

April 2022

The department began actively recruiting candidates for police officer and sergeant positions. Recruitment was conducted at area police academies and resulted in the identification of multiple candidates. In addition, the department received applications from several candidates currently employed by other agencies. The reputation of the department has allowed us to recruit certified officers who bring police experience to the City of Joshua.

Approximately one dozen applications were received for the Administrative Sergeant position. These candidates represented various disciplines within law enforcement, to include a Chief of Police, current sergeants, and officers with upwards of 35 years of experience. It is anticipated several conditional offers of employment will be made in May for the police officer positions and a tentative date for the sergeant assessment will be in June.

The police department, in conjunction with the Joshua Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, conducted a graduation ceremony for our latest citizen police academy. The latest academy graduates were able to participate in an expanded program, to include firearms training.

The month of April showed an increase in arrests related to self-initiated activity, despite officer vacancies. The arrests are a result of aggressive traffic enforcement and proactive patrol tactics by officers.

Patrol

Category	April 2022	April 2021	2022 year to date
Dispatched Calls	276	279	949
Arrests	13	5	53
Crash Reports	6	4	16
Traffic Stops	560	154	2,343
Citations	150	143	805
Outside LE Agency Assist	5	14	48
Reports	59	60	213

K9

K9 Camo was deployed twice in the month of April. The deployments resulted in arrests for narcotics and the unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Investigations

Detectives with the criminal investigations division issued six arrest warrants as a result of their investigations.

Category	April 2022	April 2021	2022 year to date
Crimes Against Persons	4	6	19
Property Crime (Thefts, Damage)	14	6	33
Other (Drug or Alch/Missing/Deceased)	41	2	161

Training

Captain Peters and Chief Gelsthorpe attended the Texas Police Chief Association Conference in April. The conference provided continuing education and an opportunity to network with police administrators from around the state.

The department also transitioned to new sidearms for its members. The department took delivery of new Glock 9mm pistols and conducted training and qualifications with the new pistols. The older 40 caliber pistols will be retired from duty use. The 9mm round offers greater control and accuracy over the 40 caliber and a higher capacity for each officer. In addition, the 9mm round is less expensive and more readily available. This will allow the department to provide enhanced firearms training for its members.

Community Outreach

In April, the department hosted an event for residents at Mariposa focusing on scams aimed at senior citizens and how to avoid becoming a victim of fraud and theft. In addition, members of the department participated in the monthly Tarrant Area Food Bank, First United Methodist Church Easter Egg Hunt, and the Project Hero bicycle ride for injured military service members.