Population: 465,265
Land Area: 319 Square Miles
Roadways: 5,282 Miles
Park Lands: 11,800.58 Acres

Picture courtesy of Keith Fortenbaugh
The **MISSION** of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department is to protect and serve with professionalism, honor, and integrity.

The **VISION** of the KCPD is: To make Kansas City and the metropolitan area the safest community in the nation as a result of the efforts of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department and its many partners.
Board of Police Commissioners,

I am pleased to present you with the 2015 Annual Report of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department. This report features some of the thousands of messages of support and appreciation our department received throughout the year. Enhancing community trust has been one of my top priorities since I was named Chief of Police in 2011, and I’ve seen our efforts really coming to fruition. In a time when law enforcement has been under unprecedented scrutiny nationwide, and when protests have turned to violence and destruction in other cities, more Kansas City residents have embraced our department and joined us on important initiatives to make their neighborhoods safer. There were no violent or destructive protests here, and I credit much of that to the positive relationships the members of KCPD have fostered with the community.

At no time was this increasing community support more clear than during the Kansas City Royals’ historic World Series win and its ensuing celebrations, as you’ll read about on pp. 12-13. The night the team clinched the title, numerous people took pictures with our officers, posting them on social media and sharing how happy they were police were effectively keeping the peace while still being friendly. When the largest gathering ever to take place in the state of Missouri came to downtown Kansas City two days later, hundreds of our officers worked to ensure things went smoothly. Many were overwhelmed by how much the public appreciated and supported them. Thousands of people high-fived them, and I was so touched to see the way the crowd cheered for them when they kicked off the parade. I lost count of how many letters, phone calls, e-mails and social media messages we got after that saying how wonderful the KCPD was.

While it was a huge event for our department, the Royals’ World Series victory was just one of many historical events for KCPD in 2015. We closed our detention facility, which had been in operation since 1938 (p. 22), and we opened a new East Patrol Division and Crime Lab campus in a neighborhood that has been plagued by poverty and violent crime (pp. 8-11). We continued to work with community partners to bring about a reduction in crime. As you will see in the statistics on pp. 41-42, violent crime trended upward, while property crime was down. Thank you for learning more about the Kansas City Missouri Police Department in this report.

Darryl Forté
Chief of Police
Michael Rader, President
Michael Rader was appointed to the Board by Governor Jay Nixon in 2013. He is a partner with the law firm of Bartimus, Frickleton, Robertson & Gornyi, P.C. Mr. Rader interned at a prosecutor’s office for two years before graduating law school. He was an Assistant Jackson County Prosecutor for five years and named Prosecuting Attorney of the year in 2001.

Alvin Brooks, Member
Alvin Brooks was appointed by Gov. Jay Nixon in 2010. Brooks was elected to the Kansas City Council in 1999 and 2003. During his tenure on the Council, he served as Mayor Pro Tem and chaired numerous committees, including the Public Safety Committee. He was Kansas City’s assistant city manager from 1984 to 1991. He also was a Kansas City Police officer and detective from 1954 to 1964.

Leland Shurin, Vice President
Leland Shurin was appointed by Gov. Jay Nixon on July 24, 2015. He is the managing partner of Shaffer Lombardo Shurin, a Kansas City-based law firm. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri with a B.A. in Economics and received his J.D. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He formerly served as the chair of the Missouri Gaming Commission.

Sly James, Mayor
Sylvester “Sly” James was elected mayor of Kansas City in 2011. James earned a law degree in 1983 and joined Blackwell, Sanders, Matheny, Weary & Lombardi where he was the firm’s first African-American partner. He started the Sly James Firm in 2003. He has led or served on the boards of legal organizations as well as the United Way, Committee for County Progress, Partnership for Children, Bishop Hogan High School, Notre Dame de Sion schools, Operation Breakthrough, Genesis School, the Kansas City Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority, Enhanced Enterprise Zones of Kansas City and the Jackson County Ethics Commission.

Angela Wasson-Hunt, Treasurer
Angela Wasson-Hunt was appointed by Gov. Jay Nixon in 2010. She is the senior vice president for commercial lending at Lawson Bank, and was director of the Clay County Economic Development Commission from 1998 to 2005. Ms. Wasson-Hunt is a founding member of the Police Foundation of Kansas City and a former trustee for the Kansas City Police Employees Retirement System.

David Kenner, Secretary/Attorney
David Kenner was selected by the Board to serve as their secretary-attorney in 2010. Mr. Kenner is a shareholder and chair of the transactions department of Levy & Craig P.C. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Great American Bank, Chair of its Audit Committee. He served as director and past president for the Commercial Brokers Association and Committee for County Progress and was also named Kansas City Business Journal’s Best of The Bar from 2006 to 2010.

According to Missouri Statute, the Board of Police Commissioners is responsible for providing police service to citizens of Kansas City, Mo.
The Kansas City Missouri Police Chaplains play an important role within the department by offering spiritual support to department members and their families. They also lead department members in prayer prior to all major department events and ceremonies.
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East Patrol Division

Hundreds of community members, police and city officials celebrated the grand opening of the new East Patrol Division station and Kansas City Regional Crime Laboratory with tours and a dedication ceremony on December 1.

“The community and our employees deserve these facilities,” Chief Darryl Forté said. “We needed a space where we could interact with and serve the community in this part of town, and now we have it. Our employees deserve this, too. More than 210 police officers, scientists, staff and property and evidence technicians will be working on this campus. Before this, none of them has been in a building made to suit their needs.”

Community members – the Kansas City Star estimated as many as 1,000 attended the event from 1 to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 1 – had the opportunity to tour police facilities not normally open to the public. A showcase space highlighted the many organizations, community members and artists who contributed to the project.

“The design and construction of this campus is an unprecedented investment in the Third District of Kansas City, Missouri,” said Third District Kansas City Councilman Jermaine Reed.

The Crime Lab and East Patrol Division now occupy about 17 acres bounded by 26th Street on the north, 27th...
Street on the south, Brooklyn on the west and Prospect Avenue on the east. Work on the project began in 2011. The site contained a mixture of residential homes and vacant lots. Community members who owned the homes were offered the highest of three appraisals, as well as up to $50,000, depending on how long they’d lived there. Items removed from the site, such as bricks from an apartment building and wood from trees, were used in the new buildings.

East Patrol began operating out of the new station in late November, and Crime Lab staff and equipment were set to move into their new building over the course of the first few months of 2016. Residents and businesses throughout East Patrol Division did not experience change in response times with the change in the station’s location. Officers were dispatched from wherever they were on the streets, not from the station.

Neither the old East Patrol Division station at 27th and Van Brunt nor the Crime Lab at 6633 Troost was designed for law enforcement use.

The old East Patrol opened in 1951 as a radio station for the City of Kansas City. All city vehicles, including police cars, ambulances, public works trucks and more were dispatched from there on an FM radio band. The building was retrofitted to be a police station in 1975. In September, current, former and retired East Patrol employees, as well as community supporters, attended a farewell barbecue at the station.

The new East Patrol Division is nearly twice the size of the old one at 36,200 square feet.
This included several spaces for public use, including a gymnasium, computer lab and community room. It was designed with input from officers to improve their efficiency and comfort.

The Crime Lab began in 1938 when Headquarters was constructed and was one of the first crime labs in the nation. When it outgrew the space at Headquarters, the Lab moved to several different locations over the years, most recently in the late 1990s to a former pharmaceutical research facility. Conditions there were cramped and unsuited to the demands of forensic science and Kansas City’s caseload.

The new Crime Lab is approximately 57,600 square feet, which is 80 percent larger than the previous facility. The Kansas City Regional Crime Lab was one of only seven labs in the country to be accredited in eight different disciplines by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors – Laboratory Accreditation Board. All of these disciplines – from Chemistry to Crime Scene Investigation – now have a state-of-the-art facility designed exclusively to meet their needs.

KCPD command staff worked with the City to determine whether the department would continue to use the former East Patrol and Crime Lab facilities in some other capacity. That was not decided by the end of 2015.

The construction of the new East Patrol Division and Crime Lab was funded by the voter-approved, quarter-cent, public safety sales tax. The cost was approximately $74 million, which included property acquisition, demolition, design, environmental cost, site prep, construction, furnishings and equipment. Placing both facilities on the same campus saved considerable costs.

The project was designed to serve as a redevelopment catalyst for Prospect Avenue and surrounding neighborhoods. It was governed by HUD Section 3 guidelines.

“There was considerable effort made by the campus team to live up to the City’s
commitment to leverage the project, to the greatest extent possible, to spark training, job and contract opportunities for Certified Section 3 residents and businesses – which means low or very-low income – as well as to increase participation by certified minority and women business enterprises,” Councilman Reed said.

More than 2,000 people were connected to job training programs and community resources throughout the course of the project. Multiple building projects are now underway in the neighborhood, from a community center to a grocery store.

The campus was designed by Helix Architecture + Design, in association with Wellner Architects. The Construction Management Team Lead was JE Dunn Construction / Alexander Mechanical, A Joint Venture.

The campus features numerous pieces of community-centric artwork. The One Percent for Art piece is by David Dahlquist and RDG Dahlquist Art Studio and contains numerous pieces of pottery created by community members. It is titled “We Are a Bowl: ‘Empty Earthen Vessels Waiting to be Filled.’” A history of African-American members of the Kansas City Police Department is featured on a wall in the community room, and lumber from trees that were removed from the site during demolition forms a mosaic on the community room’s opposing wall. In addition, there are two different glazed-brick “quilt” pieces on the façades, or the facilities “front porches” from the result of an art and architecture collaboration between Sonié Joi Thompson-Ruffin and Helix Architecture + Design.
In 2014 when the San Francisco Giants beat the Kansas City Royals in the final game of the World Series, they experienced rioting in their streets. Property was burned and police had to respond in riot gear. But when the Royals “Took the Crown” on Nov. 1, Kansas City responded by reveling in entertainment districts and taking selfies with KCPD officers. Chief Darryl Forté tweeted that not one arrest related to the celebration happened that night. Multiple national news organizations reported on Kansas City’s good behavior.

Kansas City won the Series against the Mets in Game 5 in New York City. While KCPD certainly had a lot to do during the first two games of the series that were at home, the department was about to meet one of its greatest challenges ever: the biggest celebration in the history of the State of Missouri (so proclaimed by Governor Jay Nixon) that would take place just two days later.

The “Royal Celebration” consisted of a parade through downtown at noon Nov. 3 followed by a rally at Union Station. Celebration planners were counting on about 250,000 people to come. But the actual attendance blew everyone away: the City of Kansas City estimated 800,000 fans came downtown to celebrate. All area school districts cancelled class, and many businesses shut down, as well. Thousands waited in line to take shuttles from throughout the metro area. And despite all the crowding and the waiting, police made only three arrests throughout the entire event. Among 800,000 people.

Officers spent far more time reuniting at least 90 lost children (that was the number brought to Union Station, anyway) with their parents and interacting with the crowd. KCPD’s social media was flooded with parade-
goers thanking officers for their kindness. One officer let a woman recharge her disabled son’s breathing machine in his car. Others played catch with children who were waiting for the parade to begin. Officers took pictures for families and helped get children to bathrooms when the kids couldn’t make it through the crowd. Many parents just thanked KCPD officers for all the time they spent talking to their children and high-fiving the crowd. About 400 KCPD officers worked the event, supplemented by the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office and Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Some messages the public sent in to the Department included:
“i was one of a bazillion there. I appreciate every single one of you. Our city has a lot of things to be proud of, and you guys are at the top of the list.”

“We were at Union Station where the players walked into the building. All of the officers were amazing. They were kind. They were stern when necessary. They joked around and even tossed a beach ball to the crowd.”

“These officers were awesome high-fiving the kids and fans! Very interactive with the massive crowd! Way to go KCPD!”

And when Kansas City Police officers kicked off the start of the parade, the crowd cheered for them almost as loudly as they cheered for the Royals players who followed.

“I have to say...Our KC Police were amazing today. I saw them starting chants igniting the wave, comforting people who were overwhelmed, and carrying lost little kids in their arms, helping them find their parents. ... One even walked a little boy to the port-a-pot and back to his family... Rather than standing there with assumed authority, glaring at a crowd of almost a million people and ‘keeping them all in line,’ they interacted, smiling the whole time.”

- Cynthia E.
Thank you KCPD for escorting the Unified Relay today! 
@kcpolice @SOTeamCorey @SOMissouri

@kcpolice this was today in my neighborhood. They were buying lemonade. Not all bad 
#kansascity #community
“I honestly do believe that the Kansas City Missouri Police Department should be the model followed. These men and women have stepped up and redefined their roles as not just policing the community but being part of the community. They are meeting the challenges and succeeding in these divisive times.”

– Kathy H.
@kcpolice • 13 August 2015
Officers rescued 2 pups locked in basement of abandoned house yesterday. Contact @kcpetproject to give them a home!

@clark_shai • 22 March 2015
@kcpolice PO Taylor visiting bb Jack he delivered in car at a convenience store yesterday. Go Cops!
Great job Officer Jones @kcpolice with preparing our 5th graders for their D.A.R.E. Graduation! @KCMO @KCParent

@MollyFox4KC • 16 June 2015
So cool! These @kcpolice officers stopped to buy some kids ice cream tonight. Way to go guys!

“I just passed two Kansas City Missouri police officers who had stopped to push a man in a wheelchair up a big hill on Independence Avenue. It made me smile. Well done, officers.”

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More than 30 young people identified as being at risk for violent behavior participated in Teens in Transition – a program of the Kansas City No Violence Alliance that met for 10 weeks during the summer of 2015. It concluded with a celebration on Aug. 7, during which participants unveiled art pieces they’d created through a program overseen by Kansas City artist Michael Toombs. The pictures were made completely from denim.

This was the second year for KC NoVA’s Teens in Transition Program. Teens were identified by NoVA intelligence analysts and investigators as being associated with juvenile groups engaged in violent criminal activity. As police started to engage in enforcement action against members of the groups, they identified youth who showed interest in changing their lives. Police met with the teens – ages 14-17 – and their families to ensure everyone was on board.

The teens spent 13 to 14 hours a week for 10 weeks at the Arts Tech organization working with each other and the school resource officers to create two large art pieces and four smaller ones that reflect police-community unity and female empowerment. The teens chose the topics of the art.

The teens were paid for their work on the art, but they also participated in life skills courses, including entrepreneurship, financial management and anger management. Some also attended tutoring sessions.
Department members support Special Olympics Missouri in many ways

Department members raised $164,836 for Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) in 2015, KCPD’s charity of choice. This came from many events and donations. The department-sponsored Broadway Bridge Run took over downtown and brought in tens of thousands of dollars. Some officers volunteered as waiters at local restaurants and collected tip money for SOMO at Tip-A-Cop events. Many department members braved the wrath of their colleagues and got in a dunk tank at the KCPD’s Third Annual Dunk-A-Cop. Many department members sold and bought Law Enforcement Torch Run and raffle tickets for SOMO. Others took the Polar Plunge, diving into the icy waters of Longview Lake to raise money. Many department members also volunteered their time to present medals to athletes at Special Olympics events.

Police, community partners teach women about cars and personal protection

Officer Jason Cooley and others in the East and Central patrol divisions teamed up with the Guadalupe Center and AutoZone on November 7 to host a free women’s vehicle awareness and self-protection training. The training empowered the dozens of women who came with knowledge to care for their own vehicles and avoid ending up stranded on the side of the road. Women learned the importance of preventive maintenance and how to inspect everything from fluid levels to tires to belts. On-site staff from AutoZone walked the women through these items on their own vehicles. Officers taught the women basic self-defense and awareness in the event they did get stuck on the side of the road. AutoZone also provided free cans of de-icer, ice scrapers and tire pressure gauges.

Officers rescue dog from hot car

Officers Jeff O’Rear and Erik Winter heard a call go out about a dog trapped in a hot car at a Northland strip mall in late July. They were very close by, so they went to the car. They met up with a woman who said she heard the dog yelping inside the car, which had all its windows closed, and she tried in vain to find the owners. So the officers busted the vehicle’s window and got the 5-month-old Chihuahua out. They learned the small dog had been inside the hot car for two hours, and the heat index outside was 108 degrees. They took it to the veterinary clinic in the nearby PetSmart, where it almost died from the heat. The veterinary staff was able to revive it, however, and the dog recovered. The couple who left the dog in the car was charged with animal abuse. Officer O’Rear surprised his daughters by adopting the dog. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals sent the officers a commendation.

Police, neighbors literally clean up Prospect Corridor

Police partnered with neighborhood leaders, businesses and other city departments to lead two clean-ups of areas on the Prospect Corridor. The clean-ups were part of the Kansas City No Violence Alliance (KC NoVA) Byrne grant, which focused on cleaning up and reducing crime in the area. Officers in the unit worked with seven neighborhood associations and their leaders from 26th-39th streets, Paseo to Indiana. They identified vacant properties that needed to be cleared of debris to prevent criminal activity. The week before the clean-up, police saturated the area with their presence. Volunteers cleared dense brush from outside the vacant houses, making the whole lots visible from the street once again. They picked up trash and tore down abandoned outbuildings that were havens for prostitution activity.
I applaud you for the great job you do for your officers, and more chiefs could follow your fine example.”

– Rose H.

Victim Assistance Unit goes above and beyond to help

The officers in the Victim Assistance Unit helped hundreds of people who were victims of crime in 2015. The Unit is part of the Community Support Division, and its goal is to provide crisis intervention, referrals to support services and information about victim rights, compensation and the criminal justice system to any victim, witness, family member or survivor of a violent crime who has suffered physical, psychological or economic harm as a result of the crime.

The officers in the Unit often go above and beyond to assist, as some of their cases from 2015 illustrate:

Officers salvage back-to-school items

A 4th grade boy walking to his bus stop at the start of the school year in the 3600 block of E. 51st Street was beaten up by some older boys. They took his backpack, which contained all of his new school supplies. Victim Assistance Specialist Rob Biehm contacted the boy’s mother after the robbery, and she said her son was very upset about losing his backpack and school supplies.

So Biehm and other members of the Unit went to Target, where they bought a new backpack and supplies with their own money. Target offered them a discount when doing so. They took the items to the family’s home, and mother and son were thrilled.

No more “winter convertible”

During the holiday season, shots rang out in Ms. Miller’s neighborhood while she slept. Multiple people fired at each other that night, and some were wounded. Ms. Miller, a retired woman on a fixed income, had nothing to do with the incident, but her vehicle, did become quite involved that night. While the suspects fired back and forth, they had shot up her older-model sport utility vehicle, taking out both the front and back windshields, entirely. Ms. Miller joked that the incident gave her a “winter convertible,” but she was sad because she only had liability insurance and this would be a very expensive fix. Officer Julie Tomasic explained the Victim Assistance Unit had no real resources when it came to handling property damage, but she would try. She understood and said she appreciated anything the Unit could do. After
Officer Tomasic made several calls explaining Ms. Miller’s story and situation, a local glass company graciously agreed to repair Ms. Miller’s SUV and said it would be “very affordable”. They contacted her right away.

Ms. Miller called Officer Tomasic the next day as she left left the glass company’s shop with newly repaired windshields. She said the company had gotten her in right away, repaired everything and had charged her nothing. She repeatedly thanked Officer Tomasic, saying she would never understand how much police had helped her.

**Terrified robbery victim gets support**

When Officer Michael Schneider called an armed robbery victim named Mindy and introduced himself, she immediately broke down. She said she was so happy someone from the police department had called to ask if she was OK, because she was not. She had recently witnessed a shooting, as well, and she was very shaken and had lost her sense of security. Officer Schneider talked to her for a long time, and she said she needed help from a professional. He told her to give him half an hour, and he would get her in to see a mental health professional. He reached out to a local low-cost provider, and they got Mindy in that day. She continued to see them regularly and improved. Officer Schneider checked on her progress regularly.

**Dozens of employees take buy-out**

The Department lost nearly 880 years of experience in May as a result of buy-outs to balance the budget.

Due to pay raises and increased pension contributions agreed to in a Settlement Agreement and Release of January 2013, among other things, the Department faced an $8.3 million shortfall.

The Human Resources Division offered any KCPD employee with more than 15 years of service $20,000 to retire or resign from the department by the end of May. A total of 25 sworn and nine non-sworn members took the buy-out. This is 10 more than the last time the department offered a buy-out in May 2010, which also was for $20,000. At that time, however, department members had to have at least 25 years of service to get the buy-out incentive. As far as anyone could recall, 2010 was the first time the department offered a buy-out.

This time, 34 tenured KCPD staff members went off the books, thanks to the buy-out. They ranged from 15 to 40 years of service, with an average of 25.8 years.
Executive Services Bureau

The Executive Services Bureau is responsible for administering the department’s financial processes and supporting elements, as well as managing and maintaining the department’s facilities.

“Unfortunately I have had to call 911 twice this week. The two dispatchers that I worked with were very calm and very professional and very understanding of my situation, and I appreciate it. Kudos to them, and thank you so much.” – Kerri D.

Headquarters jail closes for good

For the first time since 1938, the jail atop Police Headquarters at 1125 Locust Street closed.

All inmates were transferred to the new Jackson County Regional Detention Center on April 30.

Police officers instead booked arrests at the Shoal Creek, Metro and South patrol division stations. It’s something that had been in the works for years, with Chief Darryl Forté saying he had pushed for the consolidation since 2006.

“My biggest concern was improving the conditions for the detainees,” Chief Forté said.

KCPD’s jail had been nearly the same since it was built in 1938, Major Eric Winebrenner said. It had received no significant upgrades, and space was very tight. Because it was never upgraded, it never was required to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). But that mandate was looming, and the upgrades would have cost at least $5 million.

Captain Michael Hicks was assigned to the Detention Unit in January 2014 with explicit direction to get KCPD out of the jail business. Hicks and his staff worked with everyone from patrol division personnel to information technology staff, as well as County and City staff, to make the transition happen.

The Jackson County Detention Center at 1300 Cherry, just one block south of Headquarters, was built in 1984. A large area on the Detention Center’s ground floor was designated for KCPD detainees awaiting arraignment. But Captain Hicks said KCPD never moved in for some reason, and the area just ended up being used for storage.

That area underwent renovation to make 100 beds for inmates, as well as open areas, isolation cells and more. It also offered several things not available to detainees at 1125 Locust, including on-site medical care, mental health screening for every inmate, showers and full meals.

No Detention Unit member lost a job in the transition. Detention facility officers were transferred
to staff the detention areas at patrol division stations. Supervisors moved to the new regional detention center as population control managers.

Arrests brought to division station detention areas were held no more than six hours. If they hadn’t bonded out, they transferred to the new regional facility.

No money was available to renovate the eighth floor of Headquarters, so it remained empty at the end of 2015.

911 staff receives Crisis Intervention Team training

911 call-takers and dispatchers are often the first point of contact for a person suffering from a mental health crisis. But unlike their sworn law enforcement counterparts, no call-takers or dispatchers at KCPD or in the Metro area had received training to deal with an individual in crisis.

The Mid-America Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Council saw this need and asked KCPD members and their partners to address it. CIT Squad (see more about the CIT Squad on p. 30) members Sergeant Sean Hess and Master Police Officer Aric Anderson and Communications Unit Supervisor Rhonda Taylor worked with members of other local law enforcement agencies, community mental health liaisons and care providers to develop training specialized for emergency telecommunicators. They developed 15 modules tailored to Kansas City-area call-takers and dispatchers, ranging from suicidal callers to de-escalation techniques. The courses took place in March and November 2015.

A total of 152 call-takers and dispatchers from around the metro area took the course. KCPD planned to have all members of the Communications Unit receive CIT training by 2017.

Evaluations by attendees of the course showed that 97 percent of them were either “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with the training. Two-thirds of the attendees also reported having had misperceptions of mental illness prior to the course that were changed by the training.
I want to **congratulate** the KCMO PD for being proactive and **embracing** community-based policing practices. Your **leadership** has helped our community feel like we have a voice.”

— David G.

**Accident reports go online**

People involved in car crashes in Kansas City no longer will have to go to a police station to get a copy of their accident report.

Users were able to securely purchase and download a copy of their report online beginning February 17. There was a direct link to do so on the front page of the Police Department’s web site.

“This is a convenience option that helps ease the burden and aggravation of being involved in a crash,” said Captain Gabrielle Pfeifer, who supervised records management for the Kansas City Police Department. “It’s especially helpful if you’re from out of town and are involved in an accident.”

The new program also provided added convenience for those who frequently request crash reports, such as insurance agencies and law firms.

The cost to purchase a crash report online was $17 and could be paid by credit or debit card or with a PayPal account. The cost included a $6 convenience charge. Reports obtained in-person at a police station still cost $11.

The convenience fee funded the reporting software from Appriss. The service was no cost to the Police Department.

Additionally, the software tools helped police collect, file, retrieve and analyze crash reports more efficiently.

**CSI-KC High School teaches urban youth forensic science**

As a state-of-the-art crime laboratory was constructed nearby, an innovative program taught Kansas City’s urban core high school students about forensic science and careers in that field.

Staff members of the Kansas City Regional Crime Laboratory collaborated with the team that designed and built the new East Patrol Division Station and Crime Lab on a crime scene investigation and
forensics college and career exploration program. The goal was to introduce CSI training and forensics - both laboratory and field investigative procedures - to high school students in the area of the new facility at 27th and Prospect.

“Being able to give back to our community is important for the crime laboratory staff,” Lab Director Linda Netzel said. “The nature of our job makes our impact rather invisible to the general public, but informing people about what we do is a rewarding way to give back. It is never more rewarding than when we work with kids who have a genuine interest in science.”

The six-week program, CSI-KC High School Students Unit, ran from March 24 to April 30 with students from Lincoln College Preparatory Academy and Central Academy of Excellence High School. The program featured a combination of guest speaker presentations from KCPD’s Crime Lab, Kansas City area colleges with forensic science and criminal justice degree programs, related criminal justice careers and hands-on forensic exercises conducted by KCPD Lab staff. It was coordinated by Phillips-West Public Relations and Communications and funded by Helix Architecture and the City.

High school students learned to observe and record data, think critically and conduct tests to solve crimes such as theft, vandalism, rape investigations and unexplained deaths. Forensic exercises covered in the program included fingerprint identification, blood stain analysis, chemical analysis and evidence collection.

“Our staff has wanted to design a more extensive program for students for many years, and we are enjoying developing this activity for the students,” Director Netzel said. “It’s a major time commitment, but the more we get into it, the more exciting it has become.”

Steve Evans, assistant vice principal of Lincoln Academy, said CSI-KC High School Students Unit had been a great opportunity for students.

“The interest is endless for our students, and opportunities to experience hands-on, is such an added advantage in career exploration,” Vice Principal Evans said.
The Investigations Bureau is responsible for the investigation of crime and narcotics enforcement. It also oversees the Law Enforcement Resource Center.


“Thank you so much for all you and your excellent officers do to keep us safe. Please know that you and your officers have my utmost respect and appreciation for your faithfulness to duty and the thankless job you perform daily to keep the citizens of Kansas City and our neighborhoods protected.”

— Janice K.

Group links guns to crimes and criminals

With only bullets left on the ground, a new task force pieced together who was responsible for the majority of the shootings that took place in Kansas City.

The Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) was a partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It was assigned to the Perpetrator Information Center and overseen by Sergeant Terry Freed. Kansas City was one of just a handful of cities in the nation to have this task force. It consisted of a KCPD sergeant, two detectives, a civilian analyst, an ATF special agent and an ATF investigator. The task force received some federal funding.

The CGIC’s goal was to analyze cases linked by the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN). NIBIN is like the national DNA database, but for shell casings and firearm marks. Every gun makes unique marks on the bullets it fires. By entering shell casings into NIBIN, investigators are able to trace bullets back to guns and those who fired them. NIBIN generates a hit when a shell casing matches another one in the system or the gun from which it was fired.

“We know a small percentage of the population is using crime guns during offenses,” Sergeant Freed said.

The Crime Gun Intelligence Center aimed to narrow down who those people are. ATF Special Agent Trista Frederick said the task force is changing the way police use ballistics information.

“We use it as an intelligence tool,” she said. “Previously, it was just a forensics tool. Now we start seeing cases linked together.”

Freed and Frederick said CGIC was able to identify groups who were feuding from all over the metropolitan area just from shell casings. CGIC turned their information over to investigative elements for enforcement.

But none of this would be possible without the work of other department members, particularly the
Firearms and Toolmarks Section in the Kansas City Regional Crime Lab. Patrol officers were asked to recover every spent shell casing they came across and submit it to the Lab. Technicians there analyzed them and entered them into the NIBIN system.

**Social workers team up with Crimes Against Children detectives**

A unique collaboration between police and social workers got children in dangerous situations the help they needed much sooner in 2015.

It just made sense, said Crimes Against Children Unit supervisor Sergeant Roy Murry.

“Every case we investigate, the Children’s Division investigates also,” he said.

Social workers Amanda Gulick and Abby Davis with the Jackson County Children’s Division got offices in the Crimes Against Children Unit in 2015. They took on the most severe cases of abuse and neglect the Unit investigates.

Sergeant Murry said he and former social worker Tom Bajt talked about such collaboration for years. Before, officers and detectives played phone tag with social workers. For their safety, social workers had to wait for officers to meet them before they could go into a home to investigate. Crimes Against Children detectives had no way of knowing whether a family had a history of problems that had never come to the attention of law enforcement but was known to social workers, and vice versa. Bajt pushed hard to combine the investigative resources of the state’s Children’s Division and the KCPD. Once a memorandum of understanding finally was signed between the two, Bajt and Gulick became the first two social workers assigned to KCPD after an interview and application process. Sadly, just two weeks after the thing he’d worked so hard for had come to pass, Bajt was hospitalized and passed away at age 42. Davis took over his position.

Sergeant Murry and the social workers said their work became more streamlined, communications improved, and children got needed services faster. Social workers were notified as soon as a report of criminal abuse or neglect came into police, and detectives were immediately notified when a case came into the social workers’ system. Gulick and Davis could respond to scenes immediately with detectives, and they could interview suspects and witnesses together.

While the detectives and social workers had similar goals, they did differ. Detectives submitted cases for prosecution. Social workers ensured safety of children.
**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH BUREAU**

The Professional Development and Research Bureau is responsible for departmental and regional recruit training and continuing education, research and analysis of emerging trends in policing and policy development, and the mentoring of youth through organized sports activities and educational programs.

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“*My adult daughter and I attended the awesome women’s self-defense class at Police Academy this morning. We learned so much, and every officer who talked to us was not only informative but used a sense of humor to teach a fun and potentially life-saving class.*”

— Mary E.

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**Academy staff develops course to reduce officer-involved shootings**

Training developed by KCPD garnered national interest in 2015.

In the wake of high-profile officer-involved shooting incidents like that in Ferguson, Missouri, Academy training staff worked to reduce the likelihood that a KCPD officer would be involved in a shooting.

Sergeant Ward Smith of the Firearms Training Section took the lead in developing the course. It was intended to change the way officers think about volatile situations that can lead to officer-involved shootings. All sworn personnel took this course about tactical disengagement and redeployment at their annual in-service training.

Sergeant Ward Smith described the idea behind the course.

“I can remain in this same position, and I’ll have to use force,” Sergeant Smith said. “But if I use tactics and training and think my way through this, I can pull out of this location and avoid shooting it out with someone.”

Chief Darryl Forté posted about the tactical disengagement and redeployment course on his blog.

“This is a change of mindset for many,” Chief Forté wrote. “Throughout the history of law enforcement, we’ve had the idea of ‘never back down, never retreat.’ We are encouraging and training our officers to use critical thinking and problem solving to avoid a situation in which they have to shoot someone to protect themselves. This is easier said than done, because oftentimes situations unfold rapidly, leaving officers seconds or less to make decisions. Although we’ve stressed critical thinking and problem solving in the past, with Sergeant Smith’s training, we’re emphasizing the idea that there may be other
options. Ultimately, however, we’re only in control of our actions, not the actions of suspects. When a suspect endangers the life of an officer or innocent person, that officer has the legal right to protect himself or herself and others using lethal force.”

Police from around the country read the blog and called KCPD for more information about tactical disengagement and redeployment. Agencies from Texas to California wanted to take KCPD’s course and teach it to their own officers.

**Officer helps Police Athletic League member in need**

Dakota Masquat was just 17 years old when she was left on her own and with a funeral to pay for, to boot. Dakota lived with her grandmother, and her grandmother passed away unexpectedly from a stroke in October 2015. But Dakota wasn’t really alone. She had been a long-time member of the Police Athletic League, and the officers rallied around her in her time of need.

Officer Antoney Perez had mentored Dakota for six years while coaching her in softball and boxing. When she told him about the loss of her grandma and guardian, he went to work. He approached the Police Athletic League Board of Directors and asked if they could do anything to help. They raised enough money to pay for Dakota’s grandmother’s funeral.

“He’s the best person in the world for doing that,” Dakota said. “If it hadn’t been for him, we wouldn’t have made it through that.”

Officer Perez also led the effort to collect $100 gift cards to help Dakota buy groceries and school supplies. He and the other PAL officers continued to look out for her as she learned to navigate life on her own.

The PAL Board and officers assisted numerous other youth way beyond the call of duty, as well. They hosted a back-to-school fair in August during which children could obtain everything from free school supplies to free sports physicals to free haircuts.

They worked with Harvesters to send backpacks of food home with needy children on the weekends to ensure the kids could have something to eat while they were out of school. They also helped the youths’ families replace broken appliances and make needed home repairs.
The Patrol Bureau is the largest bureau in the department and is responsible for responding to 911 calls for service, taking reports from victims of crime, providing tactical support, enforcing traffic laws, and investigating property crimes.

"Your officer was attentive and courteous and handled my problem effectively and with satisfaction. He took the extra steps to solve the situation."

– Nick P.

**CIT Squad helps mentally ill residents**

A specially trained squad of officers led to hundreds of mentally ill individuals getting needed services in 2015. The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Squad consisted of a sergeant and two officers on special assignment who had extensive CIT experience, as well as five community mental health liaisons from area mental health providers. They were overseen by Captain Darren Ivey, who said he hoped the squad would become permanent and expand to two sergeants and 10 officers because of the volume of police activity that involves mentally ill residents.

"Easily a fourth of our calls for service involve an EDP (emotionally disturbed person)," CIT Squad member Sergeant Sean Hess said.

More than 30 percent of patrol officers on the department have undergone CIT training to better handle mentally ill people in crisis, but the Squad steps in where patrol officers can’t. Captain Ivey said one strategic unit was needed to oversee training and provide follow-up with known mentally ill people referred by patrol officers and others. Patrol officers must go from call to call and don’t usually have the time to work with local mental health providers to get the mentally ill into long-term treatment, he said. The CIT Squad can do that.

"You can’t arrest your way out of mental illness," Sergeant Hess said. "You have to stop the revolving door."

Since their start in February, the CIT Squad also compiled a list of chronic callers to 911, the Chief’s Office and other units who may be mentally ill and in need of assistance. They visited nearly all of those people and got many into treatment. They also determined which may be dangerous and/or need to be addressed through the criminal justice system.

The Squad monitored calls for service and responded to those involving mentally ill people in crisis. They also served as a central point of contact for all mental illness-related questions department members may have. Once they started introducing the Squad to district officers at roll calls, the phone calls came rolling in.

"During roll calls, at first, some officers said, ‘Oh great, another unit,’" CIT Squad Officer Ashley
McCunniff said. “But then we explain what we do, and they say, ‘Oh, wow, we really need you.’”

The officers also worked on outreach to homeless veterans, coordinated with specialty courts and judges and oversaw the hundreds of hours of CIT training conducted each year in the Kansas City area.

In just their first five months, and with only three people, the CIT Squad racked up some impressive statistics: 213 residence checks, more than 100 homeless veterans contacted, 55 calls for service, nine voluntary commitments for treatment and 25 involuntary commitments for treatment.

“I’ve seen the difference we’re making,” Sergeant Hess said. “There are people in treatment now who never would have been before.”

**Jason Cooley named Mo. Officer of Year**

The Missouri Peace Officers Association named a KCPD police officer as their 2015 Officer of the Year. It was the first time a Kansas City Missouri Police Department officer won the award since 1997.

Officer Jason Cooley received the award at the organization’s annual conference June 29 for his relentless dedication to the community he served in the East Patrol Division.

Officer Cooley had been assigned as East Patrol’s Community Interaction Officer since 2009. It’s the same position his father, retired Officer John Cooley, once occupied. He worked with dozens of organizations from community groups to churches to businesses to solve problems and help those in need.

He sat on the board of two industrial associations, three advisory community groups and a non-profit organization.

The Missouri Peace Officers Association also recognized Officer Cooley’s problem-solving efforts. He helped families in need of appliances after they were burglarized, and arranged for low-income families to get desperately needed home repairs, including those who needed help making their residences handicap-accessible. When he noticed a robbery pattern, he arranged safety training for employees of targeted businesses. He’s gotten vacant houses that were havens for drugs and violence cleaned up. He’s gotten food to empty pantries and organized community celebrations. He led numerous neighborhood clean-ups and persuaded city government to address issues of poor neighborhood lighting and parking problems.

So beloved was Officer Cooley in East Patrol that the community organized and hosted an “Officer Cooley Appreciation Day” in 2014.

“I serve the community as if I were serving God directly, and I am!” Officer Cooley said.

The Missouri Peace Officers Association is one of the oldest and largest associations of law enforcement personnel in the state of Missouri, having been established in 1932. The Officer of the Year Award is one of the highest honors a Missouri police officer can receive.
CENTRAL PATROL
Major Michael Wood
Central Patrol covers 17 square miles and has a population of 62,343.

METRO PATROL
Major Diane Mozzicato
Metro Patrol covers 35 square miles and has a population of 89,496.

EAST PATROL
Major Richard Smith
East Patrol covers 45.5 square miles and has a population of 79,651.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS
Major James Connelly
The Special Operations Division includes all three Tactical Response Teams and the Patrol Support Unit.

TRAFFIC
Major Shawn Wadle
The Traffic Division includes the Traffic Enforcement and Traffic Investigations Units.

NORTH PATROL
Major Roger Lewis
North Patrol covers 84.85 square miles and has a population of 67,593.

SOUTH PATROL
Major Louis Perez
South Patrol covers 63.0 square miles and has a population of 72,489.

SHOAL CREEK PATROL
Major Eric Winebrenner
Shoal Creek Patrol covers 74.61 square miles and has a population of 93,693.
As a finishing touch on the renovation of Headquarters, a lighted blue "KC PD" sign was installed on the back/east side of the building in the newly constructed tower. It was the first time the 77-year-old building was marked from the back.

A new Missing Persons/Cold Case Unit went into action May 10. The unit of former Cold Case Sex Crimes and Homicide detectives moved to investigate fresh missing person and runaway juvenile cases (but remained free to look into new leads in cold cases). Before the unit, only one detective was assigned to find missing persons, and little follow-up was done for runaways.

Crime Lab Director Linda Netzel received the Ground-Breaker Leadership award at the Second annual STEMMy Awards gala on Sept. 24. The award recognized Kansas City-area women who set trends and broke barriers in their STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics or medicine) fields.
The Police Foundation of Kansas City hosted its inaugural fund-raising dinner and event, “A Call for Backup,” on Feb. 10. More than 500 people attended and raised $350,000. The keynote speaker was victim rights and anti-crime activist John Walsh, who hosted the television shows “America’s Most Wanted” and “The Hunt with John Walsh.”

To increase community support, dozens of officers at the city’s St. Patrick’s Day celebrations in Westport broke into a “flash mob” dance routine. Officers quietly planned the performance for weeks and stunned the crowd when they cleared the intersection of Westport and Pennsylvania and started dancing. The dance got national media attention and was seen by millions of people online.

A grant-funded initiative of the Kansas City No Violence Alliance kicked off April 25 to reduce crime and improve quality of life along the Prospect Corridor. Officers worked to deter violence and bring neighborhoods together with everything from clean-ups, to youth accountability programs to reducing vacant and derelict houses.

The Kansas City Police Retirement System created the new 30/30 Club for members who served KCPD for at least 30 years and had been retired for 30 years. Sixteen people were eligible for induction, and half of them made it to a special recognition ceremony June 9.

Police and city leaders broke ground for a new North Patrol Division station near KCI Airport at 11000 N.W. Prairie View Road on July 17. The station was intended to replace the iconic yellow and black building at 1001 N.W. Barry Road, which opened in 1976.

Satisfaction with quality of police services increased by 3 percent on the City’s annual Citizen Satisfaction Survey. Mayor Sly James announced the survey results Aug. 13. This was the greatest increase of any city service on the survey.

KCPD played host to the second annual Heartland Police Canine Trials on October 10. After police canine handlers and their dogs came from around the nation to engage in high-level training for two days, they all competed against each other in a stress obedience course that was open to the public. A KCPD team won first place in explosive detection.

After years of fund-raising, the Skywalk Memorial Foundation dedicated a memorial Nov. 12 to commemorate the July 17, 1981, collapse at the Hyatt Hotel in Crown Center that killed 114 people and injured 200 others. The Foundation presented KCPD with a plaque at the dedication for all their work at that incident. Hundreds of officers were involved, and many were haunted by the tragedy for years to come.

The department entered into a memorandum of understanding with the FBI, U.S. Attorney’s Office and Jackson County Prosecutor’s Office to have the FBI investigate all complaints against KCPD of excessive force or civil rights violations, including officer-involved shootings. The M.O.U. was a proactive move to build public trust.
STATISTICAL DATA

BUDGET

Actual 2014-15

- Personal Services: $192,500,490
- Contractual Services: $28,479,720
- Commodities: $8,003,168
- Capital Outlay: $8,951,615
- Construction: $20,709

Total: $237,955,702

Adopted 2015-16

- Personal Services: $194,365,539
- Contractual Services: $25,997,257
- Commodities: $5,245,120
- Capital Outlay: $3,176,947
- Construction: $0

Total: $228,784,863

Personal services – Salaries, benefits and pension contributions.

Contractual services – All services for which the department contracts with an outside vendor, including: utilities, worker’s compensation, software licenses, certain facility and equipment repairs, claims settlement, etc.

Commodities – Interchangeable materials bought or sold frequently, including: fuel, vehicle and helicopter parts, uniforms, office supplies, minor police equipment, Crime Lab supplies, etc.

Capital Outlay – Durable equipment, including: vehicles, police equipment, radios and communication equipment, software, computers, etc.
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4. Legal Analyst, OCC | 47,952 | 84,000
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CALL CENTER

9-1-1 Calls Received 724,592
Total Calls Received 1,191,568

Wireless Emergency Calls 502,064 70% Wireless vs Landlines
HOMICIDES

Victims and Suspects

Age

VICTIM

0-16

44

17-24

20

35-44

19

25-34

20

45 +

7

Total 110

SUSPECT

Unknown

17-24

38

25-34

20

35-44

11

45 +

7

Race and Sex

VICTIM

White Male

5

White Female

13

Hispanic Male

1

Hispanic Female

9

Black Male

11

Black Female

70

SUSPECT

Unknown

17-24

45

25-34

10

35-44

15

45 +

2

Hispanic Male

45

Hispanic Female

2

Asian Male

2

Asian Female

1

White Female

2

White Male

1

Black Female

2

Black Male

1

Motive

30

Argument

2

Defense

15

Domestic Violence

5

Drugs

8

Robbery

6

Retaliation

50

Unknown

3

Other

Means

1

Asphyxiation

4

Fire

7

Knife

1

Strangulation

2

Vehicle

80

Firearm-Handgun

5

Firearm-Rifle

6

Firearm-Unknown Type

3

Blunt Force by Hands or Feet

2

Blunt Force Trauma by Object

1

Unknown

2

Other

*More than one motive or means may have been involved in a single homicide.

KANSAS CITY MO POLICE DEPARTMENT
TRAFFIC

Citations

DUI – Alcohol/Drugs 819
Speed 49,223
Signals/Sign Violations 14,006
Failed to Yield Right-of-Way 2,416
Seat Belt/Child Restraint 16,021
Insurance 18,656
Driver’s License Violation 18,313
D.L. Violations in Crash 67
Other 80,486

Total 220,569

DUI Check Points

Vehicles Stopped 10,618
DUI Arrests 263

Resulting from Crashes

Fatalities

Driver 37
Passenger 7
Pedestrian 13
Motorcyclist 9
Bicyclist 2

Contributing Factors

Alcohol 23
Drugs 14
Speed 25
Lane Violation 20
Wrong Way 2
Pedestrian Fault 11
Sign/Signal 7
Following Close 6
Other 7

Total 68

No Seat Belt 52

ANNUAL REPORT
AWARD RECIPIENTS

Medal of Valor
Officer Michael Bowen
Officer LeGrande McGregor

Distinguished Service Medal
Sergeant Mark Hockemeier
Sergeant Caleb Lenz
Sergeant Jason Rusley
Master Detective Michael Bailey
Detective Anthony Castelletto
Detective Jason Findley
Officer Trent Finnell
Officer Derry Galloway
Officer Darren King
Officer Patrick Moss
Officer Marcus Smith
Officer Steven Walker
Officer Mark Wilson
Reserve Officer Donald Carter

Purple Heart
Detective Bradley Bailey
Officer Chad Fenwick
Officer Michael Mast
Officer LeGrande McGregor

Certificate of Commendation
Major David Lindaman
Captain Daniel Graves
Captain Kevin O’Sullivan
Captain Sonda Zink
Sergeant Benjamin Caldwell
Sergeant Robert Gibbs
Sergeant Eric Greenwell
Sergeant Paul Hamilton
Sergeant Christopher Lantz
Sergeant Christopher Price
Sergeant Scott Selock
Sergeant Samuel Spencer
Sergeant Bryan Truman
Sergeant Michael Ward
Detective Kevin Baar
Detective Aaron Benson
Detective Tiffany Davis
Detective Blake Groves
Detective Chad Herriman

Detective Adam Hill
Detective Dawn Jones
Detective Robert Jorgenson
Detective Daniel Kaat
Detective Nathan Kinate
Detective Michael Lenoir
Detective Kevin Richardson
Detective Stacey Taylor
Detective Christopher Van Draska
Officer Kenneth Allen
Officer Adam Bailey
Officer Robert Ballowe
Officer Charles Evans
Officer Michael Feagans
Officer Jermaine Garth
Officer Joel Godfrey
Officer David Hoffman
Officer Mary McCall
Officer Scott McGregor
Officer Nicolas McNallan
Officer Jeremy Meythaler
Officer William Nauyok
Officer Samantha Parkhurst
Officer Justin Pinkerton
Officer Jason Quint
Officer Vickie Rabideaux-Stous
Officer Robin Reynolds
Officer Alan Roth
Officer Anthony Stasiak
Officer Daniel Stookey
Officer Josette Young
Officer Brent Zimmerman
 Analyst Andrew Stanley
Dispatcher Kimberly Hueser
Forensic Specialist Alexis Lalli
Forensic Specialist Christopher Whitaker

Meritorious Service Award
Major Joe McHale
Retired Major Michael Corwin
Sergeant Jason Cote
Sergeant Timothy Riepe
Former Sergeant Jim Carmody
Detective John Mattivi
Detective Frank Rorabaugh
Detective Donald Stanze
Detective Michael Wells, Jr.
Officer Matthew Blome
Officer James Bryant
Officer Rebecca Caster
Officer Jason Cooley
Officer Luke Ewert (2)
Officer William Finn
Officer Jacquelyn Hobbs
Officer Angeleic Huth
Officer Ryan Keighen
Officer Erich Kenning-Zweimiller
Officer Douglas King
Officer Charles Owen
Officer Howard Periman
Officer Jason Quint
Officer Linca Rusnak
Officer Daniel Watts
Fiscal Administrator Jennifer Emery
HR Specialist Tiffany Clevenger
Inventory Specialist Daleisha Gipson
Inventory Specialist Robin Wright

Special Unit Citation
Career Criminal Squad
Communications Unit
Highway Shooter Investigation
1005 Assault Squad
Career Criminal Squad
CSI Section
Digital Technology Section
DNA Section
Drug Enforcement Undercover Squad
Drug Enforcement Unit
Financial Investigations Squad
Fingerprint Identification Section
Firearms Section
Gang Squad
1030 Homicide Squad
Homicide Unit
Illegal Firearms Squad
Intelligence Unit
Investigations Bureau Unit
Kansas City Terrorism Early Warning Center
Law Enforcement Resource Center
Media Unit
Metro Meth Squad
Narcotics and Vice Division
North Patrol Division
Patrol Bureau Special Projects Office
Perpetrator Information Center Team 1 & 2
Real Time Crime Center
Regional Criminalistics Division
Sex Crimes Section
South Patrol Division
South Patrol Property Crimes Section
Street Crimes Undercover Squad
Street Crimes Unit
Tactical Enforcement Squads 1910 & 1920
Trace Evidence Section
Violent Crimes Division Office
Information Services Division
Interdiction Squad
KC NoVA Unit
Purchasing Section
Street Crimes Unit Gang Squad 1950
Tactical Response Team 1
Tactical Response Team 2
Tactical Response Team 3
Violent Crimes Administration Squad
Violent Crimes Enforcement Unit
Violent Crimes Intelligence Squad

Life Saving Award
Sergeant John Bryant
Sergeant Billy Dotson
Sergeant Jarrett Lanphier
Master Patrol Officer Leslie Cornell
Officer Dan Bruckner
Officer Curtis Edde
Officer Mark Kepler
Officer Walter Loving III
Officer Charles Owen
Officer Samantha Parkhurst
Officer Kelly Sapp
Officer Aaron Smith

Crisis Intervention Team Award
Sergeant John Bryant
RETIEMENTS

Senior Paralegal Assistant Suzanne F. Owen 40
Analyst Sandra Lentz 33
Fleet Operations Tech II Robin G. Wagner 33
Sergeant Jon K. Jacobson 33
Captain Rex A. Tarwater 31
Major James N. Pruettting, Jr. 30
Major Anthony G. Ell 30
Sergeant Damon K. Hayes 30
Detective Mark R. Nieman 30
Detective Joseph V. Truschinger 30
Master Patrol Officer James W. Schriever 30
Officer Nevenko R. Mikic 30
Lieutenant Colonel Randolph Hopkins 30
Sergeant Randall W. Sims 29
Captain Gabrielle M. Pfeifer 29
Clerk Supervisor III Charlotte A. West 29
Officer Linda C. Walker 28
Fleet Operations Tech Richard L. Ross 28
Officer Linda C. Walker 28
Officer Brent A. Thompson 28
Administrative Assistant III Carla A. Godfrey 28
Sergeant John C. Wagner 27
Sergeant Charles L. Joseph 27
Detective James R. Svoboba 27
Sergeant Lawrence D. White 27
Major Robin G. Houston 27
Detective Beverly L. Caver 27
Officer Christopher J. Bumpus 26
Sergeant Richard D. Sticklen 26
Administrative Assistant III Enita R. Miller 26
Officer Lynda D. Hacker-Bristow 26
Captain Jeffrey T. Emery 26
Sergeant Thomas D. Blow, Jr. 26
Major Ronald A. Fletcher 25
Master Patrol Officer Richard D. Monroe 25
Sergeant Steven W. Sandusky 25
Detective Paula D. Emery 25
Officer Todd W. Beard 25
Major Floyd O. Mitchell 25
Detective Sondra D. Hults-Riley 25
Detective Christopher A. Gilio 25
Administrative Assistant Tracy Hawkins 24
Fleet Operations Technician James B. Nance 23
Fleet Operations Technician Thomas V. Thinh 23
Forensics Specialist I Mary K. Whalen 23
Computer Services Analyst Debra A. Herndon 22
Administrative Assistant II Sigrid O. Frederick 20
Officer L. Michael Mast 18
Officer John S. Stafford 17
Officer Preston L. Crockett 16
Officer Megan R. Pisani 16
Administrative Assistant III Quenesta Terry 16
Communications Specialist IV Alan W. Brady 16
Administrative Assistant I Patsy A. Hopkins 15
Officer Jonathan D. McGinnness 15
Officer Jessie J. Jefferson 14
Supervisor Carl J. Carlson II 13
Administrative Assistant II Linda F. King 13
Officer Louis B. Phillips 13
Administrative Assistant Nancy Logan 8
Communications Specialist II Michael S. Scott 7
FINAL ROLL CALL

John E. Jacobson 1897 Charles H. Dingman Jr. 1929
Joseph Zannela 1901 Frank E. Hermanson 1933
Frank McNamara 1902 Morris Bigus 1933
Alexander R. McKinney 1903 Eric C. Bjorkback 1933
Stephen O. Flanagan 1903 John Ruffolo 1934
Joseph P. Keenan 1903 William E. Wood 1934
Frank C. McGinnis 1904 Grant V. Schroder 1934
William P. Mulvihill 1905 Frank P. Franano 1935
John Dwyer 1906 Frank Stevens 1936
Albert O. Dolbow 1908 William T. Cavanaugh 1936
Michael P. Mullane 1908 Lawrence K. Morrison 1937
Joseph Raimo 1911 Thomas McAuliffe 1937
Homer L. Darling 1911 Henry S. Shippe 1938
Robert L. Marshall 1912 Ralph R. Miller 1941
Bernard C. McKernan 1913 Arthur J. Morris 1942
Homer Riggle 1913 Melvyn L. Huff 1945
Andrew Lynch 1913 James H. Owens 1947
William F. Koger 1913 Floyd N. Montgomery 1948
Samuel H. Holmes 1914 Charles W. Neaves 1948
William J. Hauserman 1915 Charles H. Perrine 1948
Glen Marshall 1916 Sandy W. Washington 1948
William A. Spangler 1916 William S. Wells 1948
John F. Houlehan 1916 Robert Edmunds 1949
Harris W. West 1917 Clyde W. Harrison 1951
Arthur M. Dorsett 1917 Mike N. Pearson 1954
Harry J. Keating 1918 William Kenner 1955
Michael Y. Sayeg 1918 Richard V. Reeves 1957
Frank Mansfield 1918 Herbert E. Bybee 1960
Isaac Fenn 1919 Kiefer C. Bunts 1960
Fredrick F. Tierney 1919 Bennie A. Hudson 1960
Ulla A. MacMahan 1920 Arthur J. Marti 1961
William H. Scobee 1920 Richard L. Chatburn 1962
Frank S. Archer 1920 Hugh L. Butler 1968
James H. Horn 1920 George E. Lanigan 1968
Willard C. Bayne 1921 Marion R. Bowman 1968
Carl J. Bickett 1921 Larry D. Oliver 1968
James N. Brink 1921 David C. Woodson 1968
Gerald L. Fackert 1921 Ronald D. Yoakum 1968
Richard P. McDonald 1922 James W. Glenn 1969
Hershal M. Wyatt 1923 John E. Dacy 1969
William C. Zinn 1923 Richard D. Bird 1969
Willard L. Ferguson 1923 Robert E. Evans 1971
Wright D. Bryant 1923 Russell D. Mestdagh 1975
Thomas J. Wilson 1923 Charles C. Massey Jr. 1975
Dennis Whalen 1924 Warren G. Jackman 1976
Barney Jasper 1924 Douglas A. Perry 1978
George E. Lawson 1924 John J. O’Sullivan 1978
Emmet C. Barnes 1924 David J. Inlow 1980
Jack P. Wilcox 1924 Phillip A. Miller 1983
Albert Cummings 1925 Robert M. Watts 1990
John V. Kincaid 1926 James M. Leach 1992
John W. Leiter 1926 Stephen A. Faulkner 1992
James H. Smith 1928 Jack S. Shepley 1992
Ralph Hinds 1929 Thomas Meyers 1998
George R. Johnson 1929 Craig W. Schultz 2001

Non-Duty Deaths of Active Members
Officer Charles Williams was appointed to the department on May 21, 2007, and died at age 43 on August 16, 2015.
The captain expressed his condolences to all the firefighters who were there, then he proceeded to tell the injured firefighter’s family that anything they needed – transportation of family, friends, etc. – they could rely upon him and the officers of the KCPD to help anytime, anywhere, personally. ... Please let him know that his kindness and compassion were very appreciated and did not go unnoticed.”

– Lew H.

HONOR

Kansas City lost two heroes the night of October 12, 2015. Larry Leggio, a 17-year Kansas City Fire Department veteran, and John Mesh, a 13-year veteran, died when the wall of a blazing structure collapsed on them. Two other firefighters were injured.

They were battling a blaze at 2608 Independence Avenue – a large, old building that had businesses on the ground level and apartments above. Firefighters pulled two residents out of the second floor on ladders before the wall collapsed. KCPD’s Bomb and Arson Section worked diligently with KCFD investigators and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives over the next two weeks. They were able to determine the fire was intentionally set in a nail salon that was on the building’s ground level. The woman who set it was charged with two counts of murder and arson.

Police rallied around their fallen public safety brethren, packing the hospital the night of the incident, assisting the firefighters’ families, putting red lines on the windows of police vehicles in a show of support, escorting the funeral processions and much more.