

ADMINISTRATIVE



The Administrative Services Division is a diversified unit responsible for a wide variety of duties essential to the daily operations of the Police Department. This division includes police vehicle technology support, professional standards, including internal affairs and hiring, public information (PIO) and crime prevention.

In 2016, the Training Sergeant researched and evaluated the **V-Academy** to replace LocalGovU. V-Academy will provide the department's on-line training that meets new MO POST requirements. Also provides a policy management system and FTO Program documentation system. In 2016, the police department transitioned over to the Glock 17 pistol as the primary duty weapon for all police officers. Training for this new weapon was conducted in December 2016 into January 2017. This consisted of 22 eight-hour training sessions.

In 2016, the police department purchased and implemented StarChase systems in several patrol vehicles. This device allows officers to track fleeing vehicles and avoid dangerous pursuits. In 2016, the Coffee With a Cop program began allowing citizens to meet and speak with police officers in a comfortable setting at a public place.

The crime prevention unit is responsible for coordinating the citywide neighborhood watch program, the Volunteers In Police Services Program and adult crime prevention education and training. The unit also coordinates the Citizens Police Academy and many public events, including the annual National Night Out against crime.



StarChase

Crime Statistics

Category	2014	2015	2016
Part 1 Violent Crime Totals (UCR)	476	500	601
Part 1 Property Crime Totals (UCR)	6,607	6,077	6,404
Murder	3	8	9
Rape/Attempted Rape	41	57	49
Robbery	126	132	140
Aggravated Assault	304	304	403
Burglary	1,128	848	891
Larceny Theft	4,616	4,298	4,542
Motor Vehicle Theft	838	915	956
Priority 1 Calls For Service Totals	9,642	10,807	11,697
Drug Arrests	1710	1516	1697
Traffic Accidents (Property Damage Only)	1,363	1,415	1,294
Traffic Accidents (Fatality/Injury)	9 / 752	11 / 827	11 / 821
DWI Arrests (City/State)	202 / 73	260 / 71	260 / 85

From 2015 - 2016:

Priority 1 Calls

↑ +8.2%

Violent Crime*

↑ +21.2%

Property Crime*

↑ +5.4%

*Part 1 UCR

INDEPENDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2016 Annual Report



The Mission of the Independence Police Department is to protect life, individual liberty and property of all people within the City of Independence; to lower crime and disorder in the community; to develop and maintain positive relationships with members of the community and to foster a positive work environment for police employees.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



HIGHLIGHTS



Officer Michelle Sumstad receiving the Great Save Award in May



Chief Brad Halsey received the Albert Riederer Excellence in Public Service Award at the 2016 COMBAT Awards Ceremony from Jackson County Executive Frank White.



Officers Ed Wisdom and John Syme receiving homemade gifts from a new friend at the National Night Out event at Hill Park



Officer Brian Flavin instructs an Active Shooter course during Block Training



We teamed up with Target and the Community Services League for the Shop with a Cop event.



Officer Luis Virgil attending the LINC Hispanic Family Night in April



We ran in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Missouri Special Olympics

PATROL



Covering 12 geographic districts over about 78 square miles, **the Patrol Division** is the largest and most visible component of the police department. The men and women of the four patrol watches are the first responders to citizens' calls for police assistance or intervention. In 2016, patrol officers responded to over 61,000 calls for service and completed over 17,000 reports. They conducted over 600 motorist assists along roadways in Independence and made almost 25,000 self-initiated arrests. There were an average of almost 14 calls for service, per day, per officer.

IPD became the first police department in the KC metro to successfully implement and utilize the StarChase device. This is a GPS device that is launched from a police car to assist in tracking fleeing vehicles, thus avoiding a dangerous police pursuit. We also deployed several license plate readers (LPRs) in patrol vehicles that allow us to receive updated and instant responses on license plate information. The equipment has increased our stolen auto recovery rate.

A patrol portfolio program was initiated allowing supervisors to monitor the documentation of problem solving initiatives being handled by patrol officers in their districts. This format allows oversight and accountability on ongoing projects to reduce crime and disorder in the community. During this time, patrol officers continued to be an integral part of the C.O.R.E. process and focused their efforts on "CORE Offender" repeat offenders, identified by the crime analysts and the Criminal Investigations Unit.

INVESTIGATIONS



The Investigations Division, is comprised of the Criminal Investigations, Drug Enforcement, Career Criminal and Crime Scene units. Each unit's primary responsibility is centered around the follow-up investigation and case preparation of criminal offenses. There were 2,538 cases assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) in 2016. The average number of cases assigned to the 20 detectives in the Criminal Investigations unit was 127. The number of assigned cases has increased by 718 or 40% from 2012 to 2016. In 2016, CIU began working closely with the Traffic Unit in digitally mapping major crime scenes, increasing the accuracy of crime scene sketches. The Crime Scene Unit has been more integrated into the CIU and detectives are assigned to them on major crime scenes.

In 2016, **the Drug Enforcement Unit** (DEU) handled or recovered \$522,293 worth of illegal drugs. The DEU filed 551 city, state, and federal criminal cases, which was an 84% increase from 2015. In 2016, **the Career Criminal Unit** (CCU) conducted 121 search warrants, 287 arrests and 94 property recovery incidents.

In 2016, **the Crime Scene Unit** (CSU) handled 7,150 calls for service which included the recovery of 264 videos. They were also assigned 74 latent print items and analyzed 25. They handled 165 types of analysis including 74 for drugs, 11 for prints, 78 for DNA and two for trace evidence.



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SUPPORT SERVICES

The Support Services Division includes the Emergency Communications Center, the Detention Unit and the Records Unit. This division consists of the bulk of non-sworn department personnel who serve the department in essential support roles.

The Detention Unit, which is comprised of an Administrator, two supervisors and ten detention officers, was responsible for booking 10,931 persons into the detention facility in 2016.

This unit operates 24 hours a day and has a goal of ensuring a safe, clean and secure environment for both detainees and department employees. The mission of the Detention Unit is to operate and maintain a holding facility in an efficient and professional manner.

In 2016, the detention facility nearly completed a painting project of the facility. A trustee program was also created.



The Records Unit consists of a total of 19.5 employees, plus two supervisors and one administrator. The front desk has a total of eight employees. These employees maintain the desk area and serve the general public by completing police reports, and answering questions. Records clerks provide technical contact work in the processing of reports for a variety of records including stolen autos, missing persons, fraud, and forgery. Our Warrant Service staff has two employees. These employees provide control over receiving and returning warrants, subpoenas, and other pertinent court and jail papers.

The Records Unit as a whole provides and disseminates various police reports for officers and for the general public. They participate in internal and external data bases concerning criminal records and warrant information.

The following numbers reflect the work completed in 2016:

- Issued **36,258** city and state warrants
- Served **29,404** warrants and entered **99,688** warrant checks
- Sold **\$39,993.25** police records to the public
- Handled **103,658** telephone and **36,470** mail/fax inquiries
- Entered **70,369** tickets
- Handled **66,071** citizen assists and **6,842** desk reports.



The Communications Center or Dispatch as it is also known, operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week serving the citizens of Independence charged with the responsibility of receiving all emergency 911 calls made to the City and providing dispatch services to the Police Department, Fire Department, and Animal Services Division.

In 2016, the Communications Unit dispatched 173,569 calls for service. Of those received, 143,318 of them were 911 calls and 199,300 were non-emergency calls. They also received 345 text to 911 calls.

In April of 2016, dispatch began utilizing seasonal/temporary employees to assist with staffing vacant positions in the unit. This saved the department \$59,050 during this time. A new six week classroom training program for new dispatchers was implemented leading to a higher success rate of completion and retention.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS

The Special Operations Division is a diverse group with varying responsibilities. This division includes Traffic Safety, the Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) team, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD), Hawthorne Place Officers, Independence Center Officers, D.A.R.E., School Resource Officers, Truancy Officers, the K-9 Unit.

The K-9 Unit had 582 calls in 2016. The K-9 Unit was utilized on 27 narcotics sweeps for the year. This included Independence schools and assisting other agencies with school searches, the Jackson County Jail, a Kansas City halfway house, Independence jail searches. The K-9 facility received a overhaul, courtesy of Lowe's Home Improvement Store. This included new paint throughout the facility, new flooring and ceiling tiles, and numerous other additions. The K-9 Unit continued to maintain a strong presence in proactive work, responding to all canine calls, assisting Patrol, and contributing in the C.O.R.E. process.



The two **Independence Center officers** continue to work out of the sub-station in both reactive and proactive assignments. They respond to calls at the Center and along the 39th street corridor involving mostly thefts and shoplifting. In 2016, they recovered \$55,305 worth of stolen merchandise from stores. They responded to 834 primary and 234 secondary calls and took 519 case reports. They made almost 600 arrests and worked on 185 disorderly house cases. The Hawthorne Officers continued their relationship with management of the apartment complex. The officers have worked hard to assist with background checks and evicting problem tenants within the complex, which has resulted in an increase in both of these numbers. In 2016, these officers handled 466 primary calls and 132 secondary calls, took 267 case reports, made 125 arrests, worked 33 disorderly cases, and assisted with 74 evictions. They conducted 1,405 background checks for the complex.



The SWAT team had 54 activations, 26 search warrants and almost 600 residence checks. They provided active shooter trainer/awareness to six private companies, Centerpoint Medical Center security officers and MO Probation and Parole. They completed block training for the department on active shooter (force on force) training that was held at Lake City Army Ammunition Plant. SWAT participated in the LCAAP annual WMD exercise, conducted two Hawthorne warrant sweeps and two shoplift sweeps. SWAT also manned positions at the Independence Center on the day after Christmas, which historically has had issues. A focused effort was made in CORE initiatives, hotspots, and support of Patrol. SWAT not only provides support to Uniform Patrol; but is the resource for pro-active details within its division. Discretionary time was divided among CORE initiatives, Hotspots, Hawthorne Apartments, Independence Center and initiatives originating from the CCU & DEU detectives.



The Traffic Safety Unit issued almost 19,000 traffic citations in 2016. In coordination with other police personnel, the eight DWI checkpoints and other planned initiatives throughout the year resulted in 151 DWI arrests, 45 Narcotic arrests and 3,513 traffic violations, warrants and other arrests. The Traffic Unit investigated 2,128 traffic crashes which included 12 fatality crashes and 820 injury crashes. The traffic unit also handled 327 Hit & Run crashes.

