



Joshua Police Department



January 2024

Officer Arron Russell was sworn in and began field training. Officer Robert Sanchez completed his field training program and was assigned to night shift. The police department has two remaining vacancies with several TCOLE certified applicants in the process to fill the remaining vacancies.

The command staff attended a school safety meeting with other law enforcement leaders and school district officials to discuss upcoming training and safety enhancements to school facilities. The police department, in conjunction with the Fire Marshal, installed Knox Box keys in all the marked patrol units. The keys will expedite entry into buildings for active threat events.

The police department, in conjunction with Johnson County Emergency Management, began preparation for the upcoming eclipse on April 8, 2024. The city should expect increased traffic on the days leading up to the eclipse and complete occupancy of area hotels and short-term rentals.

The police department was awarded a grant for the purchase of individual level IV ballistic vests. The vests will compliment the ballistic shields and door rams already in-service for use in active attack scenarios. Each sworn member will receive a level IV vest from this grant.

Operations

Category	January 2024	January 2023	2024 year to date
Dispatched Calls	197	234	197
Arrests	17	16	17
Crash Reports	3	7	3
Traffic Stops	435	378	435
Citations	291	96	291
Outside LE Agency Assist	10	8	10
Reports	50	54	50

K9

Attempts to fill the K9 position, both internally and externally, were unsuccessful. K9 Basco was then placed with the STOP task force, but the placement became unsustainable. K9 Basco was returned to Jireh K9 in San Antonio. K9 Basco will be placed with another agency and handler for continued service as a police canine.

Investigations

Category	January 2024	January 2023	2024 year to date
Crimes Against Persons	6	4	6



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Property Crime (Thefts, Damage)	14	15	14
Other (Drug or Alch/Missing/Deceased)	14	20	14

Code Enforcement

Violations

Administrative Contact	3
Junk/Inoperable Vehicle	4
Unapproved Parking Service	5
Sign Violations	27
Junk & Debris	1

Training

Officer Russell attended an eight-hour Taser certification course at Burleson PD. Chief Gelsthorpe began track 1 of the Certified Public Manager (CPM) program through Texas State University.

Community/Agency Events

Crime Stoppers	January 9 th
School Safety Meeting	January 17 th
Eclipse Planning Meeting	January 24 th
Staples Elementary School Career Day	January 31 st