



Joshua Police Department



December 2023

The police department was able to fill two of its four vacancies in December. Officer Robert Sanchez and Officer Arron Russell were sworn in this month in separate ceremonies. Officer Sanchez came to the police department from Galveston PD with nearly four years of experience. Officer Russell graduated from the Hill College Police Academy in December. Both officers began in-service and field training in December with the anticipation of both successfully completing their respective training programs.

Detective Sosebee, Commander Fullagar and Chief Gelsthorpe attended a debriefing on the Allen Premium Outlets Mall shooting. The debriefing was conducted by the Allen Police & Fire Department and discussed the incident to include a timeline and response to the incident. The debriefing focused on the strengths and weaknesses of the overall response and opportunities to improve and better manage future incidents.

The format for this month’s report was modified to include 2022 end of year activity.

Operations

Category	December 2023	December 2022	2023 Year End	2022 Year End
Dispatched Calls	228	231	2,821	2,883
Arrests	7	9	119	150
Crash Reports	8	5	52	58
Traffic Stops	166	330	6,007	6,029
Citations	76	126	3,298	2,025
Outside LE Agency Assist	11	11	132	138
Reports	50	45	568	631

K9

The STOP Task Force has expressed interest in acquiring K9 Basco from the Joshua Police Department. Representatives of the task force have evaluated Basco and deemed him a good fit for their organization. K9 Basco would remain in Johnson County and remain available to the police department for narcotics detection.

Investigations

Detectives coordinated with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to have seized firearms in our possession test fired. The bullets and casing from those firearms were entered into their database to determine if those firearms had been previously used in an offense. This marks the first time the police department has partnered with BATFE to exchange resources and data.



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Category	December 2023	December 2022	2023 Year End	2022 Year End
Crimes Against Persons	6	2	58	46
Property Crime (Thefts, Damage)	12	16	130	131
Other (Drug or Alch/Missing/Deceased)	8	13	172	177

Code Enforcement

Violations	December 2023	2023 Year End
Sign Violation	7	216
Abandoned/Junk Vehicle	1	1
High Grass & Weeds	4	163
Unapproved Parking Surface	3	31
Junk/Inoperable Vehicle	5	13
Junk & Debris	4	43
No Building Permit	1	7
No Sign Permit	1	1
Outside Storage	1	22
Occupancy of RV	1	2
RV Parking Regulation	1	7
No Fence Permit	1	3
Zoning Violation	1	1
Nonconforming Use	1	1
Dilapidated Fence	0	4
Delinquent Notice for Trash	0	15

Training

Sergeant Chris Lee and Sergeant Kristie Session completed their three-week leadership training through the Texas Police Chief Association. All sergeants within the police department will now begin the process of completing the Law Enforcement Command Officer Program through TPCA.

Community Outreach

Event	Date
Christmas Parade/Christmas on Main	December 2 nd
Bike for Angels	December 8 th
Crime Stoppers Luncheon	December 12 th
Child Advocacy Center Christmas Party	December 15 th