

2018 Annual Report

Atchison Police Department



Department at a Glance

The Police Department is authorized to employ 24 police officers, one administrative assistant and one animal control officer. On December 31, 2018 the Police Department included the following:

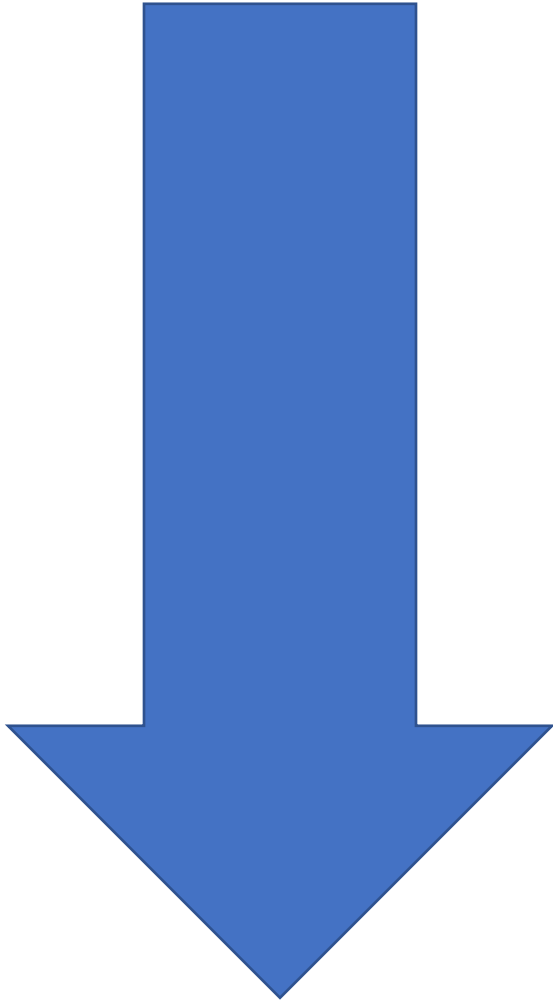
Chief Mike Wilson	Captain Cary Stone	Detective Travis Eichelberger	Detective Austin Surritt
Sergeant Nelson Birkinsha	Sergeant Kory Webb	Sergeant Claude Zacharias	Sergeant Al Kelly
Sergeant Kurtis Page	Corporal Josh Sinclair	Corporal Adam Bush	Corporal Garrett Loroff
Corporal Brian Johnson	Master Patrol Officer Kyle Mason	Officer Jordan Noll	Officer Whitney Wagner
Officer Brian Peterson	Officer Matt Stout	Officer Chris Porter	Officer Wyatt Richardson
Officer Darren Kelley	Officer Nicole Maendele	Officer Alex Moore	Officer Katie Brown
	Administrative Assistant Edna Reder	Animal Control Officer Samantha Elias	

The average length of law enforcement experience for the above officers at the end of 2018 was 12 years. Officer Jacob Stutz left the department in 2018 to join the Olathe Kansas Police Department. Officer David Stochlin left the department in 2018 to join the Overland Park Kansas Police Department. Officer Nicole Maendele, Officer Chris Porter, Officer Alex Moore, and Officer Katie Brown joined the department in 2018.

Trends Overview

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Dispatched Calls	13,268	13,268	11,931	12,153	12,503
Total Criminal Cases	1,382	1,709	1,620	1,615	1,599
Criminal Cases Cleared	1,074	1,277	1,082	1,092	1,066
Adult Arrests	778	871	794	784	852
Juvenile Arrests	138	162	108	113	83
Total Arrests	916	1,033	902	897	935
Cases to County Atty	436	545	435	378	377
Cases to City Attorney	953	1,186	1,352	1,623	2,126
Traffic Accidents	327	343	344	353	345

2018 In Review



Major Crime Trends Down

CRIME down **19%**

Lowest rate in 30 years

78% of reported crimes **solved**

Highest clearance rate on record

THEFT down **34%**

Lowest rate in 15 years

BURGLARY down **15%**

Lowest rate on record

CRIMINAL DAMAGE down **28%**

Down from 120 to 87

VEHICLE THEFT down **38%**

Recovered 14 of 15 vehicles

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS down **5%**

Lowest in 5 years

**Attempted Murder Cases
in Atchison, 2018:**

Both solved

2

Crime Breakdown - By Year

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<i>Disturbance Calls</i>	678	701	699	758	605
<i>Domestic Violence</i>	287	240	233	318	294
<i>Burglary</i>	56	66	90	113	126
<i>Theft</i>	231	348	312	255	308
<i>Robbery</i>	1	2	4	6	1
<i>Assault/Battery*</i>	148	148	142	136	132
<i>Homicide**</i>	0	1	0	1	0
<i>Traffic Fatalities</i>	1	0	0	0	0
<i>Arson</i>	1	0	0	0	0
<i>Sex Crimes</i>	14	18	21	17	22
<i>Criminal Threat</i>	10	16	8	6	4
<i>Disorderly Conduct</i>	21	38	20	29	27
<i>Vehicle Theft</i>	15	24	14	15	19
<i>Criminal Damage</i>	87	120	85	121	82
<i>Children in need of Care</i>	65	65	31	33	42
<i>Protective Custody</i>	34	21	27	33	30
<i>Death Investigations</i>	22	21	20	16	20
<i>Drug Cases</i>	74	109	60	44	56

* Includes Aggravated Battery (11) and Aggravated Assault (9)

** There were two cases of Attempted Murder

2018 In Review

The Police Department initiated a School Resource Officer program in 2018 after the City of Atchison and U.S.D. 409 agreed on a memorandum of understanding. The first SRO to be assigned to a school in the City of Atchison began at Atchison High School in August.

Due to the SRO initiative the Police Department was given approval to increase its staffing from 23 to 24 officers. The department's authorized number for police officers had been 23 since 1985.

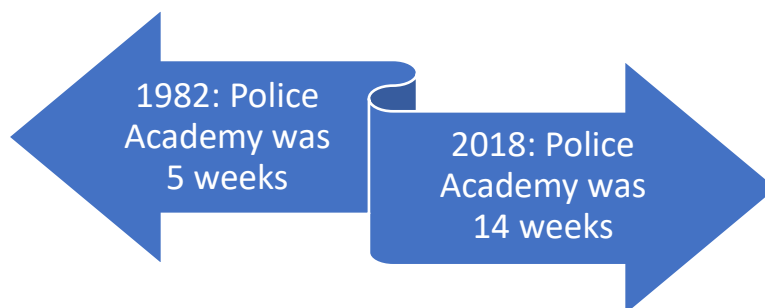
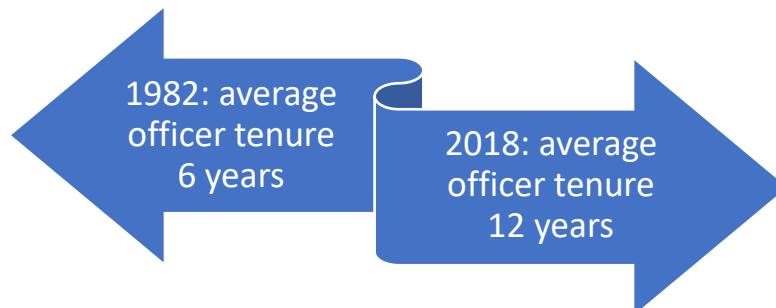
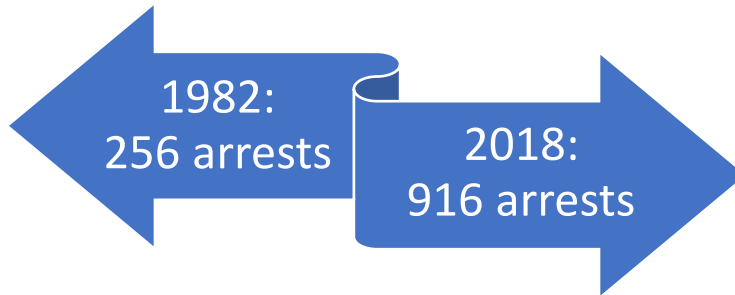
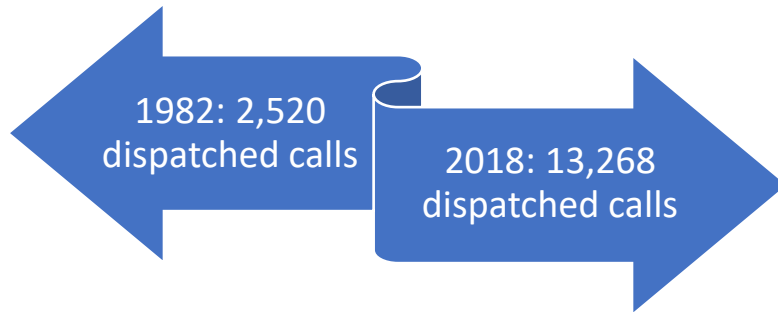


Construction Coming



The City Commission gave approval for the Police Department to pursue a renovation plan that would be focused on the current first floor offices in the west wing of City Hall as well as an addition on the north side of City Hall. The year ended with City staff, architects, and engineers completing a design and plans that will assist in reaching construction costs that are within a designed budget.

Then and Now



Police Dept. Odds and Ends

The Police Department's Special Response Team was created in 1997. It continues with 12 officers who train monthly

The Police Department's K-9 Unit was initiated in 1998. The department has had six dogs during those twenty years

Vehicle fleet:

Six patrol vehicles:	Two 2018's, Two 2017's, Two 2016's
One K-9 vehicle:	One 2015
Four unmarked vehicles:	Two 2014's, One 2013, One 2012
Two motorcycles:	One 2014, One 2011
One pick-up truck:	One 2002

Total miles driven in 2018:

238,463

Animal Control

Samantha Ellis is the animal control officer for the City of Atchison and has held that position since July 2017. The animal control officer enforces Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atchison. This chapter defines cruelty, noisy animals, vicious dogs, running at large, and prohibited animals.

The animal control shelter is located at the City Shop complex. The shelter can kennel 10 dogs.



In 2018:

179 dogs were impounded
143 were reclaimed by owners
27 were adopted
9 were euthanized