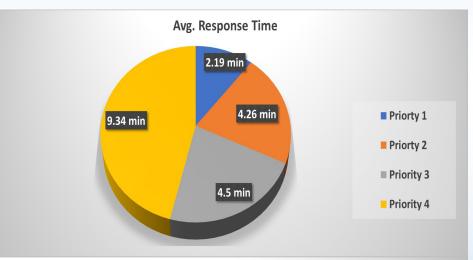
# **DISPATCH**

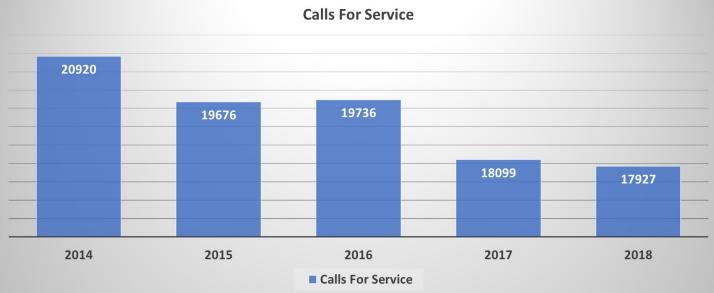
## **Parsons 911 Statistics**



# 10 MAJOR CITIES RANKED BY AVERAGE POLICE RESPONSE TIME







Dispatched Incident	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Break/ Meal Break	597	578	574	365	405
Visitor	0	46	34	42	8
Police Escort	431	275	293	288	277
Arrest/ Transport Male/ Female	80	118	121	150	119
Phone Call	2	49	34	40	21
Paper Service	347	558	392	355	381
Warrant Service	244	302	272	508	497
Vehicle Pursuit	4	10	21	19	10
Traffic Stop	3290	2457	2252	2661	2943
DUI/ Drunk Investigation	103	103	89	71	82
Non-Injury Accident	303	097	304	266	247
Injury Accident	33	35	30	28	23
VIN Inspection	370	399	354	410	424
Civil Standby	197	210	214	169	223
Follow Up Investigation	1337	1322	1195	1161	1052
Welfare Check	265	304	313	276	326
Suspicious Persons	574	686	723	841	784
Suspicious Vehicle	505	574	487	505	522
Medial Response	326	350	276	237	252
Fire Report	135	117	121	97	104
Range Time	6	3	9	11	3
Miscellaneous Call ***	5887	4660	4428	3301	3315
Crime in Progress	3	14	10	17	19
Burglary in Progress	20	33	7	2	9
Armed Robbery in Progress	1	1	1	1	1
Alarm Call	381	444	397	340	322
Fight in Progress	191	225	230	236	230
Domestic Fight	394	393	355	358	387
Prowler	5	9	4	26	8
Jail Break***	0	0	1	0	1
911 Hang Up	200	348	360	166	118
School Zones***	0	0	216	300	397
Armed Person	15	8	22	11	6
Unattended Death	5	3	9	8	10
Report Call	2588	2686	2795	2514	2062
Back Up Requested	1	0	0	1	1
Unlock Vehicle	2	2	1	0	2
Unsecure Residence/ Building	104	76	87	98	115
Shoplifter	43	19	40	34	19
Animal Call	869	898	758	385	527
House Watch Check/ Labette Health***	80	5	418	379	369
Utilities Callout	115	114	133	92	122
Citizen Assist	7	6	6	3	4
Disabled Vehicle	136	103	113	95	67
Green Tag Vehicle	201	92	85	75	41
Fire Works	43	29	85 18	37	14
Mental/Suicidal Person	161	29	295	183	220
Lock/ Unlock Oakwood	165	221	633	628	578
Shots Fired	30	64	49	62	53
Finger Prints***	0	99	214	215	182
Dead Animal	124	107	90	31	20
Storm Siren Testing***	0	0	0	0	5

# EVIDENCE/RECORDS

## 2018 Evidence and Records with Jason Bennett

My primary function is the Records Clerk. My 3500 job includes completing activities and operations in the Police Records Unit which are recording, disseminating copying, and storing of confidential police records in accordance with federal and state laws, and city policy and procedures. I act as a Custodian of Police Records by per- 3500

forming research and 3000 data retrieval in sponse to Police Records Dissemination requests. I also deal with the general public often as the first point of contact for the Police Department. I respond to questions and requests

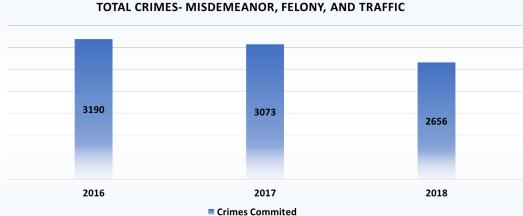
for information and resolve problems related to police records and the records management computer system. I receive and process delivery of mail, receive and coordinate delivery of packages and documents.

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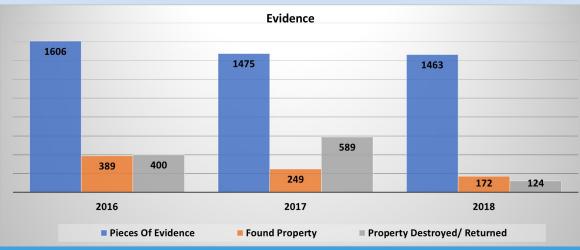
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I also act as the Evidence Custodian my job includes being responsible for maintaining the chain of custody of submitted items with regards to storage and transportation of property and evidence to the Kansas Bureau of Investigations (KBI) crime lab, evidence room, court,

return items to owners and victims and destruction of these items.

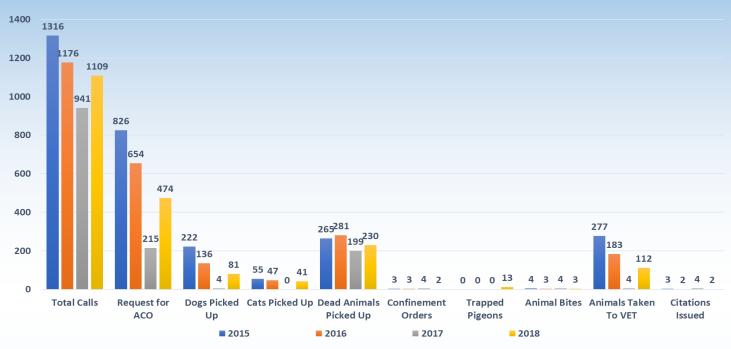


2010 Since the number of property items submitted has been 15.343. We currently house 12,173 evidence items.

# ANIMAL CONTROL

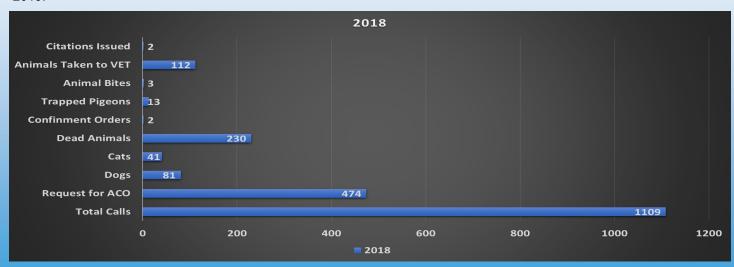
## **Animal Control Officer Scott Swezey**

#### **Animal Control Trends 2015-2018**



The trends you see with Animal Control have been inconsistent with the amount of reports due to loosing the Animal Impound in October of 2016. It was not until mid 2018 that the City of Parsons was able to establish a housing facility for Animals. Since re-establishing an impound for animals at about. This brings about the change we all hope and desire large, the numbers have dropped from what we saw in 2015.

We are hoping that the downward trend is due to pet owners taking more responsibility for their, animals and neighborhoods laying claim to their own by networking and informing each other when they see known pets out and for our pet population.



## **Police Department Vehicles**

## Fleet Update

The Parsons Police Department currently has a total of 17 vehicle in the fleet. 7 of them are patrol vehicle that are driven by patrol officers. There is one vehicle assigned to a position in the department. The Sergeant, Corporal, Senior Patrolman, East Sector, West Sector, with the two remaining highest mileage vehicles being used as backup in case a vehicle is wrecked, needs service or repairs. The two remaining vehicles also serve as extras for specialty patrols such as Click It or Ticket or any of the added DUI campaigns. They are also use as transport vehicles for officers that are call in for duty to conduct specialty transports to other agencies or facilities. As the following charts show the patrol vehicles are used beyond that of a normal vehicle, with them being driven in one month more than some cars are driven in an entire year.

The average patrol car is driven approximately 2,495 miles

per month. That figure would be considerably higher but the miles that are collected are only on the current fleet and lacks the information from the previous vehicles as shown in the charts. Sergeants and Corporals are the shift su-

pervisors and have a considerable amount of administrative duties that keep their individual miles lower than that of a Sector or a Senior Patrolman's vehicle. The School Resource Officer also has an older used Crown Victoria

for his duties at the schools. The rest of the Fleet as assigned are three detective cars that have been breaking more frequently. Those cars were bought used and have no warranty to offset the cost of major repairs.

The LST or (Logistics Support Truck) is relatively a low mileage vehicle but is in need up updating its equipment. The department uses the LST for a staging point for events such as Katy Days. It is also taken to venues such as Touch-A-Truck and the Parsons Christmas Parade. Its primary function is used as an evidence collection point for serious crimes and a command center for large scale investigations. The LST has antiquated radio system that needs to be updated and refreshed. With a computer and new communication equipment the Parsons Police Department can have a mobile dispatch center in the event of a natural disaster.

The Police Department also maintains the ACO's (Animal Control Officer) vehicle as a part of the fleet. With the ACO's truck we have added a new and updated animal transport box with a fan system ventilation and lights. The

former ACO vehicle has been added to the fleet as an added resource for the departments function.

The remaining vehicles that the Department maintains is the Chief of Police, Assistant Chiefs vehicles along with a travel car.

The travel car is used for officers to attend training or be present at other events without taking an assigned Patrol Car out of service.



**Police Department Vehicles** 

# Patrol Car Miles Driven Per Year

VEHICLE	2015	2016	2017	2018	AVG PER YEAR
1	NEW	17,336	30,880	17,813	22,010
2		NEW	8,677	33,545	21,111
3			NEW	15,717	15,717
4			NEW	19,450	19,450
5	NEW	19,242	29,858	40,511	23,448
6		NEW	9,427	33,182	15,608
7	7,790	16,841	31,626	15,119	14,696



**Fleet Continued...** 

# Patrol Car Average Miles Per Month

VEHICLE	2015	2016	2017	2018	Avg. Per Month
1	NEW	3,467	2,573	1,484	2,508
2	0	NEW	2,169	2,795	2,482
3	0	0	NEW	1,965	1,965
4	0	0	NEW	2,431	2,431
5	NEW	3,848	2,486	3,376	2,950
6	0	NEW	2,357	2,765	2,410
7	1,298	1,403	2,636	1,260	1,530



**Fleet Continued...** 

# Current Department Vehicle Mileage







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