

The background of the cover features a collage of official seals. At the top left is a partial view of the Great Seal of the State of Kansas. Below it is the Great Seal of the State of Kansas, which is circular and contains a landscape with a sun, mountains, a river, and a plow. The text "STATE OF KANSAS" and "GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF KANSAS" are visible, along with the date "JANUARY 29, 1861" and the motto "AD ASTRA PER ASPERA". At the bottom left is a partial view of the Johnson County Seal, which is a shield-shaped emblem with a banner at the bottom that reads "JOHNSON COUNTY".

# 2023 Annual Report

## JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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# Civil

The Civil Division serves and executes all civil process requested for service by the Sheriff's Office in Johnson County. This includes a wide range of court documents including Summons and Petitions, Subpoenas, Small Claims, Garnishments, Evictions, Protection from Abuse Orders, and Protection from Stalking Orders.

The Civil Division serves civil process by managing ten districts and providing deputies for evictions five days a week, as well as completing various patrol functions. The Civil Division received a total of 42,688 documents for service and served 31,119. The Civil Division scheduled 1332 evictions and completed 851. The Civil Division collected \$227,709 in processing fees.

The Civil Division schedules residential and commercial property foreclosures. The Civil Division scheduled 119 sales and conducted 44 sales on the Courthouse steps. Those sales generated \$10,546,631.06 collected by the Sheriff's Office.





# Communications

The Communications Division provides the highest quality of service to the citizens and law enforcement officers of Johnson County, with their welfare as our first priority.

We are the point of contact for emergency services (police, fire and ambulance) for 13 entities in Johnson County across 15 jurisdictional boundaries. Areas served include the unincorporated areas of Johnson County, the cities of DeSoto, Edgerton, Fairway, Gardner, Lake Quivira, Merriam, Olathe, Mission, Roeland Park, Spring Hill, Westwood, Olathe School District Police, as well as the Johnson County Park Police and local Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Wardens. In cases where fire or ambulance response is needed, we immediately relay the call to Johnson County Emergency Communications staff.

In 2023, the Communications Division received a total of 261,662 phone calls. 94% of our 89,783 – 911 calls were answered within 10 seconds or less. Communications deputies handled 291,628 events to include self-initiated activity as well as calls for service. Over the course of the year Communications sent or received over 2 million radio transmissions on primary radio channels.

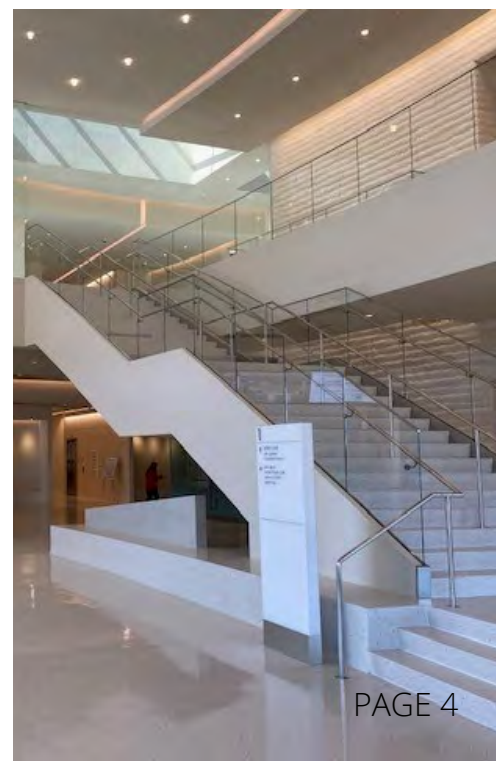


# Court Security

The Court Security Division provides security to the Courthouse, the County Administration Building, and the Justice Annex Building. Deputies and Security Specialists conduct entry screening at both the Courthouse and Justice Annex, searching for prohibited items to ensure the safety of all visitors to these buildings. In 2023, the Court Security Division screened more than 296,583 visitors between the Courthouse and the Justice Annex.

The Court Security Division also provides security inside the courtrooms for high-risk, high-profile, or possibly volatile cases. In 2023, the Court Security Division was tasked with 550 courtroom security requests. In addition to providing security to the facilities, other law enforcement actions are also taken. The Court Security Division arrested 222 people on warrants in 2023 and completed 424 Court Commitments as well as three on-view arrests. The Court Security Division also served civil papers in the Courthouse and the Justice Annex.

In 2023, three additional courtrooms were built out. These additions will help serve the citizens of Johnson County in a more efficient way.





# Crime Lab

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office Criminalistics Laboratory provides a full complement of forensic services to our contributing agencies, and in doing so, continues to stay abreast of changes in technology. The Biology/DNA section implemented new extraction robots which allow for processing of up to 48 samples at a time, increasing throughput threefold over previous instrumentation. Forensic services were rendered to 33 law enforcement agencies in 2023.

DISCIPLINE	CASES SUBMITTED	ITEMS SUBMITTED	CASES COMPLETED	ITEMS COMPLETED
BIOLOGY/DNA	1,295	5,247	915	3,978
BLOOD ALCOHOL	323	323	329	329
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES	1,729	6,640	1,862	7,215
CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION	246	2,894	251	2,910
DIGITAL EVIDENCE	59	117	37	97
FIREARMS & TOOLMARKS	549	1,008	484	857
IMPRESSION EVIDENCE	4	21	3	18
LATENT PRINTS	993	2,854	1,234	3,563
TOXICOLOGY	377	389	12	24
TRACE EVIDENCE	42	135	26	69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,617</b>	<b>19,628</b>	<b>5,153</b>	<b>19,060</b>

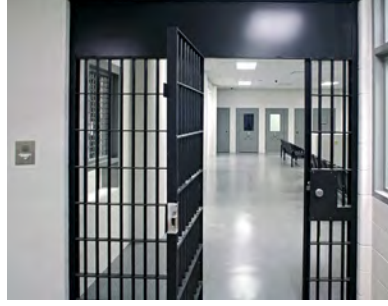
In addition to their casework contributions, the lab's 41 forensic science professionals regularly shared their knowledge and talents within our community, participating in county/city government and police department citizen academies, community organizations, as well as high school and college public safety, forensic, legal, and STEM/STEAM academies and programs.

The laboratory makes use of the AFIS (fingerprint), CODIS (DNA), and NIBIN (firearm) forensic databases for providing investigative leads. Samples are added to the databases to search against known individuals and/or other crimes. When a hit is obtained, it can identify suspects or make associations with other crimes. The primary goal is to provide relevant, timely investigative leads to identify suspects, solve crimes, and to prevent additional crimes from being committed.

DATABASE	NEW ITEMS	HITS/LEADS
<b>AFIS</b>	2,144	480
<b>CODIS</b>	914	275
<b>NIBIN</b>	559	171



# Detention



The Johnson County Sheriff's Office continues to operate two detention facilities, both of which are accredited through the National Commission on Correctional Health Care and provide medical, dental, and mental health care to the inmate population to meet community standards of care. These services are provided through a contracted health care provider and Johnson County Mental Health.

A variety of programs and services are offered to include substance abuse classes, religious programs, Decision Point, and work programs. A complete and modern law library is available to inmates who wish to use it.

The staff of the Detention Bureau are well-trained professionals who perform their duties with integrity, pride, and professionalism. The deputies and civilian staff are committed to our mission statement, "To serve the people of Johnson County with the foundational principles of service, justice and fundamental fairness."

Detention facilities are managed by 1 Major, 4 Captains, 12 Lieutenants, 24 Sergeants, 6 Civilian Supervisors, 79 Civilians and 248 deputies.

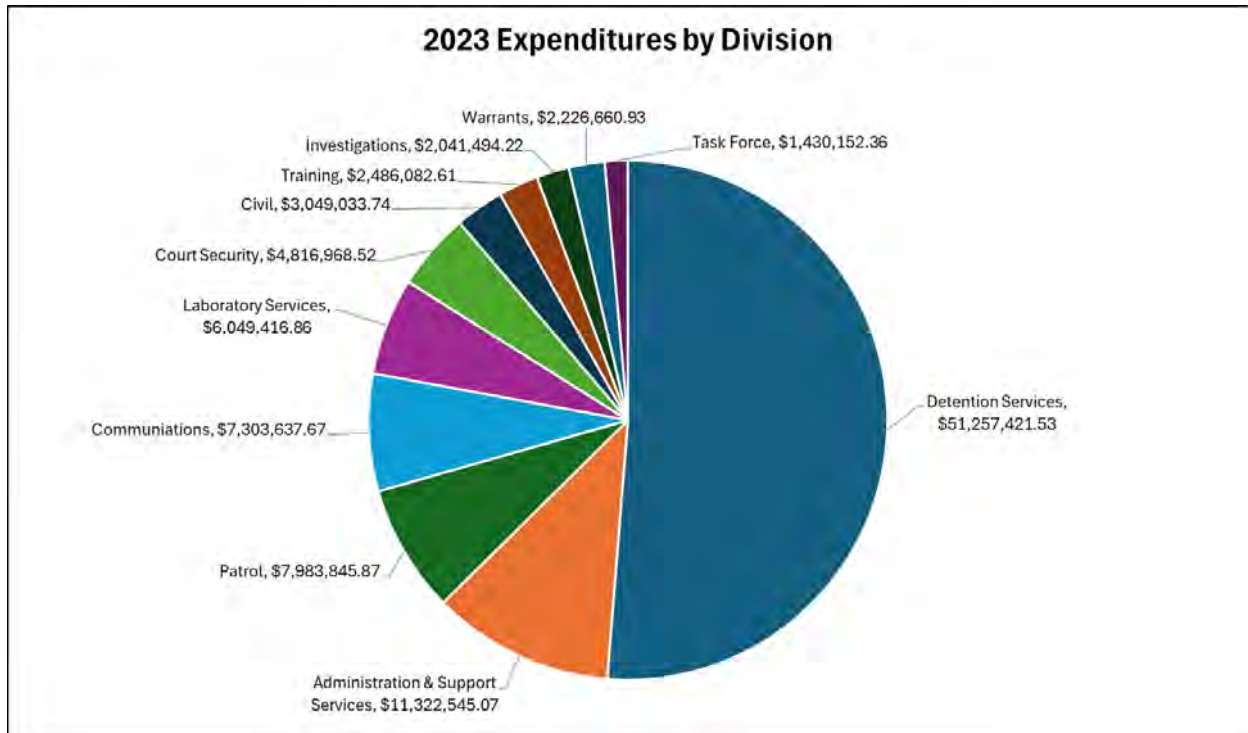
The number of bookings into the jail increased in 2023 by 1.3% compared to 2022. The average daily population increased from 691 in 2022 to 699 in 2023, an increase of 1.2%. A contributing factor for the increase is much of the detention population consisted of those detained longer due to being charged with serious crimes and awaiting court appearances. The Johnson County Department of Corrections has services available in lieu of incarceration which has given the opportunity for lower-level offenders to return to the community and keep the jail population from being higher.

In 2023, Tablets were implemented into the detention facilities. Inmates can access the Law Library, free educational content, read books, place phone calls, and order commissary. They can send and receive email, texts, and have the ability to do video visitation as well as visits with their attorney. These tablets connect to an internal server, and to not have external internet connection.

# Fiscal Division

The Sheriff's Office general fund expenditures (excluding transfers) for 2023 totaled \$99,967,259.38. Ninety one percent (91%) of which supported payroll expenses. Fifty one percent (51%) of the Sheriff's expenses supported Detention Services.

This is as of early Feb 2024.



# Fleet Services

During 2017, the Sherriff's Office hired mechanics in an effort to control the escalating cost of outsourcing vehicle repair and maintenance. The result was an immediate savings. Fleet maintenance and repair expense decreased by 35% over the next few years following implementation.

After their success in building the new CSI van in 2022 they decided to build more unit's in house. In 2023 Fleet designed a more durable and much safer SERT vehicle containing solid grab handles, more spacious and comfortable seating, more storage, a wall mounting system for easier access to their tools and a full custom rear HVAC system to keep them comfortable at all times. They also started replacing the old Crown Vic EVOC cars with Explorers so the deputies are training in a vehicle they will more than likely drive on a daily basis.





# Investigations Division

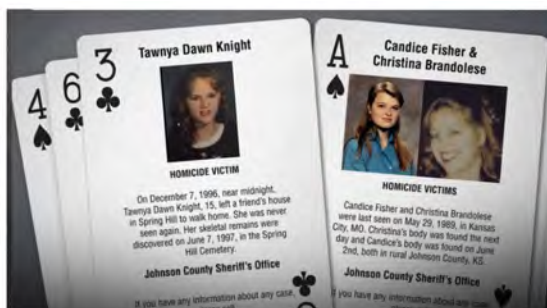
The Johnson County Sheriff's Office provides advanced investigative services through its thirteen-person Investigations Division, primarily organized by functional unit, including crimes against property, crimes against persons, financial crimes, cybercrimes and intel/crime analysis.

JCSO detectives investigate crimes reported in the unincorporated areas of the county as well as within De Soto and Edgerton city limits, where the Sheriff's Office is under contract to provide local law enforcement services. Detectives also serve as the primary investigators for the Fairway and Westwood Police Departments. Investigative staff routinely assist and collaborate with investigators from various law enforcement agencies within Johnson County, the larger Kansas City metropolitan area and with state and federal agencies.

In 2023, the Investigations Division investigated 160 cases. Those cases included 70 property crimes, 66 person's crimes, and 24 cybercrimes. Included in those cases were 2 Fairway Police Department cases and 12 Westwood Police Department cases.

## Officer Involved Critical Incident Investigations

Additionally, during the year detectives and supervisors from the Investigations Division worked on three investigations as part of our countywide, inter-agency Officer Involved Critical Incident Investigative Team. The Sheriff's Office's Investigation Unit also investigated a critical incident shooting for the Gardner Police Department.







# Northeast Kansas Drug Task Force

The Northeast Kansas Drug Task Force is a multijurisdictional unit comprised of five local law enforcement agencies. Franklin County, Miami County, Shawnee Police Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration each provide one investigator for the Task Force. Johnson County provides 5 investigators, 1 Crime Analyst, 1 Sergeant and 1 Lieutenant. The goal of the Task Force is to combine resources and conduct coordinated joint investigations to reduce the use, sale, and manufacture of illegal drugs in the region.

The Task Force opened 162 cases. 49 cases remain open, 94 are closed, 11 are in the judicial process, and 8 are pending lab results.

In 2023, the task force saw a decrease in reported fentanyl overdose cases. In 2022, Task Force detectives investigated 12 fentanyl overdoses with five of them being fatal. In 2023, Task Force detectives investigated only 6 fentanyl overdoses, however all of them were fatal. Investigative assistance was provided to Westwood PD, Merriam PD, Spring Hill PD, and Johnson County Sheriff's Office Patrol.

In March of 2023, investigators received information regarding a large-scale methamphetamine and marijuana distributor operating in both Johnson County, Kansas and Jackson County, Missouri. Investigators initiated a federal investigation with the Drug Enforcement Administration and the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. Throughout the investigation, investigators seized approximately ten pounds of methamphetamine, one handgun and approximately \$20,000.00 in cash. The case was transferred to United States District Court for the District of Kansas for prosecution.

In April of 2023, a source of supply for several illegal drugs was identified. The subject was operating in both Kansas and Missouri and was distributing cocaine, LSD, ketamine, ecstasy, psilocybin mushrooms and various forms of THC products. Throughout the investigation the following items were seized:

- 2.25 pounds of ketamine powder
- Over 5,000 dosage units of LSD
- 3.5 ounces of MDMA (ecstasy)
- 1 pound of cocaine
- 740 THC vape cartridges
- 8.5 pounds of THC edibles
- 12 grams of DMT
- 4.75 pounds of psilocybin mushrooms

This case is being prosecuted in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

# Patrol Division

The Patrol Division provides law enforcement and public safety services to the unincorporated areas of Johnson County as well as to the cities of De Soto and Edgerton, which contract municipal law enforcement services with the Sheriff's Office. In addition, this division provides support for all municipal police departments upon request and as needs dictate. The Patrol Division, under the command of a captain, is comprised of five Patrol crews working 24/7, and is staffed by a total of 50 deputies, including supervisors and administrative positions. The Patrol area is divided into six districts, which include De Soto and Edgerton, with a Patrol Unit assigned to each district. Approximately 40% of Johnson County remains unincorporated and Patrol deputies cover an area over 208 square miles. In 2023, the Patrol Division drove 850,000 miles. Also encompassed in this Division are School Resource Officers for the De Soto and Spring Hill School Districts, Drug Recognition Experts, Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspectors, the Bicycle Patrol Unit, the Sheriff's Motorcycle Unit, the Accident Investigation Unit, and K-9s.



# Personnel Division

The Personnel Division, under the guidance of Major Jody Prothe, is pleased to present the Personnel Division's 2023 Annual Report. The Johnson County Sheriff's Office, the premier, progressive law enforcement agency in Johnson County, as well as the State of Kansas, is committed to recruiting, selecting and employing the highest qualified individuals to serve our citizens. As such, the Personnel Division strives to select a diverse group of individuals to effectively staff and fulfill the mission of the Sheriff's Office. The Personnel Division's mission, along with candidate selection, is ensuring any and all personnel actions are handled consistently, efficiently and confidentially.

At the end of 2023, the Sheriff's Office was staffed with 678 personnel comprised of 468 deputies, along with 192 civilian specialist and support positions. The Personnel Division is responsible for the selection and employment of qualified applicants to serve the citizens of Johnson County. The Personnel Division's mission, along with candidate selection, is ensuring all personnel actions are handled consistently, efficiently, and confidentially.

The assessments for the application process include physical ability testing, polygraph testing, background investigation, extensive interviews, and a hiring board.

The Sheriff's Office does not have a residency requirement. Applicants are being recruited from all counties in the Kansas City metropolitan area, as well as states across the nation. Some of these states included Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and New York. Outside of filling positions internally, 72 new deputies and 53 new civilians were hired in 2023.

The Sheriff's Office strives for diversity in demographics as well as in background and experience. In our agency, we are currently represented by multiple races consisting of Asian, African American, Hispanic and White.

Of these, 202 are female and 476 are male. The average age of a deputy is 40, with the average length of service being 11.5 years. The average age of our civilian support staff is 41, with an average length of service being 7.7 years.

Of our 678 employees, 152 are members or veterans of the Armed Forces.





# Professional Standards Unit

The Professional Standards Unit (PSU), comprised of one investigator and one Command level supervisor, provides the Sheriff's office with a thorough, consistent and fair investigative review of complaints. The Unit is located within the Administration Division of the Sheriff's office and reports directly to the Sheriff. PSU has full authority to conduct investigations without interference from any employee. PSU exists to provide the following services to employees of the Sheriff's Office and the community:

- Protect the public from misconduct of an employee,
- Protect the agency and employees from false accusations and misconduct,
- Provide an early warning system of misconduct, and
- Identify organizational conditions that may contribute to misconduct.

The Professional Standards Unit is tasked with investigating complaints from external sources, such as citizens or an outside agency, as well as internal complaints initiated by supervisors. There were 98 cases/complaints investigated in 2023.

## Property Division

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office Property Unit manages a secure facility to store stolen, seized, or collected items for use as evidence in court. All divisions within the Sheriff's Office submit their evidence to this unit for safeguarding and to maintain a chain of custody. The property room consists of two full-time employees which includes a supervisor and an evidence technician.

- Property Intake in 2023 = Approximately 6,000 items
- Released in 2023 = 700
- Destroyed in 2023 = 1,300 items

## Records Division

The Central Records Division is staffed with thirteen civilian employees. They are responsible for accurately entering, filing, maintaining and retrieving criminal history record information on a current and historical basis. All Records Division employees must follow strict Federal, State and local dissemination guidelines. The spectrum of records includes all related documents and/or videos pertaining to arrests, offenses, investigations, accidents, calls for service, citations, mug shots, background checks, AXON videos, AFIS fingerprint responses, Master Name Indexing, Expungements, and Offender Registration.

# Training Division

The Training Division is responsible for conducting a wide variety of training for our sworn staff, security specialists, civilian specialists, civilians, outside agencies, and the public. The topics of training include: medical, communications, safety awareness & mindset, legal, de-escalation, firearms, less-lethal tools, defensive tactics, and emergency vehicle operations.

Our trainers provide training for all new hire deputies, security specialists, and civilian specialists to prepare them for this profession. We operate a fully accredited Law Enforcement Academy where we train, equip, develop, and ultimately prepare our staff to be the best law enforcement officers to the citizens of Johnson County and the state of Kansas. In 2023, 24 deputies graduated from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office Basic Academy. Once certified as a law enforcement officer, all sworn staff are required to complete at least 40 hours of in-service training per year. Non-commissioned staff are provided annual in-service training as well. We provided 56,867 hours of internal training to all 678 employees in 2023.

In addition to providing training to our own staff, the Training Division also provides training for other county entities, such as Johnson County Mental Health and MedAct, and neighboring law enforcement agencies. In 2023, 342 hours of training was provided.

The Training Division dedicates numerous hours and extensive knowledge towards providing various types of training to the members of our community. We offer classes such as Women's Self Defense and Safety Awareness Mindset training. The training facility offers space to be utilized by a wide variety of local and federal entities to include the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Olathe Latino Leadership Network, the Johnson County District Attorney's Office and Johnson County Court Services.

Training staff are dedicated individuals who maintain a high level of professionalism to ensure our staff and the members of our community are provided quality and real-world training.



# Warrants Division

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office Warrants Division is responsible for locating and apprehending subjects with active warrants issued by the Johnson County District Courts along with requests for warrant service from outside agencies including federal, state, and local departments.

In 2023, the Johnson County District Courts issued 8,038 warrants. 4,572 were felony warrants and 2,010 were misdemeanor warrants. 6,030 warrants were either executed by law enforcement or recalled by the courts.

Members of the Warrants Division apprehended 864 wanted subjects in 2023. Of these arrests, 385 were felony, 150 were misdemeanors, and 97 were out-of-county arrests.

The Warrants Division has the responsibility of extraditing wanted subjects outside the Sheriff's Office pickup radius. These extraditions are contracted to prisoner transport companies which provides a cost-effective method of transport to the Sheriff's Office and to Johnson County citizens. In 2023, we contracted more than 225 extraditions from multiple states throughout the country.

