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SHARP(er)/ SMART(er) JeffCo

SHARP(er)/SMART(er) JeffCo combines real-time crime analysis with innovative crime reduction techniques. Through this process, JCSO commanders and staff from across the organization meet monthly to discuss crime trends and effective prevention techniques.

Strategic Plan 2019-2023

In the fourth quarter of 2018, Sheriff Shrader and JCSO executive staff finalized a strategic plan that was developed throughout the year by an internal steering group working with community and professional stakeholders. The five-year plan focuses on four strategic initiatives to help us achieve our vision for Jefferson County to be a safe place to live, learn, work, and play:

1. **Optimize Workforce Development** by attracting candidates that mirror workforce demographics, reducing the hiring timeline, creating a retention and succession plan, and implementing trainings that advance employee performance
2. **Enhance Public Safety Practices** by using crime data to develop a resource deployment plan, working with community partners to increase awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault, and providing resources to victims of the same
3. **Improve Relationship between Public Service and our Communities** by implementing a community engagement model, identifying gaps related to high-risk individuals, improving safety at Jeffco schools, and raising awareness of the emergency management function
4. **Create an Environment for Efficient Fiscal and Facility Management** by participating in the county's Master Plan RFP, implementing an inventory management system, and working collaboratively with government entities to remain fiscally responsible

Safety in Faith Training

On December 18, we held our third and final Safety in Faith training for 2018. Deputies JJ Smith and Erik Baughman presented "Run, Hide, Fight" at the County Courthouse to almost 200 faith leaders, administrators, and safety team members. After their well-received presentation, Emergency Management Coordinator, Deputy Grey LaCerte, provided useful information on emergency planning and how to respond in the immediate aftermath, including sheltering in place or evacuating.



Notable Law Enforcement Activity

DV Homicide

In October, deputies responded to a home in Morrison in which the homeowner was administering CPR to his girlfriend who had been shot in the head. After the homeowner admitted to shooting the victim, he was transported to Investigations for questioning. He has since been charged with 1st Degree DV-Homicide and is currently in custody.

Officer Involved Shooting

In November, Colorado State Patrol requested assistance with a suspicious vehicle at mm 267 on US Highway 6. After noticing the vehicle parked in a pull-off, the state trooper learned the vehicle was stolen and was possibly associated with an attempted homicide in Lafayette. Two people in the vehicle appeared to be sleeping when the trooper called for back-up.

After deputies and a Golden officer arrived on scene and surrounded the vehicle, the occupants ignored commands, put the vehicle into gear, and attempted to drive the vehicle. The state trooper and a deputy fired at the vehicle, which came to rest in the creek. The male and female occupants were transported to the hospital, where the male was pronounced deceased. Upon completion of an investigation by the Critical Incident Response Team and a review by the District Attorney's Office, the deputy was able to return to full duty in December.

Homicide

In November, Pleasant View Fire responded to a brush fire in Golden that turned out to be a woman's body. The victim had been shot multiple times before being set on fire. Within five days, three men had been arrested for her homicide. All are currently in custody facing a combination of the following charges: 1st Degree Murder, 1st Degree Kidnapping, Tampering with a Deceased Human Body, 2nd Degree Arson, and Tampering with Evidence.

False Imprisonment

In November, a 15-year-old female arranged for an Uber shared ride home from work. If the driver adhered to Uber policy, he should have dropped the girl off before his other passenger because she lived closest along the route. Instead, he drove near the girl's home but continued driving to drop the other passenger off first, keeping the girl in his vehicle much longer than necessary. When he returned to her neighborhood, he parked in a nearby lot, locked the doors, and kissed her before allowing her to exit the vehicle. The driver's initial charge of kidnapping is likely to be reduced to false imprisonment and harassment.

Shiloh House Fire

In November, a 14-year-old male ran away from a Shiloh House on Yarrow Court to another Shiloh House located on W. Coal Mine Ave. There, he is suspected of starting a fire that caused the building to be evacuated. He is also suspected of damaging several vehicles parked at the halfway home. The juvenile male was located in the area, taken into custody, and booked through the Juvenile Assessment Center the day of the fire. Charges are expected to be filed against him this month.

Misplaced Inmate

In December, a female inmate escaped custody while she was being transported from our jail to Denver for warrants related to traffic violations. She was inadvertently dropped off with other inmates at a work release facility and ran from the facility before the error was discovered. The following day she was located at a hotel in Denver and taken back into custody without incident.

Columbine Threat

In December, Dispatch received a call from an unknown person claiming he was outside Columbine High School with a gun and had placed several explosive devices within the school. He threatened to open fire on students exiting the school if evacuated. Multiple agencies responded and the school was placed on lockdown until it was determined the threat was not valid. It was further determined the threat was likely connected to numerous emailed threats that occurred across the country that same day.



Authorized Sworn Personnel

Sheriff	1
Undersheriff	1
Division Chief	3
Captain	9
Lieutenant	14
Sergeant	60
Deputy Sheriff Investigator	41
Deputy Sheriff State and Dept. Certified	440
Specialty Assignment	1
TOTAL	570

Staffing the JCSO

As of December 31, the Sheriff's Office was considered 97% staffed with sworn personnel (554 out of 570 authorized). Four sworn employees were on continuous FMLA, four on military leave, and 52 in field training: 2 in Investigations, 37 in Detentions, and 13 in Patrol. Effective staffing was at 87%. Staff shortages have been supplemented with part-time employees.

In 2017, the turnover rate for sworn, including retirements, was 6.58%. In 2018, the rate was 7.69%. The ideal attrition rate is about five percent.

Priority One Calls

A priority one call is a "call for service which is critical or in-progress, where immediate intervention is required to avert personal injury, or where prompt arrival is necessary to effect criminal apprehension."

In the fourth quarter, deputies responded to 1,010 priority one calls. The table below illustrates the number of priority one calls for each precinct and average response time from when a call is created in dispatch to a deputy arriving on scene. The target response time varies by precinct. This data is obtained from Jeffcom.



Priority One Response Times		October	November	December
Mountain Precinct	Priority One Calls Received	81	49	70
	Average Create to Arrive Response Time	0:10:19	0:08:44	0:08:21
	Target Response Time	0:10:00	0:10:00	0:10:00
North Precinct	Priority One Calls Received	101	94	79
	Average Create to Arrive Response Time	0:08:13	0:09:08	0:09:08
	Target Response Time	0:07:00	0:07:00	0:07:00
South Precinct	Priority One Calls Received	188	160	188
	Average Create to Arrive Response Time	0:08:41	0:07:18	0:08:09
	Target Response Time	0:05:00	0:05:00	0:05:00
Total Priority One Calls		370	303	337



Prevention & Education

Crime Prevention

The Sheriff's Office has two crime prevention deputies who address citizen concerns and share vital information with the public through on-site visits, public presentations, tours, special events, Nextdoor.com notifications, and other opportunities. Crime Prevention deputies are available to speak on a variety of public safety topics. They also offer home and business security surveys and attend homeowner and realty watch association meetings.

Crime Prevention's fourth quarter activities included hosting an eight-hour business academy and:

- Completing 19 presentations, security assessments, and group tours to citizens or businesses
- Posting 18 crime trend information and prevention tips to Nextdoor.com
- Managing 107 citizen inquiries on a wide range of topics related to the Sheriff's Office
- Participating in 3 public events throughout the county, including
 - ◇ October 26: Boo-Rific at the Ridge Recreation Center
 - ◇ December 12 & 18: Christmas Crusade (photo)
 - ◇ December 18: Safety in Faith training at the County Courthouse



School Resource Officers

The JCSO has 14 School Resource Officers (SRO) who work 208 days each year at Jefferson County public schools. In addition to providing a safer and more secure learning environment, these deputies develop strong, long-lasting relationships with local students and educators. Their activity for the fourth quarter is illustrated in the table below.



Report Type	October	November	December
Felony	6	6	5
Misdemeanor	54	43	28
Incident	106	87	62
Supplemental	31	43	22
Total	197	179	117



Fourth Quarter Runaway Cases

Cases Assigned	49
Cases Closed	48
Cases Open	12



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

On October 2, the Board of County Commissioners issued a proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In the photograph shown, county commissioners were joined by JCSO command staff, investigators and victim advocates, as well as district attorneys, judges, and community partners, to help raise awareness of domestic violence and its impact on Jefferson County.

Crimes Against Children

In October, the Crimes Against Children Unit investigated 63 new cases. In November and December, 42 and 55 new cases were investigated respectively.

Family Crimes

In October, the Family Crimes Unit reviewed 113 new cases. In November and December, 91 and 116 cases were reviewed respectively. Notable fourth quarter activity included:

- In October, a defendant pled guilty to a 2017 class 3 felony of Sexual Assault on a Child, Position of Trust–Pattern for sexually abusing two grandchildren. He received 20 years to life in the Department of Corrections and 2 years of Intervention Community Correction Services.
- In November, a suspect was sentenced to 9 years in DOC for assaulting his wife in March. During the investigation, previous incidents of abuse led to charges of 2nd and 3rd Degree Assault, Animal Cruelty, Domestic Violence and Felony Menacing, resulting in an additional, consecutive 3 year sentence.
- In December, a suspect was arrested for 2nd Degree Assault for assaulting his ex-girlfriend in her vehicle while parked at Staples in Conifer. During the assault the suspect damaged the interior of the victim’s vehicle and after the assault a protection order was issued that was subsequently violated. Both these events led to additional charges of Criminal Mischief and Violation of Protection Order.



Sex Offender Statistics

In the fourth quarter of 2018 two employees maintained more than 400 sex offender records, and 117 addresses were verified.

New Registrations	57
Re-registrations	174
De-registrations	66

Traffic Operations

The primary goal of the JCSO Traffic Unit is to reduce traffic accidents involving fatalities and injury. Each month, the Traffic Unit provides Patrol with strategic deployment recommendations based on monthly crash analysis. The unit includes one sergeant, four motorcycle deputies, and two DUI enforcement cars.

Traffic Summonses

Traffic summonses include those issued by both the Traffic Unit and Patrol, either for Model Traffic Code violations or state violations.

Summonses	4th Quarter
2017	2,058
2018	1,739

Speed Mitigation Grant

A speed mitigation grant allows for additional hours of enforcement along Highway 93 and Highway 285, resulting in the following summonses:

Speed Mitigation Grant	October	November	December
Time Dedicated (in hours)	76	69	49
Summonses	185	183	127

DUI Arrests

In October and November, efforts of both DUI enforcement cars resulted in a total of 27 DUI arrests. In December, they made 26 DUI arrests. On November 16, the DUI cars participated in MADD's "Tie One on for Safety" Red Ribbon Campaign (photo), which resulted in one DUI arrest.



The Traffic Unit receives federal grant funding for DUI enforcement to increase traffic safety. During the fourth quarter the unit achieved the following:

- October's grant-related efforts resulted in 6 DUI arrests in 61 hours
- November: 3 DUI arrests in 42 hours
- December: 8 DUI arrests in 61 hours

Crash Data

Common causal factors for injury crashes in the fourth quarter were inattentive driving, lane violation, and DUI. The peak time frame for crashes was between 1:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Crash Type	October	November	December
Fatal	1	0	1
Injury	28	26	30
Property	210	243	206
Total	239	269	237



Focus Crimes

Property Crimes

In Jefferson County, property crimes such as residential and commercial burglaries, motor vehicle trespasses, and motor vehicle theft are the most common crimes we investigate. Therefore, we expend considerable effort reviewing these focus crimes that are of great concern to the community and we continually seek effective ways to prevent them from occurring at an increasing rate.



The Patrol and Criminal Investigations Divisions research occurrences of focus crimes to determine if there are similarities that would indicate a spree or a crime series involving the same suspect or suspects. This research, combined with scene saturations at the time of occurrence, has led to the identification and arrest of multiple suspects for these common crimes.

Fourth Quarter	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Burglary	122	178	116	142	112
Motor Vehicle Trespass	94	209	209	210	251
Motor Vehicle Theft	43	95	85	97	88

To further illustrate, Jefferson County experienced several sprees related to focus crimes during the fourth quarter, including the following:

- On October 10 and 24, South Jeffco experienced 11 smash & grab burglaries to commercial businesses. Investigators are working with Denver PD, Arapahoe County, and Lakewood PD to tie these, and over 230 other smash & grabs, to a core group of 2—4 criminals.
- On October 26, 2 residential burglaries and 4 motor vehicle trespasses occurred in the same area of the mountain precinct. The suspect(s) entered unlocked vehicles and stole garage door openers or entered homes through open garage doors.
- During the overnight hours on November 27, 10 vehicles were trespassed and 2 were stolen in the area of W. Jewell Ave. and S. Kipling Pkwy. Four juveniles are suspected of taking wallets, credit cards, and other small items from the trespassed vehicles.



Crime Statistics

Crime Analysis

In 2018, the Sheriff's Office hired a crime analyst for the Criminal Investigations Division to complement efforts of the Patrol Division's crime analyst. The analysts review data to help identify crime patterns, sprees, series, and trends for their respective divisions. Once these are identified, initiatives are implemented to address areas of concern for the agency and the community, to ensure Jefferson County is a safe place to live, learn, work, and play.

A crime analyst compiles Part 1 and Part 2 crime reports each quarter.

Crime Type		4Q14	4Q15	4Q16	4Q17	4Q18
PART 1	Arson	9	6	6	3	2
	Assault	193	215	209	243	227
	Burglary	122	178	116	142	112
	Homicide/Attempt Homicide	0	1	1	2	4
	Kidnap	4	7	4	4	4
	Motor Vehicle Theft	43	95	85	97	88
	Robbery	8	5	5	8	7
	Theft	352	359	445	409	406
	Unlawful Sexual Behavior	63	60	63	96	80
	Total	794	926	934	1004	930
PART 2	Drugs	85	79	94	105	92
	Family	92	161	132	158	137
	Forgery	8	19	37	16	13
	Fraud	130	191	210	177	187
	Government	51	67	51	75	86
	Mischief	125	162	158	155	151
	Morals	4	11	5	9	5
	Peace	184	173	186	213	192
	Property	99	104	137	97	77
	Trespass-Dwelling	10	18	14	20	8
	Trespass-Vehicle	94	209	206	210	251
	Weapons	11	6	15	10	8
	Total	893	1200	1245	1245	1207
Grand Total		1687	2126	2179	2249	2137

