

2018 Annual Report

Arkansas City Kansas Police Department





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Photos found throughout this report were taken by Sergeant Eric Mata.



Message from the Chief

2018 marks the fourth year of our five year strategic plan.

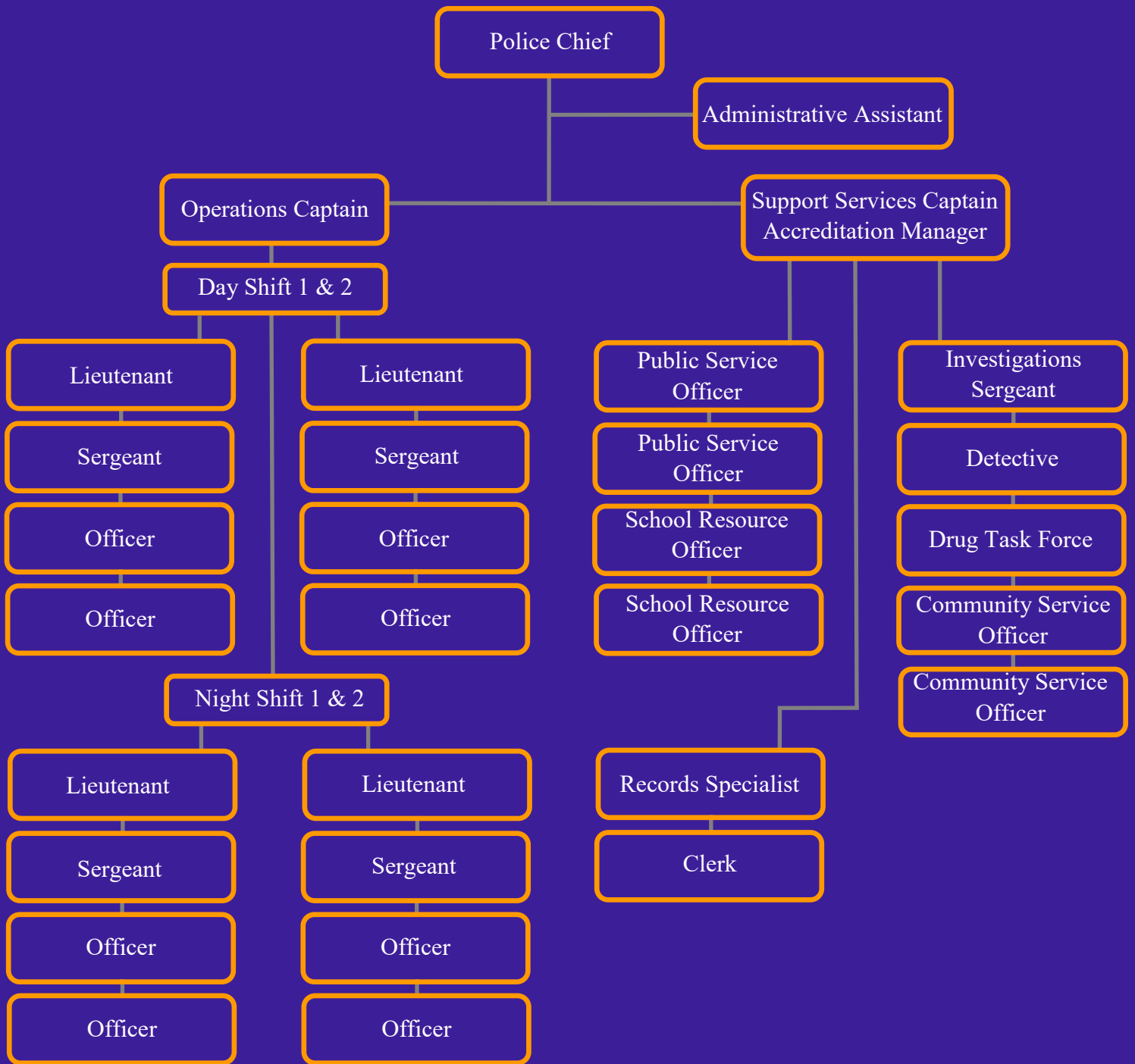
The employees and staff of the police department came out of the gates sprinting in 2015. A great deal of work was accomplished that year, resulting in many of the action items reaching completion. All of those strides were made while the department was very understaffed. However, increasing the work load on an understaffed organization cannot be sustained for very long without significant negative consequences.

In 2016, we changed our recruitment, testing, and hiring practices in an attempt to reach and maintain full staffing levels. As a result, we became fully staffed in 2017 and remained fully staffed during 2018. In addition, we were also able to increase the diversity within the department. I am proud to report ACPD now has four female officers, two Hispanic officers, and one African American officer. Having a police department which is reflective of the community whom they serve is certainly a goal worth pursuit.

The most significant advancements in 2017 continue to drive the way in which the Arkansas City Police Department goes about protecting the community in 2018. These advancements included adding a new crime analysis program, introducing compstat management and multiple new community outreach programs designed to reduce crime and strengthen our bond with the citizens of Arkansas City. In 2018, we have begun to see the positive effects of lower accident and crime rates.

Every citizen of Arkansas City should know their police department will continue to work hard to improve the quality of life in our community. Keeping the citizens safe and providing exceptional customer service will continue to always be our goal. Copies of this annual report can be found on our website, our Facebook page, and in our front lobby. Anyone with questions, suggestions, or comments is encouraged to contact me or any member of the Police Department.

Arkansas City Police Department Organizational Chart





ARKANSAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION – PROMISE – VALUES

Mission Statement

Service, justice, and fundamental fairness are the foundational principles of the Arkansas City Police Department's mission to enhance the quality of life for all citizens. We will accomplish this mission by treating everyone equally with respect, dignity, and courtesy. We will reduce crime, enhance traffic safety, and make Arkansas City a pleasant place to work and live while continually building a greater bond between the department and the public we serve.

Our Promise

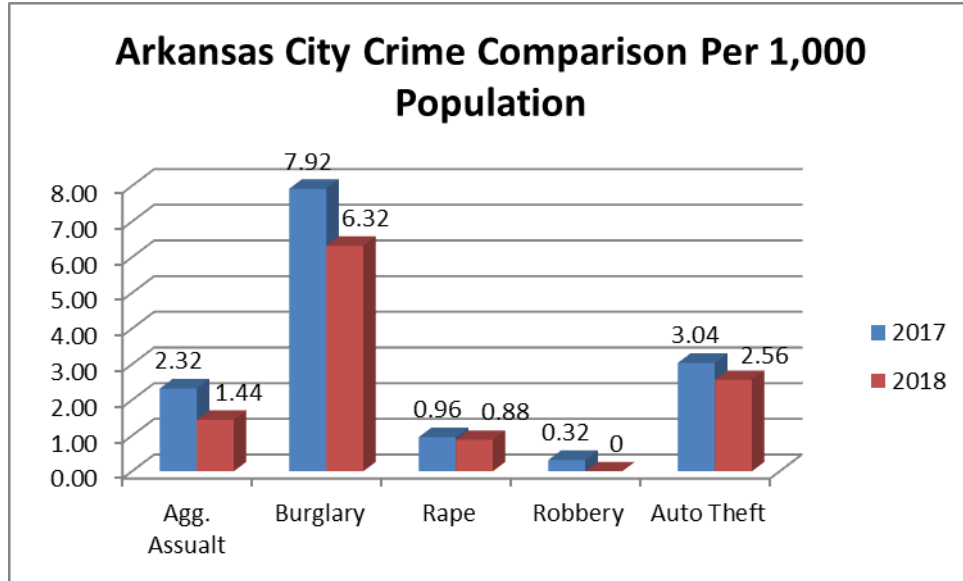
To do the right thing,
To do the best we can, and
To treat others the way we
would want to be treated.

Our Values

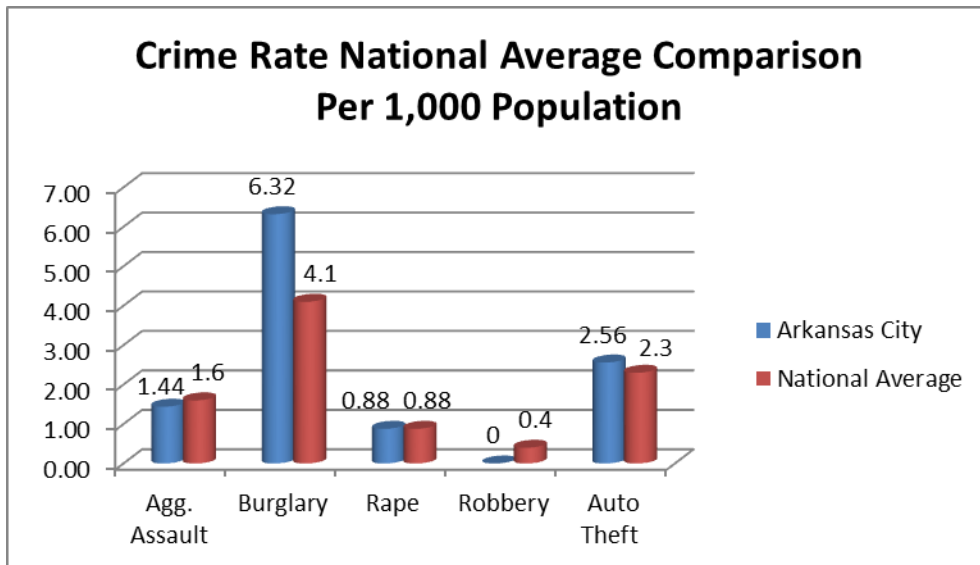
Accountability—Acting Responsibly
Character—Maintaining Moral Excellence
Pride—Committed to Perfection
Dedication—Self-Sacrificing Devotion

Crime

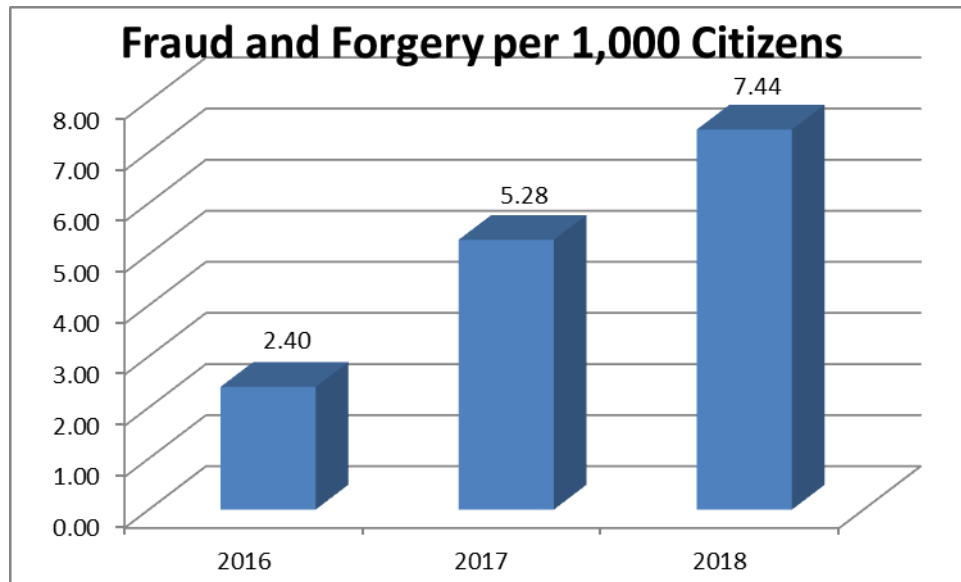
The goal of crime suppression is to reduce the number and severity of criminal offenses. The best way to determine if we are meeting our goals is to review and study offense statistics. In 2018 we saw a 38% reduction in aggravated assaults, a 20% reduction in burglaries, an 8% reduction in rapes, a 100% reduction in robberies, and a 16% reduction in auto thefts when compared to 2017.



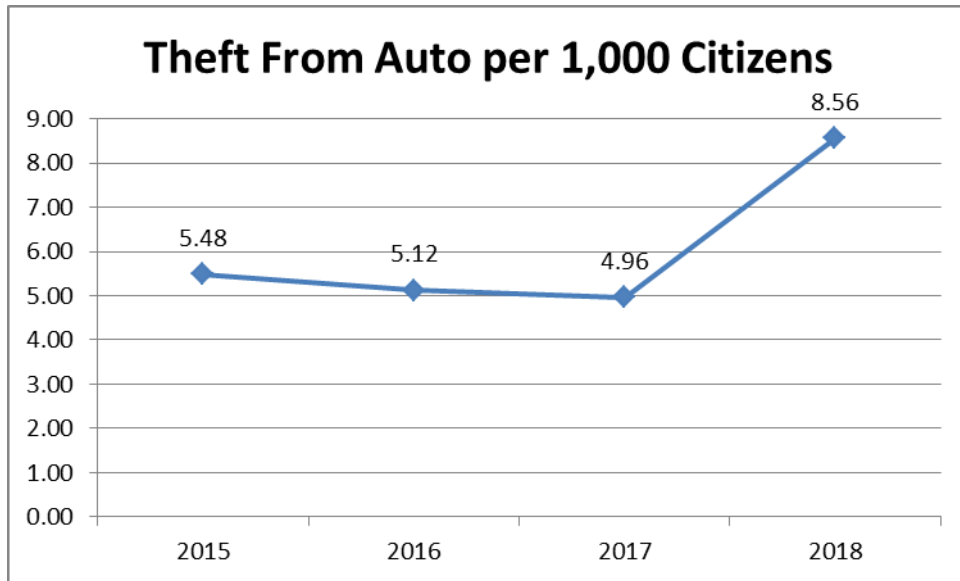
While the direction of those statistics is promising, they do not tell us what crime offense numbers would be considered average or even acceptable. To compare our jurisdiction to others, we use an annual study in which 29 Municipal agencies across the country submit data on various policing issues. According to that study, the average crime rate per 1,000 population is higher in three of the five categories than Arkansas City, as is shown in the graph below. Using population number based comparisons, we can see in these comparisons we still have a way to go before the burglary and auto theft rates are where we want them to be.



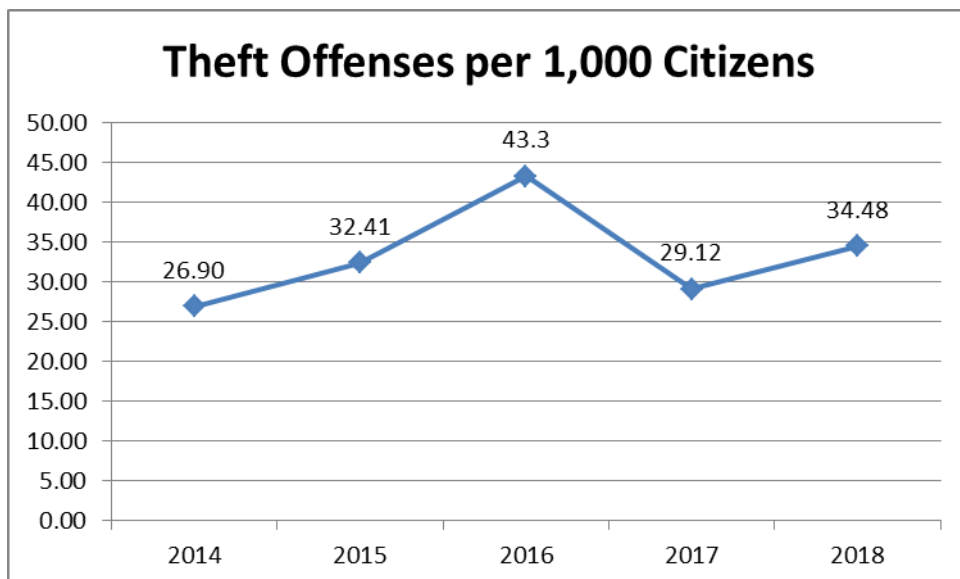
In addition to the more serious part one crimes, we also track property and minor offenses which comprise the part two crimes. This is an area in which Ark City continues to struggle, as the majority of our local crime is comprised of part two violations. We have also continued to see increases in many of these categories. As you can see from the graph below, fraud and forgery continue to increase at alarming rates. These crimes provide offenders immediate cash and even if caught, seldom result in any prison sentence. Furthermore, they are difficult for police to prevent using normal crime prevention efforts.



Theft from autos is a delinquency we tried to address through crime reduction education. More than 90% of the vehicles that are broken into were left unlocked. During the course of the past year we used social media, news media, and went door to door to educate citizens on the importance of removing valuables and locking their vehicles. Still, with those extra efforts, we saw thefts from autos double in the past year. The most alarming trend is that many firearms are being left in unlocked vehicles which are then stolen from the vehicle.

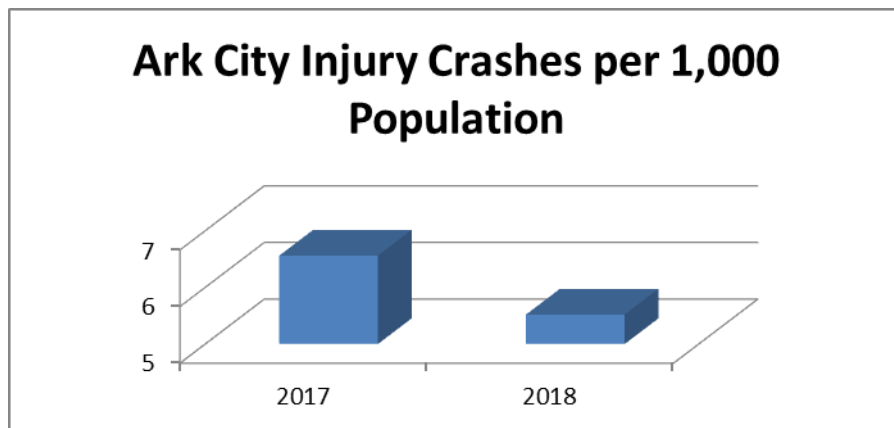
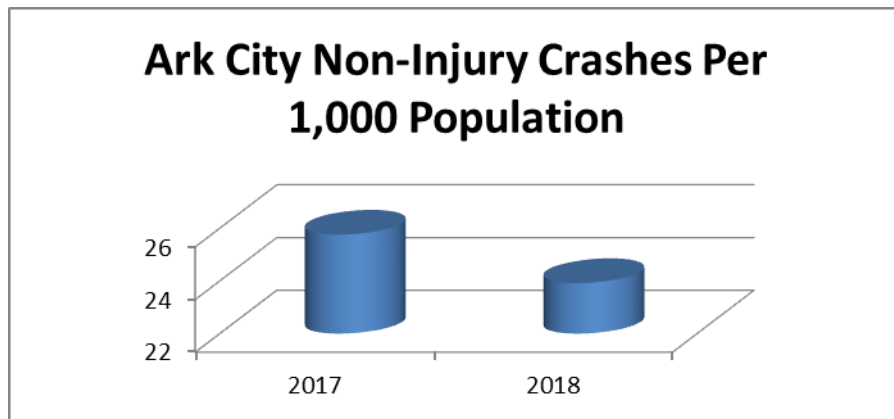


Theft is clearly our largest violation in Arkansas City. While our annual rates have remained relatively steady over the past years, our total rates are much higher than the national average. Most of these three types of crimes — forgery, theft from auto, and theft — are related to drug addiction in our community. Those who are drug addicted look for ways to quickly obtain cash for their habits while not risking jail time if they are caught. The best way any community can lower property crime rates is through a reduction of opportunity. Citizens securing their property, using proper lighting, and working with their neighbors to prevent crime in their area are the most efficient and effective means to do so.

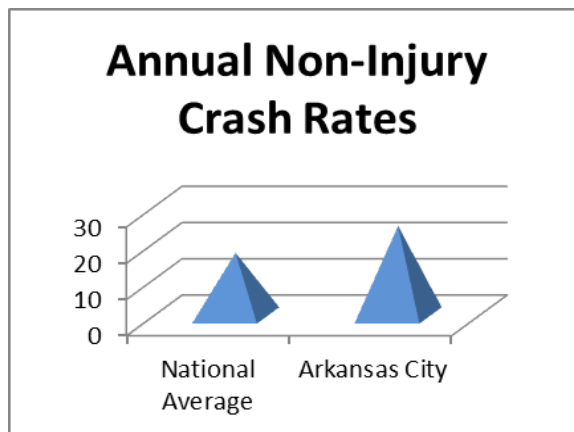
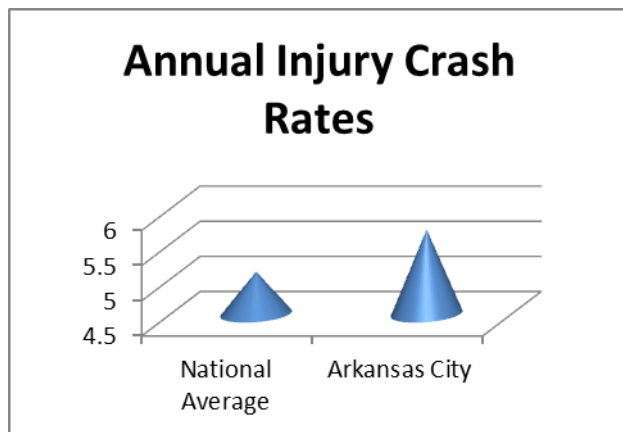
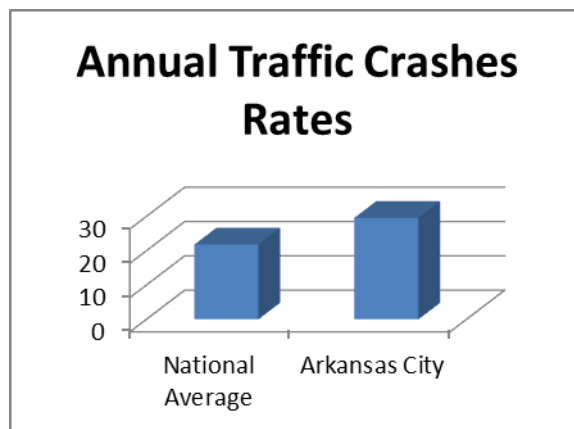
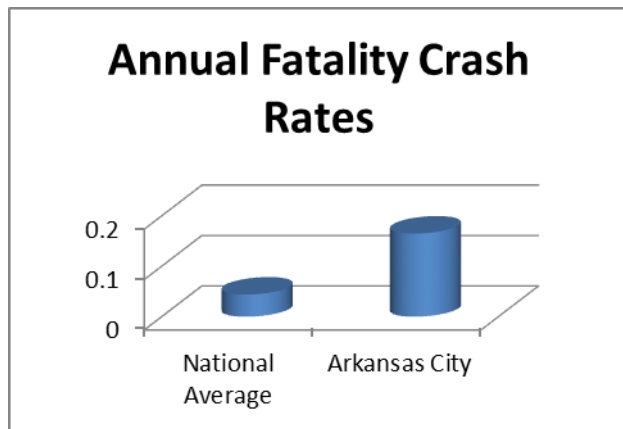


Traffic Safety

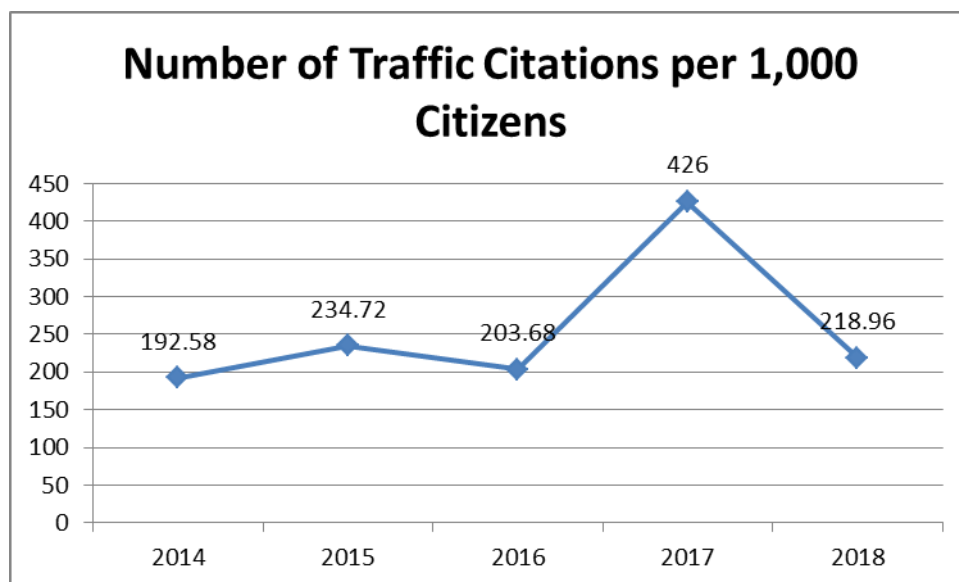
The goal of traffic enforcement is to reduce the number and severity of traffic accidents. The best way to determine if we are meeting our goals is to review and study traffic accident counts. In 2018 we saw a 15.85% reduction in injury accidents and a 7.14% reduction in non-injury accidents when compared to 2017.



By using this comparison, we can see that our efforts have had a positive effect on traffic safety in Arkansas City. While these numbers are promising, they do not tell us what traffic accident numbers would be considered average or even acceptable. To compare our jurisdiction to others, we use an annual study in which 29 Municipal agencies across the country submit data on various policing issues. According to that study, the average traffic crash counts per 1,000 population is 21.8 while our rate is 29.6. The average fatality crash rate per 1,000 is .004 while our rate is .165. The average injury crash rate per 1,000 is 5.1 while our rate is 5.7. The average non-injury crash rate per 1,000 populations is 17.3 while our rate is 24.7.

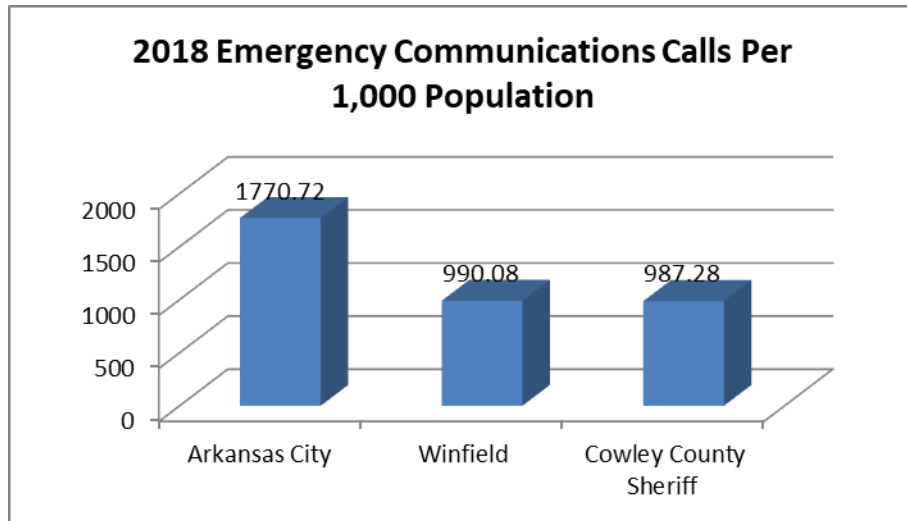


One of the ways police can reduce the number or severity of accidents is through enforcement of traffic laws. Each month staff at the police department review accident locations and traffic stops to ensure officers are conducting traffic enforcement at the right place and at the right time. While our total traffic citation numbers have remained relatively steady, we have become more effective in our traffic enforcement efforts which have had a positive impact on our crash rates as noted above.

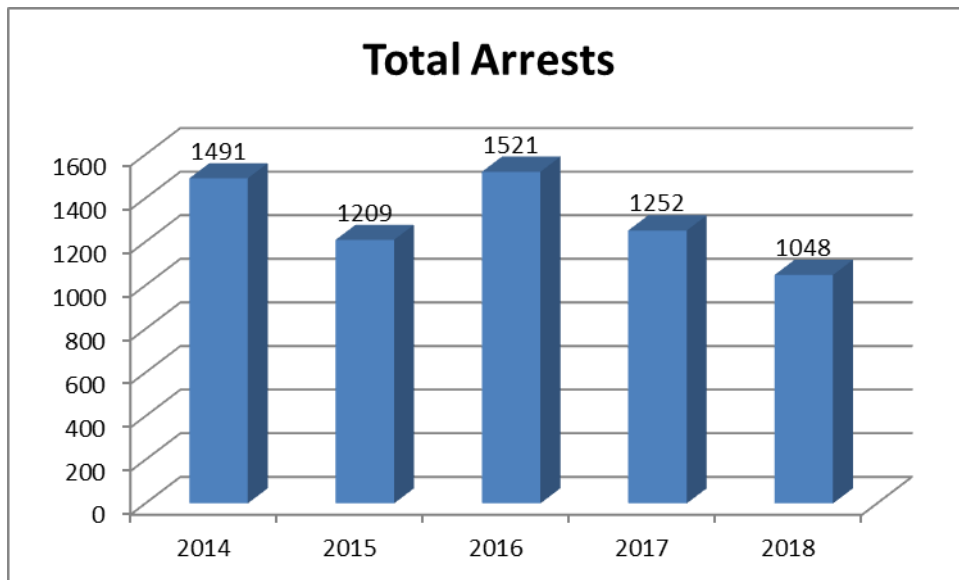


Work Load

An audit of the number of calls received by the Cowley County Dispatch Center has shown Arkansas City officers deal with a much higher work load than our neighboring agencies. The 2018 Cowley County Emergency Communication call report shows they received 22,134 calls for the Arkansas City Police Department while they only received 12,277 calls for Winfield Police and 12,341 calls for the Cowley County Sheriff's Office .



Most of the crime that takes place in Arkansas City is related to property crimes. As the current judicial system has little to no accountability for property crime offenders we have shifted our efforts to prevention instead of reaction. The graph below shows our total arrest rates have decreased over the past three years as a result of that shift in focus. In addition to focusing on prevention, we have begun using methods to ensure our efforts are directed towards the most prolific offenders. By focusing on repeat offenders, we hope to be more effective in time.



Vehicle Pursuits

Arkansas City Police Department is required to analyze departmental pursuit activity annually and identify any training needs and additions, deletions or modifications warranted in departmental pursuit procedures.

In the calendar year of 2018, the Arkansas City Police Department was not involved in any pursuits. In 2017 the department was involved in four pursuits and in 2016 the department was involved in six. We compared our zero pursuits in 2018 with 231 pursuits from 28 similar sized agencies across the nation and found the average agency was involved in 8 pursuits.



In the majority of pursuits across the nation, traffic violations were the number one reason officers initiated pursuits. In 2014 our policy covering pursuits made traffic infractions a non-pursuable offense. This change has reduced the number of pursuits in which we are involved.

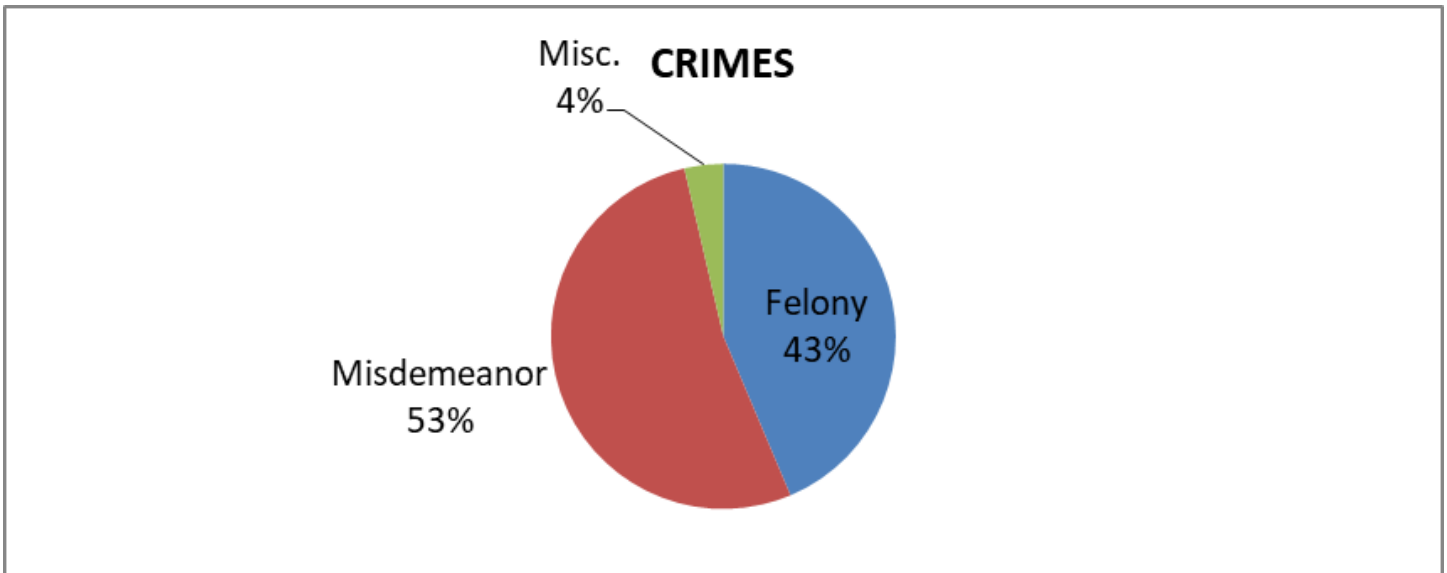
The current policy includes a pursuit matrix that indicates when an officer may pursue depending on the nature of the offense and degree of risk. Pursuits are also restricted to two police vehicles and may be terminated by either the officer involved or the supervisor monitoring the pursuit.

Use of Force

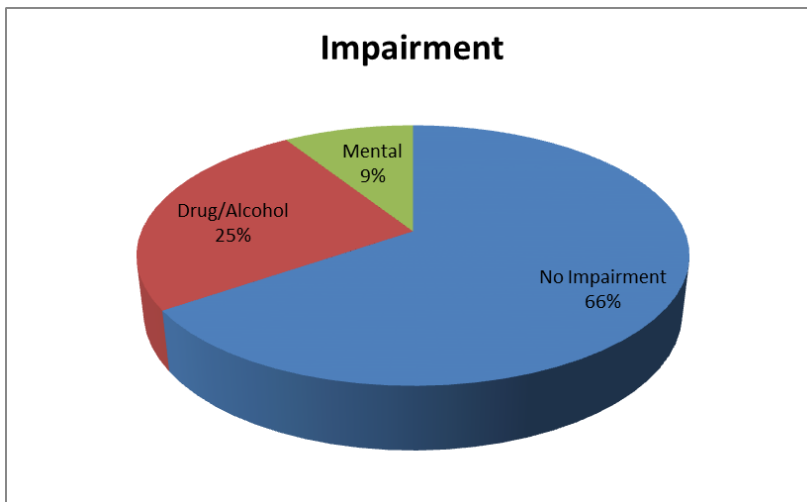
The Arkansas City Police Department investigates all occasions in which officers use any force greater than simple handcuffing, when euthanizing an injured animal (deer), or when protecting themselves or others from a vicious dog. In 2018 there were a total of 59 separate Use of Force Incidents documented and investigated with 4 of those being animal related.

It should be noted, during the 2018 calendar year, the Arkansas City Police Department made 1048 arrests. This means some type of force was utilized during approximately 5.28% of the arrests in 2018. Only 20 of those cases actually involved physical force being applied to the suspect as 39 cases involved weapon display only.

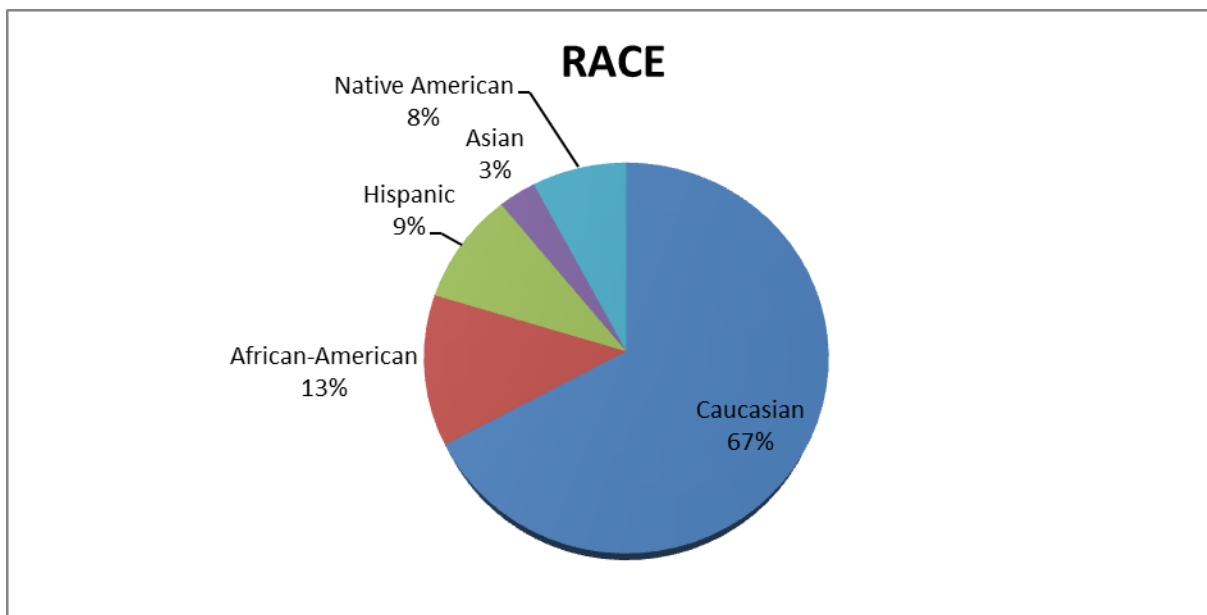
In the 55 documented incidents, 24 of the cases were felony crimes, 29 of the cases were misdemeanor crimes and 2 cases were miscellaneous events. In 7 of the incidents, officers were responding to disturbances that led to an arrest related to domestic violence and in 6 of the documented incidents the suspect was armed with some type of weapon. (Firearm, knife, broomstick) (See diagram)



In many cases the state of the subject could have been a factor in behavior that contributed to the officer or officers need to resort to some type of force. In 14 of the incidents the arrestee was under the influence of alcohol, a drug or both. In 5 of the incidents the subject that force was used on was in some state of mental crisis and was either treated and/or later cleared by medical personnel. (See diagram on page 14 entitled "Impairment.")



As we have observed in recent years at events across the country, the question of fair treatment by the police is being scrutinized. In an effort to be transparent it is important to document these interactions fully. In 55 Use of Force Incidents there were 65 subjects involved, 49 were adult males, 10 were adult females, 5 were juvenile males and 1 was a juvenile female. The race of the subjects is as follows: Caucasian 43, African-American 8, Hispanic 6, Asian 2 and Native American 5, with one subject arrested three times during the year. (See diagram)



Use of Force incidents always raise concerns of safety and the possibility of injuries to both officers and citizens in general. In the calendar year 2018 we were successful in preventing serious injuries to both. In these 55 events there were only 15 minor injuries to arrestees reported. This led to 4 arrestees receiving some form of medical treatment either on scene by EMS personnel or transported to the emergency room for treatment and then released with no hospital admissions. The number of officer injuries totaled 6 with one officer being injured in two different incidents.

Professional Accountability

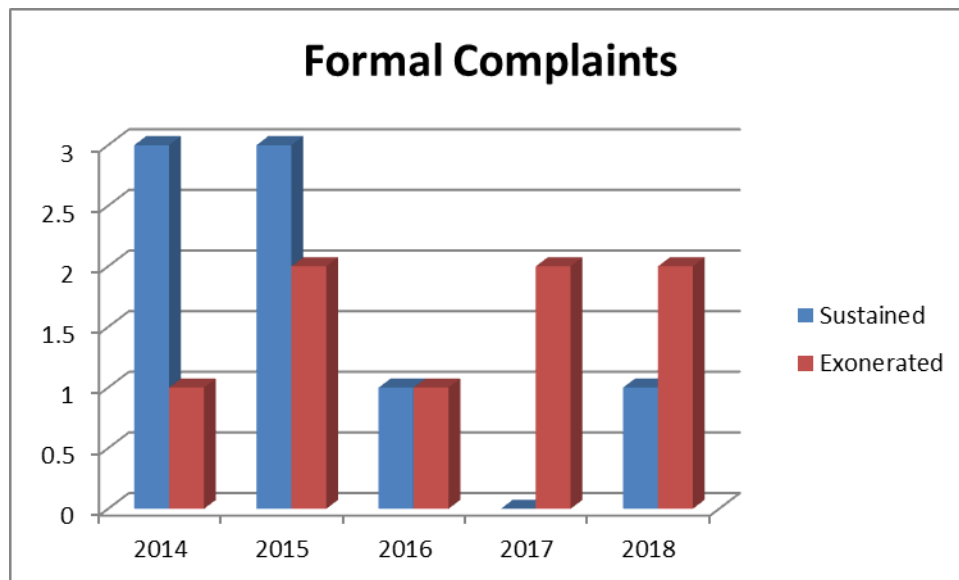
The Arkansas City Police Department provides a formal internal system for the processing of complaints relative to the agency's operations, policies and procedures, and the conduct of police personnel. The character and reputation of ACPD rests on an adequate program of fair and impartial investigations. Adhering to the core values and missions of the department, investigators act efficiently and timely to resolve complaints in a fair and impartial manner.



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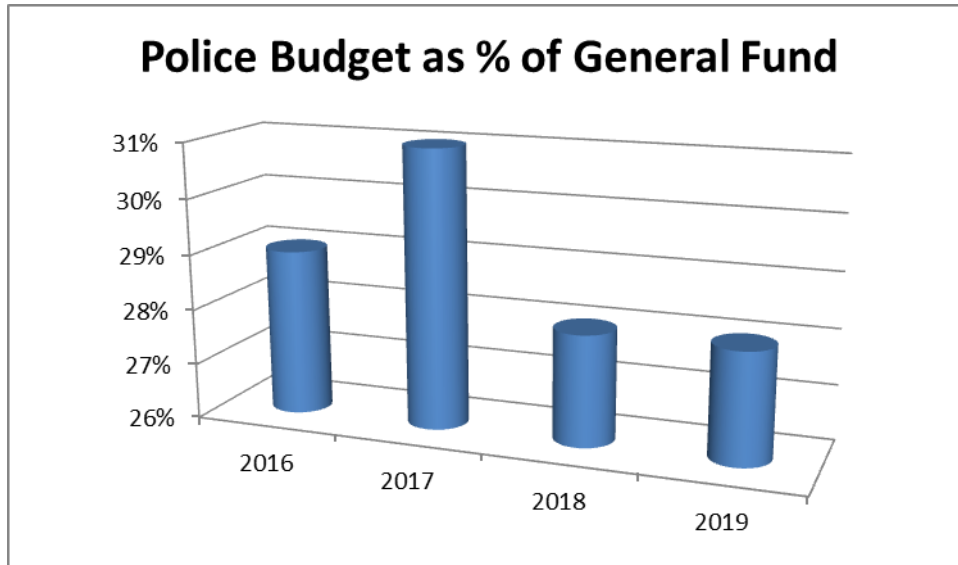
Even with the high volume of calls the officers handle and the number of arrests they make, the number of complaints we receive is very low. As you can see in the graph below, we typically only have two or three complaints each year. While that number is impressively low, it is even more impressive when you consider that in most cases the officers are exonerated.

Cases in which complaints are sustained, officers receive corrective measures to ensure the department's best practices are being put to use. Given the tens of thousands of contacts our officers have with the public, the low number of sustained formal complaints is an indicator of the officers professionalism. The use of body worn and in-car cameras has greatly aided the investigations into complaints filed against officers.

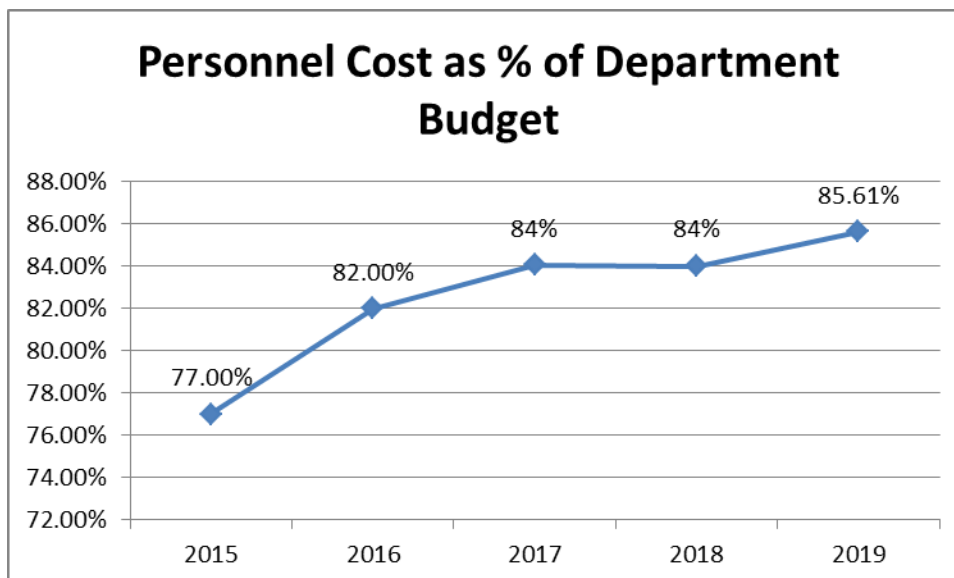


Budget

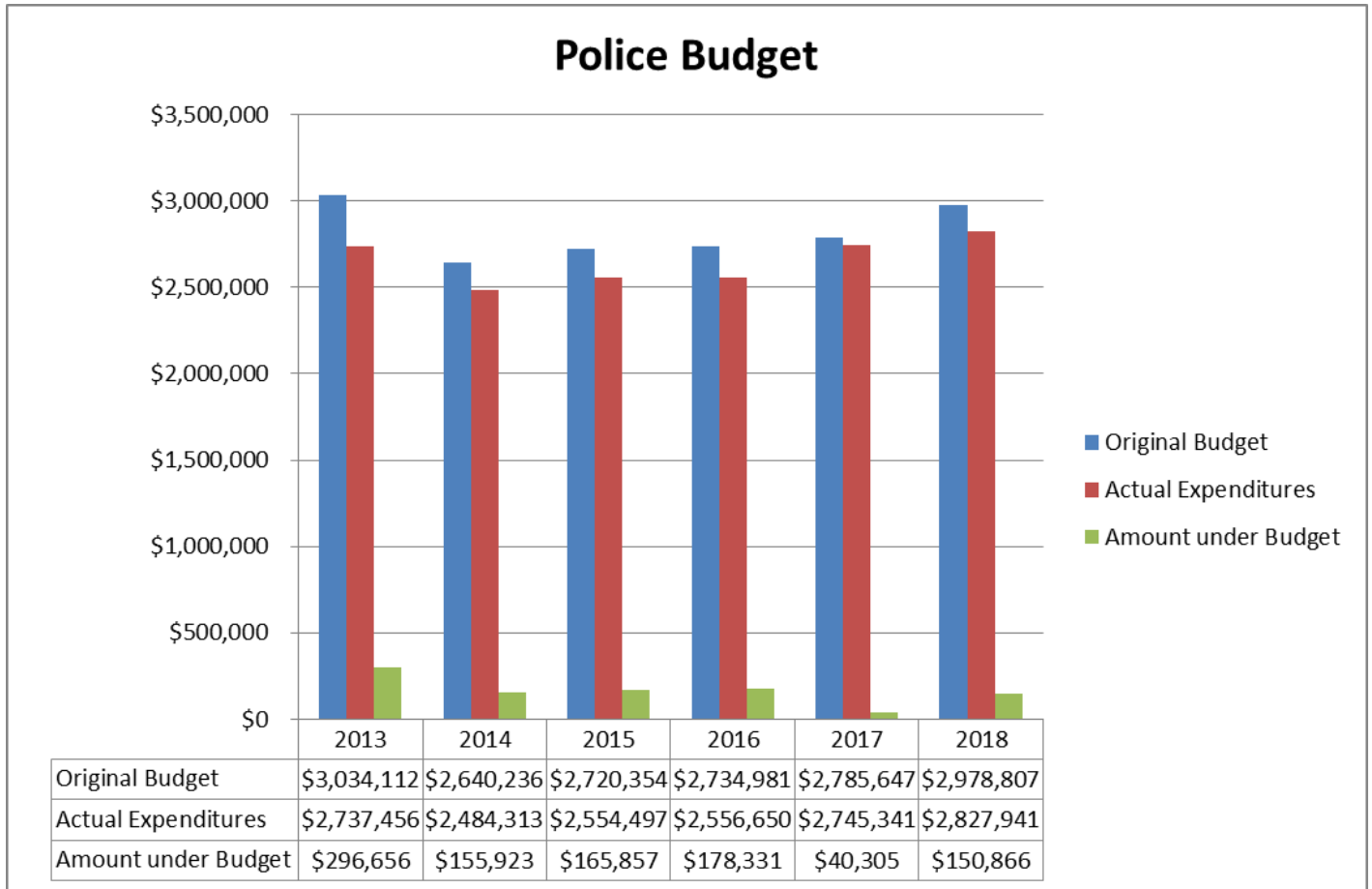
The police department is funded by the City of Arkansas City through the general fund. In 2018 and 2019 the police budget accounted for approximately 28% of the general fund expenses, which is a reduction from previous years.



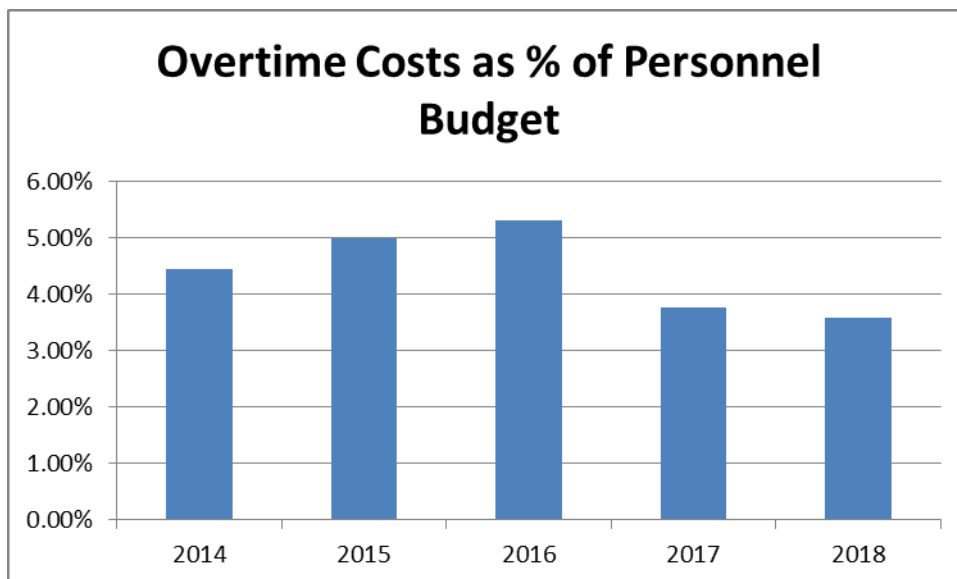
ACPD continues to look for ways to be more efficient and reduce expenses. As you can see in the graph below, personnel costs account for 85.61% of our budget. Every year our personnel expenses increase about 3% due to wages, benefits, and retirement funding expenses. With less than 15% of our annual budget dedicated to cover non-personnel costs, we are required to be very efficient with our budget.



The Arkansas City Police Department diligently works within the confines of our budget. As you can see in the graph below, each year we have been able to stay well below our budget authority. In the past five years we have saved the tax payer nearly \$800,000. It is our goal to be a good steward of the public’s tax dollars while still providing the best possible police service.



In the past couple of years, we have been able to achieve and maintain full staffing levels. While this is expensive — as personnel costs account for the majority of our budget — we have been able to reduce overtime expenses. In years past, our overtime expenses rose consistently, as we were short staffed.



ACPD Outreach Efforts

In recent years, the Arkansas City Police Department has made great strides to prioritize community outreach. This allows the department to spend time forging positive relationships with the individuals they serve. It also allows officers opportunities to educate the citizens of Arkansas City. By creating an environment in which ACPD can work hand in hand with the citizens, we hope to improve the overall effectiveness of the department.

In addition to the many programs that will be outlined in this report, ACPD staff and officers are encouraged to find ways to interact with the community. Whether the interaction is singing karaoke at the VFW while in the process of routine nightly checks or stopping to buy lemonade from a child's lemonade stand, these positive interactions are just as important to the culture of ACPD as the methods which are used for enforcing the law.

We continuously strive to ensure that the Arkansas City Police Department is approachable and able to address the needs of the citizens of Arkansas City.



ABOVE: Officer Cori Tuxhorn stops to wet her whistle at a lemonade stand during routine patrol.



ABOVE LEFT: CAPTAIN Eric Burr and Officer Madeline Pegorsch jump rope with students at a local school during recess.



ABOVE RIGHT: MASTER POLICE OFFICER Jeremy Samson gives out high fives during the first day of school.

Social Media

Changes in technology often necessitate changes in departmental practices and procedures. The growth of social media has been exponential since the advent of websites such as Facebook and Twitter. With the number of U.S. Facebook users upwards of 214 million and the number of U.S. Twitter users upward of 60 million, the need to utilize these platforms as communications tools was apparent.

The Arkansas City Police Department has had Facebook and Twitter accounts for several years now. Both accounts are used to communicate with the public on a regular basis — from announcements about new officers and retirement celebrations, to our weekly crime log, citizens can get an up close look at some of the activity at ACPD.

Both social media pages are also used to solicit help from the citizens of Ark City in identifying persons of interest. One such case was the identification of an individual who used a skimmer in local ATMs in December. Thanks to the use of Facebook and Twitter, both suspects were identified using security camera stills from the ATMs. One of the suspects is in the process of being extradited from Texas.

The Twitter page, which has more than 8,000 followers, is utilized in some unique ways. On three separate occasions ACPD officers have invited these followers along for a “tweet-along.” These “tweet-along” events are essentially like a virtual ride along with the officer. Officer Madeline Pegorsch was the last officer to invite the public along on a shift during the 2018 Christmas night shift.



ABOVE : SCREEN SHOTS from the ACPD social media pages show how the department utilize the platforms in order to communicate with the public. The ACPD Facebook and Twitter pages are communication tools — they are not meant to replace 911 in the case of emergencies. While these pages are monitored, they are not monitored 24/7. Individuals needing immediate help should dial dispatch at (620)441-4444 or by dialing 911.

School Resource Officers

School resource officers have been used across the country for more than twenty years. Arkansas City has two officers assigned as school resource officers, one stationed at Arkansas City High School and another at Arkansas City Middle School. These officers also travel to the USD 470 grade schools and to Sacred Heart.

Arkansas City Police Departments SRO's for the 2018-2019 school year are Master Police Officer Chase Hobart and Master Police Officer Matt Mayo. Both officers have a passion for the youth of the community. Each of these officers came to ACPD with prior experience in law enforcement.



ABOVE: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER Master Police Officer Chase Hobart.



ABOVE: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER Master Police Officer Matt Mayo.

Officer Hobart hired on in February of 2013 after working at Cowley County Jail. He has been an SRO for four years and has spent that time serving at ACMS. He was promoted to master patrol officer in 2017.

Officer Mayo hired on in September of 2016. He previously worked for both Cowley County Corrections and Cowley County Sheriff. Officer Mayo was promoted to master patrol officer in 2018. This is his first year serving as an SRO, during this time he has been stationed at ACHS.



ABOVE: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS Chase Hobart and Matt Mayo took to social media during the fall of 2018 to tell their students how excited they were about going back to school. This photo was one of many the duo posted prior to the school year beginning.

D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E. and D.A.R.E. camp are an integral part of the duties performed by Arkansas City Police Department School Resource Officers. The D.A.R.E. program was founded in 1983, but the acronym by which the program is known actually stands for “Drug Abuse Resistance Education.”

ACPD provides educational modules not only in the elementary schools, but in the form of a summer camp, which is attended by



ABOVE: CAMPERS pose with Hannah Klaassen, 2019 Miss Kansas, who attended D.A.R.E. camp as a speaker.

more than 80 sixth through eighth graders every year. This camp is usually themed and in addition to guest speakers, education modules, acted scenarios, campers are also able to cut loose and have fun.

In 2018, the camp’s theme was Harry Potter. Campers were sorted into houses, played Harry Potter themed games and each house was awarded points by camp counselors.

Guest speakers during the camp included the K.C. Wolf, Miss Kansas Hannah Klaassen, Heather Huhman, Hanna Niles, Cowley County Emergency Communications, Arkansas



ABOVE: CAMPERS play a game of quidditch during camp. Quidditch is a game created by J. K. Rowling in her Harry Potter books. Campers used pool noodles in the place of broomsticks.



ABOVE: STUDENT CAMPERS spell out the word “D.A.R.E.” during a camp dedicated to teaching the D.A.R.E. program.

City Fire Department, Kristen Boxman, Kansas Highway Patrol, Wichita Police Department's mounted police, SWAT, and Jacque Teirce #doitforDanielle. Each of these guest speakers spent time educating the campers on different topics.

Perhaps the most impactful element of D.A.R.E. camp is the scenarios that the students are able to experience first hand. The 2018 camp scenario revolved around the theme of making good choices. In this production, a young woman was accepted into a nursing program, and is faced with a series of decisions which ultimately lead her down a path which included running from the police and being arrested.

D.A.R.E., as it is taught in the local elementary schools and to the seventh graders at the middle school is a curriculum provided by the D.A.R.E. program. Students who take D.A.R.E. in school participate in an essay competition and take part in a graduation ceremony.



ABOVE LEFT: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER Matt Mayo poses with Daren the D.A.R.E. lion.

ABOVE RIGHT: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER Chase Hobart gives a giant pencil to the fifth grade D.A.R.E. essay contest winner, Franes Willard student Joce Arndt.

National Night Out



Courtesy Ark City Daily Bytes

ABOVE: SGT. Eric Mata and citizen Joy Fry embrace after running into each other during the NNO festivities.

RIGHT: Officer Kelsey Horinek places an ACPD badge sticker on a young girl after giving badges to the others in her group.



Courtesy Ark City Daily Bytes

BELOW: Chief of Police Dan Ward gives away one of the NNO t-shirts to a young citizen.



Courtesy Ark City Daily Bytes

The Arkansas City Kansas Police Department has been hosting a National Night Out event since 1996. In those 22 years the event has grown to become a favorite event for many citizens. The event spans two nights with a kickoff party in Wilson Park the first night and the block parties the second night.

The kickoff party is a picnic style event with free food, games, and activities. This party also features performances from local groups. Each year there are more than 2000 in attendance.

The block parties held on the second night are an opportunity for neighbors to develop a bond with each other. These relationships encourage citizens to watch out for each other.

In 2018 we had a total of 19 different block parties. Representatives of the police department stopped by each of the block parties and distributed products that neighbors could use to keep their homes and valuables safe.

Neighborhood Watch

In 2018, the Arkansas City Police Department began efforts to re-establish Neighborhood Watch groups. When these efforts began there were no formal groups in Arkansas city, but to date seven neighborhood watch groups have formed.

Efforts to institute groups began along side the National Night Out celebration in October. The primary goal of the program is to deter criminal activity in Ark City. Each Neighborhood Watch group is required to meet at least once per year to remain current in the program.

As part of this effort, a swing shift was added to the ACPD schedule. There are two officers covering the swing shift, which runs from noon to midnight. Master Patrol Officers Tyrone Hall and Corey Combs are assigned to this shift.



ABOVE: NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH sign design winner Reese Pappan and SRO Chase Hobart pose for a photo during the 2018 National Night Out celebration in Wilson Park.



ABOVE: DURING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING in the 200 block of North First Street MPO Hobart speaks to one of the first neighborhood watch groups that was formed in 2018.

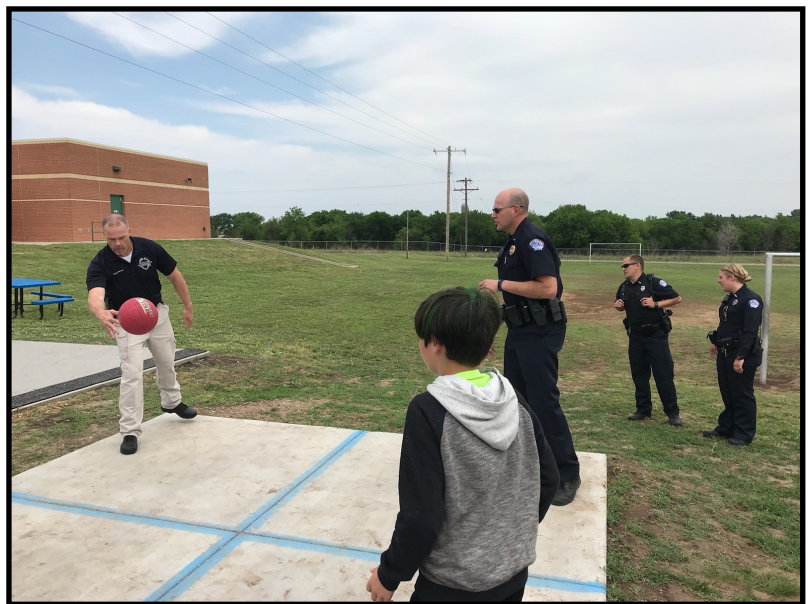
Adopt-a-School

The Arkansas City Police Department and the Arkansas City Public School District instituted the Adopt-a-School program in February 2018. This program further strengthens the relationships between law enforcement and the youth in our community.

The Adopt-a-School program gives opportunity for officers to do just that, adopt a school as part of their regular patrol. Officers take on specific elementary schools and visit on a regular basis, play outside during recess, talk to students who may need a little extra encouragement, and teach various educational topics at the request of teachers in their respective schools.

ACPD currently has 3 officers volunteering in this program, covering Roosevelt, Adams, Jefferson, Frances Willard Elementary Schools and Sacred Heart Catholic School. Officers have conducted more than 50 school checks among the four in-town schools.

They have found ways to become involved by attending special events such as visits to wax museums, holiday parties and lunches. Police Officer Matt Mayo has even lent his guitar-playing ability to Roosevelt Elementary School to help with the school's music classes.



ABOVE: LIEUTENANT Kevyn Ternes and Captain Eric Burr play four square with students as Master Police Officer Matt Mayo and Officer Madelyn Pegorsch look on.



ABOVE LEFT: MASTER POLICE OFFICER Jeremy Samson reaches out for a ball while playing with students of a local grade school.



ABOVE RIGHT: OFFICER Cori Tuxhorn poses with students on pajama day.

Cops in Schools Lunch Visits

School lunch visits are just one of many ways that Arkansas City Police Department personnel find to spend time with the youth of the community. Officers eat school lunches with the students, in their own cafeterias, spending the entirety of the lunch period with students. In the 2017-2018 school

year there were 11 visits to schools in Arkansas City. There were also 44 times officers came into close contact with individual students.

So far in the 2018-2019 school year there have been 7 visits to local schools, and 22 individual contacts. A total of eighteen officers and two non-sworn staff members attended at least one lunch during the school year.

This program allows students to not only get to know our officers, but allow them to understand that officers are people that they can relate to on a one on one level.



ABOVE: MASTER POLICE OFFICER Jeremy Samson and Sergeant Jason Legleiter eat lunch with students at a local elementary school.



ABOVE: OFFICER Madison Friesen eats lunch with a group of girls at a local elementary school.

Bigs in Blue



ABOVE: MASTER POLICE OFFICER Matt Mayo and his little brother.

RIGHT: OFFICER Phil White and his little brother.

BELOW RIGHT: CAPTAIN Eric Burr and his little brother.

BELOW LEFT: BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS recently ran a campaign to gain more “Bigs.” For more information about their programs, visit their website.

Arkansas City Police Department teams up with Big Brothers, Big Sisters for this program, which pairs officers with local littles.

In 2018, three ACPD officers took part in this program. Captain Burr spends time with his little each week building with legos or spending time together.

Officer Phil White and Master Police Officer Matt Mayo did much the same with their little brothers.



Coffee (or Cocoa) with a Cop

While finding ways and opportunities to interact with the youth of Arkansas City is relatively easy, finding the same opportunities to interact with the adults in Arkansas City can be more difficult. Coffee with a Cop is a national program that was adopted by the Arkansas City Police Department as a way to provide a platform for adults to come, grab a cup of coffee and conversation with some of Ark City's finest.

In 2018 there were four Coffee with a Cop events. These took place at Cowley College, Ike's Donuts, McDonalds and the Arkansas City Public Library. There are already plans in place for this years Coffee with a Cop events.



ABOVE: CHIEF OF POLICE Dan Ward enjoys a cup of joe with two locals.



ABOVE: CAPTAIN Eric Burr offers doughnuts to several local children.



ABOVE: ARKANSAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT staff and officers meet with students, Miss Kansas Hannah Klaassen and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus during Cocoa with a Cop.

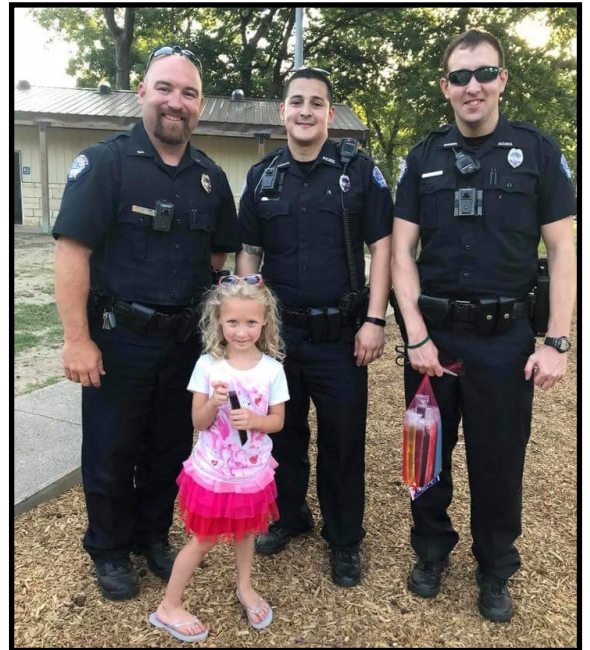
Popsicle Patrol

The Popsicle Patrol was a program designed to supplement the “Cops in Schools Program” with the goal of continued interaction with the youth of our community even when school was out of session for the summer. Building on our successes with the “Cops in Schools Program” and the need to continue to foster those positive interactions, officers took to the streets to find children of all ages in order to supply them with relief from the heat with an icy cold treat.

The primary objectives of this program are to:

- Establish and foster positive interaction with children and community members within our service area
- Target areas of town most affected by increasing crime rates

In 2018, 505 popsicles were handed out. Popsicle patrol also played a vital role in the Arkansas City Police Department lip sync video, which can still be viewed on our Facebook page. More than half of the department participated in the creation of this video as well as the Ark City Rec Center’s IYQ summer program.



ABOVE: LIEUTENANT LUKE LARSON and Officers Ivan Velasquez and Corey Combs stop to give Alice Patton a popsicle in Wilson Park.



ABOVE: CAPTAIN ERIC BURR, Officers Wade Hammond and Madeline Pegorsch and Records Specialist Shanelle Parks stop to take a picture with two local D.A.R.E. graduates during popsicle patrol.

Serial Number September

Serial Number September is an initiative Arkansas City Police Department formulated after seeing an increase in bicycle thefts in our community. Unfortunately, many of these bicycles are never reclaimed, whether it is due to the fact that no report of the missing property is made, or because the property is not registered in such a way as to provide the department with the name of an owner. By registering the bicycles serial number with ACPD, it gives the owner a much better chance of reclaiming the bike if it is stolen. Property crime is an area which is of the top concern of Ark City citizens and a top priority for ACPD.

Captain Eric Burr and Public Service Officer Eric Gross went to social media during the Month of September 2018 to promote the registration rally. and



responded to 33 locations across Ark City to register bicycles for families to help combat such problems. On the day of the registration rally, more than 90 bicycles were registered and that number continues to increase to this day. The ACPD plans to continue hosting registration events. We also make officers available to do bike registrations during local Health and Safety Fairs as well.

ABOVE: PUBLIC SERVICE OFFICER Eric Gross shows a trio of children the inside of a patrol vehicle while visiting them during the bike rally.



ABOVE: CAPTAIN Eric Burr poses with a local child who participated in the September Registration Rally.

Badgetober

In October, all Arkansas City Police Officers participated in what the department calls Badgetober. This outreach puts sticker badges in the hands of any youth that comes into contact with an ACPD officer. While badges are given out year round by officers, October provides many opportunities to reach additional children.

During October 2018, more than 3,000 badges were given away. Officers handed out many of these badges during Arkalalah, while on foot patrol in down town Ark City.

On Halloween night, officers patrolled the city on a specially scheduled trick or treat shift. These officers conducted a foot patrol, during which many badges were given away to trick-or-treaters.



ABOVE: Arkansas City Police Department badge stickers



LEFT: MPO Jeremy Samson hands out badges during Arkalalah.

BELOW LEFT: Officer Madeline Pegorsch hands out badges during Arkalalah.

BELOW RIGHT: TWO boys sport ACPD badges before the big parade.



Courtesy Ark City Daily Bytes



Trick or Treat Foot Patrol



ABOVE LEFT: MPO Wade Hammond and Officer Madeline Pegorsch stopped while on foot patrol to hand out badges to this group of trick or treaters.

ABOVE RIGHT: Captain Burr poses with a junior officer.



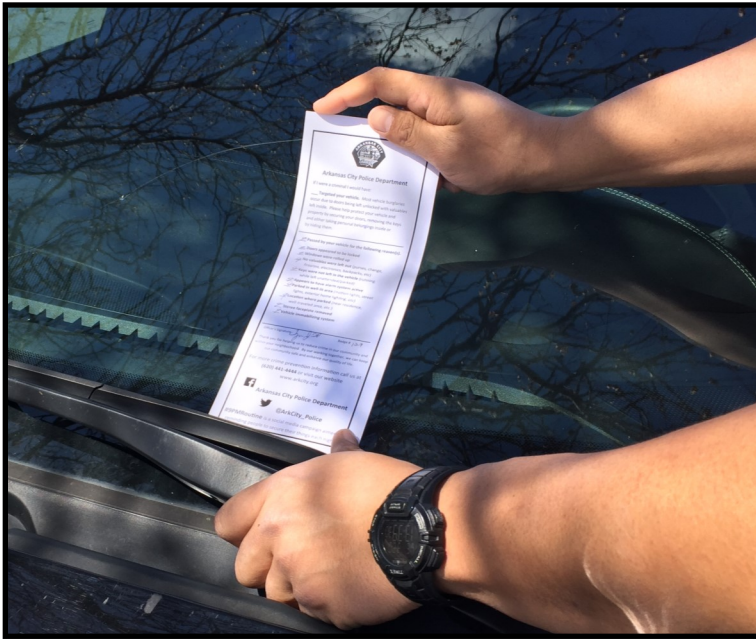
ABOVE LEFT: MPO Wade Hammond and Officer Madeline Pegorsch stop to pose for pictures with a penguin and Olaf.



ABOVE RIGHT: Officer Pegorsch shares a moment with a Halo soldier.

No Valuables November

In November, a new program was instituted, called No Valuables November. Last year there were many burglaries from parked cars. Since most vehicle burglaries occur due to doors being left unlocked with valuables left inside, this program provided citizens with feedback regarding the security of their vehicles.



The placard that was used by officers had a list of items to check on each vehicle, such as “doors appeared to be locked” and “keys were not left in vehicle.” The end goal of this program was to show citizens what they could do provide more security for their valuables without any additional security costs.

This program ran concurrently to Arkansas City Police Department’s Twitter campaign #9PMRoutine. This campaign, which is used by many law enforcement agencies, encourages their followers to lock their doors and their vehicles each night.



ABOVE: MASTER POLICE OFFICER Tyrone Hall places a placard under the wiper of a parked car. This placard was created by the Arkansas City Police Department in an effort to let citizens know what kind of changes they could make to their vehicle routine which would make them less appealing to thieves.

Shop with a Cop

“Shop with a Cop” is a program that provides underprivileged children with the opportunity to shop for their own Christmas presents.

This program is supported by the local Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge No. 6. Arkansas City Police Department officers and local schools provide names of children who are in need, and members of ACPD meet them prior to Christmas to go shopping together.

Parents bring their children to Walmart, and each child, or set of siblings, is assigned to a member of ACPD with whom to do their shopping. The children have a set budget, but can choose anything they would like for their gifts.

They are able to purchase anything they would like to have or need. Some children focus on toys, and others choose to purchase items like clothes and hygiene products.

After ACPD staff and officers shop with the children, they offer gift wrapping services. Last year, Walmart allowed space for gift wrapping within the store. Each child that went shopping when home with gifts that were wrapped by ACPD employees.

Every year new children are chosen for this outreach. In 2018, there were 15 recipients. The number of children that participate is dependent upon the amount of support that is given to the program.



ABOVE: ACPD Officers and Staff volunteered their time and talents to “Shop with a Cop.” Pictured above from left to right; Sgt. Jason Legleiter, Captain Eric Burr, Officer Madelyn Pegorsch, Records Specialist Shanelle Parks, MPO Tyronne Hall, Typist Demi Ames, Officer Brian McGee and Captain Jim Holloway.

Recognizing the Effort

Arkansas City Police Department employs many outstanding people who put in the work to make the department one that its citizens can be proud of. In doing so, ACPD and its officers received many awards last year. Many of these awards came from outside agencies.

Master Police Officers Chase Hobart and Matt Mayo show off hardware received for their hard work in



planning and running the department's National Night Out event held in October 2018. Arkansas City placed 12th out of 33 communities who hosted the annual crime prevention event. The award takes into account more than just the National Night Out event, it also weighs a department's year-round commitment to community oriented policing.

ABOVE: ACPD MASTER POLICE OFFICERS Chase Hobart and Matt Mayo pose with the National Night Out Award received in 2018.

In June, ACPD received the AAA Platinum

Award in Community Traffic Safety. This was the second year in a row the department has received the Platinum award which is the highest award available. In Kansas there are 627 incorporated municipalities and only 33 other departments received this award. ACPD makes traffic safety a priority in Ark City .



ABOVE: ACPD OFFICERS STAND BY as Police Chief Dan Ward is handed Arkansas City Police Department's second Platinum AAA Community Traffic Safety Award.

Master Police Officer Chase Hobart was recognized by the Kansas Juvenile Officers Association as School Resource Officer of the Year in July. Several of the Arkansas City Police Department staff traveled to Manhattan, KS to support Hobart during the ceremony.

Hobart was given the award based on his work keeping our schools safe, and his commitment to community through department programs like DARE Camp, National Night Out, Popsicle Patrol, Coffee with a Cop, Neighborhood Watch and many others.

KSJOA is an organization committed to the children of Kansas. The organization was established in 2009 by the merging of Kansas DARE Officers Association and the Kansas School Resource Officers Association.

Active membership is limited to individuals who work in the Kansas juvenile justice system or educators who have active DARE, GREAT, or SRO officers.



ABOVE: MASTER POLICE OFFICER Chase Hobart, with Captain Eric Burr and Chief of Police Dan Ward pose with the award Hobart received from KSJOA.



ABOVE: OFFICER Kelsey Horinek poses with Optimists President Bob Frazee.

Officer Kelsey Horinek was awarded the Optimist Officer of the Year award in June 2018. She has been employed with ACPD since May 2016, prior to that she served at the Cowley County Jail. Horinek comes from a family of law enforcement, as her father works with Winfield Police Department and her husband works for the Cowley County Sheriff's office.

She graduated as class president from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in September 2016. Since then, she has been involved in many different ACPD programs, including Cops in Schools, Popsicle Patrol, Badgetober, No Valuables November and Shop with a Cop.

The Optimist club honors an outstanding officer every other year as part of their "Respect for Law" program.

Promotions

The promotion process within ACPD is competitive. Even so, four officers were promoted in 2018. These officers successfully completed a strenuous promotion process that consisted of a written test, an interview board and an executive interview.

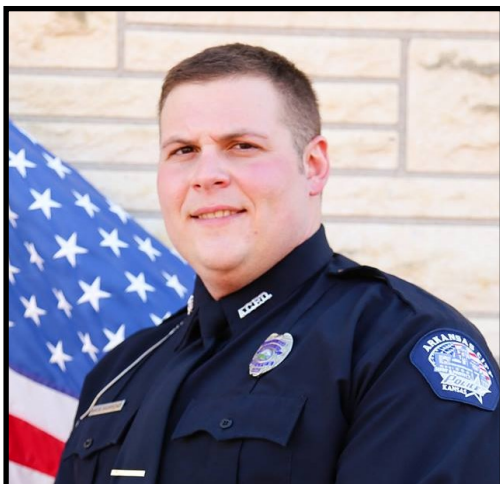
Officers Corey Combs, Officer Tyrone Hall, Officer Wade Hammond and Officer Matt Mayo were promoted to the rank of Master Police Officer in November. Master Police Officers are primarily responsible for training new officers and are beginning their career track toward the rank of Sergeant.



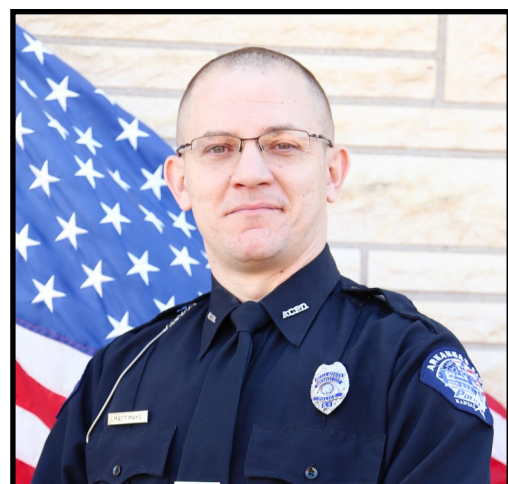
**ABOVE: MASTER POLICE OFFICER
Corey Combs**



**ABOVE: MASTER POLICE OFFICER
Tyrone Hall**



**ABOVE: MASTER POLICE OFFICER
Wade Hammond**



**ABOVE: MASTER POLICE OFFICER
Matt Mayo**

2018 Retirements

There were two Arkansas City Police Department retirements celebrated in 2018. Retirements are bittersweet for the department. Saying goodbye to an officer is difficult and replacing that officer can be more difficult. However, the retirement of an officer provides an opportunity to say thank you to that officer for all of the time and effort spent serving the community.

The first retirement of 2018 was that of Master Police Officer Ryan Williams. After working as a dispatcher and a reserve police officer, he was hired at ACPD in 2002. MPO Williams was known for the positive interactions he had with the citizens of our community. He served with ACPD for twenty years before his retirement in March.

ACPD K-9 Lee is officially retired from service in August of 2018. Lee, a Belgian Malinois, began his tour of duty in March 2010. He was certified in drug detection and patrol. Lee also did numerous outreach presentations for children. He was ten-years-old when he retired, which is roughly two years older than the average K-9 retiree. During his career, Lee made himself known as the most loved and most feared officer in the department.



ABOVE LEFT: CHIEF OF POLICE Dan Ward shakes Master Police Officer Ryan Williams hand as he wraps up his final day at Arkansas City Police Department.

ABOVE RIGHT: MASTER POLICE OFFICER Jeremy Samson and Police K-9 Lee celebrate the dog's retirement during a City of Arkansas City commission meeting.

Good Neighbor Award

In 2018, the Arkansas City Police Department instituted the Good Neighbor Award. This award is meant to recognize everyday heroes who perform great deeds that are synonymous with our pledge to “do the right thing, do the best you can, and treat others the way you want to be treated.”

The Good Neighbor Award has been given to five individuals thus far. To alert ACPD to individuals who do great things for our community, contact the department by utilizing our social media pages or by email at acpd@arkansascityks.gov.



ABOVE: IN MAY 2018, Charles Wilson found and turned in a wallet containing \$784 to Officer Cori Tuxhorn who returned it to the owner. Charles received a certificate and a challenge coin. He is



ABOVE: JASMINE WHITE, ALCIA BEAVER, CASEY YOUNG AND JAYDEN NUGEN were awarded the ACPD Good Neighbor Awards for their actions in helping rescue a dog from a drainage canal. The Arkansas City Police Department truly appreciates their care and concern for an animal in despair. These fine young citizens were recognized by Master Police Officer Travis Stroud with a certificate and an ACPD Challenge Coin.



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