



# 2008

## *A Year of Progress*





This last year has been full of very exciting progress. The building of the Phase II jail expansion remained at the forefront of our major projects, and as a result of a lower inmate population through innovative approaches to law enforcement and alternatives to incarceration, I was able to put a hiring freeze into place saving the residents of Johnson County over four million dollars in 2008 and 2009.

The residents of Johnson County passed a ¼ cent public safety sales tax in August of 2008. This sales tax provided the needed funding to move forward with several projects including a new forensic crime lab, the remodeling of the Olathe Adult Detention Center into an Intake Reception facility and building of a Juvenile Justice Center. But with this additional funding I also had to find ways to improve the efficiency of law enforcement and the services we provide.

Another efficiency and cost saving measure will be in co-locating the Communications Division into the new Countywide Communications Center with the fire and ambulance dispatch and the Olathe Police Department dispatchers. Co-locating will fundamentally improve the cost structures of the county with only having to populate and staff one facility instead of three individual facilities.

My staff and I are also working diligently to continue the process of building a new crime lab for Johnson County and should be breaking ground by next year. The current laboratory was built in 1974 and remodeled several times since then and maxing out the available space at 12,000 square feet. National standards require at minimum 1,000 square feet per scientist and the current lab is woefully short of that requirement.

Looking forward into 2009 and beyond, I will continue to investigate efficient ways of providing the highest quality law enforcement services to the residents of Johnson County. Our county is one of the safest in the metro area and the State of Kansas and I intend to keep it a Community of Choice for the low crime rates and safe neighborhoods.

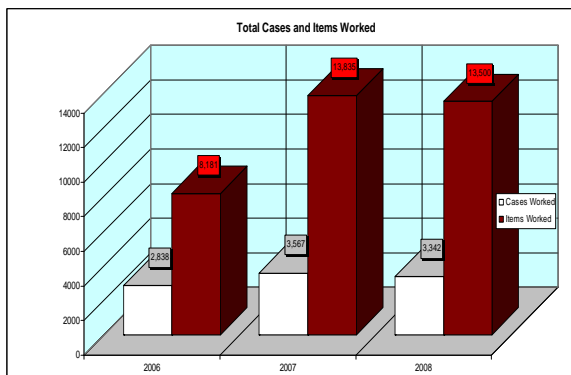
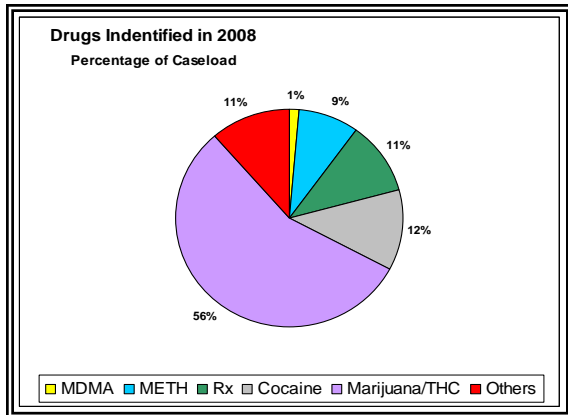
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Sheriff Frank Denning

## Crime Lab

The Johnson County Crime Laboratory offers the following services:

- Biology/DNA/CODIS
- Video Analysis
- Controlled Substances
- Crime Scene Processing
- Latent Prints
- Footwear/Tire Track
- Firearms Examination
- Trace Evidence
  - Fire Debris
  - Hair Analysis
  - Fiber and Fabric Identification and Comparison
  - Glass Identification and Comparison



## Crime Scene Unit

The Crime Scene Investigation section (CSI) of the laboratory performs crime scene processing with the goals of crime scene protection, crime scene documentation, evidence identification, evidence collection, and chain of custody maintenance.

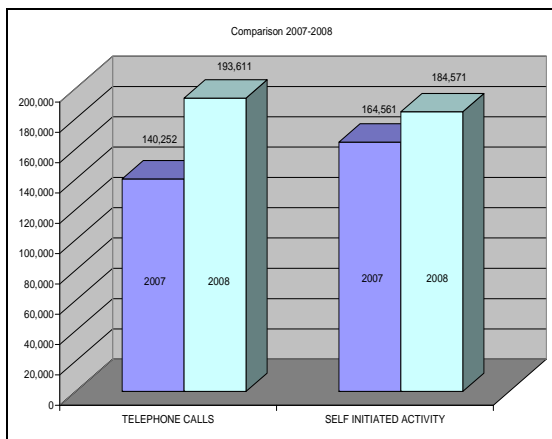


Since its inception within the laboratory in 2005, CSI has had a significant impact on increasing the quality and quantity of evidence submission to the JCCL. CSI regularly assists the JCSO and other criminal justice agencies, both in Johnson County and the surrounding area. CSI response in 2008 ranged from simple crimes like recovered stolen automobiles to sexual assault and murder scenes.



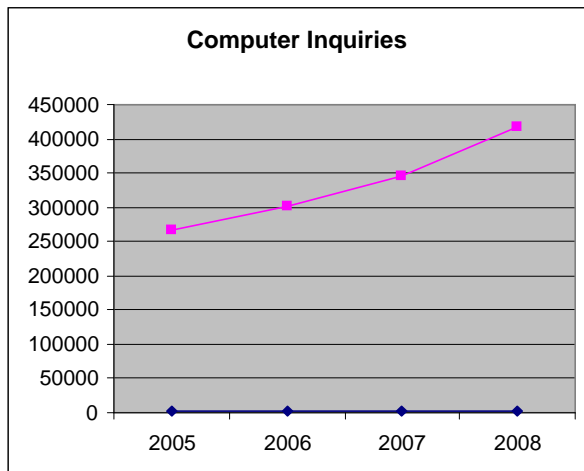
## Communications

The Communications Division dispatches for a population of almost 78,000. The areas covered are the unincorporated portions of the county, the City of De Soto and the City of Edgerton all covered by the Sheriff's Office patrol. In addition the Communications Division dispatches for the Johnson County Park Police and eight additional cities through out the county.



**2007**      **2008**

Calls for service	67,488	41,814
Telephone Calls	140,252	193,611
911 Calls	42,452	38,612



## Countywide Communications Center

The Sheriff's Communication Division will be moving into the new Countywide Communications Center in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2009. They will be co-locating with Emergency Communications and the Olathe Police Department.



The CCC was designed to provide a shared environment for use by all public safety agencies in Johnson County that chose to either co-locate their communications operations there or to use it as a back-up for their primary dispatch centers. The CCC was also designed to provide essential equipment needed for communications interoperability between local government agencies and with agencies in the greater Kansas City region.

Two types of construction make up the new building. The administrative and technical staff areas are commercial construction and the hardened portion of the building is designed to withstand F4 tornado winds. This is the area that houses the dispatch operations area which has approximately 7000 square feet of floor space for thirty-one console positions and two additional overflow/back-up/training rooms that have another five console positions each.

## *New Century Phase II Expansion*

The expansion of the New Century Adult Detention Center began in November 2007 and will be turned over to the Sheriff's Office in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2009.

This facility will feature:

- 554 bed addition
- 1088 Total jail beds after completion
- 48 Segregation Cells
- 384 Medium Security Cells
- 72 Special Needs Cells
- 50 Minimum Security Cells



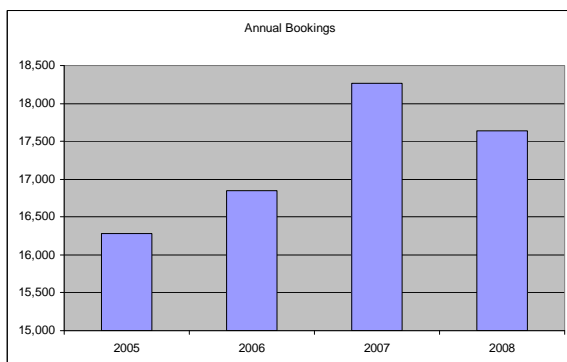
- 17,639 Inmates Booked
- 17,709 Inmates Released
- 32.2 Years, Average Inmate Age
- 180.3 lbs, Average Male Inmate Weight
- 715, Average Daily Inmate Population
- 57.3% Inmates are Johnson County Residents
- \$6,570,830 Dollars spent to farm out inmates
- 42.7% Inmates are Non-Johnson County Residents



## *Adult Detention Centers*

The Johnson County Detention Centers are the backbone of the Sheriff's Office, they employ 50 percent of the department employees, and are responsible for the safety and security of all persons booked into jail in Johnson County.

During 2008 the detention centers saw a reduction in bookings and releases over 2007.



## *Juvenile Intake and Assessment*

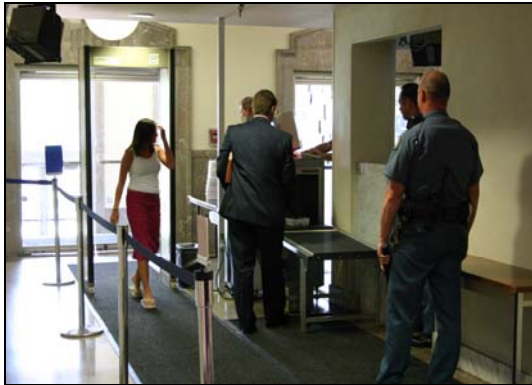
The Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center's sworn staff is responsible for the booking, intake, care and custody of all juveniles and child in need of care cases that are brought to the center by any law enforcement agency.

- 1,966 juveniles brought to JIAC
- 1,326 Criminal cases bookings
  - 317 Felony cases
  - 974 Misdemeanor cases
  - 35 City ordinance cases
- 640 Child in need of care cases
- 268 Warrants served

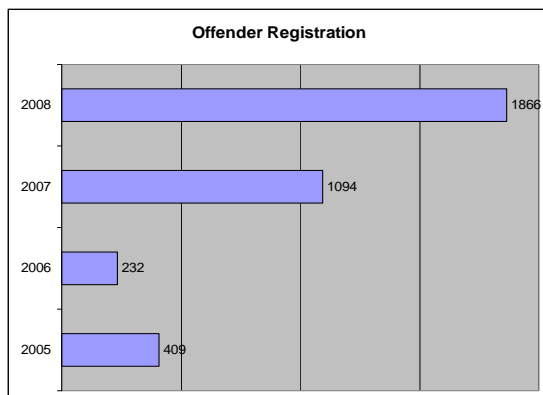
## Court Security

Deputies with Court Security are charged with protecting the public, inmates and employees inside and out of the Courthouse.

This division is also charged with the remote surveillance security of the Courthouse, the County Administration building and the County Communication Center.



- 631,588 people screened into the courthouse
- 1,866 Sex offenders registered
- 1162 Concealed carry handguns applications processed



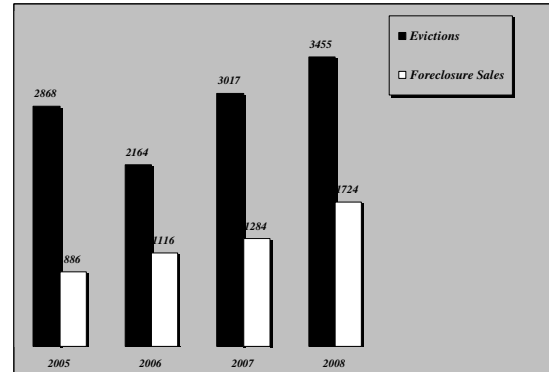
## Warrants

- 9,006 Warrants received
- 6,274 Warrants executed

The Warrant Division conducted five warrant sweeps in 2008. These sweeps were done in conjunction with the cities of Overland Park, Lenexa, Olathe Prairie Village, Merriam, Roeland Park and Shawnee. With this cooperation these sweeps resulted in 141 arrests, clearing 156 warrants.

## Civil and Collections Unit

The Civil unit has seen a large increase in both evictions and foreclosure sales in comparison to the last several years. This is due in part to the current state of the economy.

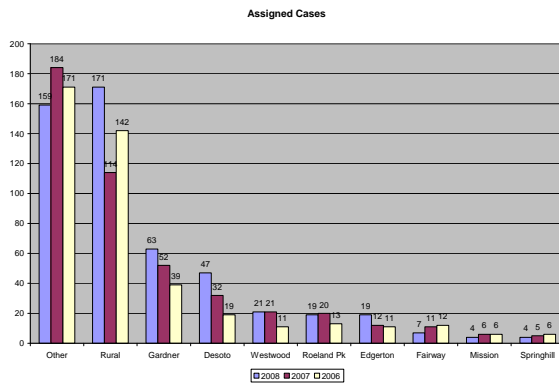


- 3,159 Tax warrants received
- \$1,996,038.32 added to the County General Fund through the collection of motor vehicle registration and delinquent county taxes.
- 1724 foreclosure sales
- \$184,269,529.65 collected in foreclosure sales
- 3,455 Evictions served
- 59,830 Civil process papers received

## Investigations

Detectives with the Sheriff's Office conduct all levels of investigations from property crimes to child sex crimes to homicide.

- Recovered over 1000 pieces of jewelry during a joint investigation with 18 area agencies
- Recovered a warehouse full of stolen computer equipment
- Conducted 8310 Online chat sessions resulting in 22 persons arrested for Electronic Solicitation
- 170 Fighting Roosters Seized during an Illegal Cock Fighting investigation. This investigation resulted in the changing of state law to move Cock Fighting from a misdemeanor to a felony.
- Investigated 163 sexual and violent offenders who had failed to comply with registration laws.



Detectives provided hundreds of hours of Prevention and educational programs on:

- Internet Safety
- Identification Theft
- Sexual Predators

## Patrol

Sheriff's Patrol division is made up of three units, Patrol, Community Policing and Directed Patrol. Deputies in these units are responsible for the law enforcement duties in the unincorporated county and the two contract cities of De Soto and Edgerton. In addition, there are several specialized units within patrol such as the K-9 unit, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and Accident Investigations.



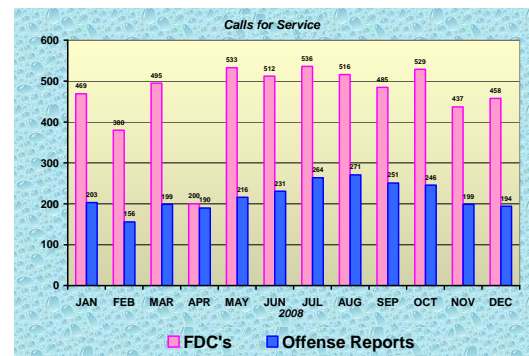
- 1,032,500 Miles driven
- 8,704 Citations written
- 766 Arrests made
- 570 Accident reports taken

Crime is down by 18.8% in 2008 compared with 2007 overall in the rural county, De Soto and Edgerton

12.65% Reduction in DUI's

4.75% Reduction in Battery's

4.7% Reduction in Drug Offenses



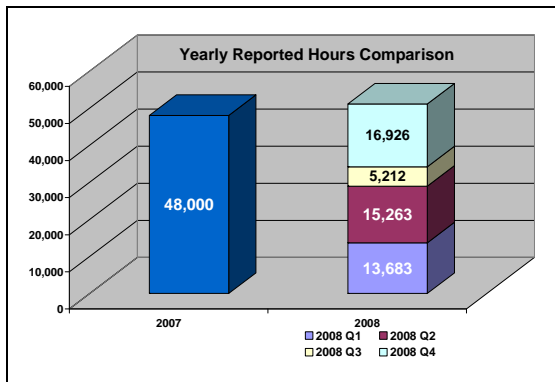
## Training Division

The Training Division is charged with providing and coordinating all of the training needs within the Sheriff's Office.



### 2008 Training Hours

- 30,029 Hours of internal training
- 11,251 Hours of external training
- 3,919 Hours of specialized training
- 2,180 Hours of academy training

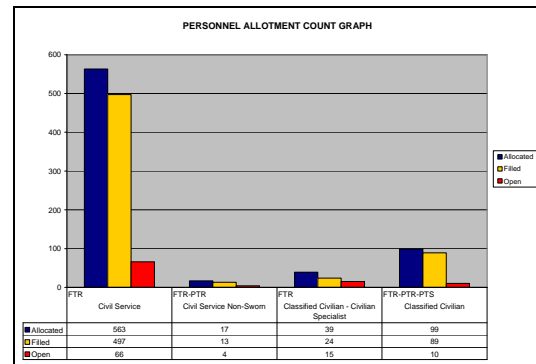


## Personnel Division

Recruiting, background investigations, and hiring are the duties of the Personnel Division.

In 2008, the Sheriff's Office placed a hiring freeze in place on April 18 due to a restructuring of the Phase II jail implementation.

- 1,305 Applications received
- 550 Civil Service tests administered
  - 361 passed
  - 188 failed
- 239 Applicants interviewed
- 61 Backgrounds conducted
- 42 Staff positions hired



## Professional Standards Unit

The Professional Standards Unit is the internal investigations and auditing arm of the Sheriff's Office.

This unit investigated nine complaints against the department. An additional 41 complaints were investigated by divisional supervisors.

Results from these investigations varied from no disciplinary action to reprimands.



# *Johnson County Sheriff's Office*



The Sheriff's Operations Center serves as the main building serving the Sheriff's Office. This facility houses the Sheriff's Road Patrol, Investigations, Personnel, Training, Community Policing and Directed Patrol Unit.

Operations Center is located at: 27747 W. 159<sup>th</sup> Street, New Century, KS.



The New Century Adult Detention Center currently houses minimum and medium custody adult male inmates. This facility has the capacity to house 263 inmates.

This facility is located at 27746 W. 159<sup>th</sup> Street, New Century, KS.



The Olathe Adult Detention Center opened in 1988 and houses 270 male and female inmates of all classifications.

This facility is located at 101 N. Kansas Avenue, Olathe, KS.



The Johnson County Courthouse is where the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District is located and also houses the Sheriff's Courthouse Security Division, Warrant Division, and Civil Division. This is also serves as Sheriff Frank Denning's main office.

The Courthouse is located at 125 N. Cherry, Olathe, KS.



The Johnson County Crime Lab provides scientific testing for all county law enforcement agencies. The capabilities of the lab include: DNA, drug chemistry, fingerprinting, firearms, video, photography, trace evidence and crime scene investigation.

The Lab is located at 6000 Lamar, Mission, KS.

## **Executive Staff**

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