



# Joshua Police Department



## November 2023

The Joshua Police Department received notification; the agency was re-accredited by the Texas Police Chiefs Association. Assistant Chief James Fuller of the Brownwood Police Department conducted a two-day onsite review of the police department. The police department was found to be in compliance with 172 standards prescribed by TPCA. The re-accreditation is for a four-year period. A formal presentation will take place during a future council meeting and at the TPCA conference in March of 2024.

The police department was also subject to a TLETS audit this month. An auditor from the Texas Department of Public Safety was onsite to review our practices and procedures relating to criminal justice information. The police department passed the audit with no deficiencies noted.

The department ramped up efforts to fill vacancies left by Officer Tytler Smith and Officer Chris King. Both officers tendered their resignations in November to return to the Hood County Sheriff’s Office. The department has received interest in our vacancies. The department did make a conditional offer to an applicant currently serving with the Galveston Police Department. The department is working on additional backgrounds for the remaining vacancies.

With the vacancies, the department did rearrange its structure to include moving our dedicated traffic officer to a patrol shift. The members of the police department have taken the temporary staffing shortage in stride and morale remains high within the department.

## Operations

Category	November 2023	November 2022	2023 year to date
Dispatched Calls	222	196	2,596
Arrests	4	10	112
Crash Reports	4	5	45
Traffic Stops	392	530	5,841
Citations	253	143	3,222
Outside LE Agency Assist	11	7	121
Reports	42	44	519

## K9

Officer Tyler Smith tendered his resignation in November. K9 Basco is in the care of Detective Drambareanu until a replacement K9 Handler is appointed.



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## Investigations

Category	November 2023	November 2022	2023 year to date
Crimes Against Persons	6	1	52
Property Crime (Thefts, Damage)	9	10	118
Other (Drug or Alch/Missing/Deceased)	6	28	164

## Code Enforcement

Violations	
Grass & Weeds	34
Administrative Contact	1
Unapproved Parking Surface	1
Certificate of Occupancy	1
Junk & Debris	1
Accessory Building/Carport	1
Sign Violations	10

## Training

Det. Drambareanu attended the Texas Association of Property and Evidence Inventory Technicians conference in San Marcos. The conference allowed Det. Drambareanu to receive her intermediate certification as a property and evidence technician. Sgt.'s Lee and Session attended the second session of the three-week TPCA Developing Leaders for Law Enforcement training. Chief Gelsthorpe and Commander Fullagar attended a Traffic Incident Management for Executives seminar and Chief Gelsthorpe completed the Municipal Finance for Non-Finance Managers training at NCTCOG.

## Community Events/Outreach

Event	Date
Child Advocacy Center Board of Directors	November 1 <sup>st</sup>
TxDOT Winter Preparations	November 7 <sup>th</sup>
Crime Stoppers	November 14 <sup>th</sup>
JISD District Safety/Security Meeting	November 9 <sup>th</sup>