



Atchison Police Department 2019 Annual Report

2019

The Police Department is authorized to employ 24 police officers, one administrative assistant and one animal control officer. On December 31, 2019 the Police Department included the following:

Chief Mike Wilson
Lieutenant Travis Eichelberger
Lieutenant Kory Webb
Lieutenant Al Kelly
Detective Austin Surritt
Sergeant Claude Zacharias
Sergeant Kurtis Page
Sergeant Adam Bush
Corporal Josh Sinclair
Corporal Brian Johnson
Corporal Garrett Loroff
Corporal Jordan Noll
Master Patrol Officer Kyle Mason
Master Patrol Officer Whitney Wagner
Master Patrol Officer Brian Peterson
Master Patrol Officer Matt Stout
Officer Darren Kelley
Officer Nicole Maendele
Officer Chris Porter
Officer Alex Moore
Officer Katie Brown
Officer Greg Peterson
Officer Jesse Cannon
Officer Joe Ellerman
Samantha Elias, Animal Control Officer

The average length of law enforcement experience for the above officers at the end of 2019 was 12 years. Captain Cary Stone retired in March after more than 26 years with the department. Officer Wyatt Richardson left the department in June to join the Johnson County Kansas Parks Police Department. Administrative Assistant Edna Reder retired from part-time employment in September after 27 years with the department. Officers Greg Peterson, Jesse Cannon, and Joe Ellerman joined the department in 2019, each bringing law enforcement experience from other departments.

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Total Dispatched Calls	13,376	13,268	13,881	11,931	12,153
Total Criminal Cases	1,271	1,382	1,709	1,620	1,615
Criminal Cases Cleared	1,079	1,074	1,227	1,082	1,092
Total Adult Arrests	673	778	871	794	784
Total Juvenile Arrests	108	138	162	108	113
Total Arrests	781	916	1,033	902	897
Cases to County Attorney	346	436	545	435	378
Cases to City Attorney	806	953	1,186	1,352	1,623
Traffic Accidents	379	327	343	344	353

The Year In Review

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Disturbance Calls	623	678	701	699	758
Domestic Violence Calls	240	287	240	233	318
Burglary	58	56	66	90	113
Theft	265	231	348	312	255
Robbery	0	1	2	4	6
Assault/Battery*	156	148	148	142	136
Homicide	0	0	1	0	1
Traffic Fatalities	0	1	0	0	0
Arson	0	1	0	0	0
Sex Crimes	21	14	18	21	17
Criminal Threat	19	10	16	8	6
Disorderly Conduct	16	21	38	20	29
Vehicle Theft	10	15	24	14	15
Criminal Damage	77	87	120	85	121
Children In Need of Care	26	65	65	31	33
Protective Custody	12	34	21	27	33
Death Investigations	15	22	21	20	16
Drug Cases	69	74	109	60	44

*Includes Aggravated Battery [20] Aggravated Assault [10]

The Year In Review

- Crime down 8% from 2018

Decline continues as crime was down 19% in 2018

<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
1271	1382	1,709

- Vehicle thefts down 33% from 2018

Vehicle thefts are down 58% from 2017

- Burglary remained about the same in 2019

58 in 2019 compared to 56 in 2018 when it was the lowest on record

- Criminal damage to property down 11% from 2018

Criminal damage to property down 36% from 2017

- Although traffic accidents are up [379 in 2019 from 327 in 2018], injury accidents are down 28% in 2019. No fatalities in 2019.

The Police Department investigated two cases of victims being shot in 2019. Both investigations led to an arrest. There were no homicides in 2019.

APD officers assisted many outside agencies on their investigations that included the Doniphan County Ks Sheriff's Department, St. Joseph Mo Police Department, Buchanan County Mo Sheriff's Department, Horton Ks Police Department, Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office, KBI, KHP, U.S. Marshal's Service, ATF, and the FBI.

The Year In Review

- The Police Department completed a \$1 million expansion project that provided the department with 5,390 square feet of new and remodeled space. A final design plan and accepted construction bid led to the start of construction on April 10, 2019. A grand opening of the Chief Mike Wilson Law Enforcement Center was held on November 1, 2019.
- The Police Department and the Alliance Against Family Violence began a partnership involving domestic violence cases. Over the past five years the department has averaged 264 domestic violence cases per year. The Leavenworth based victim advocacy group provides shelter and crisis intervention services.
- The department continued a partnership with U.S.D. 409 on a School Resource Officer program. An officer is assigned to the Atchison High School on a full time basis and also assists the school district at other schools regarding law enforcement issues.
- The department continued its association with many programs including the YMCA Healthy Kids Day, the Atchison Hospital Health Fair, Atchison Middle School Job Shadow Initiative, Understanding Problems ; an established program presented to elementary school students, the Benedictine College new student orientation, and the A.L.I.C.E. active shooter training.
- The department continued its operation of a K-9 Unit, a twelve officer Special Response Team, a two unit motorcycle patrol, and Honor and Color Guards.

The department has fifteen vehicles which includes six patrol vehicles, a K-9 vehicle, an SRO vehicle, four unmarked vehicles, two motorcycles, and a truck shared with Code Enforcement. Total miles driven in 2019 was 226,593.

Animal Control

2019

Under the authority of the Police Department since 1982

Samantha Elias 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. The shelter does not house cats.

In 2019 there were 347 dogs impounded. Of those 52 were claimed by owners, 280 were adopted, 10 were euthanized, 2 died, and 3 remained into the next year.