

Johnson County Sheriff's Office



Annual Report 2014

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Message from the Sheriff

I am pleased to present our first Annual Report on the behalf of the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. Included in this report, you will find operational data, crime statistics, and a variety of other information on patrol activity in 2014. This represents an enormous amount of hard work on the part of all our deputies, professional staff, and illustrates their dedication to making Johnson County a safe place to live, work, and raise our children.

We are dedicated to the delivery of quality service to the citizens and guests of our community. In doing so, we strive to create a partnership with our citizens that will enhance communication, understanding and the overall effectiveness of the Sheriff's Office.

The great men and women of the Sheriff's Office strive to protect the members of our community from harm and from damage or loss of property. The deputies of our agency enforce laws and investigate criminal actions by identifying and arresting offenders, contributing to the quality of life in Johnson County and to the ends of justice.

As you go through each page, you will gain an appreciation for all that is done to promote and achieve safety, awareness, protection, and justice. The employees at the Sheriff's Office, both uniformed and professional staff, are dedicated to providing exemplary service to our community.

In closing, I would like to commend all of the hard working men and women of the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. The foundation of this agency is set on great people who remain committed to our mission, focus on our vision, and shine in excellence.



BOB ALFORD

Respect and Service to our
communities.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Johnson County Sheriff's Office to be responsive to the calls for services from the citizens of Johnson County, regardless of the nature of the call or the standing of the caller. It is also the mission of this office to be fiscally responsible. It is our duty to keep the community abreast of matters that affect their safety, cooperating with the media, continuing the education of all personnel, and implement modern technology with the cooperation of local, state and federal agencies in matters of mutual interest.

Vision Statement

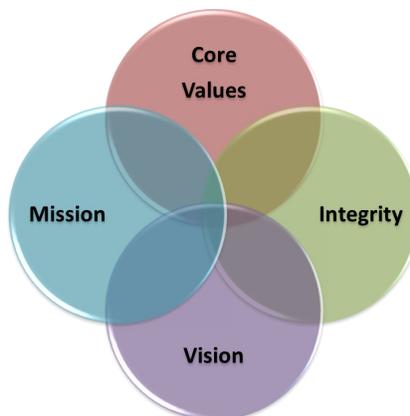
We are a passionate law enforcement family whose members are our greatest asset. We strive to improve livability for our citizens through public interaction, dedication, and partnership with the community. Our family is proud to take care of yours.

Integrity Statement

Law enforcement is an important part of the U.S. criminal justice system. With global terrorism and the increasing importance given to homeland security nowadays, there is a high demand for law enforcement professionals who are equipped with the latest skills and technology. The staff here at the Sheriff's Office shines in excellence and continually serves the community of Johnson County with passion and loyalty.

Core Values

Be Faithful to God
Be Faithful to Obey
Enforce the Law



Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

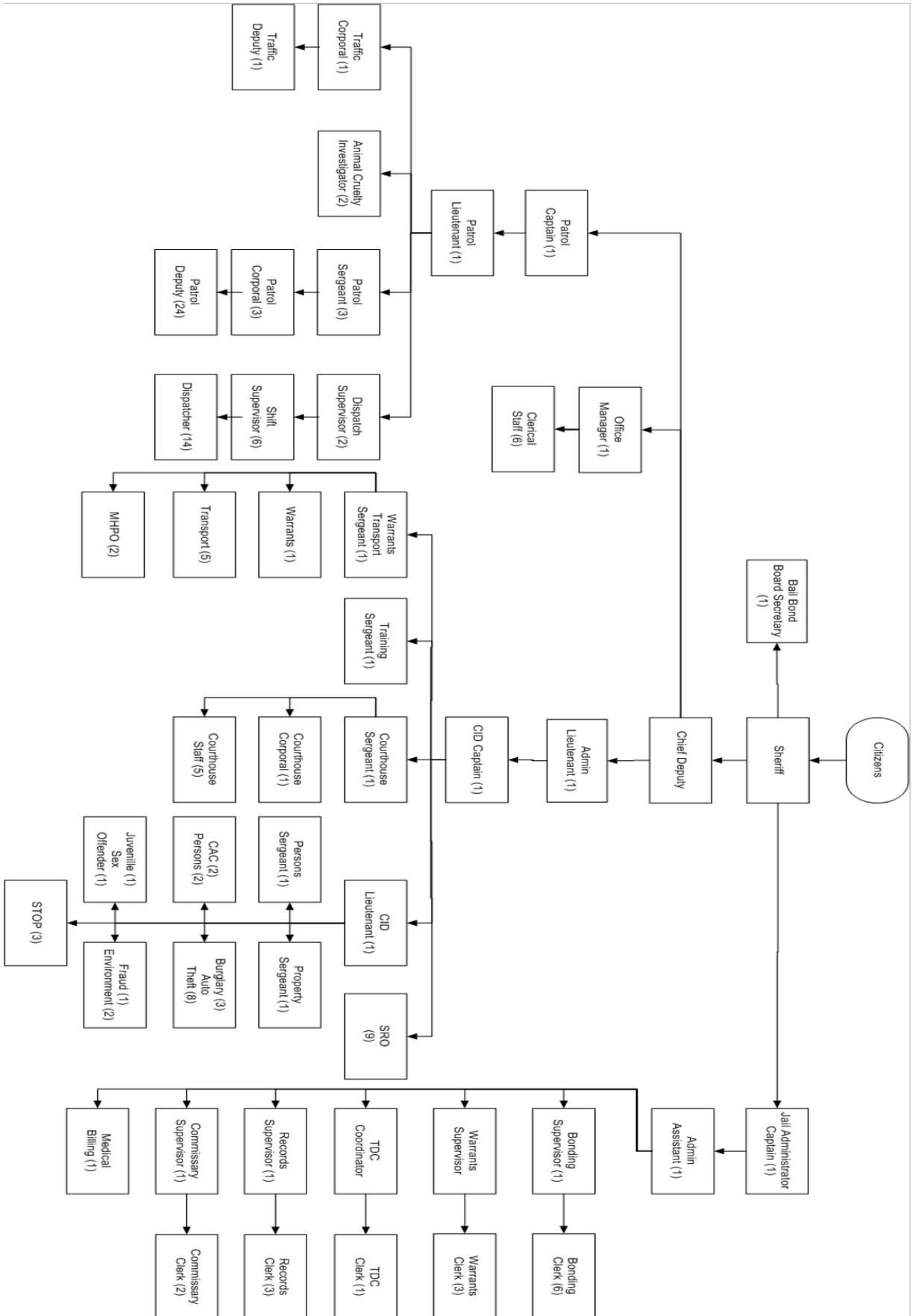
I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...law enforcement.



Sheriff's Office Organizational Chart



Interesting Facts



Johnson County, Texas

Johnson County is named for Middleton Johnson, a Texas Ranger, soldier, and politician. As of the 2010 census, its population was 150,934. In 2016, the population growth is expected to exceed 160,000. Johnson County has four Precincts over a span of 15 communities.

History

Johnson County was founded in 1854. There have been 6 legal hangings and 5 of the individuals were named John. Tombstones have been found around the county that state vigilante hangings of horse thieves. The first settler of Johnson County was Henry Briden who lived in a log cabin on the Nolan River. His log cabin is still in existence today, and can be seen along State Highway 174 in Rio Vista, Texas. Johnson County's first county seat was Wardville, located at the present site of Lake Pat Cleburne. In 1856, Buchanan became the county seat. In 1867, Johnson County was split after Hood County broke away from Johnson County. Shortly afterwards, Somervell County broke away from Hood County.

Adjacent Counties	Area	Major Highways
Tarrant	Total: 734 sq mi	Interstate 35W
Ellis	Land: 725 sq mi	U.S. Highway 67
Hill	Water: 10 sq mi	State Highway 171
Bosque		State Highway 174
Somervell		Chisholm Trail Parkway
Hood	County Seat: Cleburne	
Parker	Largest City: Burleson	

Sheriff's Office

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office is responsible for a wide range of criminal justice related activities including inmate transportation, court services and law enforcement.

Whether you live in a city or in urban or rural Johnson County, you receive a wide variety of services from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. In the urban or rural unincorporated areas, deputies are the primary first responders when you call 911.

There are federal and state mandated training for licensees. The number of hours and what type of training the individual must have varies from the license the individual holds. We have a total of 13 departments with a \$25.6M budget.

Johnson County spans over 734 square miles with a population of over 160,000 people. People living in Johnson County are protected by dozens of resources, programs, emergency equipment, and highly trained law enforcement officers. The Johnson County Sheriff's Office prides itself in making sure its office is prepared for all ranges of emergencies and is able to respond within a moment's notice.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office has teams that are well-equipped and trained to deal with incidents that pose a high risk to public safety, such as hostage situations, barricaded suspects, drug trafficking, search and rescue, and gang enforcement. The teams ensure highly trained specialists are available whenever needed in any part of the county.

You can be proud of the services you receive from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. We are working hard every day to provide the most competent, courteous and effective law enforcement services in the country. Other duties include:

Courtroom Security: The Sheriff's Office shall ensure that the courthouses and courtrooms within his jurisdiction are secure from violence and disruption. All persons entering the courthouse are screened using stand up as well as hand held metal detector devices. Deputies are also assigned to each courtroom whenever court is in session.

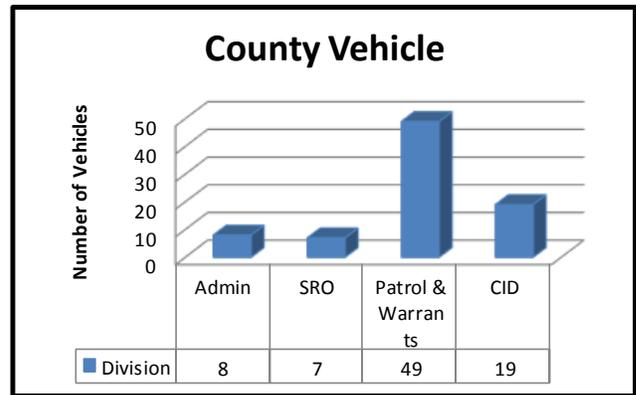
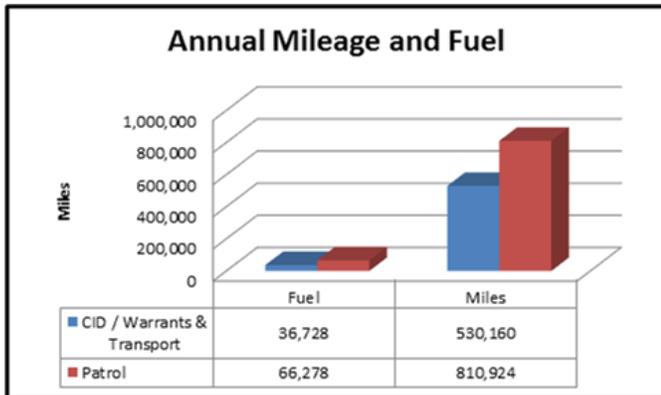
Evictions: Upon request of the landlord, sheriff's deputies will arrive at the property to be vacated on the date and at the time specified on the notice served the tenant. The deputies are only there to keep the peace, not to move the tenant out.

Transportation: The Sheriff's Office is responsible for the transportation of any defendant or witness, being held in our correctional facility.

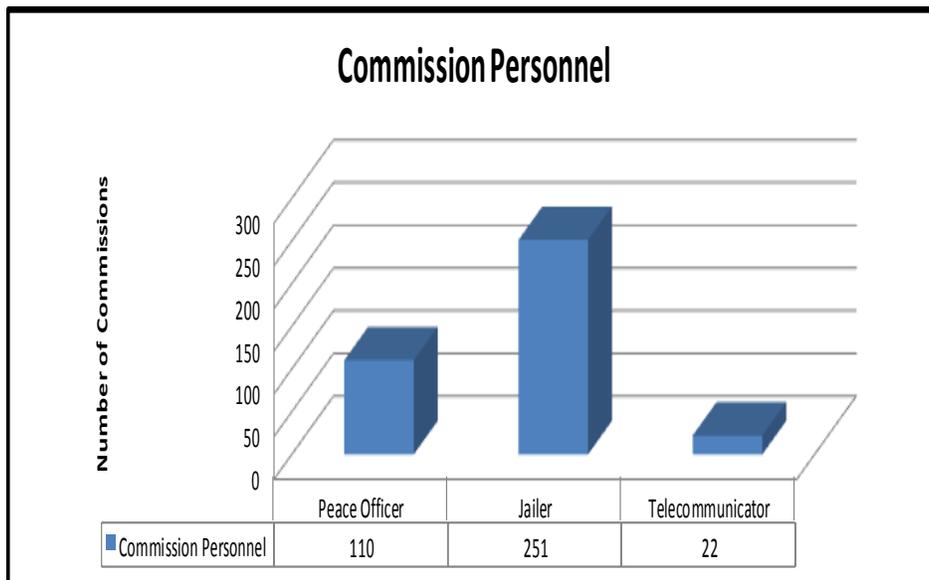
Staffing by Division			
Sheriff	1	ASAP/SRO	9
Chief Deputy	1	Bailiff	10
Captain	3	Deputy	36
Lieutenant	3	Dispatcher	22
Sergeant	6	Investigator	17
Corporal	5	Training	1
Reserves	20	Civilian	20

Sheriff's Office

There are a total of 90 county vehicles (units) operating on a regular basis at the Sheriff's Office. Collectively, this is approximately 3,674 miles a day, which totals out to a whopping 1.34 million miles a year! Below is a chart to provide a better insight.



Sheriff Alford carries the commission for all sworn and non-sworn personnel. This totals to 383 active peace officers, jailers, and telecommunicators licensees. Once hired on as a jailer and telecommunicator, a temporary license is issued. The individual is held to the same standards as a permanent license. During the one year, the individual is required to go through training and pass the state exam. Temporary licenses expire one year from the date of appointment or upon the third failure of the licensing exam. Temporary licenses for Peace Officers do not exist, as they must go through Police Academy and pass the state exam.



Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is generally considered the “Backbone” of any law enforcement agency. A Patrol Deputy is the most visible member of the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office, providing around the clock service to the citizens, businesses, and visitors. Each Deputy works to protect life and property, ensure the civil rights of individuals, maintain public peace, provide citizen assistance, enforce criminal and motor vehicle laws, and respond to emergency situations.

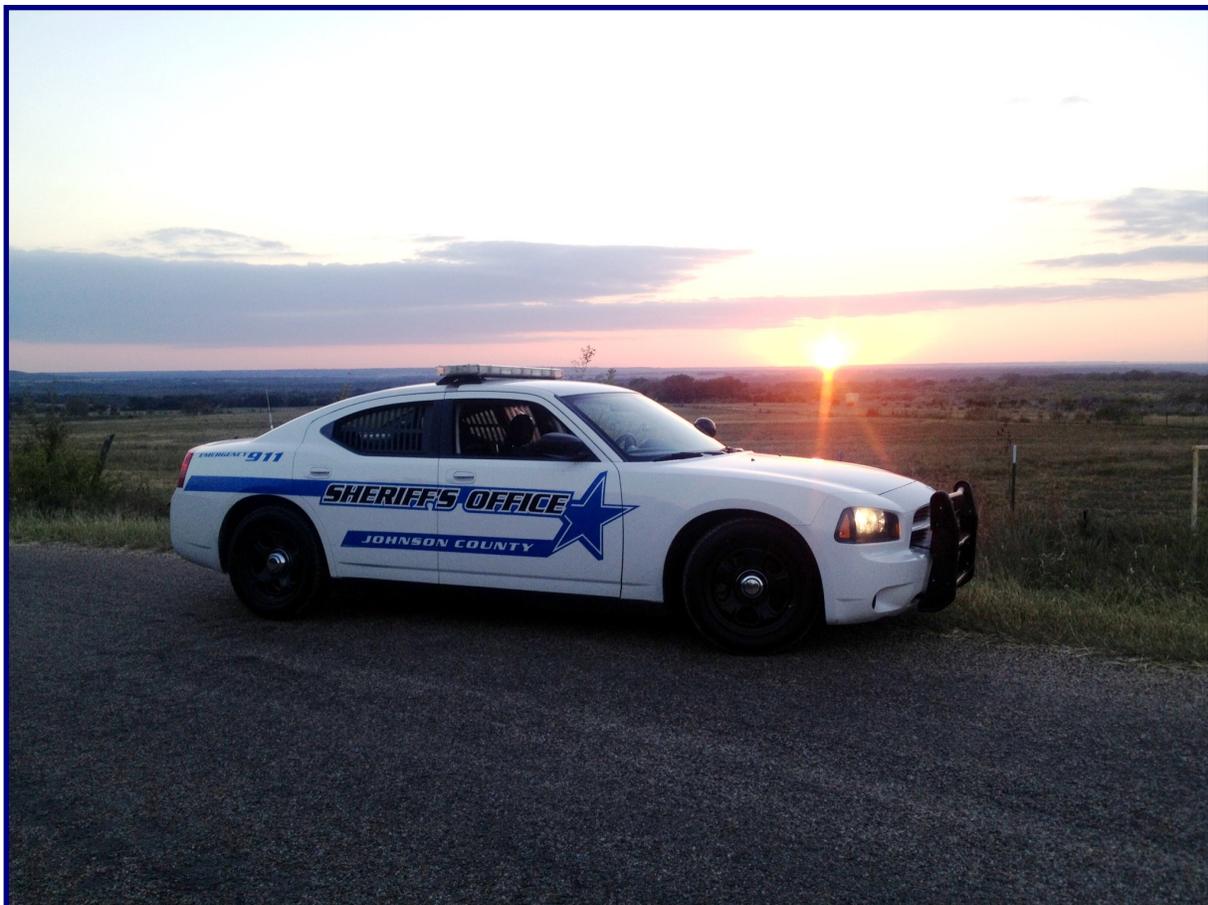
The Patrol Division is organized into three shifts. Each shift is commanded by a Lieutenant, and each shift has at least one Sergeant and one Corporal assigned to assist in the supervision of the Patrol Deputies. The three shifts are defined as Days, Afternoons and Nights.

The Patrol Division’s primary responsibilities are to:

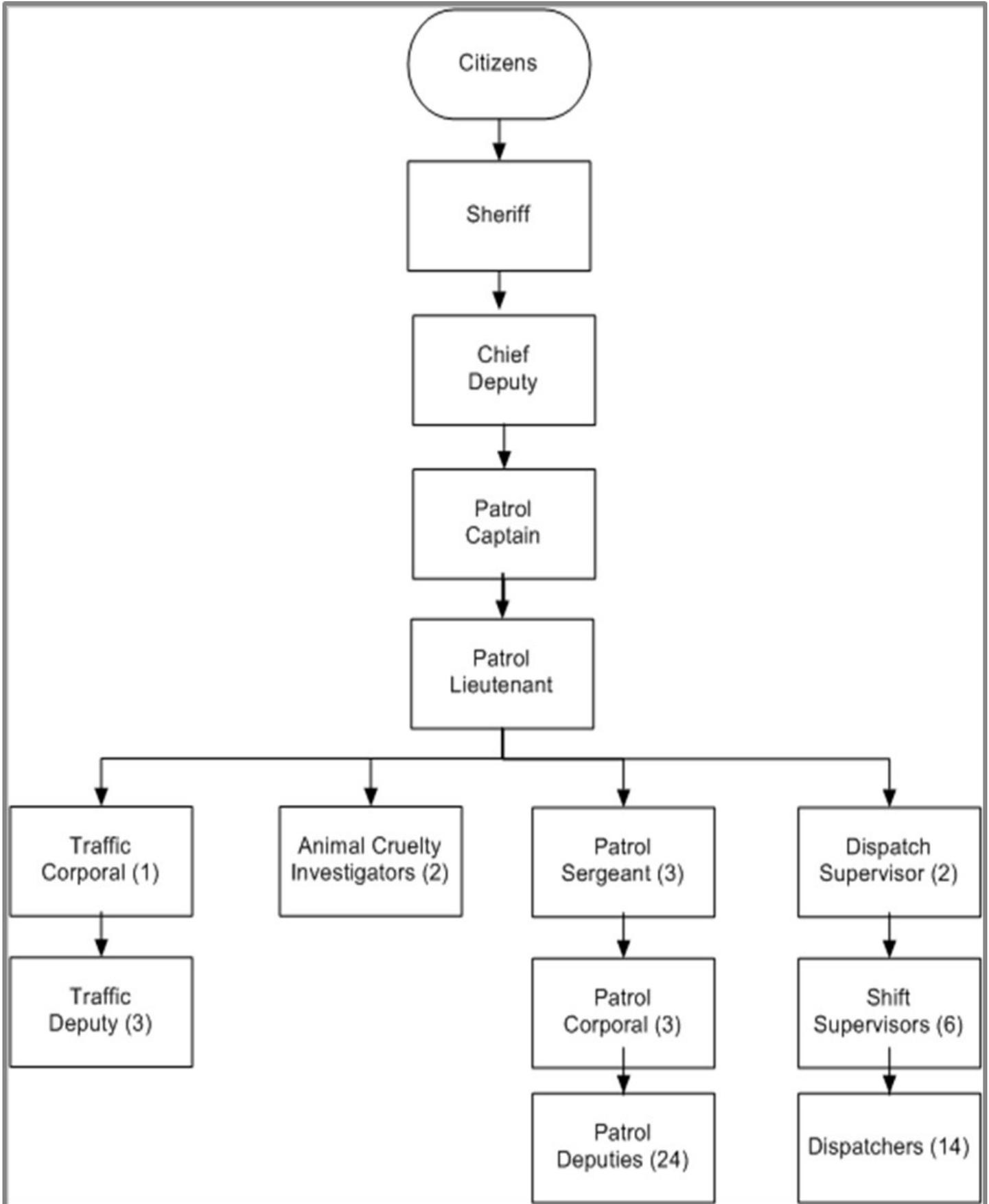
- Respond to calls for service
- Conduct preliminary investigations into crimes that are reported
- Maintain order
- Enforce the criminal and traffic code
- Identify community problems
- Deter criminal activity
- Help in creating a safe and comfortable community in which people can live, work, play and grow

The general responsibilities of the Patrol Division include:

- Crime prevention activities
- Response to calls for service
- Preliminary investigation of offenses, incidents, and conditions, including the arrest of offenders
- Traffic direction and control
- Regulatory activities as are required by law
- Maintenance of public order
- Development of positive relationships between citizens and the Sheriff’s Office
- Reporting of information to appropriate organizational components



Patrol Division – Organizational Chart

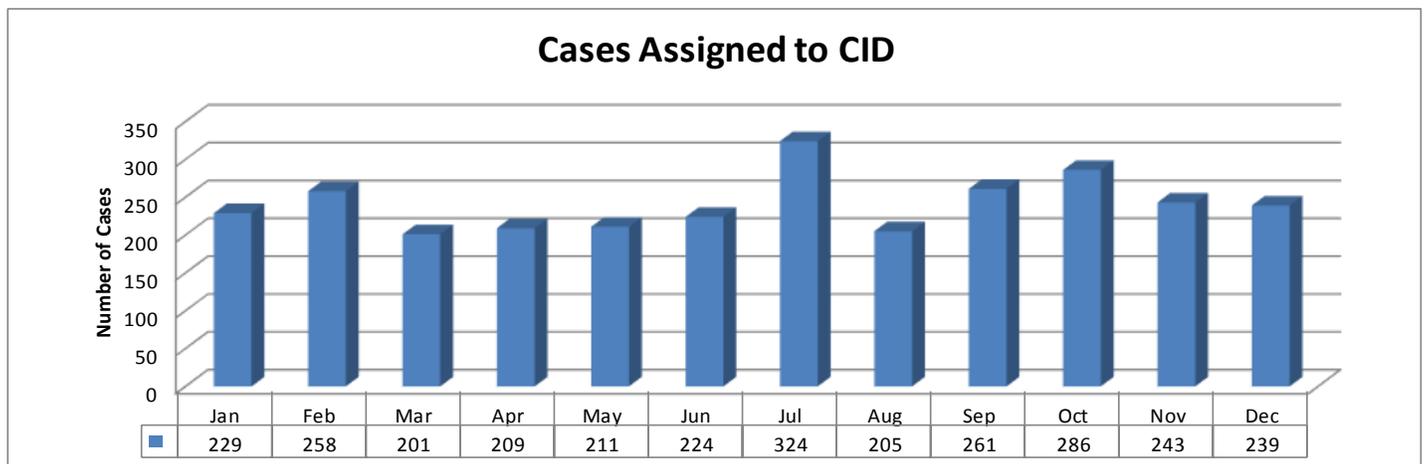


Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigations Division, also referred to as CID, is comprised of 15 sworn personnel and 2 civilians. Criminal Investigations is responsible for the investigation of a variety of criminal offenses that range from criminal mischief to homicide. The investigator is assigned a report generated by the Uniformed Patrol Division and is responsible for the investigation of that case until its conclusion.

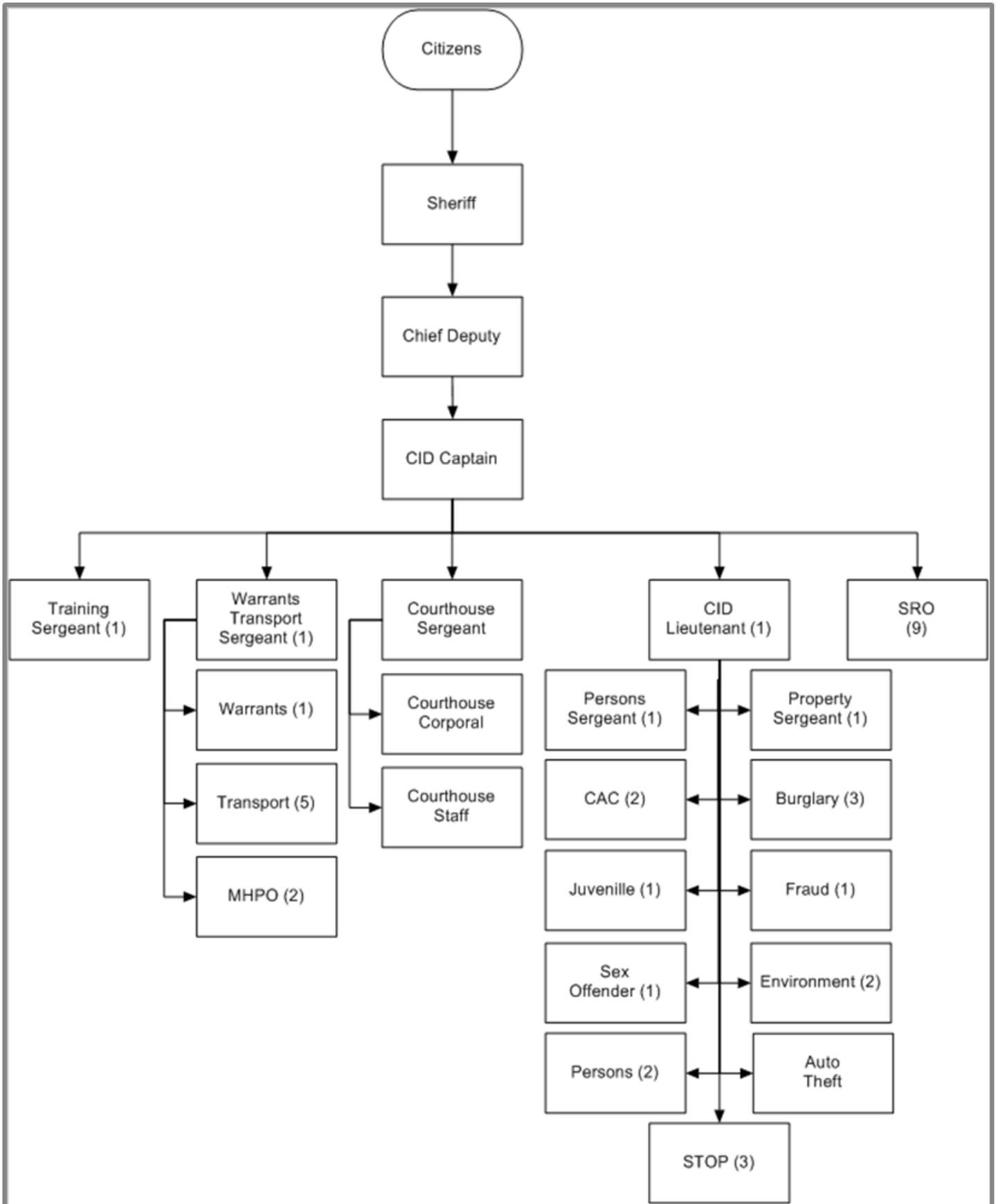
In addition, there are two investigators assigned to the STOP Special Crimes Task Force. The Criminal Investigations Division is unique in that the investigators are assigned to work specialized investigations that are divided into units; Crimes Against Children, Property Crimes, Persons Crimes, Environmental Crimes, Juvenile Crimes, Sex Offender Compliance, Financial Crimes, and Special Crimes.

This differs from general investigation assignments, which allows the investigator to become specialized in working within that group. However, all investigators are cross trained so that they have the ability to investigate any crime that they may be assigned. The investigators attend specialized training that assists them in working investigations, and these classes range from new investigators school to specialized certifications such as hypnosis.



All the case reports generated by the Criminal Investigators are submitted to the CID Secretary who prepares the cases for submission to the prosecutors. The case report includes all documentation, digital evidence, and all other required information that is required for the judicial process. CID also has a sworn and civilian employee assigned to the property/evidence/vehicle maintenance section that is responsible for managing the property rooms and fleet management. This section electronically and physically manages thousands of items that are logged into the property room to keep it secure and ready to present as evidence or to dispose of property by court order. The fleet management entails monitoring fleet activity in regards to repairs, replacement, installation of equipment, and performing minor vehicle repairs.

Support Division Organizational Chart



Guinn Justice Center (Courthouse Security)

The Guinn Justice Center is headed up by a sergeant who oversees the law enforcement operations. There are a total of twelve Sheriff's Office personnel assigned to the courthouse as follows; 2 supervisors, 5 court personnel, and 5 security personnel. The personnel assigned to the Guinn Justice Center are all sworn personnel who perform a variety of duties to include court bailiff services, oversee courthouse security, inmate movement and holding, and maintaining an operations center.

The personnel assigned as bailiffs to the 18th, 249th, and 413th District Courts, as well as the County Court of Law 1 and County Court of Law 2. The bailiffs work not only for the Sheriff's Office but also at the direction of the courts where they are assigned. The bailiffs are responsible for the security in the courtroom and maintaining order.

The personnel assigned to security are responsible for controlling entry into the Guinn Justice Center, performing patrol duties, providing bailiff services for additional courts, and responding to incidents that occur at the facility. Security personnel also assist in the movement and processing of inmates, which includes coordinating transportation with LaSalle.

The personnel assigned to the operations center monitor numerous cameras, log activity, monitor inmate activity, and control access to secure areas. The personnel assigned to the operations center also monitor and serve as the primary communications center at the Guinn Justice Center.

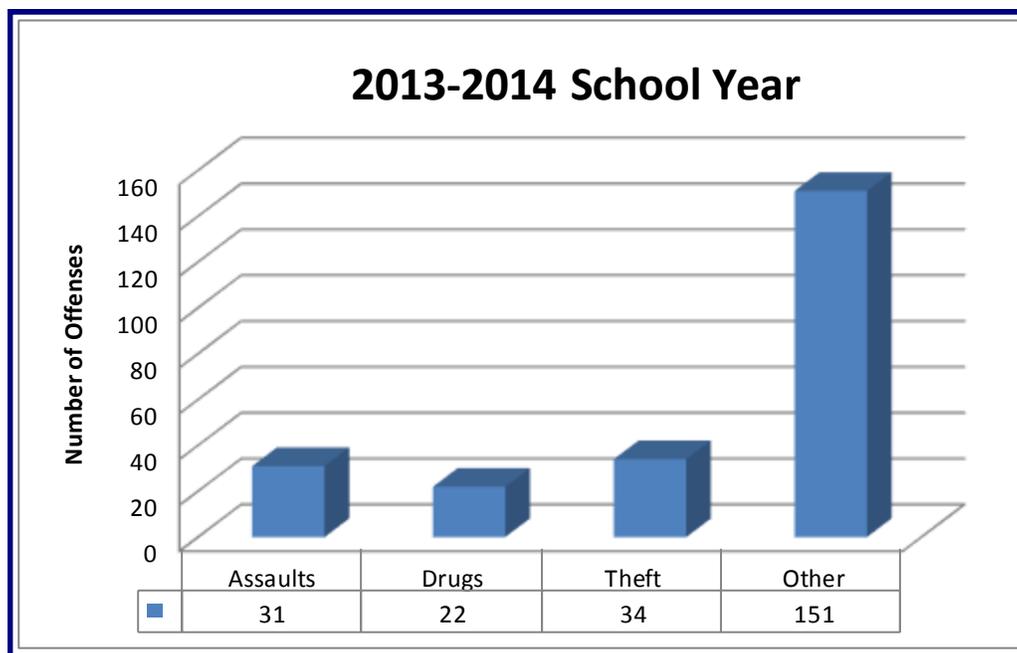


School Resource Officers & ASAP Deputies

The School Resource Officer (SRO) and ASAP (Absent Student Assistance Program) have personnel assigned to school districts throughout Johnson County. There are nine sworn deputies assigned to this program and they are assigned as follows; 2 Cleburne ISD, 3 Joshua ISD, 1 Burleson ISD, 1 Godley ISD, 1 Venus ISD, and 1 Alvarado ISD. These deputies' primary responsibilities are to interact as law enforcement within the affected school districts to provide a safe and secure learning environment.

The SRO is assigned to work within the school setting and to serve as a liaison between the district, the school administration, students, parents, court system, juvenile services, and other entities as required. The SRO has daily interaction with students and serves to mentor students and to foster positive relations. The SRO does perform law enforcement duties on the campuses and in 2014 generated over a 100 criminal offenses that occurred within the school setting. The offenses reported range from possession of tobacco products and more serious offenses such as sexual assault.

The ASAP Deputy works more at the district level of the school system and focuses more on truancy issues. The focus of the ASAP deputy is to get students to attend school and to address issues that may be preventing the absent student from attending school. The ASAP deputy works closely with the district attendance clerks and collect information, which allows the ASAP deputy to conduct home visits. The ASAP deputy also does residence verifications, drop out assessments, and often represents the district in court to address truancy issues.



Warrants, Transport, and Mental Health Officers

The Warrants/Transport/Mental Health PO units are headed up by one Sergeant. The unit has nine personnel assigned as follows; 1 Supervisor, 1 Warrants Deputy, 2 Mental Health Peace Officers, and 5 assigned to primary transport duties. These units' personnel are all fully certified Peace Officers, and are cross trained to perform all duties assigned to the unit. This includes duties ranging from providing visible presence patrolling the Guinn Justice Center or assisting in Uniformed Patrol.

The primary warrants deputy monitors and does "work ups" on all warrants, and coordinates the response of Sheriff's Office personnel. This may include personnel from Uniformed Patrol, Criminal Investigations, or a specialized Emergency Response Team (ERT) on "high risk" warrants. The warrants deputy generates the Johnson County 10 Most Wanted, which is updated and published several times throughout the year. In 2014, there were 399 warrants served in Johnson County.

The Mental Health Peace Officers (MHPO) receives specialized certifications through the State of Texas that certify them to work with Mental Health Consumers. The MHPO deputies work directly with the Pecan Valley MHMR, the courts, and Uniformed Patrol Division to provide services to consumers that are in mental crisis. The focus of this unit is to identify, facilitate, and educate consumers and professionals on the Mental Health Program. These MHPO deputies provided services to 448 consumers in 2014 that included assessment, transport, and follow up services to insure that consumers had the benefit of both inpatient and outpatient services.

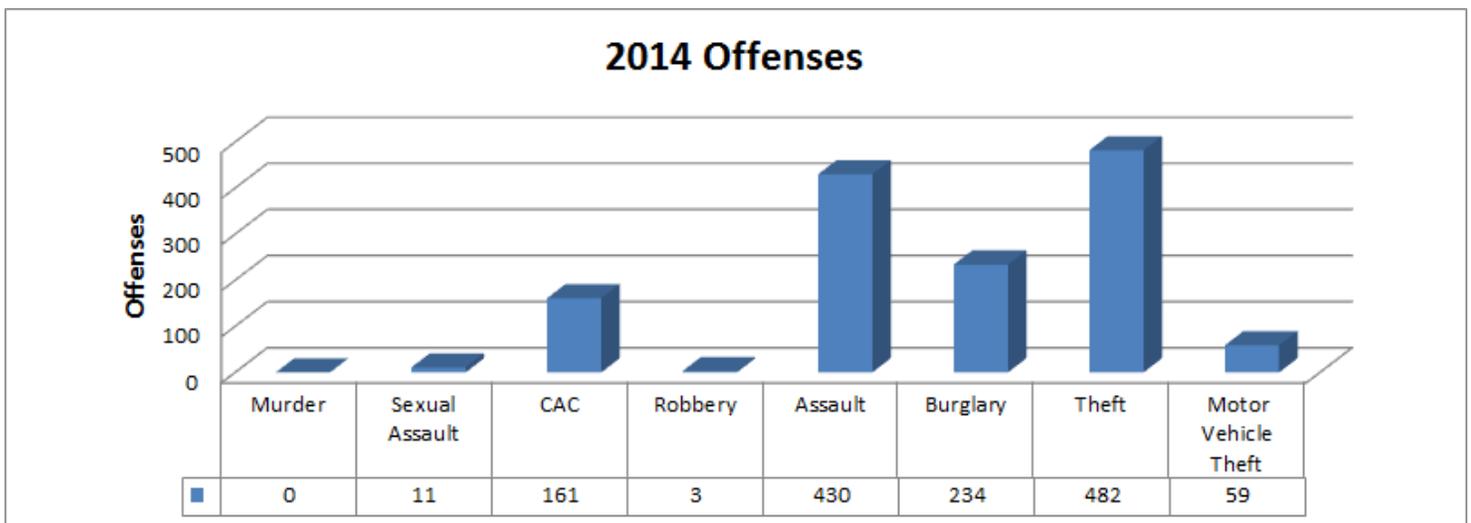
The Transport Deputies assist in the transportation of both juvenile and adult offenders to comply with the needs of the court system, juvenile services, and correctional operations. The transport deputies coordinate the transportation of inmates with a multitude of agencies throughout the State of Texas and other states. During 2014, the transport deputies conducted 628 inmate transports.



Support Division

The Support Division is comprised of Criminal Investigations, Courthouse Unit, SRO/ASAP Unit, Training Unit, Warrants/Transport/MHPO, and the Reserve Unit. In all, the Support Division consists of 47 sworn deputies, 10 reserve deputies, and 3 civilian employees.

The Criminal Investigations Unit has 16 investigators assigned, 1 property and vehicle maintenance, 1 property clerk, and 1 Investigations secretary. This unit is responsible for conducting follow up investigations on offenses reported ranging from criminal mischief to homicide. The investigators are assigned to specialized investigations such as Crimes Against Children, Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property, Environmental Crimes, Juvenile Crimes, Sex Offender Compliance, Financial Crimes, STOP SCU.



The Warrants/Transport/Mental Health Unit has 9 personnel assigned and is supervised by one sergeant. This unit coordinates all inmate pickups that involve court services, juvenile services, or warrant service. The warrant deputy monitors all warrant activity and completes work ups for potential warrant service, which allows him to coordinate with personnel from Investigations, Uniformed Patrol, and the Emergency Response Team. The Mental Health Peace Officers coordinate their activities between the Court system, Pecan Valley MHMR, and Uniformed Patrol to provide services to mental health consumers while in crisis. The MHPO actively participate in providing training to outside entities, as well as other deputies within the agency.

OTHER REPORTED OFFENSES

Category	2012	2013	2014
Fraud/Forgery	219	212	217
Family Offenses	519	618	532
Environmental	689	428	477
Sex Offender Registration	631	779	833
Mental Health	289	388	448
Criminal Trespassing	81	96	72
School Offenses	191	110	108
Total Report	7450	7023	6830

There are nine School Resource Officers and ASAP deputies assigned to multiple school districts throughout Johnson County, which includes Cleburne ISD, Burleson ISD, Joshua ISD, Godley ISD, Venus ISD, and Alvarado ISD. The services provided by these deputies' impacts over 10,000 students. The purpose of the SRO/ASAP Deputy is to act as a liaison between the student, parent, faculty, administration, court system, juvenile services, and other entities as required. These deputies are present to provide law enforcement services insuring a safe and secure learning environment, as well as fostering positive relationships.

There are twelve Sheriff's Office personnel assigned to the courthouse. The personnel assigned to the Guinn Justice Center are all sworn personnel who perform a variety of duties to include court bailiff services, oversee courthouse security, inmate movement and holding, and maintaining an operations center.

The Training Unit is comprised of a training coordinator and TCOLE certified instructors throughout the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. The Training Coordinator is responsible for conducting meetings with the Training Advisory Board, maintaining training records and credentialing files, training schedules, Community Services, Crime Stoppers, and Public Information Releases.

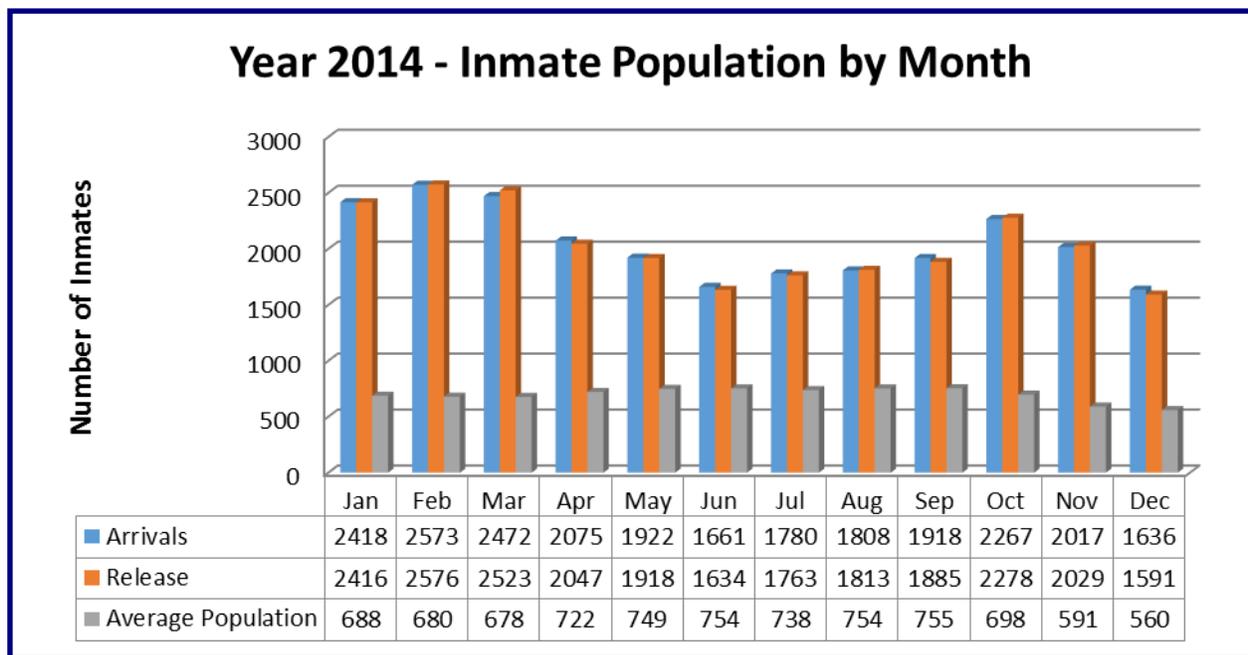
The Reserve Unit is made up of sworn peace officers who volunteer their time to work for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. These reserve officers provide support to all areas of the Sheriff's Office and work alongside full time personnel. The reserve deputies provided more than 1,000 hours in 2014.

Jail Administration

Johnson County entered into a contract with LaSalle Southwest Corrections, a private management company to operate the Johnson County Jail. Sheriff Alford is in charge of the jail and its operations and the Warden oversees the daily operations. The jail operates under the direction of Warden Eddie Williams and Assistant Warden Jimmy Johnson. Warden Williams is appointed with Sheriff Alford and works at the direction of the Sheriff. Captain David Blankenship is currently the liaison between the Sheriff's Office and the LaSalle Southwest Corrections.

The Correctional Facility has a Chief of Security, Major Bill Gray along with Major Judith Bennett. There are four Lieutenants, as well as four Sergeants to supervise each shift. Detention Officers work under the supervision of the Shift supervisors which include officers that man the Pods, Support Section and Transport Section.

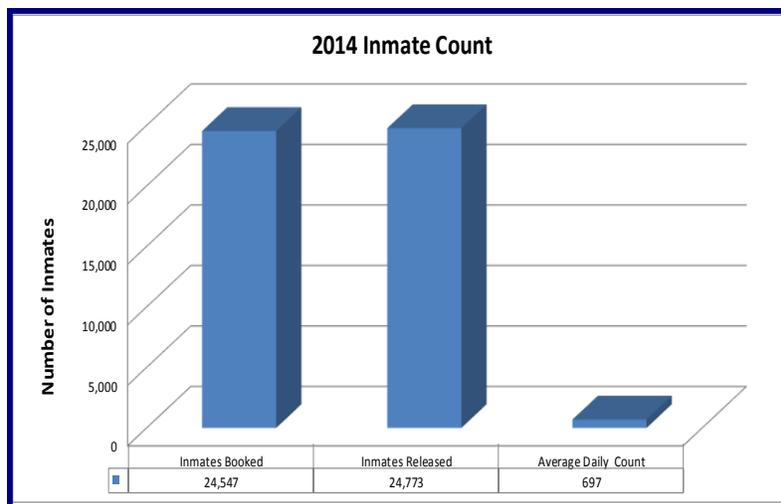
The Johnson County Correctional Facility has been expanded three times under this administration starting with 311 beds. In 2000, another 176 were added. In 2006, an additional 288 were made available for a total of 775. In 2010, another 96 beds were added bringing the total beds to 871. In the near future, a fourth expansion will be added totaling a holding capacity of more than 1,000 beds.



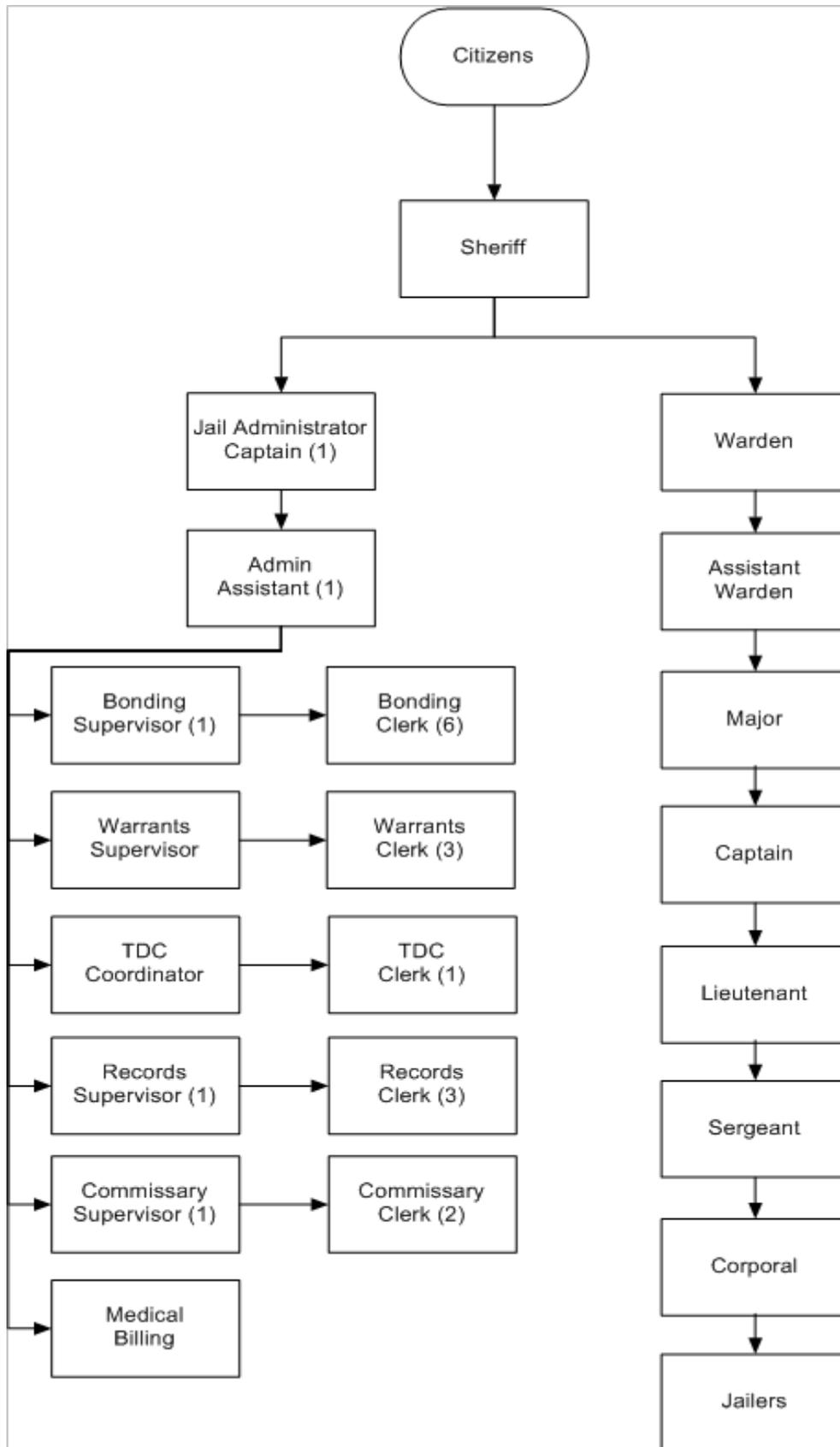
Jail Administration

LaSalle's Correctional staff ensures a high standard of safety and security for the community, Detention Officers and inmates. The Staff of the Johnson County Correctional Facility provides programs that available to every inmate. This encourages and fosters self-respect and dignity. Every measure will be taken to ensure each inmate of the Correctional Facility receives fair and humane care in a safe environment.

Sheriff Bob Alford is responsible for the safe operation and security of the Johnson County Correctional Facility, whereas the LaSalle's Correctional Staff is committed to the preservation of the basic human rights and dignity of the inmate population, as prescribed by the constitution of the United States and the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.



Jail Administration Organizational Chart



Jail Division

The Jail Division's Mission is to build a strong, united, professional team dedicated to serving the citizens of Johnson County by providing a safe, secure, and constitutional detention facility in the most respectful, professional, and fiscally responsible manner with the resources provided.

Short term goal: The proper booking and release of inmates is a critical step in how inmate data is maintained and reported to the State, the courts, and a number of other departments and agencies. The Jail Division's goal for the remainder of this fiscal year is to work hand in hand with the booking staff to identify ways to streamline the booking and release of inmates so that reportable failures (errors) are reduced to a minimum.

Warrants

Over the last 5 months the warrants department has undergone several changes. There was a major audit performed at the beginning of the year. This took several months to complete. We have been able to identify warrants that have been purged from the state's system and are working closely with the courts to get these reentered. This is a huge project considering we have approximately 25,000 warrants in this department. This is an ongoing process and the goal is to complete the project in the next several months. There have also been several new procedures put in place to help the warrants department work more efficiently with other departments here at the jail and courthouse.

Texas Dept. of Corrections Coordinators (TDC)

The TDC clerks have taken on several challenges in the past several years. This has put a lot of extra pressure on the department and kept us from focusing on other projects that need our attention. At this time Mary Nell and I are the only clerks in this department that do our specific job. In the next several months, our goal is to cross train several employees from other departments to help with the growing responsibilities our department have.

Jail Records

The Records Department will continue with the Purging of the Shucks and removing the old Warrants & TTY's from previous arrests. This is an ongoing project that will take time to accomplish. We will continue to check periodically the Tarrant County Medical Examiner Web site for recently deceased as well as the local Obituaries and Funeral homes to keep our system up to date.

Commissary

The Commissary Department has taken on several new challenges in the past several months. In the next several months, our departmental goal is cross training the commissary staff in all areas of Commissary. At the present, there is no one who is trained to assume the Supervisor's job duties when this person is out. By the end of the fiscal year, we would like to have one if not both of the Commissary Clerk's cross trained in these responsibilities.

Bonding

Bonding has accomplished many goals with the help of Captain Blankenship over the last year. We have been able to get the much needed help that these clerks deserved with the addition of two new positions. This allows the Bonding Clerks to get every other weekend off to spend quality time with their families. I have seen fewer tears and more positive smiling faces that have affected the office in a positive manner. These ladies are very appreciative of the extra help and thank everyone involved for making this happen.

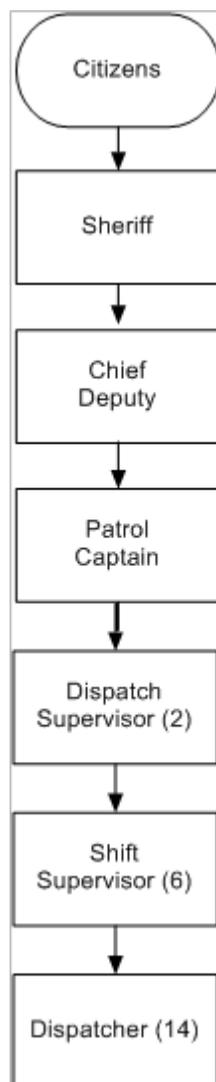
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

We are committed to answering all 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls with professionalism, integrity and compassion. Customer service is essential to our success, so we treat each caller with empathy and respect. It is our goal as professional Communications Officers to provide the public with an appropriate response to incoming calls for assistance. We strive for the distinction by offering superior customer service to Johnson County residents, visitors, and numerous allied agencies.

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ALWAYS THERE, ALWAYS READY

Telecommunications Organizational Chart

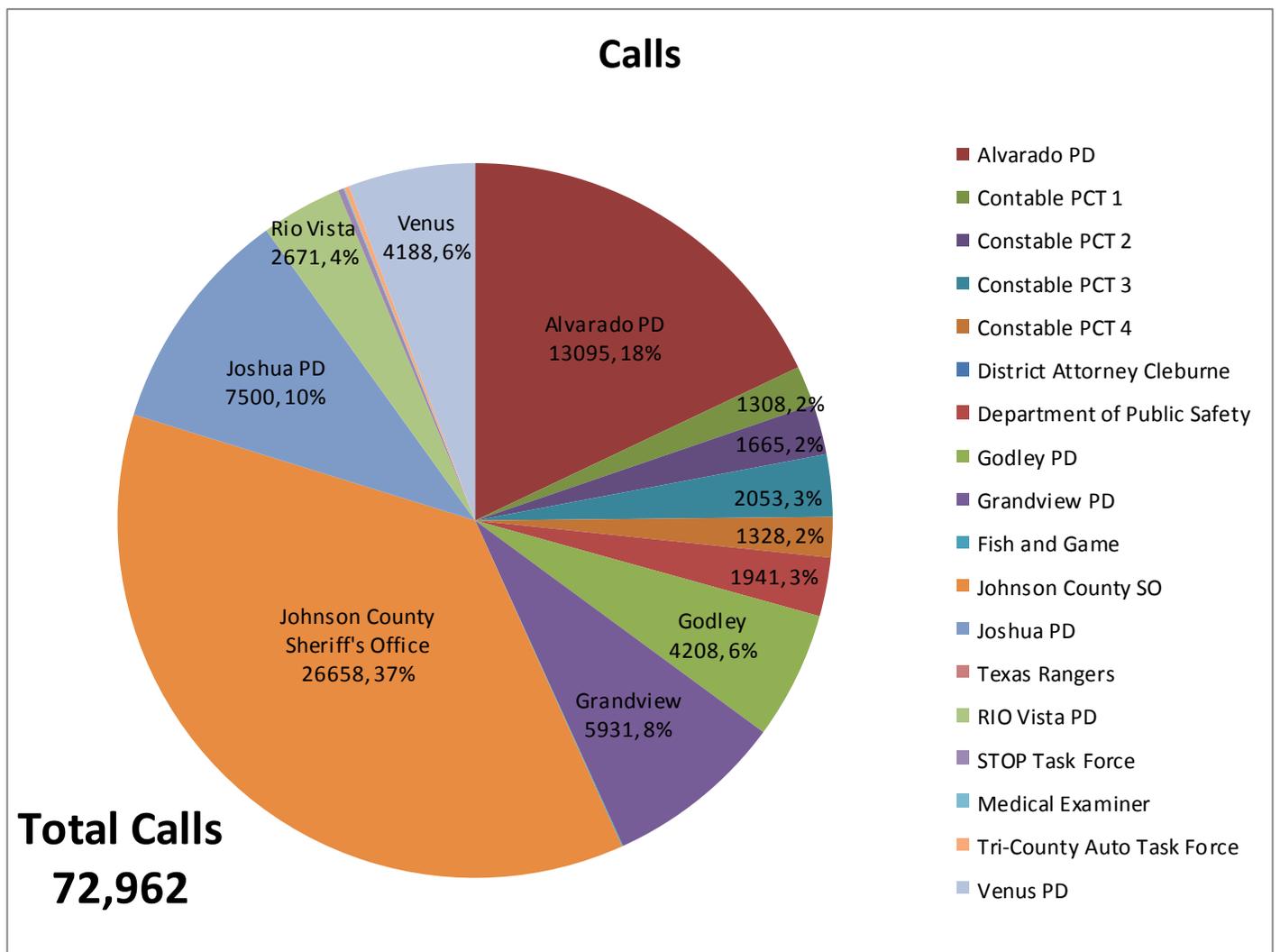


Telecommunications Center

The Communications Division has the responsibility of maintaining communications with the units out in the field, answering calls from citizens, and is usually the first contact most citizens have with the Sheriff's Office.

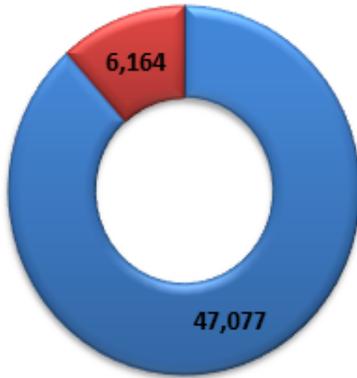
Communication operators serve as 911 operators due to the Sheriff's Office being one of the county's 911 Public Safety Answering Position. Telecommunicators are dedicated to serving as the vital link between the public and public safety organizations through responsiveness and technical excellence.

Currently, there are 22 Communication Operators who dispatch for multiple agencies including the Sheriff's Office, Police Departments, DPS, and Constables. Including the Sheriff's Office, our telecommunicators dispatch for a total of 19 agencies. The following charts will provide you a better understanding of the call volume (emergency and non-emergency line).



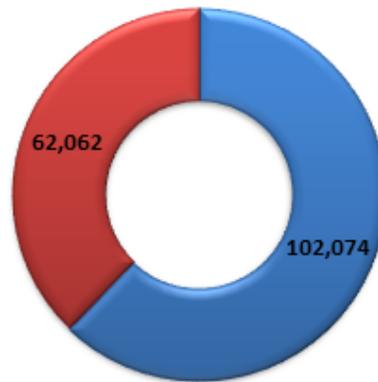
Call Volume: Non-Emergency Line

■ Incoming ■ Abandoned

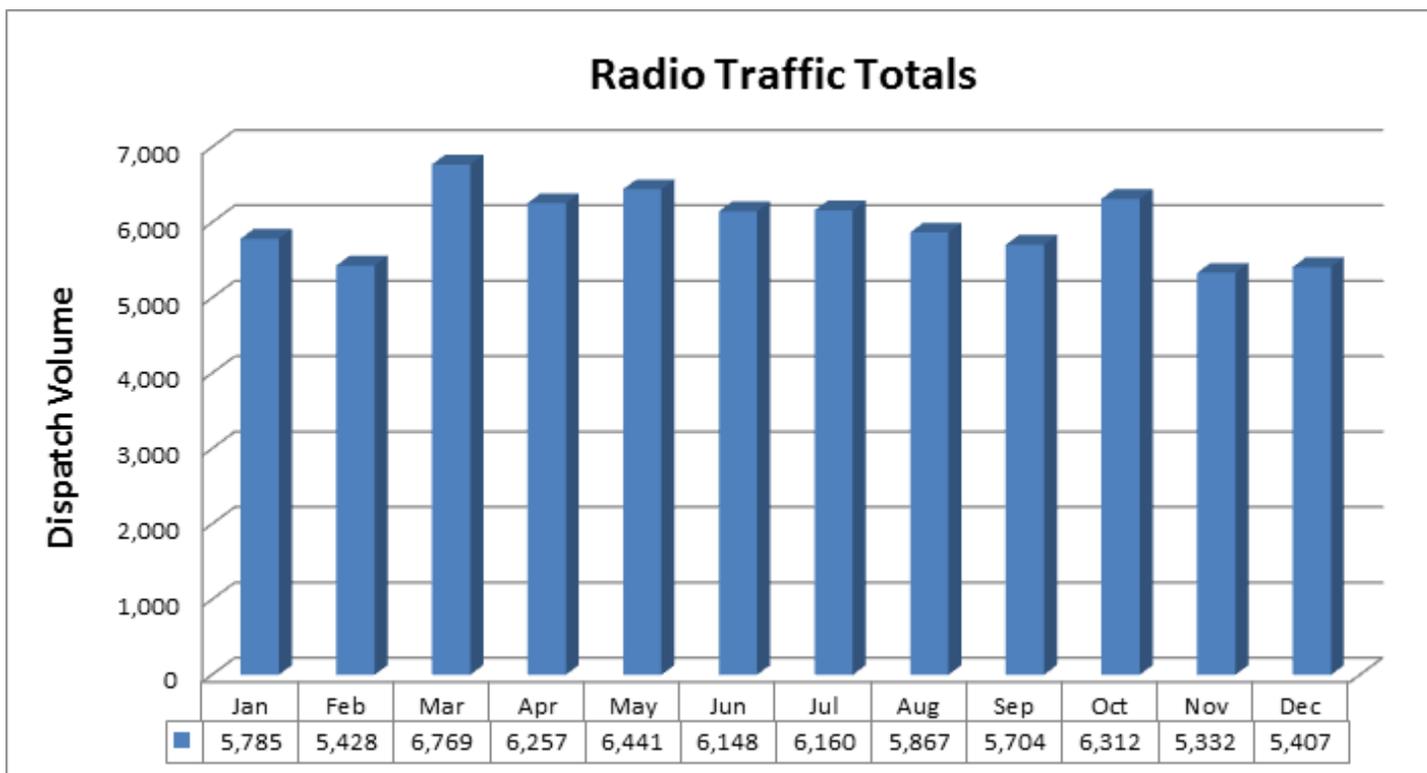
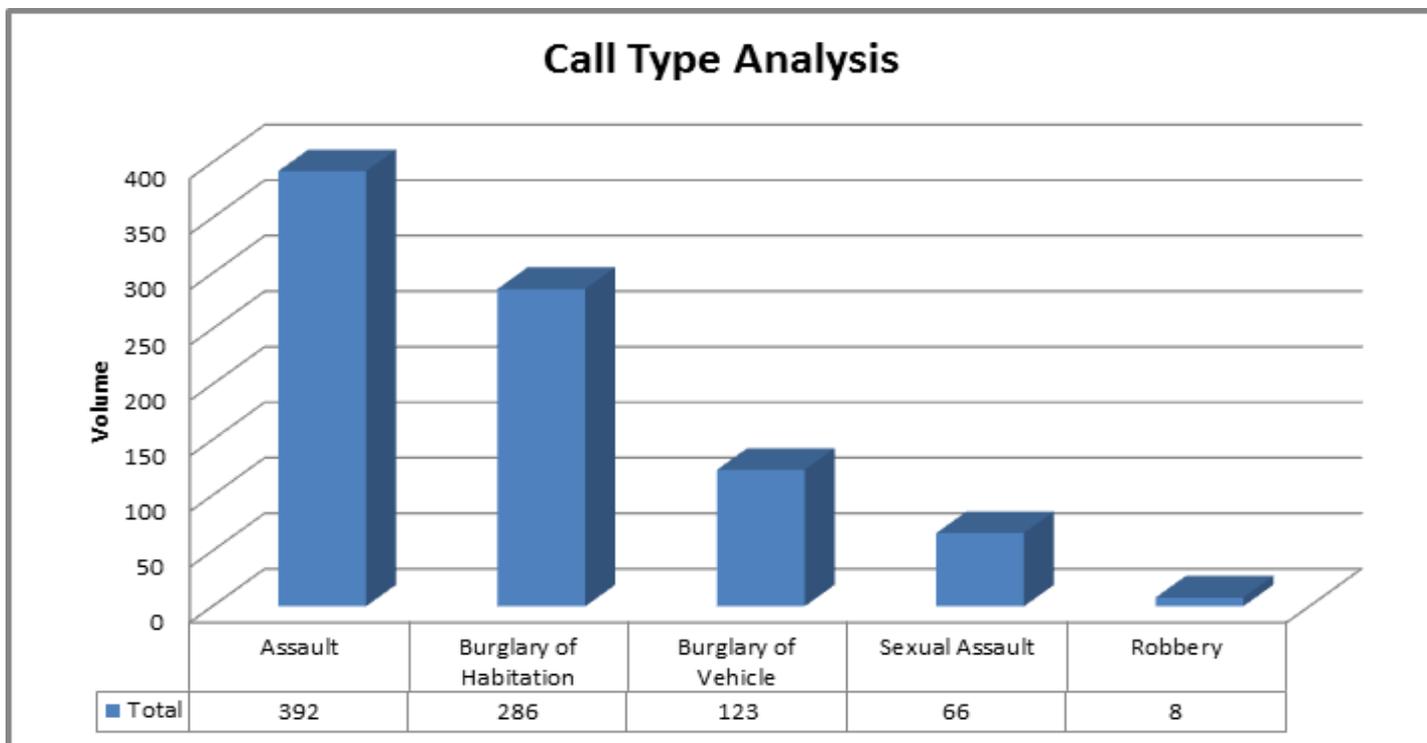


Call Volume: Emergency Line

■ Incoming ■ Outgoing



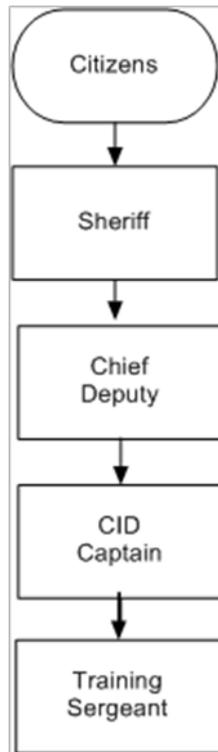
Not all calls request or need a deputy to come out to a residence or business. Below are two charts detailing the radio traffic; hence, a deputy was sent out on a call. The first chart titled "Call Type Analysis" is the yearly totals of a deputy sent out on a call. The second chart titled "Radio Traffic Totals" is the total traffic volume on a monthly and yearly total.



Training Division

The Sheriff's Office provides progressive and comprehensive training to develop policing skills, enhance leadership abilities, and promote a solid ethical foundation to all department members.

Respect, integrity, service, and excellence are our training needs. Not only do we comply with Texas Commission on Law Enforcement standards to meet yearly training requirements, we also train our deputies in a manner more suited for rural areas, such as Active Shooter force on force training.



Crime Prevention

Wise Eyes is a crime prevention program that solicits the citizens of Johnson County to be observant of their surroundings and to make note of anything that appears to be suspicious or out of the ordinary. In the event an offense occurs, hopefully someone will have seen and made note of something that will be beneficial in clearing the offense and recovering any property that may have been taken. Of course, if you observe something you believe needs immediate attention, call 9-1-1 or the Sheriff's Office Communication Center at 817-556-6060.

Wise Eyes alerts are sent through email messages, Facebook, and Twitter to those who have indicated an interest in the program and subscribed to be on the email list. Through these notifications, we try to provide information of significance for you to be aware of. We encourage anyone who resides and/or works in Johnson County to participate. Furthermore, we encourage those who participate to share the Wise Eyes alerts with their friends and neighbors in hopes that everyone will sign up for the program. Obviously, the more people we have participating, the better the chances someone will be in the right area at the right time to witness an offense or see something that will provide a clue to clearing an offense.

If you are a member of a Civic Organization and would like more information contact the Training Coordinator Sergeant Dr. Anna Goodloe via email at agoodloe@johnsoncountytexas.org. Be sure to add the Wise Eyes email address wiseeyes@johnsoncountytexas.org to your address book!

Social Media

Social media tools offer law enforcement a way to listen to their citizens and hear what is being said about the department, crime prevention/awareness, the quality of life, and events. They also offer law enforcement the ability to shape the conversation. With a well-planned strategy for using social media tools, departments can actually increase control of their reputation.

If you would like to be added to the email distribution list for Wise Eyes notifications, you can do this in a variety of ways: (1) Facebook, (2) Twitter, or (3) Email the Training Coordinator. In addition to emails, you can also view all Wise Eyes activities on Facebook and Twitter. Updates, alerts, or tips are sent out by email, Facebook, and Twitter all at once. Below are the ways to receive Wise Eyes notifications:

For FB accounts, click the “like” button on Wise Eyes to www.facebook.com/jocotxwiseeyes

For Twitter accounts, click the “follow” button to receive Tweets. https://twitter.com/jocotx_wiseeyes

Email Dr. Anna Goodloe, Training Coordinator Sergeant at agoodloe@johnsoncountytexas.org and request to be added to the Wise Eyes distribution list.

Training Advisory Board

The Sheriff's Office is the only Training Provider in Johnson County. According to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), it is a requirement for each training provider to appoint an advisory board. The purpose and function of an advisory board is to serve the training provider by providing guidance in the establishment of curriculum, training needs, frequency and location of courses, standards for admission to training programs, class size, attendance requirements, and retention.

The composition of the board provides many perspectives to the issues mentioned in the previous paragraph. The diversity of experience among board members should assist the training provider to better assess the needs of the training program which, in turn, will deliver better service to the constituents who utilize the training program for the professional development of law enforcement officers, jailers, and telecommunicators.

Serving as a member of the advisory board for a law enforcement training provider is more than an honor. Each board member carries with it a duty and responsibility that will impact the professional development of those who serve in a law enforcement capacity and, equally important, the community in which the law enforcement personnel serve. TCOLE requires a minimum of 1 meeting per year; however, the Advisory Board meets every three months.

The Sheriff's Office has 11 individuals (civilians and law enforcement) that make up the Training Advisory Board. The backgrounds range from business leaders in the community, business owners, and academia. Two of these individuals are non-voting members; the Sheriff and the Training Coordinator.

When to Call 9-1-1

In an emergency, always call 9-1-1. An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department or ambulance. Examples include:

- A fire

- A crime, especially if in progress

- A car crash, especially if someone is injured

- A medical emergency, such as someone who is unconscious, gasping for air or not breathing, experiencing an allergic reaction, having chest pain, having uncontrollable bleeding, or any other symptoms that require immediate medical attention

Important: If you're not sure whether the situation is a true emergency, officials recommend calling 9-1-1 and letting the dispatcher determine whether you need emergency help.

When you call 9-1-1, be prepared to answer the dispatcher's questions, which may include:

- The location of the emergency, including the street address

- The phone number you are calling from

- The nature of the emergency

- Details about the emergency, such as a physical description of a person who may have committed a crime, a description of any fire that may be burning, or a description of injuries or symptoms being experienced by a person having a medical emergency

Remember, the dispatcher's questions are important to get the right kind of help to you quickly.

Finally, do not hang up until the call-taker instructs you to.

If you dial 9-1-1 by mistake, or if a child in your home dials 9-1-1 when no emergency exists, do not hang up. Doing this could make 9-1-1 officials think that an emergency exists, and possibly send responders to your location. Instead, simply explain to the dispatcher what happened.



The Oath...

I do solemnly swear and affirm that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

