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Vision

Our Vision is for Jefferson County to be a safe place for all people to live, learn, work, and play.

Mission

Protect, Serve, Enforce

Values

- Integrity
- Excellence
- Respect

Fire Rescue

On December 21, deputies responded to an apartment fire in the 8400 block of South Reed Street. Arriving deputies were notified that residents were trapped by the fire on the second and third floors. Deputies were able to catch two people who jumped from a second story window and then they used two ladders to help a father and son escape from a third floor window.



The fire was started by a resident of the complex, who was captured near the scene and booked into jail on 12 counts of attempted 1st degree murder, 6 counts of 1st degree arson, 9 counts of 2nd degree arson, 18 counts of 4th degree arson, 3rd degree assault, and criminal mischief. This is an ongoing investigation.

SORT Donation Ruck

On December 7, SORT deputies filled their rucks with over 600 lbs of canned goods and trekked five miles along Lookout Mountain to deliver the food to Flatirons Community Church for donation to EChO food bank in Evergreen. Each ruck contained an average of 42 - 45 lbs of food team members had donated or collected. The SORT team intends to make this holiday drive an annual event as a way to give back to the community it serves.



Rake-Up! Colorado

On November 16, twenty sworn and professional employees and their families helped ten senior citizens in Jefferson County by raking their yards during the annual Rake-Up! Colorado event. 2019 was the fourth year the JCSO has participated and it was a record-breaking year with 78 bags at one property alone!



Notable Law Enforcement Activity

Suspect Rams Patrol Car

On October 2, deputies responded to McDonald's at 10177 West Progress Avenue for a suspicious vehicle. According to the reporting party, the vehicle was stolen and the man inside—a former McDonald's employee—was bragging about committing recent marijuana dispensary burglaries and was possibly armed. When deputies arrived they blocked the vehicle from leaving and told the man he was under arrest. The man then put the vehicle in reverse and intentionally rammed a patrol car. Deputies used a collapsible baton to break the driver's window and were able to take the suspect into custody. They confirmed the vehicle had been stolen out of Greeley and found about 30 marijuana plants and burglary tools inside the vehicle. This is an ongoing investigation.

Robbery Arrest

On October 10, deputies responded to Southwest Plaza for a reported robbery. The juvenile victim told deputies he met up with people he knew to purchase shoes from them. Instead, two suspects pulled a gun on the victim and stole his cell phone and car. Deputies in unmarked units were able to locate the stolen vehicle at a suspect residence and follow it with the help of other agencies to Commerce City, where a stop was initiated, four people were taken into custody, and a gun was recovered. Two suspects were charged with aggravated robbery, menacing, and aggravated motor vehicle theft.

Multiple Arrests

On October 21, deputies responded to Living Waters Car Wash at 6646 South Wadsworth Boulevard for a report of a stolen vehicle. When deputies contacted the vehicle, one suspect exited the car and ran away while the other got into the driver's seat and intentionally drove into a patrol car before leaving the area. The suspect on foot was later caught by deputies and interviewed. Since this incident, three suspects have been identified as associated with at least ten related cases and crimes of 1st degree motor vehicle theft, 2nd degree burglary, 1st degree criminal trespass to motor vehicles, and identity theft, among others. This is an ongoing investigation.

Escape Attempt

At 10:20 p.m. on November 16, a detention deputy noticed an inmate missing during a routine headcount. The inmate was located behind the basketball hoop in the recreation yard, where he hid after damaging wire meshing in an attempt to escape because, he claimed, he was facing a long prison sentence for his crimes. The inmate now faces attempted escape and several additional charges, while two other inmates face charges of aiding escape and 2nd degree possession of contraband.



Authorized Sworn Personnel

Sheriff	1
Undersheriff	1
Division Chief	3
Captain	9
Lieutenant	14
Sergeant	60
Deputy Sheriff Investigator	42
Deputy Sheriff State and Dept. Certified	439
Specialty Assignment	2
TOTAL	571

Staffing the JCSO

As of December 31, 2019, the JCSO was considered 92% staffed with sworn personnel (524 out of 571 authorized). Six sworn employees were in light duty assignments, four on continuous FMLA leave, and four on military leave. In addition, 12 sworn employees were in field training: 11 in Patrol and one in Detentions. Effective staffing was at 87%. In 2018, the turnover rate for sworn, including retirements, was 7.69%. In 2019, this rate was 9.70%.

A consequence of the 2020 budget reduction, the JCSO has held certain positions vacant and has ramped down Detentions staffing, as illustrated in the table. However, it is important to bear in mind for future considerations the results of a 2017 workload and staffing assessment for the Patrol Division that indicate a need for 14 *additional* deputies to serve a growing population, meet school safety needs, and better align with national standards for deputy/resident ratios.

Vacancies	Oct	Nov	Dec
Sworn	38	43	47
Professional	25	26	25
Total	63	69	72

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 786 priority one calls. This is an 18% decrease from the

third quarter. There were significantly fewer calls for service during this quarter due to the sudden drop in temperature for weeks and several early season snow storms in October and November. In November alone, an estimated 32 inches of snow fell in parts of the county from three storms and snow serves as a deterrent for crime.



Priority One Response Times		October	November	December
Mountain Precinct	Priority One Calls Received	39	42	44
	Average Create to Arrival Response Time	00:11:15	00:14:10	00:13:10
	Target Response Time	0:10:00	0:10:00	0:10:00
North Precinct	Priority One Calls Received	67	58	67
	Average Create to Arrival Response Time	00:09:20	00:09:38	00:10:31
	Target Response Time	0:07:00	0:07:00	0:07:00
South Precinct	Priority One Calls Received	164	153	153
	Average Create to Arrival Response Time	00:07:48	00:08:35	00:09:55
	Target Response Time	0:05:00	0:05:00	0:05:00
Total Priority One Calls		270	253	263



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 the Business Academy on October 24 and:

- Completing 26 presentations, security assessments, and group tours to citizens or businesses
- Posting 13 crime trend information and prevention tips to Nextdoor.com
- Managing 90 citizen inquiries
- Participating in six public events throughout the county, including
 - ◇ Oct. 2: Coffee with a Cop
 - ◇ Oct. 25: BOO-rific at Ridge Rec Center
 - ◇ Nov. 12: Safety in Faith fall workshop
 - ◇ Nov. 23: Community meeting at Columbine Public Library
 - ◇ December 12 & 17: Christmas Crusade phone bank & shopping day (pictured above)



School Resource Officers

The JCSO has 14 School Resource Officers (SRO) who work 208 days each year at Jefferson County public schools. The fourth quarter saw an increase over third due to students being in school full-time rather than on break during a portion of the quarter. Additionally, 2019 saw an increase in overall reports and Safe2Tell reports as compared to 2018.



Report Type	October	November	December
Felony	5	3	2
Misdemeanor	46	49	32
Incident	119	99	63
Supplemental	31	81	15
Total	201	232	112



Fourth Quarter Runaway Cases

Cases Assigned	59
Cases Closed	61
Cases Open	2



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

On October 1, the Board of County Commissioners recognized the importance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month with a proclamation at their public hearing. Local law enforcement, the District Attorney’s Office, victim advocates, judges, and other criminal justice partners joined the JCSO for the proclamation. During the hearing, Sheriff Shrader described our efforts in combatting this prevalent crime through the Family Crimes Unit, Victim Services, and a Police Executive Research Forum partnership intent on developing nationwide uniformity and best practices for DV response.

Crimes Against Children

In the fourth quarter, the Crimes Against Children Unit investigated 223 new cases. Notable activity for the unit included a man being arrested and charged for sexual exploitation and invasion of privacy of a child at a church. The suspect followed the child into a restroom and videotaped the victim from underneath the bathroom stall. Also, CAC hosted a community notification meeting in October for Ian Fritzke, a sexually violent predator sentenced to work release in the jail.

Family Crimes

In the fourth quarter, the Family Crimes Unit reviewed 386 cases, including 99 domestic violence-related cases in October, 110 in November, and 135 in December. Of these 344 DV cases, 11 were felony assaults that involved strangulation.

Significant activity for the unit included an arrest for violation of bail bond conditions that resulted from a SWAT call in Conifer, in which the suspect fired off a shotgun while his estranged wife and two others were in the home. The three were able to escape without harm before the suspect barricaded himself inside and eventually shot his own ear accidentally before being taken into custody and transported for the non-life threatening injury. After his release from jail, the suspect violated bond conditions by repeatedly contacting his wife via email.



Sex Offender Statistics

In the fourth quarter two employees maintained more than 400 sex offender records and verified 106 addresses.

New Registrations	74
Re-registrations	159
De-registrations	68

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

Summonses include those issued by the Traffic Unit and Patrol for Model Traffic Code violations or state violations. Approximately 1350 fewer summonses were issued during the fourth quarter compared to the third due to early season snowfall and the holidays.

Summonses	4th Quarter
2018	1,756
2019	1,683

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)	78	70	97.5
Summonses	183	167	208

DUI Arrests

In the fourth quarter, efforts of the Traffic Unit and both DUI enforcement cars resulted in 38 DUI arrests; 57% of the 67 total DUI arrests. The unit also receives federal grant funding for DUI enforcement to increase traffic safety. The Traffic Unit increased DUI enforcement for the New Years holiday, with 24.5 hours of grant-funded overtime. This campaign resulted in 7 DUI arrests from December 27, 2019 - January 2, 2020.



DUI Arrests	October	November	December
Total DUI Arrests	21	18	28

Click It or Ticket

This year the Traffic Unit also received grant funding for three seat belt enforcement campaigns. These campaigns were held in each of the first three quarters of the year.

Crash Data

Common causal factors for fatal and injury crashes in the fourth quarter were speeding, inattentive driving, and DUI.

Crash Type	October	November	December
Fatal	1	0	0
Injury	28	19	28
Property	166	188	181
Total	195	207	209



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, leads to the identification and arrest of suspects for these common crimes.

Fourth Quarter	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Burglary	178	116	142	112	104
Motor Vehicle Trespass	209	206	210	251	206
Motor Vehicle Theft	95	85	97	88	96

To further illustrate focus crimes, Jefferson County experienced the following during the fourth quarter:

- On October 9, in the areas of W Hampden Ave to W Keene Ave, and W Quincy Ave to W Swarthmore Ave, 11 vehicles were trespassed and a pick up truck was stolen between 12:30 a.m. - 2:30 a.m. Items taken included insurance and registration information, wallets, hand and power tools, and other small items. All vehicles were entered through unlocked driver or passenger doors.
- During the overnight hours of November 6, three residences were burglarized and three vehicles were trespassed in the area of Mt. Holy Cross and S. Alkire St. Two of the residential burglaries were garage burglaries and all three vehicles were unlocked.
- During the overnight hours of December 16, five vehicles were trespassed in the area of Eldridge St and W 32nd Ave. All vehicles were accessed through unlocked doors, then rummaged through and miscellaneous items were taken.



Crime Statistics

Crime Analysis

The crime analyst in Patrol reviews data to help identify crime patterns, sprees, series, and trends. Once these are identified, initiatives are implemented to address areas of concern for the agency and the community, to ensure Jefferson County continues to be a safe place for all people to live, learn, work, and play.

Fourth quarter five-year comparisons for Part 1 and Part 2 crimes are illustrated in the table below.

Crime Type		4Q15	4Q16	4Q17	4Q18	4Q19
PART 1	Arson	6	6	3	2	5
	Assault	215	209	243	227	245
	Burglary	178	116	142	112	104
	Homicide/Attempt Homicide	1	1	2	4	0
	Kidnap	7	4	4	4	3
	Motor Vehicle Theft	95	85	97	88	96
	Robbery	5	5	8	7	13
	Theft	359	445	409	406	328
	Unlawful Sexual Behavior	60	63	96	81	66
	Total	926	934	1004	931	860
PART 2	Drugs	79	94	105	92	85
	Family	161	132	158	137	133
	Forgery	19	37	16	13	19
	Fraud	191	210	177	189	156
	Government	67	51	75	85	59
	Mischief	162	158	155	151	142
	Morals	11	5	9	5	8
	Peace	173	186	213	192	162
	Property	104	137	97	77	86
	Trespass-Dwelling	18	14	20	8	10
	Trespass-Vehicle	209	206	210	251	206
	Weapons	6	15	10	8	12
	Total	1200	1245	1245	1208	1078
Grand Total		2126	2179	2249	2139	1938

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

