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FROM THE CHIEF

Parsons Police Chief Robert Spinks, MA, MS



Parsons Police Chief Robert Spinks

Welcome to the 2019 Parsons Police Department Annual Report. This report contains a wealth of statistical and quantitative information, and I encourage you to read through the report in detail. Our intent is to provide you with a better understanding of the breadth and depth of policing in Parsons.

This past year was a challenging and productive year. Southeast Kansas remains confronted by crime. **Parsons sustained an overall decrease in crime** for the year. With this decrease in crime, Parsons found itself with a rate of crime that falls below that of the surrounding communities of Independence, Coffeyville and Pittsburg.

Just like police agencies throughout Kansas and across the nation, **recruiting quality employees and retaining staff is a struggle**. Employees were lost to other law enforcement agencies as well as to the private sector with employers offering substantive pay and incentives. We also had two retirement services during 2019. **Sergeant Jeremy Capocasa retired after 20 years** of law enforcement and



Chief Spinks confers with SRO Chris Gabbert & Det Corporal Bobby Queen

Animal Control Officer Scott Swezey retired after 19 years of service to the City of Parsons. We were able to recruit both experienced and recruit police officers and staff through the year to continue our efforts in building a career policing agency. Maintaining a career staff will require additional investment by our community.

We saw **increases in training** that lead to enhanced policing productivity. **Strategic planning** was kicked off to begin work on the agency's 2nd Strategic Plan that will push us through to 2025. A new county-wide **Narcotics Task Force**

was created. The Kansas Combined Anti-Drug Taskforce (K-CAT) is a partnership between the Labette County Sheriffs Office, Labette Prosecuting Attorney and the Parsons Police Department. K-CAT is already seeing successes with more to follow in the coming years.

I continue to be amazed by the commitment and initiative exhibited by members of the Department. This desire to improve the quality of service in patrol, investigations, in the schools with our School Resource Officer (SRO) and with our dispatch staff is an example of how we have become a more efficient, responsive and proactive organization.

We were able to establish the new position of **Community Service Officer (CSO)**. The CSO will take the reigns over animal control, parking enforcement, and crime prevention. CSO Trish Pizzi will also handle a multitude of quality of life issues that arise from the citizens in Parsons. She is an added benefit to the Parsons Police Department and has been making strides with the public as she took over this new position. In late 2019.

The Parsons Police Department's partnership with radio station **KLKC** brought to fruition an entire year of the '**Rap Sheet**' pod cast to local radio listeners and the Parsons Police Department. Each radio show has been posted as a podcast that can be listened to on the PPD Web Site www.parsonspd.com.

We continue to embrace the challenges of forward thinking as we look to the future in planning for a new **Public Safety Center**. A new joint fire and police center is long overdue for the community.

We look forward to meeting the public safety challenges that the coming year will bring with the confidence that our devotion to public service and dedication to professionalism will ensure our continued success in meeting the needs of our citizens and serving our community with pride.

On behalf of your police staff, I thank you for your continued support of your Parsons Police!

Chief Robert Spinks, MA, MS

FROM THE CHIEF

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

In a nutshell for 2019:

- Parsons scored the lowest overall crime rate in SE Kansas with our comparable cities of Independence, Coffeyville and Pittsburg.
- The per capita violent crime rate still leads our comparable cities - this is driven in large part because of **felony domestic violence assaults**.
- **16,202 total incidents** were handled in 2019 resulting in **2,466 crime reports**.
- A **20% decrease** in core incidents since 2015
- The Department was successful in coming in **under budget every year since 2010** even with the pressures of rising outside costs (fuel, health insurance, training, equipment, jail costs and other needs).



Total arrest charges included:

- Total arrests in **2019 increased to 684** from 595 in 2018.
- **132 felony arrests** vs. the 2018 total of 134.
- **Felony arrests dropped by 3%** to 132 in 2019.
- **550 misdemeanor arrests** vs. the 2018 total of 459.
- **Misdemeanor arrests increased by 20%** to 550 in 2019.

Looking Back on 2019:

- Drug investigations increased in Parsons during 2019 and coincided with the creation of the **Kansas Combined Anti-Drug Taskforce (K-CAT)**. This resulted in more felony drug arrests in 2019. **Felony drug arrests totaled 85 out of the 141 total drug arrest made.**
- The Department received a partnership grant from the **Parsons Community Area Foundation** which was matched with City fund to purchase a Polaris UTV to patrol parks, trails, and to support special events and crime scene searches.
- The Department's efforts to increase traffic safety and to reduce crashes was recognized by the American Automotive Association (AAA) with the award of a **Platinum Traffic Safety Award** for the **4th straight year**. Also for the 4th year in a row the number of crashes in the city dropped.
- The **School Resource Officer (SRO) Program**, which is a partnership with the Parsons School District USD 503, continues to provide positive leadership and guidance to students in the district.
- Exploring new programs such as **Crime Stoppers** for the community also revamped the **Police Chaplains Program**.



Sgt Jason Ludwig & Chief Robert Spinks receive AAA Traffic Safety Award



Parsons Community Area Foundation Grant funded Police Polaris UTV



Chief Spinks addressing the community

DEPUTY CHIEF

Deputy Chief Dennis Dodd, BS



Deputy Chief Dennis Dodd

My duties as the Deputy Chief of the Parsons Police Department is over seeing the day-to-day operations of the patrol and communications divisions, and engaging them to provide top quality service to the citizens of Parsons. Between patrol and communications, they handled approximately **16,202**

calls for service this past year and have even more citizens contacts.

In 2019 we have made significant improvements to department policies and personnel while opening our channels of transparency to the community. In 2019 I have overseen the addition of new officers to the department and have implemented efficiencies in our equipment purchases and equipping of our staff. Being able to streamline our department and making it more efficient only helps officers to spend more time in the community and less time with redundant tasks.

Chief Spinks and I worked with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to develop community guidance for our strategic planning as a part of the **Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center** (CRI-TAC) program. This feedback and a future community survey are intended to gain insight into the public's perception of policing services and expectations. This initiative brought subject matter experts to Parsons to meet with and engage with the officers on patrol and the community. This initiative was part of the **U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services**. We were

complemented by the CRI-TAC staff on the quality of our Annual Report and its transparency to the community. **Our Annual Report was recognized as one of the best in the U.S.**

As we develop new or more efficient ways to serve the community, we have been able to upgrade our records management system and spring forward into 21st century policing. With the addition of new programs through '**Omnigo Software**' we made our arrest processing more streamlined and efficient giving us the ability to keep records simple yet detailed.

I was also able to oversee the purchase of the New Police UTV through a **Parsons Area Community Foundation Grant**. A Polaris Ranger has been added to the fleet and is currently being used to set out our radar trailer in various places in the community. This grant made the purchase of the UTV possible. With this purchase we will now be able to patrol otherwise hard to access areas of Parsons. The UTV can be



Deputy Chief Dodd (pictured here) and Chief Spinks both received their Trilogy Training Award from the FBP Law Enforcement Executive Development Association for completion of 120 hours of nationally recognized advanced police management training.

deployed on the walking trails and used to rescue downed walkers or bikers from secluded areas in the trails or in the woods. It will also be deployed to the Parsons Lake and used to patrol lake areas such as the beach and campgrounds. I think we really open a lot of options with this investment and the support from the community has been great.!

Largely my job for the community is support. I support the officers on the street and the officers in dispatch. I am working to make their jobs easier and get them the tools and the training they need to get the job done ensuring they come home safe to their families every night.

Deputy Chief Dennis K. Dodd, BS

2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

Administrative Services Unit Sergeant Jason Ludwig

The Parsons Police Department had a very interesting year in 2019. As an agency we **hosted multiple training events** for the department and the region. We hosted Human Factors Research Group for **Defensive Tactics Instructor** training. We trained a cadre of officers in the Parsons Police Department and other agencies in the region. We also hosted Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) which is a first for South East Kansas. They provided a two-day course on **Active Attack Integrated Response** (AAIR) which brings together all first responders in the event of an active shooter situation. Texas State University is home to ALERRT and has a long history of training law enforcement and first responders. Since 2002 they have trained more than 130,000 law enforcement and fire officials nationwide in dynamic and force-on-force scenario-based training. The training was such a success that we have slated a week in 2020 for them to return and conduct an **Active Shooter Level 1 Train-the-Trainer** course. The department is excited to be able to host them in this event, which is another first for South East Kansas.

Chief Robert Spinks completed his first full year as Chief of the Parsons Police Department. Under his guidance the department was able to host two successful **Coffee with a Cop** events in Parsons. Both events were held at local venues and the response was amazing. Both citizens and officers were able to enjoy casual conversations and a hot cup of coffee. Citizens shared ideas on community needs and staff answered questions and provided crime prevention information. 2019 continued the

production of the **'Rap Sheet'** radio program on 93.5 KLKC with Annett Tucker. Each show is then posted on the Parsons PD website as a Podcast.

'See It, Hear It, Report It' helped officers in many investigations and the citizens of Parsons adopted the phrase in their minds. The department issued **51 press releases**. This is a huge step forward in being more transparent with the community. The reception of the **2018 Annual Report** was also



Officer Ryan Shirk & Sgt Ludwig meet future leaders at the police department

astounding and earned praise from city officials and community members as well. Chief Spinks presented the report to various law

enforcement agencies and state officials throughout the year as he attended events and meetings. The report was praised by officials from the

Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC), a grant program through the U.S. Department of Justice.



Sgt Ludwig receives the 'AAA' Traffic Safety Platinum Award

2019 brought the Parsons Police Departments fourth consecutive **'AAA' Traffic Safety Platinum Award** for recognition of the agency's efforts on traffic safety. The department participates in state funded traffic events and also hosts numerous programs that are locally funded to meet the criteria for this award. Crashes in the city continued a four-year decline.

2019 brought the formation of the **Kansas Combined Anti-drug Taskforce (K-CAT)** to the city of Parsons and Labette County. The taskforce is a partnership with the Labette County Sheriffs Department, the Labette County Attorneys Office, and the Parsons Police Department. The taskforce has made several narcotics arrests and served several search warrants. The success of the taskforce will come from the continued support from the citizens of Labette County.

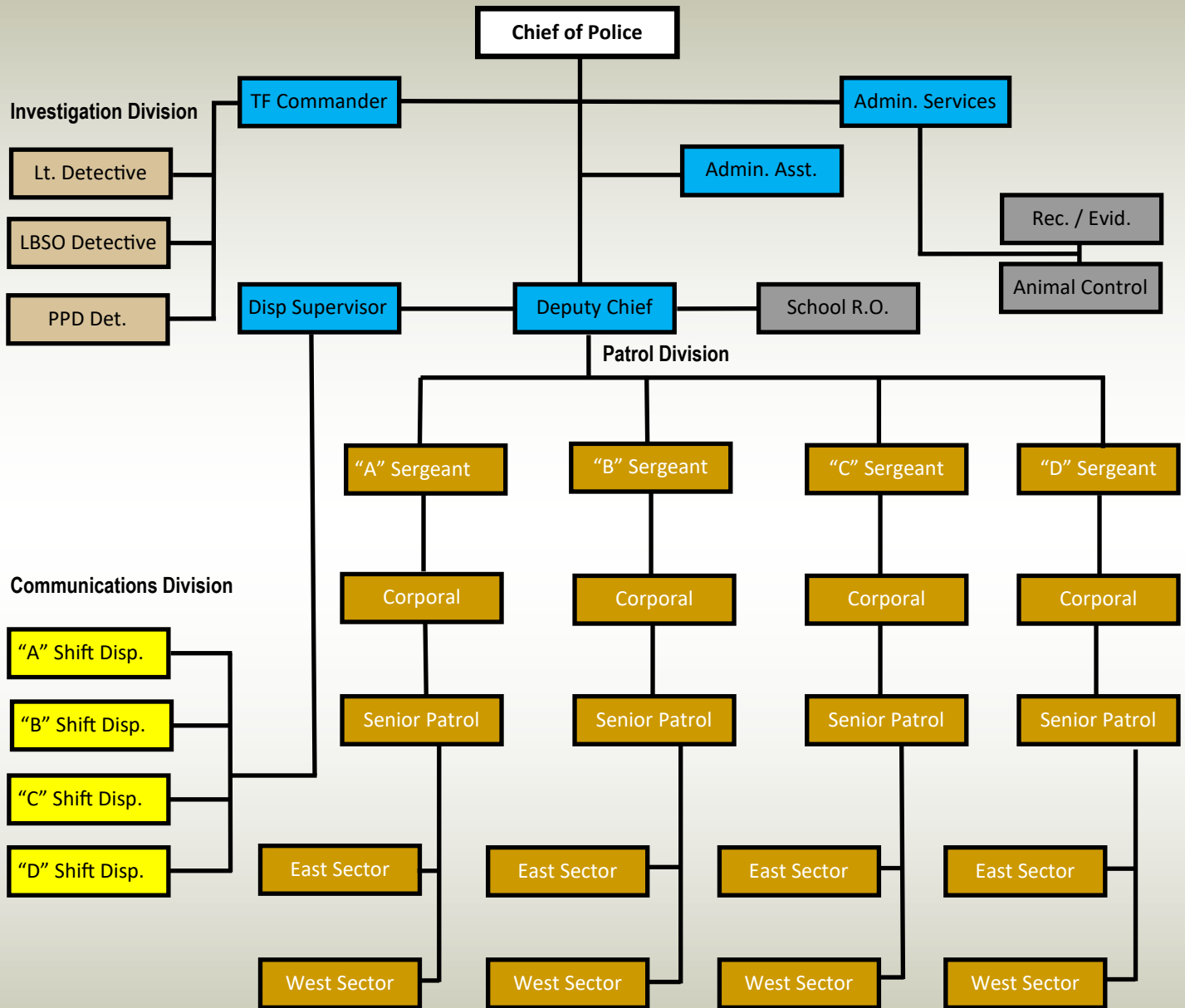
Parsons Police Department is an evolving institution of public service. We have started using a new **Citizen Comment Form** to replace the traditional Complaint form. This gives citizens an opportunity to give officers compliments for a job well done, as well as making a formal complaint. The Administrative Services Unit will receive all forms and investigate or recognize superior employee actions accordingly. As always, the Parsons Police Department is making an effort to be more available to the public so we have started using a Social Media app called **'Next Door'**, www.nextdoor.com is a way for citizens to make each other aware of situations in their neighborhoods and see what the latest news from the police department is. It is endorsed by the National Sheriffs Association and is used by 3,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide as an electronic version of **'Neighborhood Watch'**.

2019 was a year of significant change for the Parsons Police Department and we look forward to continuing that evolution in 2020 to better serve the community of Parsons.

Sergeant Jason Ludwig

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 had 16,202 calls for service in 2019 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 Deputy 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.



KHP Bomb Tech evaluates a suspicious device found in a residential neighborhood

- Patrol specific areas 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 motorists 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 traffic 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.

The Patrol Division makes over **40,000 personal contacts** yearly. These contacts range from the call for service, traffic stops and crashes, to general conversations had while on-duty. Patrol Officers are the most noticed persons on the road or in an establishment and work toward earning the public's trust and serving them admirably. Patrol is the face of the department and they work to uphold the Parsons Police Departments Core Values of **Pride**, **Professionalism**, and **Dedication**.



Community outreach is a normal part of policing by all PD members.

INVESTIGATION

Det. Comdr Wiford, Det. Lt McGuire, Det. Cpl Queen

In 2019, the Parsons Police Department's Investigations Division has had **two full-time Detectives assigned** with two other officers holding positions in Investigations for short durations of time. One is still currently in the detective rotation and the other officer went on to another career opportunity. The Investigations Division is tasked with providing investigative support to patrol, criminal investigations and narcotics investigation. This entails being lead investigators on major crimes within the City of Parsons. 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.

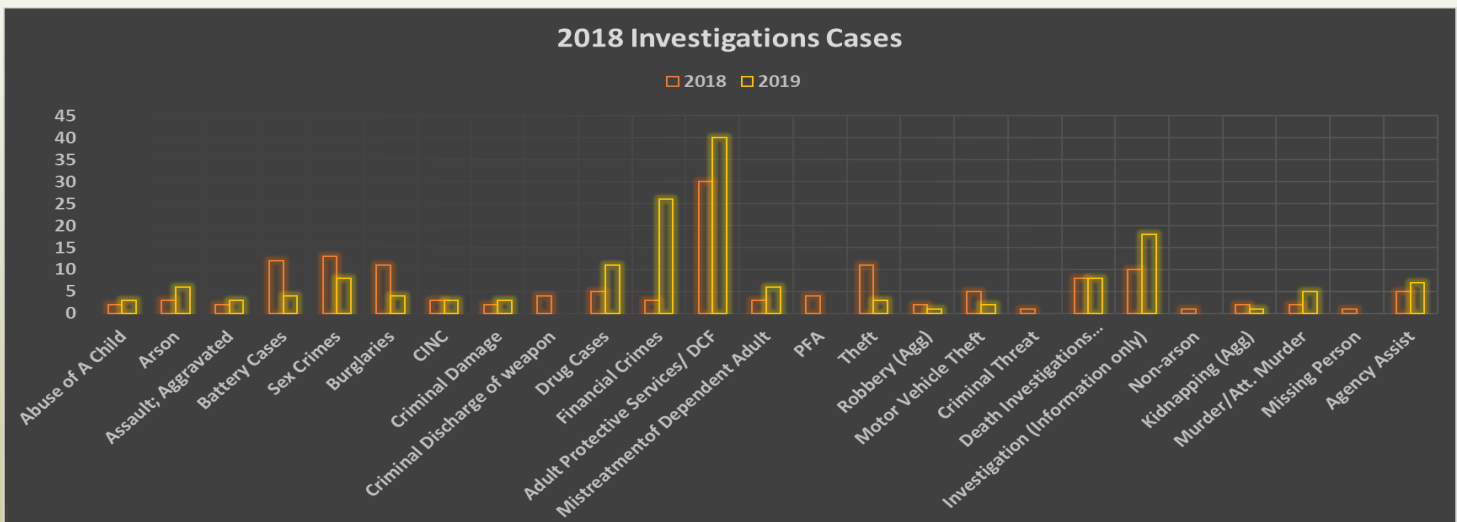
In 2019, a **third full-time detective position was added** to the division. This position is a career development training position. The Career Development Investigations Training Program (CDI-TP) is designed to provide a rotating (short-term) cross-training opportunity for police officers/corporals 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.

Cpl. Robert Queen was placed into this CDI-TP assignment at the end of 2019 and rolling over into 2020.

Throughout 2019 the Investigations Division has seen

the initial phase of the Police Annex renovation completed. Key points to this renovation include:

- The Police Department has made room in the Annex for two more interview rooms. Over the past decade, there has been only one interview room available in the police facility, which at times makes it difficult during a major case or when multiple people need to be interviewed in a short time span. We are still currently looking into grants and funding to install camera systems in the two new rooms and upgrade the system in the original interview room. This system would integrate with the WatchGuard system that is already used by the department to manage all vehicle cameras and body-cameras.
- The front lobby and a **children's room** in the front of the Annex has been designated for use by officers for juvenile intake purposes. Local community groups, **Soroptimist International and PEO JE clubs**, have donated numerous items, from games, personal items and furniture, over the year for use in the child room to make it as accommodating for children during their time of need. The ability to use this space has freed up space at the Main Police Facility for new workstations to be utilized by patrol officers and makes a separate space for the juvenile intake workers to screen children outside of the hustle and bustle of the Main Office.
- An office area was created with three workstations that can be used by the members of the **Kansas Combined Anti-Drug Taskforce** and other state agents.
- The **Police Chaplains Program was re-instated.**



K-CAT

Acting Commander Kyle Wiford



Comdr Kyle Wiford

The **Kansas Combined Anti-Drug Task Force (KCAT)** was developed in 2019 and came into operation in the last 5 months of 2019. Initially, this is a combined effort of the **Parsons Police Department**, **Labette County Sheriff's Office**, and the **Labette County Attorney's Office**, with hopes of expanding with other agencies within the county and neighboring counties in the future. Since its inception, we have attempted to hit the ground running as soon as possible. Intelligence and target gathering have been part of the beginning steps. This is an on-going and everchanging task.

We have also worked with members of the **Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), Special Operations Division (SOD)** on joint operations. This is the first of many partnerships and joint investigations that we hope to be a part of in the future.

Throughout the past several months, members of KCAT had worked to increase their narcotics related investigations, including arrestee debriefs, **knock-and-talk investigations**, following up on narcotics related tips, using confidential informants and conducting covert operations.

Through the use of arrestee debriefs, we are able to establish further intelligence and targets. Even if these arrestees are not able to or unwilling to become a confidential informant. Knock and talk investigations play their part in the beginning of any ground up case. They can start from patrol related calls for service, suspicious activity observed by officers or by tips related to the possible activity. Members of KCAT have conducted numerous debriefs for the development of confidential informants. Of that we have been able to utilize confidential informants in a covert aspect as well as in intelligence gathering.

Using those covert operations and working jointly with Patrol Officers the following controlled substances were seized in the last 5 months of 2019:

- 3.0 grams of Crack Cocaine
- 17 dosage units of Oxycodone
- 917 grams of marijuana
- 7.58 grams of methamphetamine

We continue to strive to create more relationships with our surrounding agencies and community members to create a coordinated response to this narcotic related epidemic. Through this we hope to rid our communities of those people dealing illegal and destructive substances to our citizenry. Currently, we are using two investigators, **Labette County Detective Shannon Vail** and myself as primary members of the task force.

KCAT has also presented controlled substance awareness and safety training to the **Parsons Fire Department**. This was done through a course designed for education and awareness. So that when our Parsons Firefighters are out at locations in our community and in the event they encounter possible controlled substances and drug paraphernalia in their daily calls they will have knowledge and be better prepared to identify and know how to handle different unidentified substances.

In conclusion, the year of 2019 was a slow but steady start to what we hope will be a long standing unit in Labette County that will grow over time to include other agencies in our area to combat these deadly substances that plague our society.

"When we all come together, united, striving for this cause, then those who are killing America and terrorizing it with slow but sure chemical destruction will see that they are up against the mightiest force for good that we know. Then they will have no dark alleyways to hide in. Let us not forget who we are. Drug abuse is a repudiation of everything America is."

-Ronald Reagan

40th President of the United States of America (1981-1989 September 14, 1986: Speech to the Nation on the Campaign Against Drug Abuse



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PARSONS

COMMUNITY LIVABILITY

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.

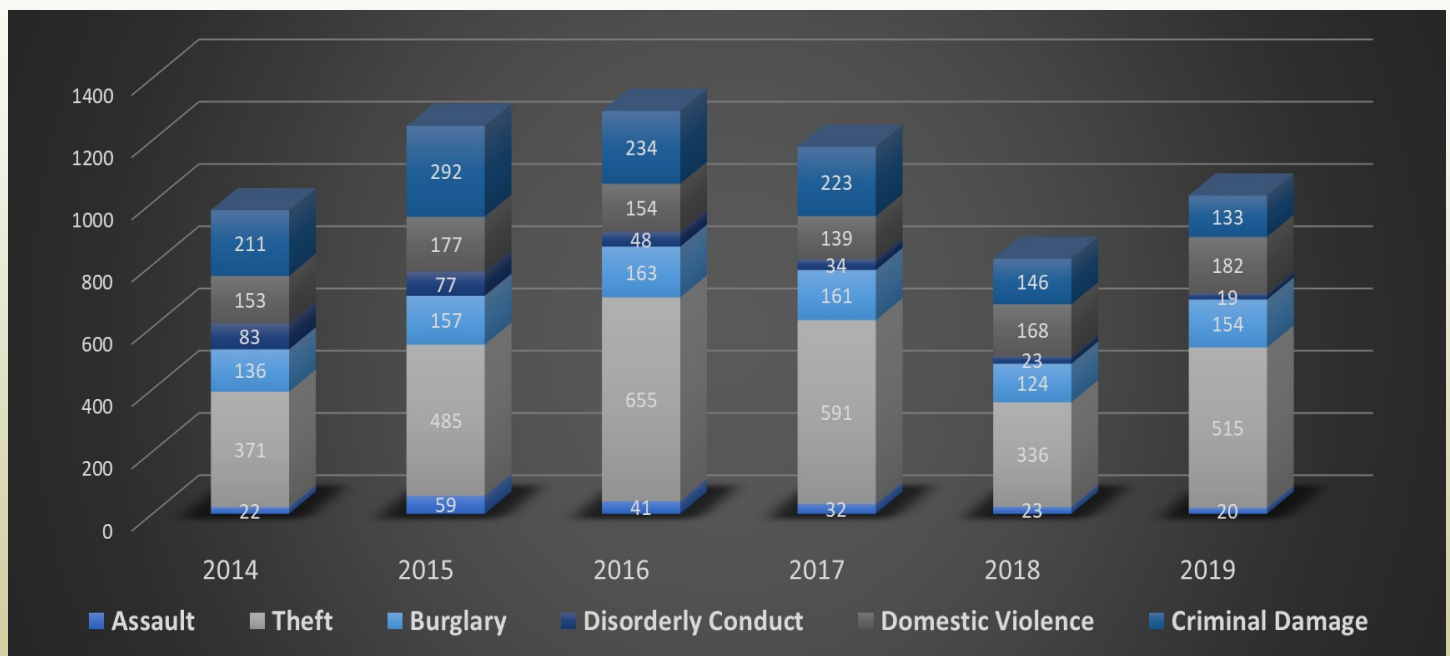
The results of quickly nipping 'quality of life' crimes supports the "Broken Windows" theory of crime. If minor violations and crimes are left unchecked by the community,

then a breeding ground for crime develops which, if allowed to remain, gives rise to additional and more

Year	Criminal Damage	Assault	Theft	Burglary	Disorderly Conduct	Domestic Violence
2019	133	20	515	154	19	182
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

serious crimes.

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 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

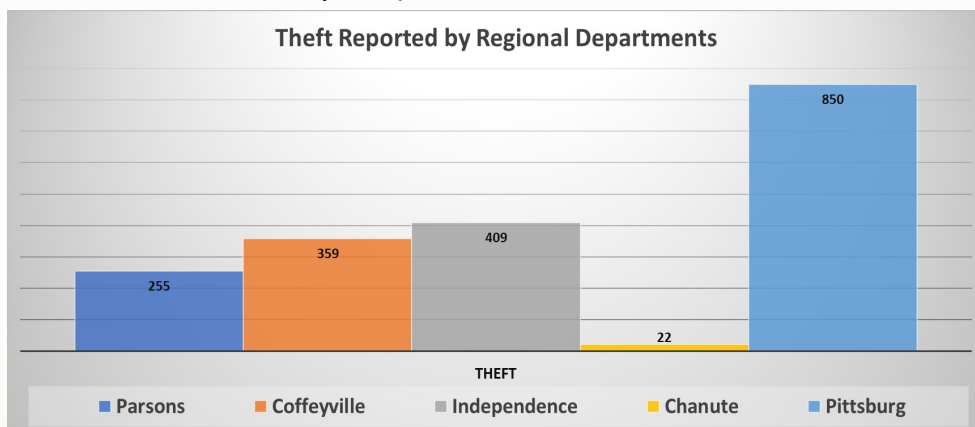
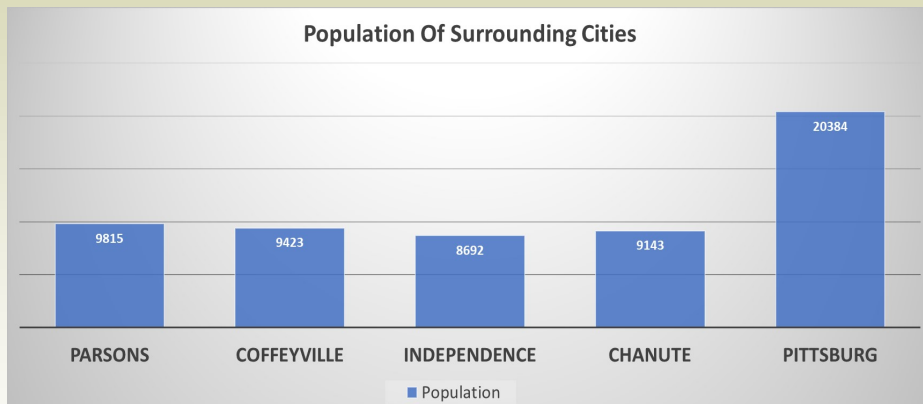
UNDERSTANDING CRIME: WHAT IS UCR?

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,

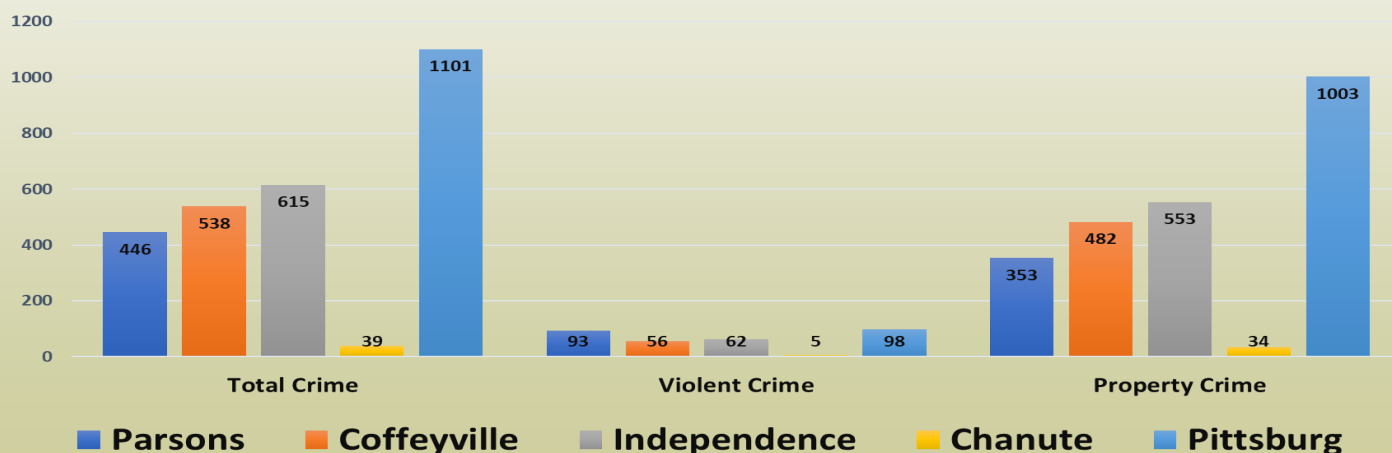
policing metropolitan cities and rural communities remains a risky occupation.



Here are local agencies and how Parsons compares to them in 2018. UCR state data is always 1 year behind.

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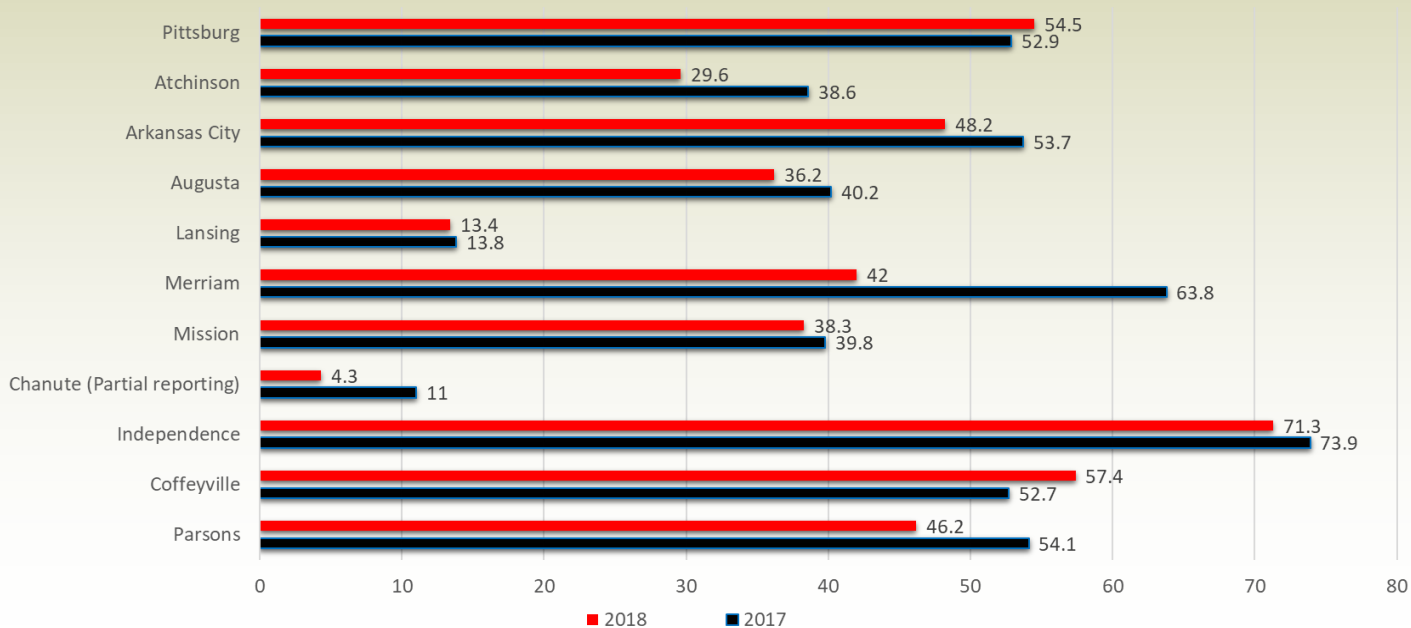
Crime Totals



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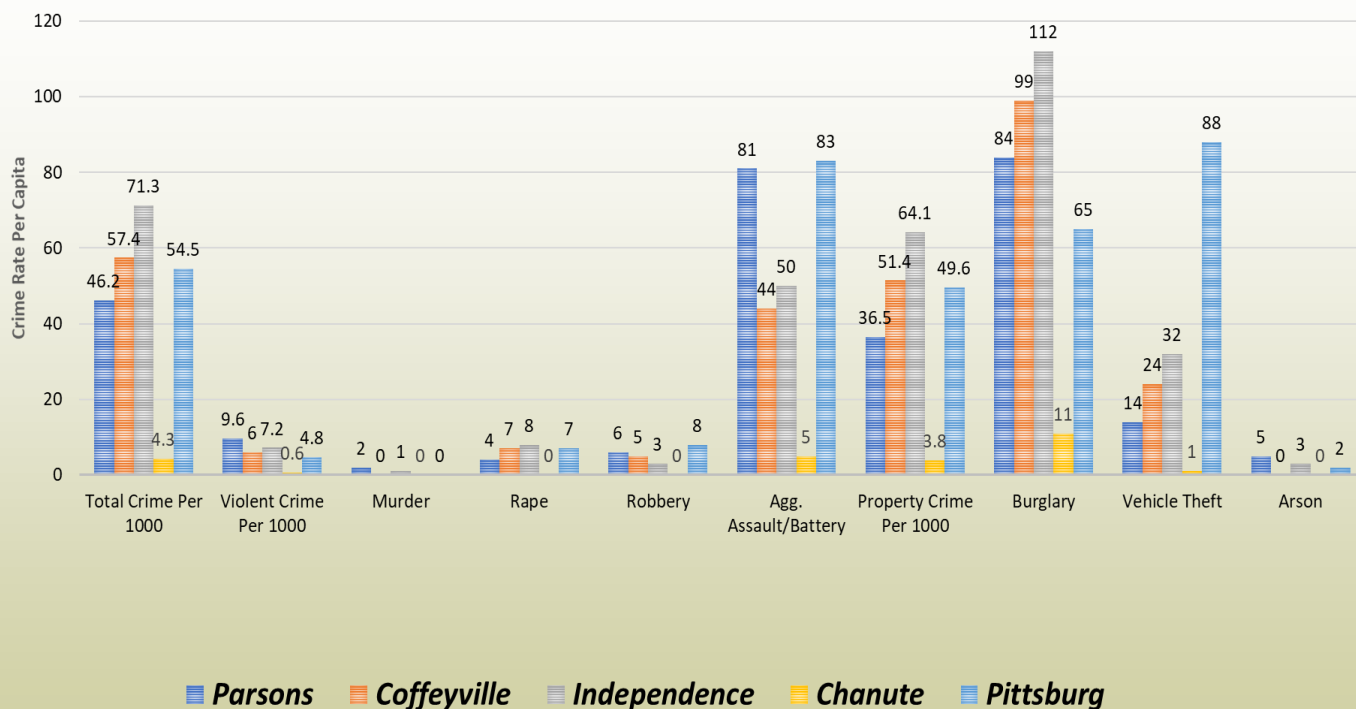
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2018-2017 Crime Data/ Total Criminal Index Per. 1000



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REGIONAL COMPARISON 2018



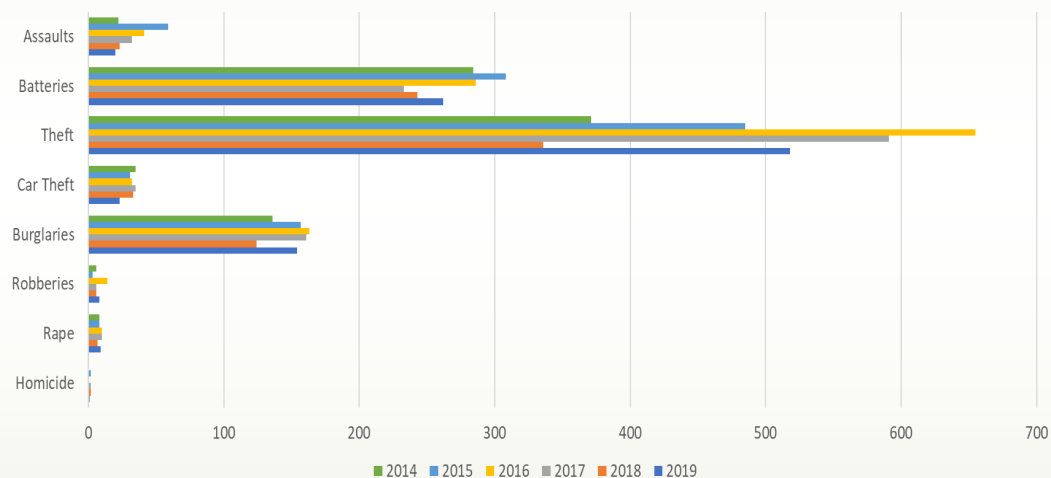
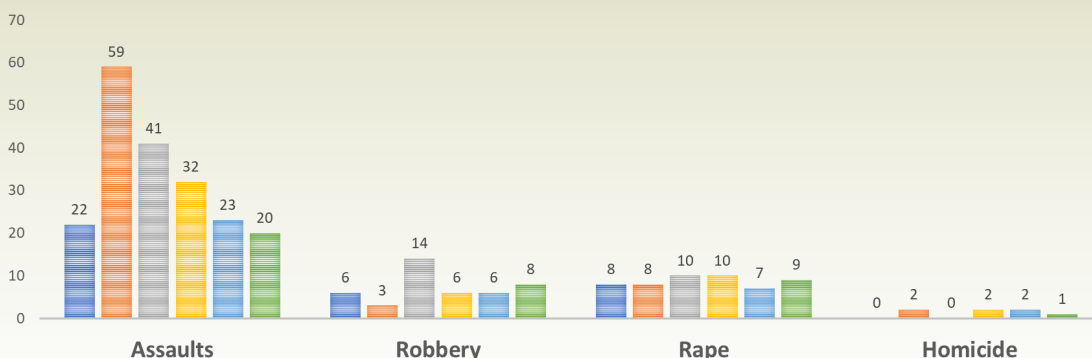
STATISTICS

UCR Department Stats

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

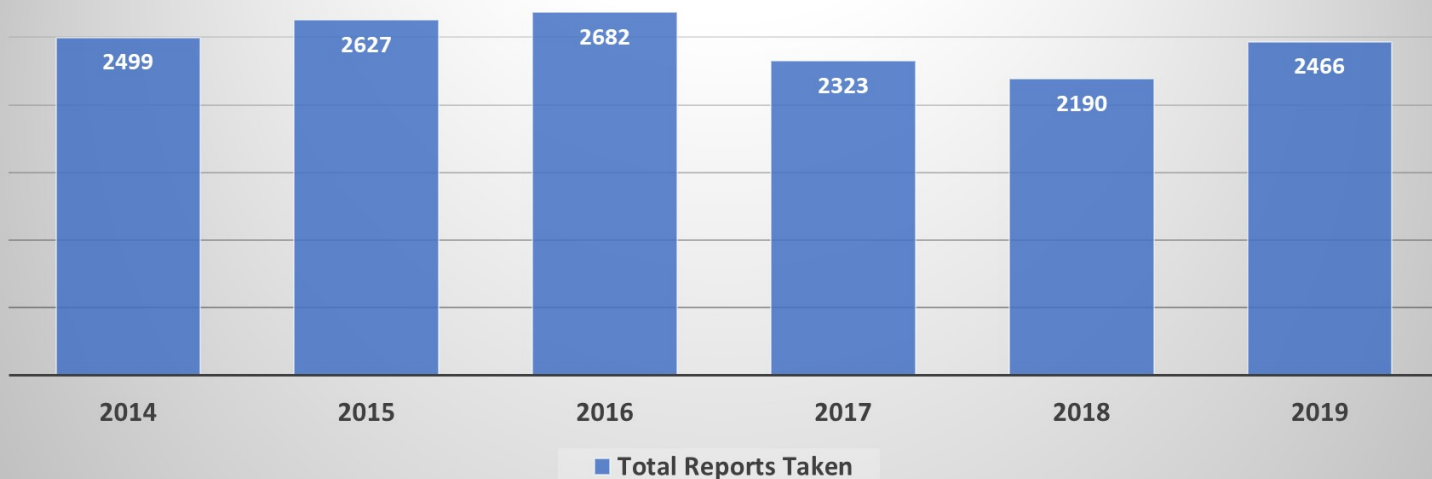
UCR PERSONS CRIME TRENDS

■ 2014 ■ 2015 ■ 2016 ■ 2017 ■ 2018 ■ 2019



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 (DOJ) publishes this data annually in the **FBI Crime in the United States Report** available on-line at: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>.

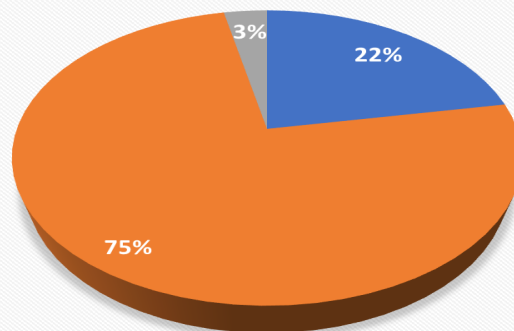
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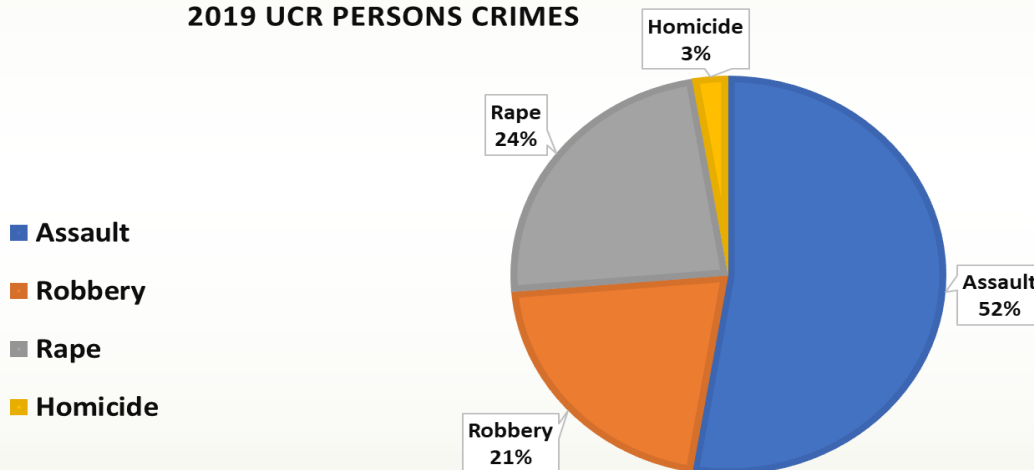
UCR Department Stats

2019 Property Crimes by Incident



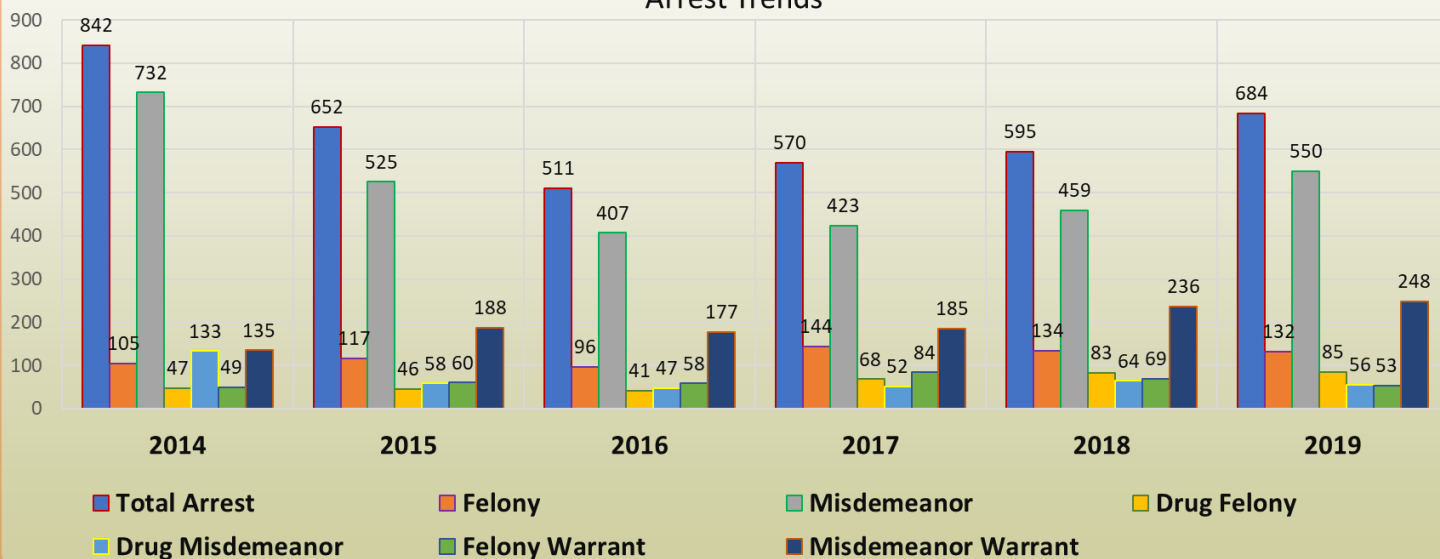
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2019 UCR PERSONS CRIMES



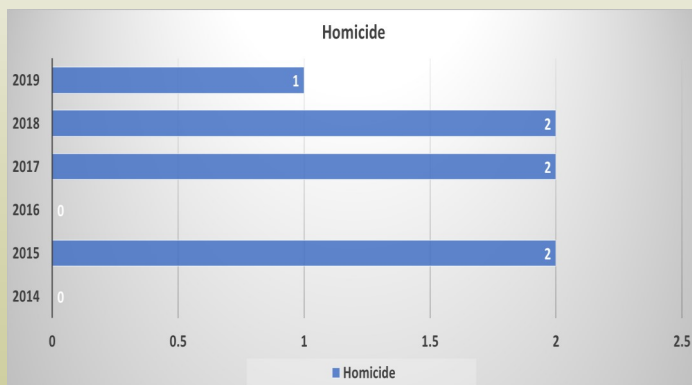
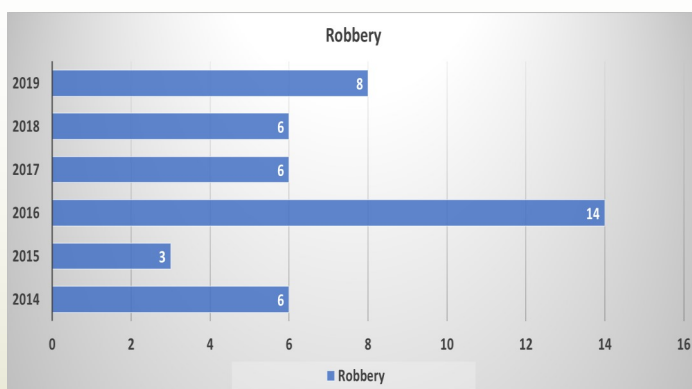
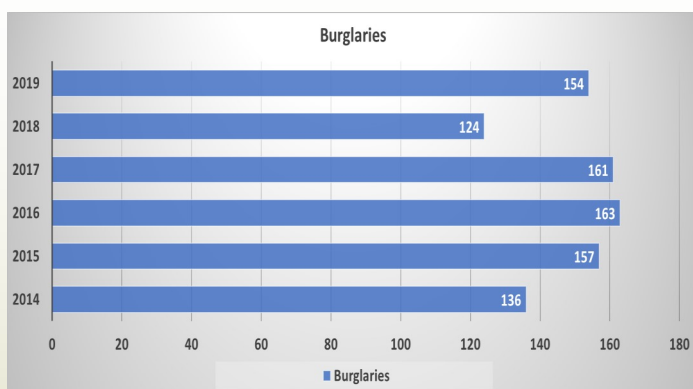
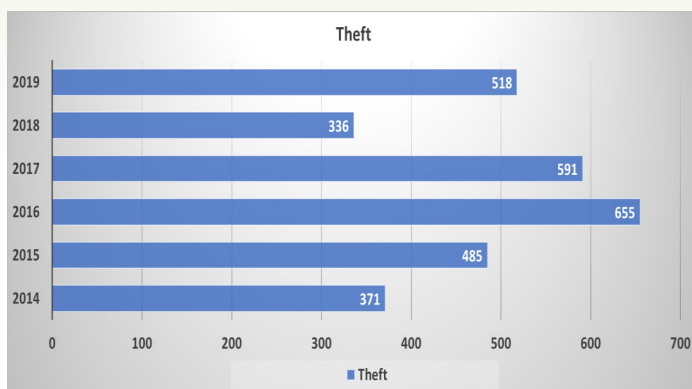
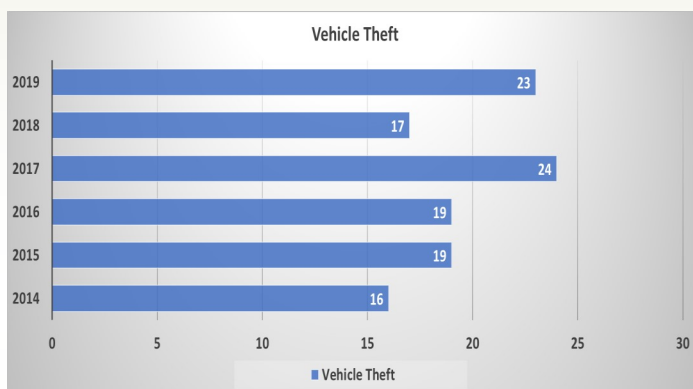
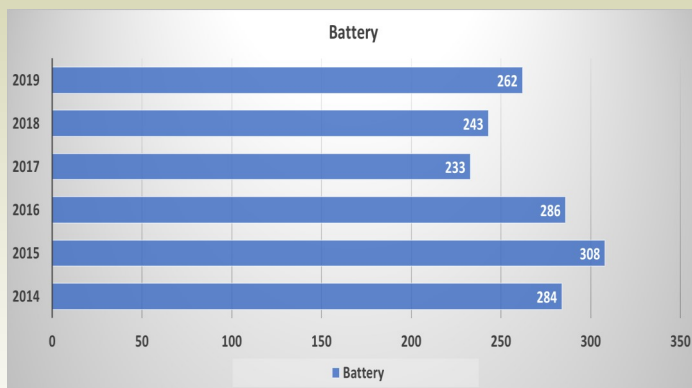
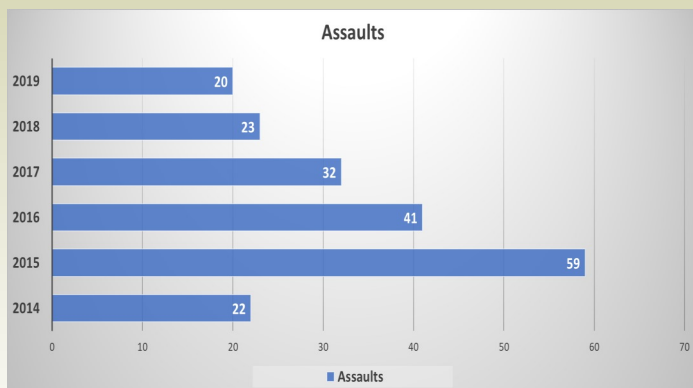
Assault
Robbery
Rape
Homicide

Arrest Trends



CORE CRIME STATS

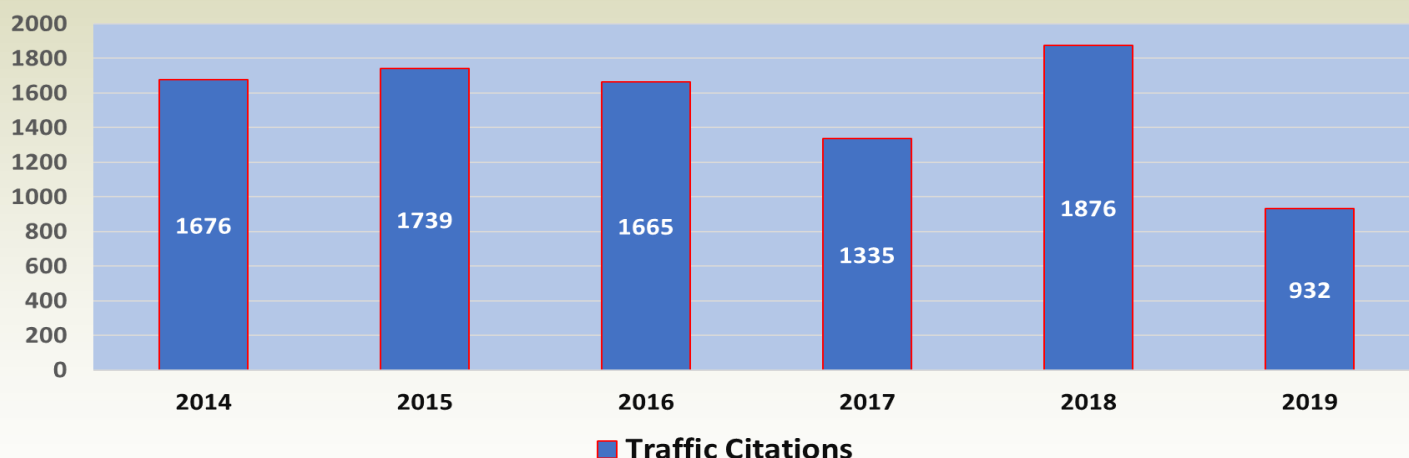
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TRAFFIC REPORT

2019 Traffic Citation Data

Traffic Citations

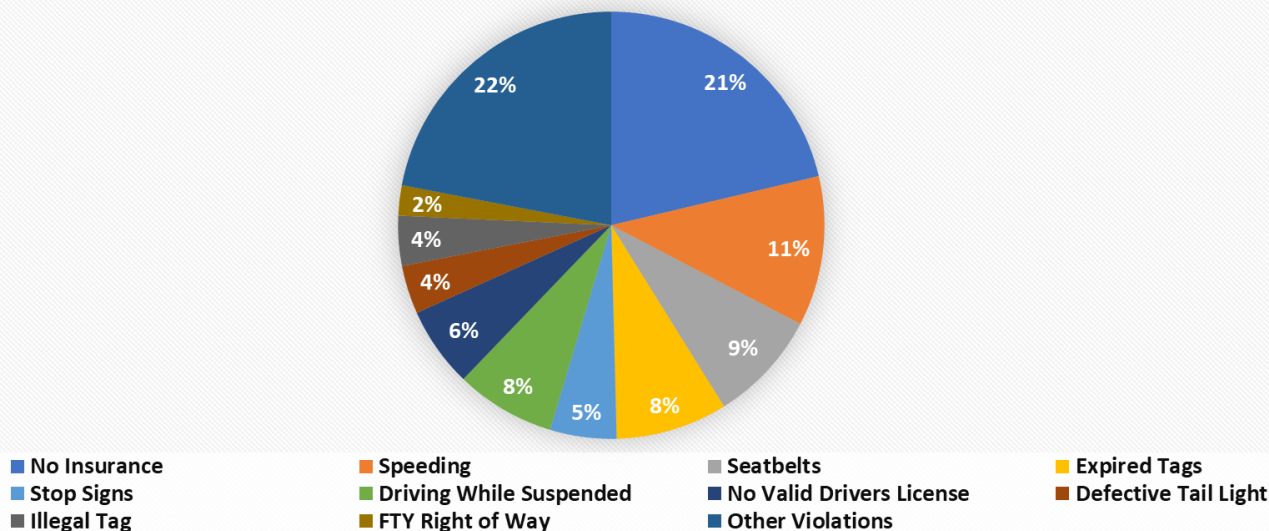


Citations for the Parsons Police Department have been fairly consistent in the past, but dramatically dropped in 2019 due to staffing issues. This traffic report will also be used to apply for the “AAA” Traffic Safety Award Program that the department participates in each year. The Parsons Police Department earned another ‘**Platinum Award**’ this year and hopes to continue the recognition each year.

The break down for citations is interesting. The Pie Chart shows that 22% 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 crashes due to not having sufficient time to slow or stop a vehicle. **Stop Sign** violations are also a large percentage of citations that are written. This data shows that citizens should be more cautious when approaching an intersection.

Percentages for the 932 Traffic Citations in 2019



TRAFFIC REPORT

2019 Traffic Citation Data

When making comparisons and graphing data, the citations issued include several other types. In the citation total on page 17 of the Annual Report, it states that there were 932 citations issued. That is separate from City Ordinance Violations and Misdemeanor citations which are included in KBI reports. This leaves only traffic related citations.

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.

Agency policy is to utilize the lowest level of enforcement to gain the highest level of voluntary compliance. The goal is to reduce crashes and provide safe streets for not just vehicles but for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Parsons Police averaged a citation to stop percentage of 64.72% for 2019 which is up from the 41.39% in 2018. This change can be tied to short staffing and a lower number of traffic stops being made in 2019. Officers are making stops that are more serious in nature and issuing more citations as a result rather than giving a warning.

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 slightly above the national average for citations issued on traffic stops, but well below the average amount of citations issued for the year.

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

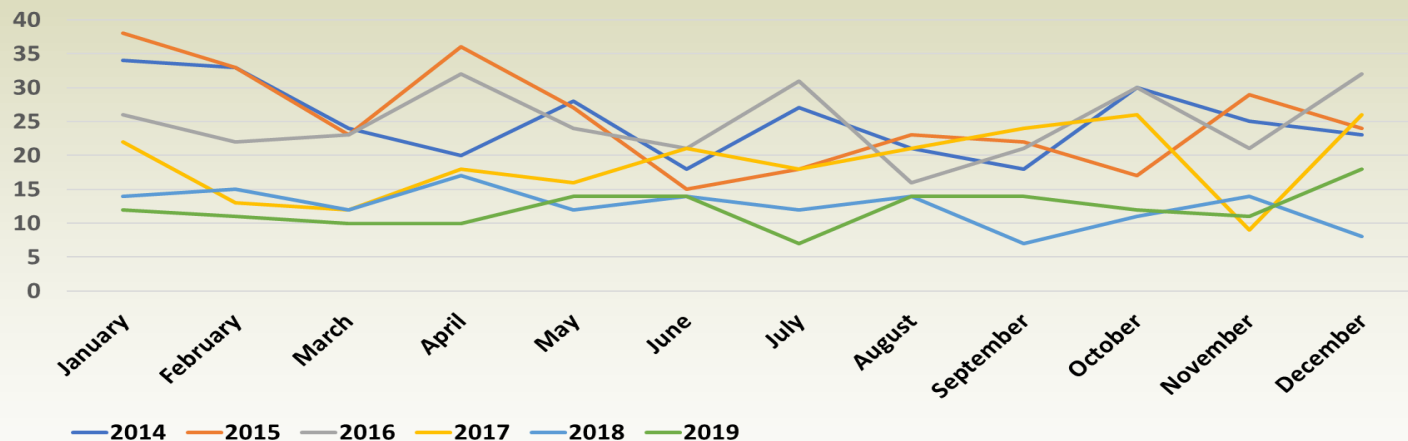
Citation to Stop Ratio

Total Stops	1440
Total Stops with Issued Citation	932
Percentage of Stops Resulting in Citation	64.72%
1 Citation per 1.55 Stops	

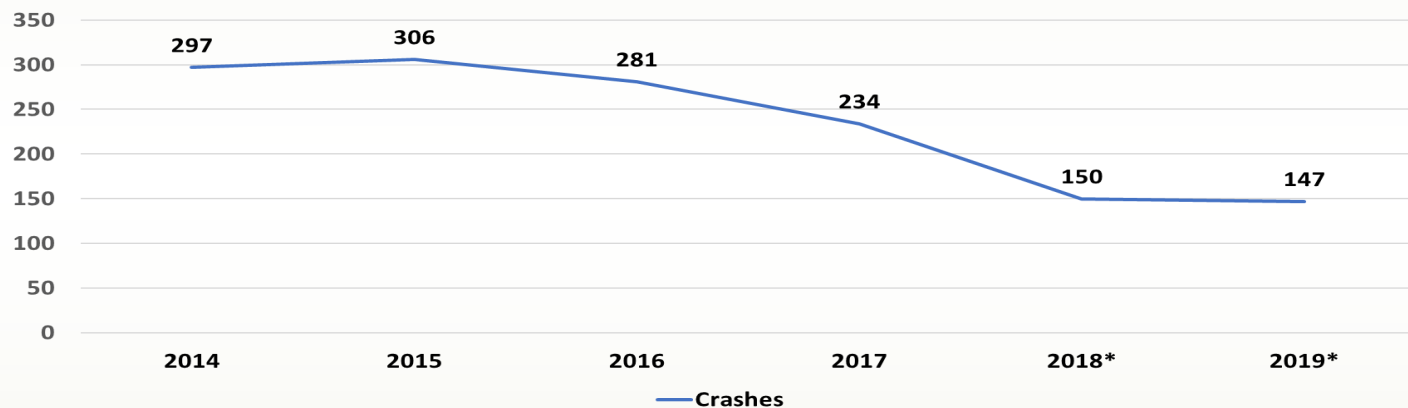
PARSONS CRASH DATA

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Crash Data By Month

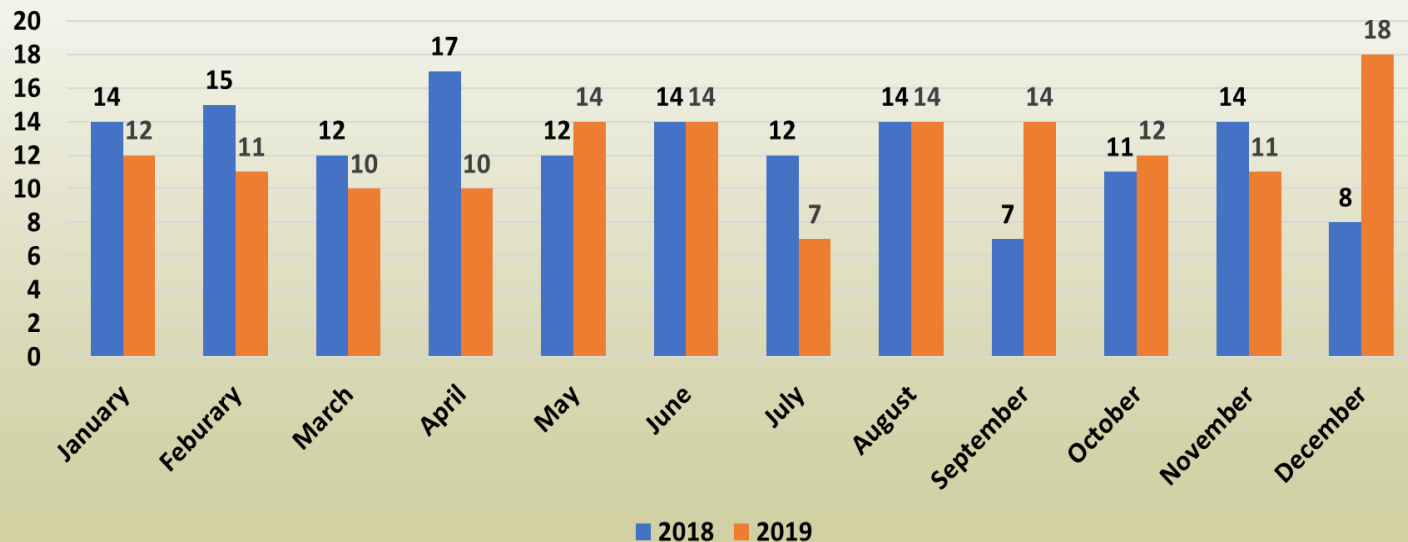


5 Year Crash Trend Data



*No Courtesy Reports Taken

2018-2019 Traffic Crash By Month Comparison



DISPATCH

Parsons 9-1-1 Center 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

Center) certified and dispatchers are responsible for running vehicle plates and person information, checking criminal history for police 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 usually the first contact for the department when a citizen walks into the Police Department for assistance. They guide citizens to the help they need and officers to the needy and provide calming words to those who are in distress.

administrative and three **NG911 ‘Next Generation 911’** lines) 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**

The Parsons Police Department Dispatch staff have specialized training for dispatching and the use of sensitive material 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.

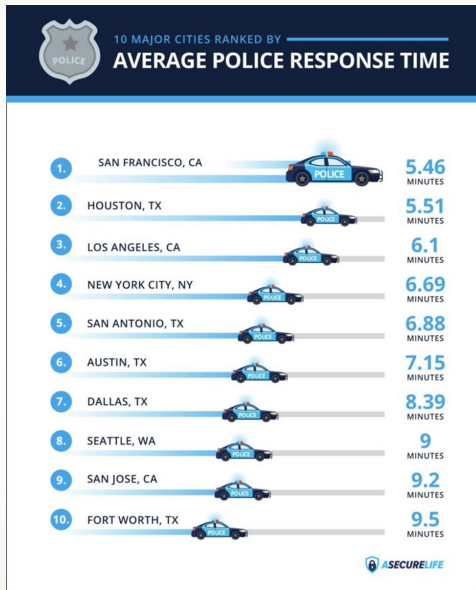
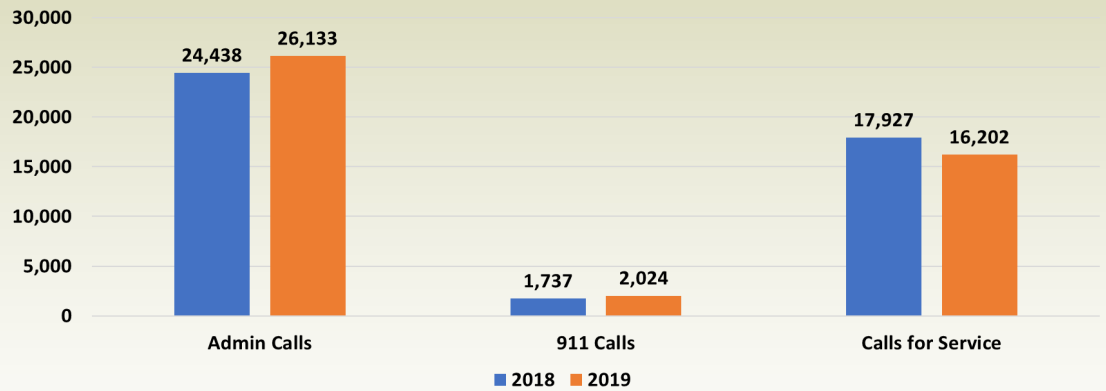


DISPATCH

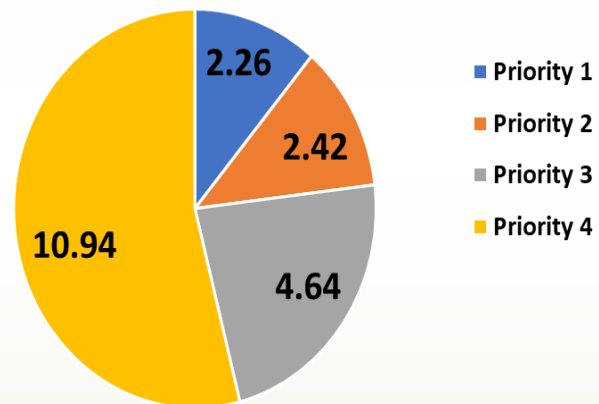
Parsons 911 Statistics



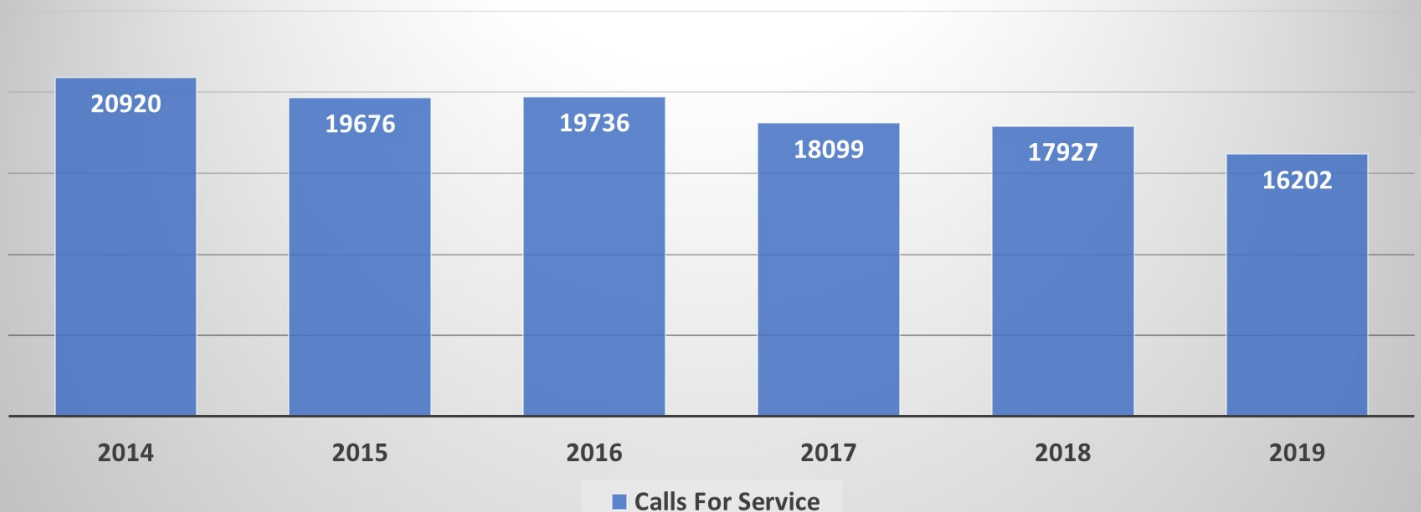
Dispatch Activity



2019 Response Times in Minutes



Calls For Service



<i>Dispatched Incident</i>	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Break/ Meal Break	597	578	574	365	405	192
Visitor	0	46	34	42	8	24
Police Escort	431	275	293	288	277	222
Arrest/ Transport Male/ Female	80	118	121	150	119	178
Phone Call	2	49	34	40	21	71
Paper Service	347	558	392	355	381	282
Warrant Service	244	302	272	508	497	399
Vehicle Pursuit	4	10	21	19	10	14
Traffic Stop	3290	2457	2252	2661	2943	1452
DUI/ Drunk Investigation	103	103	89	71	82	62
Non-Injury Accident	303	297	304	266	247	232
Injury Accident	33	35	30	28	23	29
VIN Inspection	370	399	354	410	424	428
Civil Standby	197	210	214	169	223	223
Follow Up Investigation	1337	1322	1195	1161	1052	1036
Welfare Check	265	304	313	276	326	358
Suspicious Persons	574	686	723	841	784	931
Suspicious Vehicle	505	574	487	505	522	473
Medial Response	326	350	276	237	252	302
Fire Report	135	117	121	97	104	102
Range Time	6	3	9	11	3	2
Miscellaneous Call ***	5887	4660	4428	3301	3315	443
Crime in Progress	3	14	10	17	19	19
Burglary in Progress	20	33	7	2	9	17
Armed Robbery in Progress	1	1	1	1	1	2
Alarm Call	381	444	397	340	322	278
Fight in Progress	191	225	230	236	230	209
Domestic Fight	394	393	355	358	387	403
Prowler	5	9	4	26	8	4
Jail Break***	0	0	1	0	1	0
911 Hang Up	200	348	360	166	118	254
School Zones***	0	0	216	300	397	269
Armed Person	15	8	22	11	6	3
Unattended Death	5	3	9	8	10	7
Report Call	2588	2686	2795	2514	2062	1989
Back Up Requested	1	0	0	1	1	0
Unlock Vehicle	2	2	1	0	2	6
Unsecure Residence/ Building	104	76	87	98	115	147
Shoplifter	43	19	40	34	19	29
Animal Call	869	898	758	385	527	869
House Watch Check/ Labette Health***	80	5	418	379	369	737
Utilities Callout	115	114	133	92	122	99
Citizen Assist	7	6	6	3	4	7
Disabled Vehicle	136	103	113	95	67	79
Green Tag Vehicle	201	92	85	75	41	59
Fire Works	43	29	18	37	14	23
Mental/Suicidal Person	161	223	295	183	220	140
Lock/ Unlock Oakwood	165	221	633	628	578	558
Shots Fired	30	64	49	62	53	67
Finger Prints***	0	99	214	215	182	355
Dead Animal	124	107	90	31	20	15
Storm Siren Testing***	0	0	0	0	5	0

***Incidents Reported only reflect what is reported to Dispatch. Some incidents are recorded incorrectly due to error or incorrect reporting.

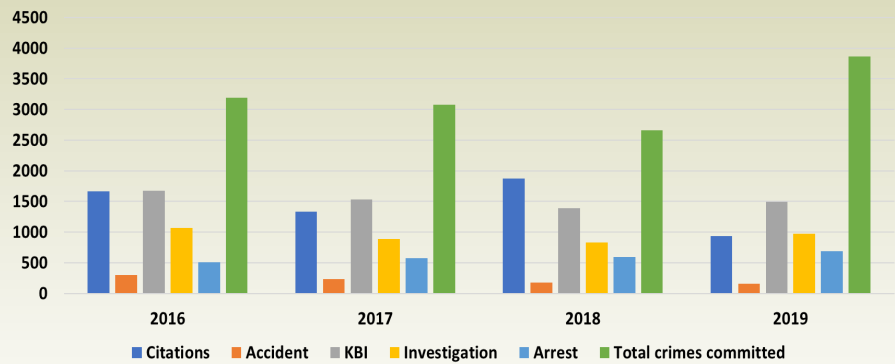
EVIDENCE/RECORDS

2019 Evidence and Records Statistics with Jason Bennett

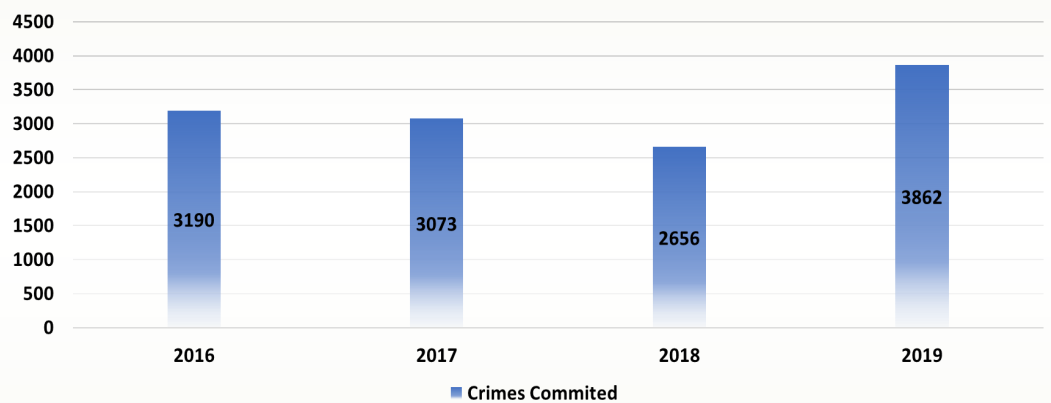
My primary function is the Records Clerk. My job includes completing activities and operations in the Police Records Unit which are recording, copying, disseminating and storing of confidential police records in accordance with federal and state laws, and city policy and procedures. I act as a Custodian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

I also act as the Evidence Custodian which 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)

Reports Processed By Records



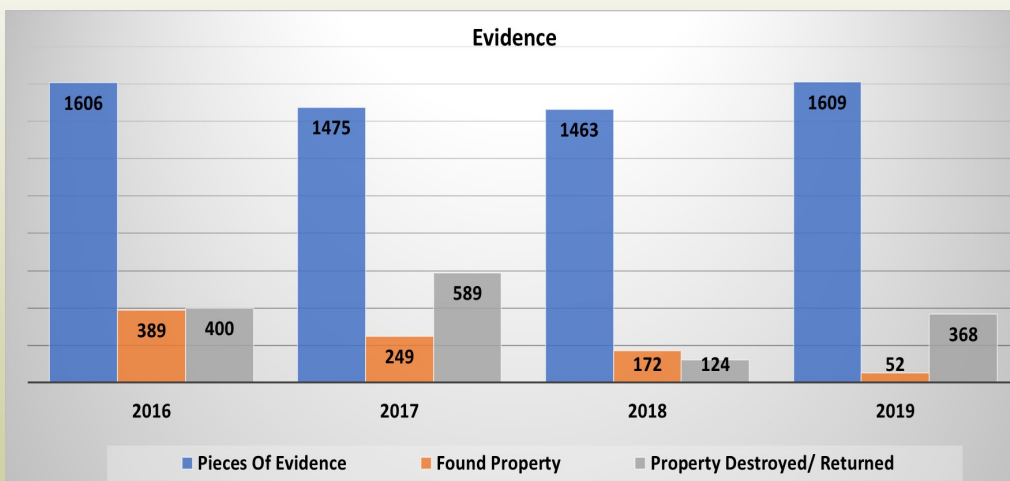
TOTAL CRIMES- MISDEMEANOR, FELONY, AND TRAFFIC



crime lab, evidence room, court, return items to owners and victims and destruction of illegal drugs.

Evidence intake was at an all time high for 2019 and returned property was up from 2018. We are working on construction of a new evidence holding facility and hope that it will be completed mid-year of 2020. Evidence storage is a problem area for most police departments, but we are working towards solving that problem. The Parsons Police Department is trying to pave the way for the future for its citizens by creating innovative solutions for industry wide problems.

Evidence



ANIMAL CONTROL

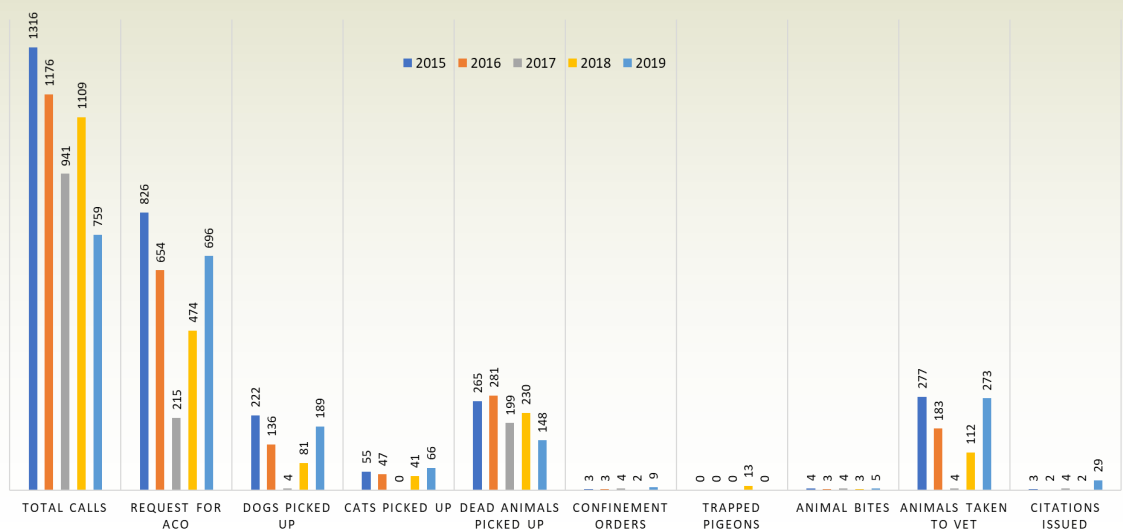
Community Service Officer Trish Pizzi

2019 brought evolution to the Parsons Police Department animal control efforts. Long time Animal Control Officer Scott Swezey retired from the City of Parsons after 19 years of service. Patricia 'Trish' Pizzi replaced him in a newly classified position. Trish comes to Parsons from Texas and is now our new

Community Service Officer (CSO). She takes this new position and has

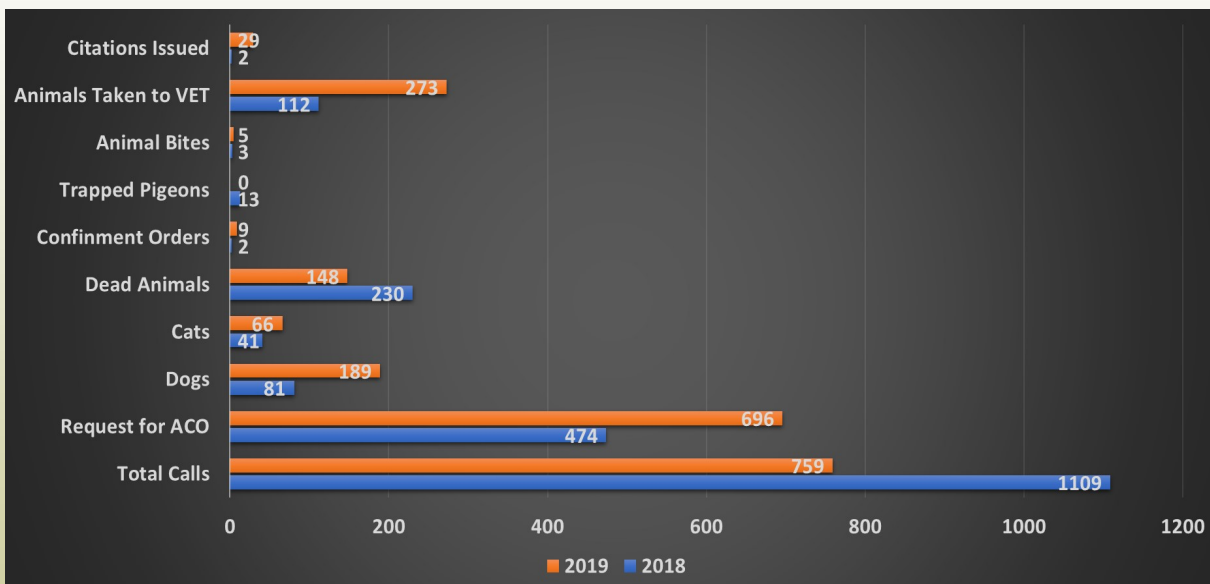
been given more duties along with the current animal control responsibilities. We look forward to what the future may hold for CSO Pizzi. Along with her new duties she will be attending national training in animal control through the **National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA)**. Trish will be the first person in Parsons to complete the entire NACHO Training Academy and become a certified as a **National Animal Control and Humane Officer**.

ANIMAL CONTROL TRENDS 2015-2019



The trends you see with animal control have been inconsistent with the amount of reports due to losing 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-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 about. This brings about the change we all hope and desire for our pet population.



FLEET

Police Department Vehicles

Fleet Update

The Parsons Police Department currently has a total of 17 vehicle in the fleet. 6 of them are patrol vehicle that are driven by patrol officers. The School Resource Officer (SRO) and Administrative Services Sgt have assigned vehicles.

Pool or shared vehicles are currently used by patrol which includes: the Shift Sergeant, Corporal, Senior Patrolman, East Sector, West Sector. The last remaining vehicle also serves as an extra for specialty patrols such as **Click It or Ticket** or any of the added DUI campaigns. They are also used as transport vehicles for officers that are called 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 2,133 miles per month. Sergeants and Corporals are the shift supervisors 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 SRO also has an older used Crown Victoria for his duties at the schools which will be replaced in 2020.

The unmarked part of the fleet includes assigned units for

the detectives, which has sustained increasing maintenance costs due to their age. Those cars were bought as used program return (rental cars) and have no warranty to offset the cost of major repairs.

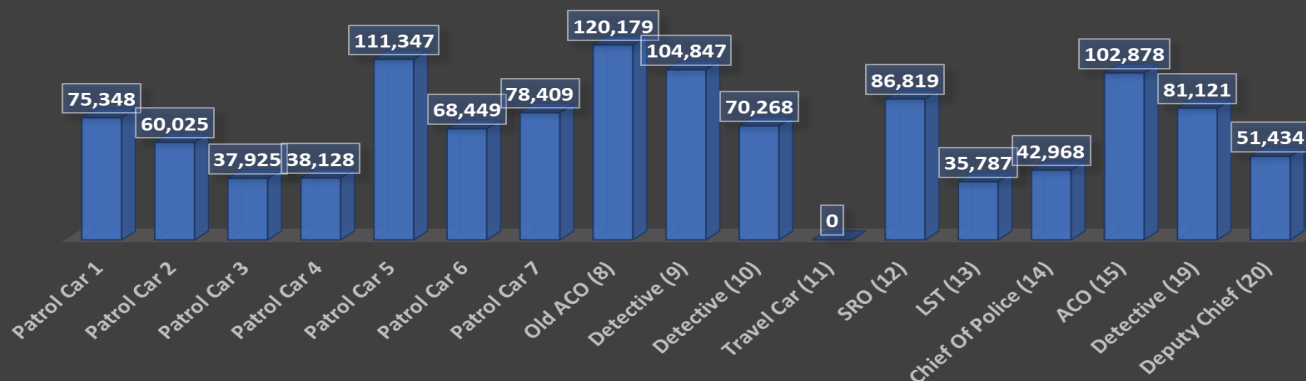
The LST or (Logistics Support Truck) is relatively a low mileage vehicle, but is in need of updating its equipment. The department uses the LST for a staging point for events such as **Katy Days**. It is also taken to venues such as **Touch-A-Truck** and the **Parsons Christmas Parade**. Its primary function is used as an evidence collection point for serious crimes and a command center for large scale investigations. The LST has an antiquated radio system that needs to be replaced to be compatible with the agency's digital radio system. 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. This vehicle was updated with animal friendly transport cages that have a fan system ventilation and lights. The

The remaining vehicles that the Department maintains include the Chief of Police and 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.

CURRENT MILEAGE

■ Mileage



FLEET

Fleet Continued...

Patrol Car Miles Driven Per Month

VEHICLE	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Avg. Per Month
1	NEW	3,467	2,573	1,484	581	2,026
2	0	NEW	2,169	2,795	2,046	2,337
3	0	0	NEW	1,965	1,751	1,858
4	0	0	NEW	2,431	1,740	2,086
5	NEW	3,848	2,486	3,376	1,668	2,845
6	0	NEW	2,357	2,765	2,059	2,394
7	1,298	1,403	2,636	1,260	360	1,391

Patrol Car Miles Driven Per Year

VEHICLE	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	AVG PER YEAR
1	NEW	17,336	30,880	17,813	6,966	18,248
2	0	NEW	8,677	33,545	16,368	19,530
3	0	0	NEW	15,717	21,008	18,363
4	0	0	NEW	19,450	17,404	18,427
5	NEW	19,242	29,858	40,511	20,012	27,406
6	0	NEW	9,427	33,182	24,711	22,406
7	7,790	16,841	31,626	15,119	4,322	15,140

CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

Parsons Police Department Chaplain Partners

The Parsons Police Department partners with several churches in the community to provide a Police Chaplain Program. These trained volunteer professionals provide support to crime victims and community members when they are in crisis. They also provide support to our policing staff.

The role of police chaplain can be a very demanding position as their services can be requested at all hours of the night, under all kinds of conditions. They are bound by the same ethics as law enforcement officers, especially when it comes to confidentiality, as well as by departmental policies.

As noted by the International Conference of Police Chaplains, the position and function of a police chaplain differs from that of a pastor. Their role is to serve, not preach — it is a ministry of presence. Police chaplains, just like military chaplains, must be able to deal with a variety of people with different faith backgrounds, as well as people without faith backgrounds. There is a difference between being a pastor and being a chaplain. A pastor takes an active role in people's faith life development, while a chaplain supports people where they are at that moment.

A police chaplain is considered a staff member of the Department. The Chaplain functions as a non-sworn staff assistant to the Chief of Police or his/her designee and comes under the authority of the Chief of Police.

Police chaplains serve in a wide variety of ways. They may be called upon to assist in death notifications, assist and support victims in times of crisis, respond to suicide incidents, and serve as part of a crisis response team. They visit sick or injured personnel, are a resource for counseling for members of the agency and their families, and serve as a liaison with other clergy in the community. They are called upon to deliver the invocation or benediction at public ceremonies as representatives of the police department. They also are on hand to serve inside the police department.

The **Police Chaplain Program** allows the Chaplains an opportunity to ride-along with officers on patrol and to interact with the community and department members.

Our partners are **Parsons Foursquare Church** and the **Westside Christian Church**. Other area churches are available to be contacted in times of need as well.

Parsons Foursquare Church often provides other services to citizens in need at their own discretion through the police department such as food from their food pantry or temporary shelter for the night in desperate times.

We want to thank our partners for their help and support in 2019 and look forward to our growing partnership in 2020.

A special thank you to Senior Pastor Steve Schulze, Pastor David Keaton from Parsons Foursquare Church and Pastor Doug Baty from Westside Christian Church. Your support enhances the Parsons Police Department's ability to respond in moments of community crisis.

Senior Pastor Steve Schulze



Youth Pastor David Keaton



Pastor Doug Baty





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