



# Sheriff's Office 2012 Annual Report

Sheriff Frank Denning

Undersheriff Kevin Cavanaugh



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## New Criminalistics Laboratory Opens for Business

In 2012, the construction of the new Johnson County Sheriff's Office Criminalistics Laboratory was completed and a dedication ceremony was held March 2nd.

The new laboratory incorporates several sustainable features that conserve resources and will enable the laboratory to achieve LEED platinum certification which is the highest award through the U.S. Green Building

Certification Institute.

The new laboratory is a 62,500 square foot facility that will serve as a model for future criminalistics laboratories throughout the country. It has already been recognized as a "Go Beyond" winner from the Labs21 2012 Annual Conference. This award recognizes excellence towards sustainability and partnership in the community.

The two story building has nine different laboratory spaces which require nine separate environments.

All of the laboratory spaces contain state-of-the-art instrumentation which allow the forensic scientists to perform analysis using the latest methods and techniques.

Currently the lab provides accredited services in the following areas:

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## Central Booking Dedicated

On July 20, 2012 the new Central Booking facility was dedicated in downtown Olathe.

Aug. 19 at midnight exactly 24 years after the initial opening, new bookings were once again received.

Renovation of the former Olathe Adult Detention Center into the Central Booking facility began in January 2010 when all inmates and staff were transferred to the Adult Detention Center at the Fred Allenbrand Criminal

Justice Complex at the New Century Air Center.

*"This Central Booking Center is a win-win for everyone. Not only will the center streamline our processes, but also it will shorten the time all officers are off the streets processing arrestees into jail," Sheriff Frank Denning said.*

Many upgrades and improvements were made throughout the building. A fresh coat of paint brightened the inside and a new outer skin was

applied after additional caulking and insulation. The major improvement was the additional booking space that now has a capacity of 120 inmates with separation between male and female prisoners. Other upgrades include heating and air systems, additional security cameras and new locker rooms for deputies.

The new booking area greatly increases efficiency and security. Additionally, the upgrades and additions enhance an already skilled workforce.

### Crime Lab cont.



*"The Criminalistics Laboratory is progressive and continually seeks to expand its capabilities and expertise" said Director Gary Howell*

- Biology
- Controlled Substance
- C.S.I.
- Digital/Multimedia
- Firearms/Tool Marks
- Impression
- Latent Prints
- Trace Evidence
- Toxicology

The laboratory continues to seek opportunities for continual improvement through process mapping, risk and case management, new technology, robotics and grant funding to provide the citizens of Johnson County with the highest quality of forensic services available.



### Civil Division Goes Virtual



October 2012, Sheriff Denning implemented a new system to serve judgment e-garnishments electronically. Prior to this initiative, 10,000 judgment garnishments were served annually by a deputy to banks in which the judgment garnishment was to be collected from.

Currently, all Johnson County issued judgment garnishments will be filed and delivered

electronically to participating banks. This alleviates the need for an in person visit by a deputy.

The projected reduction in expenses is expected to be nearly \$50,000 in 2013. Participation is expected to climb as more banking institutions join the program.

Lieutenant Newson of the Civil Division said *"This has been a team effort to get this program in place. We have had nothing but positive feedback from the banks in the program."*

- 36,805 Civil Papers Served
- 500,132 Back Taxes Collected

### Courthouse Security

- Court Security screened 562,645 people entering the Courthouse in 2012
- Arrested 1,129 in 2012
- Served 268 civil papers
- Responded to 2,169 requests for additional security
- Served 351 warrants



## Sheriff's Office Communications Center

In 2012, the Communications Division began a 9-1-1 Education Outreach program in schools served by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. Deputies made 23 presentations to school children on the importance of properly using 9-1-1.

Additionally, Sheriff's Communications, in conjunction with the Mid-America Regional Council, recognized a young Olathe boy for assisting his mother during a medical emergency by properly using 9-1-1 and seeking assistance.

Also, the Sheriff's Communications Division joined other 911 call centers in participating in the Mid-America Regional Council's training consortium. Through the use of 9-1-1 funds to pay consortium fees, the sheriff's office took advantage of several training classes and seminars at a savings of almost \$2,500 to the county.

The Communications Center is an information clearing house receiving hundreds of thousands of phone calls and radio

messages every year. Here are just a few of those totals:

- Calls for Service - 89,988
- 911 Calls - 87,391
- Self-Initiated Activity - 226,454
- Training Hours Provided to Outside Agencies - 200



## Employee Feature: Lieutenant Richard Newson

Lt. Newson has worked as the Unit Commander in the Civil Division since 2010. During his tenure there he has seen and implemented many positive changes for the civil service process.

In 2012 Lt. Newson testified in the Kansas legislature on several occasions. His testimony on two different bills improved service or removed obstacles to the civil service process.

Additionally, Newson implemented time and

resource saving mechanisms that increased productivity and shortened service response time.

A major accomplishment in 2012 was the judgment e-garnishment program. Under his guidance, garnishments that are served at banking institutions went virtual. Expected reduction in operating expenses will be nearly \$50,000 in 2013.

Lt. Newson also serves on several advisory boards and committees. Those

include the Drug and Alcoholism Council of Johnson County, VIP Services Advisory Board and the Sheriff's Office Special Olympics Committee. He has also completed the Leadership Olathe program and is a current mentor for the program.

Lt. Newson has been married to his wife Cindy for 31 years and they have two sons Bradley and Logan.

*"Lt. Newson embodies the spirit of going above and beyond. His contribution in 2012 made a significant impact on the way we do business" said Captain Mike Raunig.*





## Patrol Division

The Johnson County Sheriff's Patrol Division serves the unincorporated areas of the county as well as providing policing services to the cities of Edgerton and Desoto under contract.

### Patrol Division Stats for 2012

- o Total Arrests – 1,124
- o Citations Written – 6,195
- o Accident Reports – 502
- o Offense Reports – 502
- o Total K-9 Sniffs – 151

## Warrants and Directed Patrol

### Warrants Executed:

- o Felony – 1,967
- o Misdemeanor – 1,171
- o Traffic – 498
- o Juvenile – 364
- o Civil – 1,081

### Directed Patrol Drug Arrests:

- o 69 - Drug related arrests
- o 4 - Indoor grow operations
- o \$93,600 - Drug tax assessed
- o \$30,900 – Drug monies seized

### Directed Patrol Alcohol Arrests:

- o 12 – DUI check lanes
- o 4,863 – Cars checked
- o 91 – DUI arrests
- o 27 – Drug arrests
- o 7 – Warrant arrests



## Investigations Division

The sheriff's office provides general and specialized investigative services throughout Johnson County. Investigative services are organized into the functional groups of Crimes Against Property, Crimes Against Persons, Drug Enforcement, Organized Crime, Crime Scene processing, Crime Analysis and Street Drug Enforcement.

In 2012, there were 702

cases assigned to detectives with 548 of those cases completed.

One major case that was completed resulted in Detective Williams receiving a TOP COPS award from the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO).

This award was the result of a multi-jurisdictional, multi-state case. The culmination of Deputy Williams' hard work was a coordinated take down of

multiple drug targets that resulted in the seizure of significant drugs, firearms, assets and drug forfeiture judgments of \$3,226,000.

Sheriff Denning said *"I am extremely proud of Master Deputy Williams' professionalism in this investigation. His hard work and dedication is a shining example of the quality of service our Deputies provide to Johnson County."*

## Support Services Bureau

The sheriff's office is the fastest growing law enforcement agency in Johnson County and employs more than 500 deputies and a support staff of approximately 150. Support Services consists of Personnel, Research and Planning and Professional Standards and Training.

### Personnel Division

2012 continued to be a busy but productive year for the Personnel Division. Deputies received 958 applications, conducted 238 interviews and investigated 80 backgrounds on potential

candidates for employment.

### Training Division

The Training Division is responsible for the training requirements and needs of all the deputies and Correctional Specialists within the office. Training includes proficiency training and testing in a number of areas such as firearms, defensive tactics and officer safety.

The Training Division provided 34,928 hours of internal training; our officers also attended 11,082 hours of external

training. The Training Division staff also provided 3,200 hours of training to outside agencies and individuals.

### Professional Standards

Professional Standards received 45 external complaints and 52 internal complaints. All were investigated to a conclusion.

### Research and Planning

One major accomplishment for Research and Planning was the establishment of the Sheriff's Office Leadership Academy. The academy will ensure sustainable

leadership and professionalism as the office moves into the future.



## Central Booking and New Century Adult Detention Centers

After more than 18 months of construction, the Central Booking facility in Olathe was dedicated.

This project was a continued investment by the county and the Sheriff's Office to keep public safety a top priority in Johnson County.

Coordination was a key factor in the success of the remodel. Both Detention facilities worked together so inmates could be transferred from one building to the other without interrupting critical activities such as court appearances, safety,

security and inmate medical needs.

Once construction started, the building was still used to temporarily house inmates for court appearances after they were transported daily from the New Century facility.

The deputies and civilian staff that operate the facility are committed to public service and exemplify the Johnson County Sheriff's Office motto of "Duty, Honor, Service" through their daily performance of duties

Major Bret Cortright said *"I am proud of our deputy and civilian staff for overcoming obstacles and working hard at maintaining a high level of work product during this project."*

### Detention Statistics:

- 15,411 inmates booked
- 16.9 avg. length of stay
- 15,490 inmate transports
- 19,626 inmate court appearances



## Executive Staff

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**Duty. Honor. Service.**



**Kent Brown**  
Chief Financial Officer



**Major Bret Cortright (Retired)**  
Detention Bureau



**Gary Howell**  
Director, Criminalistics Laboratory



**Major Darryl Reece**  
Investigations and Patrol Bureau



**Major Dale Reed**  
Support Services Bureau



**Major Vicki Simpson**  
Communications and Court Security Bureau

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The mission of the Johnson County Sheriff's Office is to protect life and property, deter criminal activity, enforce state laws, and maintain civil order while operating safe and secure detention facilities. By utilizing the highest level of ethics, honor, integrity and commitment, and in partnership with the community, we shall provide the highest level of law enforcement services to the citizens of Johnson County.

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