

Jefferson Police Department

City Council Meeting

January 17, 2023

2022 in Review



Florentino Perez

Chief of Police

Letter from the Chief

Dear Council Members; Citizens of Jefferson:

I would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to the citizens of Jefferson for their loyal support of the Jefferson Police Department. As a department, we continue to strive for excellence in what we do by involving the community and overcoming obstacles that come our way.

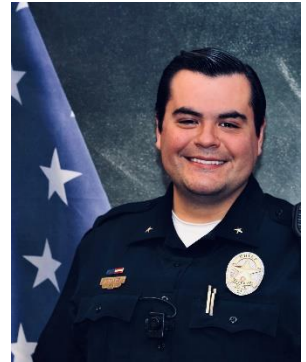
During the year 2022 the agency has focused on maintaining our relationships with the community. Community is one of the key cornerstones of the Agency and we believe in keeping it on the frontline of our mission. I am proud to announce the success of multiple programs we have offered to the public and how it has proven to show a reduction in criminal activity. One program we offer to the citizens of Jefferson is the Vacation Watch Program. We have focused our efforts on checking regularly criminally targeted areas frequently, to reduce criminal activity. Our efforts have proven successful. For the year 2022, we have successfully logged 22,732 security checks, this number shows that the department is actively involved in proactive patrol functions. The agency has been recovering from a staff shortage this year and with success, we were able to gain full-staff again in July. Training has been a priority for the new patrol officers and supervisors. Rest assured that the Department will continue to provide exceptional service to the residents of Jefferson as well as our visitors. This report reflects some of the efforts this past calendar year. I am proud of the job we continue to do each and every day.

On behalf of the entire Jefferson Police Department, we would like to thank the community for their support and collaboration which has led to successful partnerships.

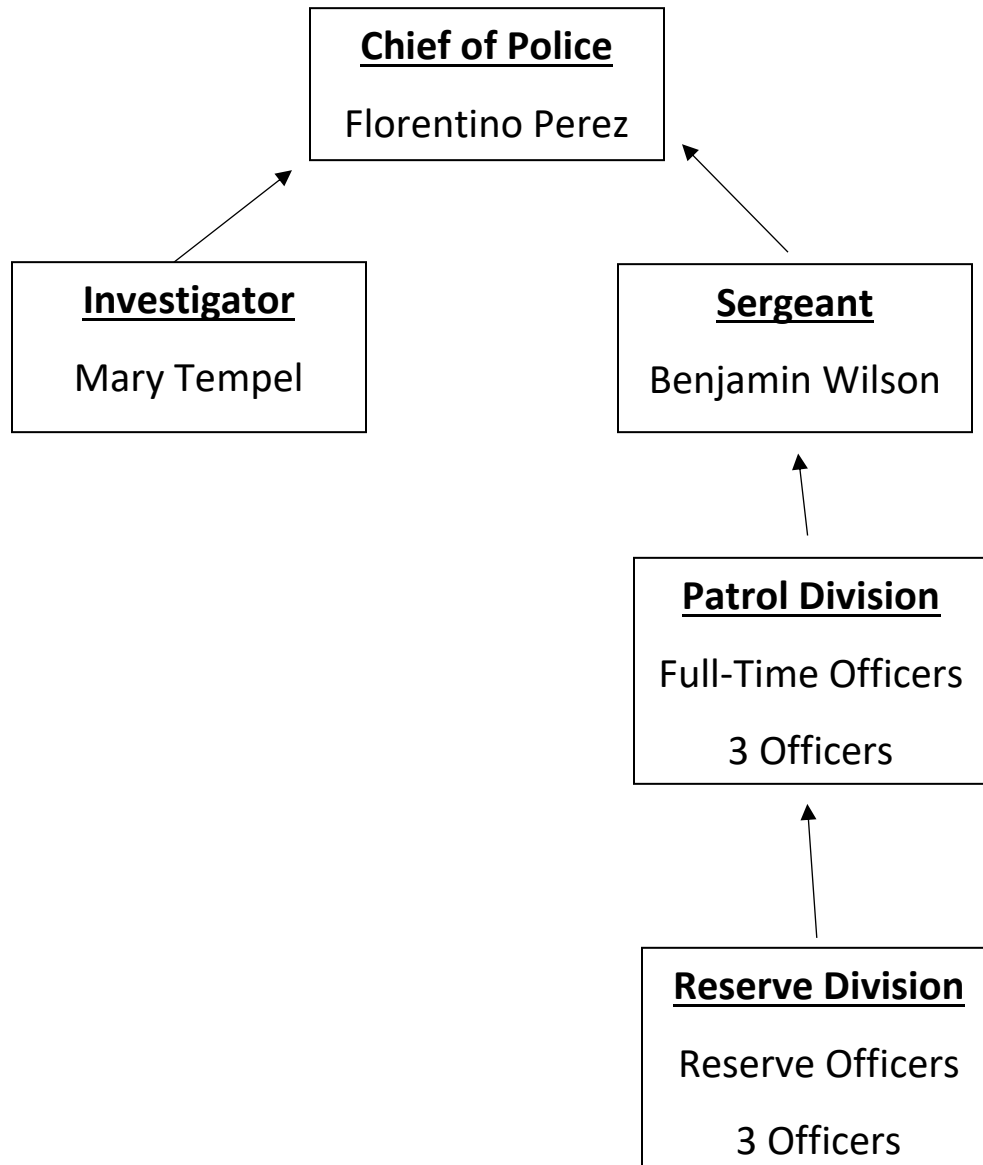
Respectfully,



Chief Florentino Perez



Jefferson Police Department
FY2021-22 Organizational Chart



Jefferson Police Department

Activities Measurements

Performance Indicators:	2021	2022
Service/Arrest Statistics:		
Calls for Service	1,508	979
Criminal Charges	55	102
Individual Crime Statistics:		
Homicide	0	0
Agg Assault	2	4
Burglary Habitation	0	2
Burglary Vehicle	0	2
Criminal Mischief	2	2
Theft	2	1
Public Crime Statistics:		
Disorderly Conduct	2	5
Public Intoxication	6	5

*(See attachments Arrest Report Count 2021*2022* for complete layout)*

Traffic Statistics

Performance Indicators:	2021	2022
Traffic Stops:	974	408
Written Warning	460	250
Citation Issued	508	153
Verbal Warning	4	3
Citation/Arrest	1	2
Written Warning/Arrest	1	0
Arrest only	0	0
Vehicle Accidents:	46	55
Fatalities	1	0

*(See attachments Racial Profiling Report 2021*2022* for complete layout and demographics)*

Traffic Statistics and Comparative Analysis 2022
Motor Vehicle Stops vs. Gender Ethnic Population of Service

Racial Profile Data	Number of Stops	% of Stops	Agency Service Area Demographics	Total Number	% of Population
Male	266	65.20%	Male	855	44.7%
Female	142	34.80%	Female	1,060	55.3%
Alaska Native/American Indian	1	.25%	Alaska Native/American Indian	0	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	7	1.72%	Asian/Pacific Islander	25	1.3%
Black	106	25.98%	Black	837	43.7%
White	257	62.99%	White	860	44.9%
Hispanic/Latino	37	9.07%	Hispanic/Latino	146	7.6%
			Other/Not Reported Above	48	2.5%

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Security Check/Vacation Watch

Performance Indicators:	2021	2022
Security Checks	15,158	22,732

The Jefferson Police Department is proud to offer this program to its citizens. Even when measures have been put in place to reduce officer-initiated contact with citizens we still have been able to actively patrol the jurisdiction of Jefferson.

The agency has made it and will continue to make the safety and security of the city a priority. One attempt at doing this has been to designate certain businesses and areas as locations checked often. Criminal activity is known to occur at certain locations based on opportunities and police patrol. To curve this circumstance, we have adjusted and prioritized areas to be checked regularly throughout a shift.

Criminally Targeted Areas/Business

- Banks/ATM 9-Locations
- Convenient Stores 4-Locations
- Storage Units 5-Locations
- Car Wash 2-Locations
- Gun Store 1-Locations
- City Building 5-Locations

Separate from the Vacation Watch Program the previous locations are checked regularly.

Key Accomplishments 2022

Officer Training

It has been the mission of the department to not only provide quality service to members of the community but to make sure officers are trained accordingly. In an effort to maintain this directive, training has become a priority of the agency.

Total Training Hours: 591

Top Trainings Attended:

- Sexual Assault Family Violence Investigator Course
- Federal Law Update
- Criminal Investigation
- Use of Force
- Cultural Awareness
- Missing and Exploited Children
- Roadside Interview Techniques/Patrol Techniques
- Child Abuse Prevention and Investigation

Classes Hosted by Jefferson PD:

- Sexual Assault Family Violence Investigator Course
 - Attendees from: Marion County SO., Van Zandt Co. SO., Texarkana I.S.D. PD, San Augustine CO SO., Jefferson PD.
- Taser Training
- Stop Stick Training



Community Events and Social Media Outreach

- National Night Out Participant
- Jefferson Community Law Enforcement Partnership
- Battle of the Badges-Carter Blood Care
- Active Facebook-social media for PSA (2,335 followers)
- Trunk or Treat Downtown
- National Prescription Drug Take Back DEA
 - Participated in two take back events, collecting 100+LBS
- Local Business and Community Safety Awareness Workshop
- Assisted with Marshall's Shop with a Cop Program hosted by 92.3 The Depot
 - Efforts are being made to advance to Jefferson ISD
- Participated in No Shave November-money raised donated to Dallas Children's

Partnerships

- Lions Club-Eyeglasses (PD drop-off location)
- Piney Woods Substance Abuse Coalition Rx (PD drop-off location)
 - Collecting over 100+LBS of Unused Prescription Medication.
- Marion County Chamber of Commerce
- Jefferson Adopt-A-Cop
- Citizens for a Better Community for Marion County
- Marion County Prayer Force



Implementations

New and Continued

- Vacation Watch Program-Continued Efforts
- East Texas Baptist University-Criminal Justice Internship
 - Includes students from ETBU riding along to learn the functions of a rural police department and how it compares to larger policing agencies.
- Reporting of Street Light Outages
 - Added Patrol Function, this has become necessary in the efforts to light up Jefferson during the evening.
- Traffic Control Survey/Signage Implementation
- Emergency Medical Responder Training
 - Currently more than half of the agency will be receiving advanced medical training to assist individuals suffering a medical emergency until EMS can arrive.
- Project Life-Saver
 - Alzheimer's Program, that allows residence to apply and the patient be provided a medical bracelet that would allow for us to track them in the event they were to wonder off.

Vehicle Fleet Usage

Currently the Agency has six operational Police Units. The oldest unit is a 2010 Dodge Charger and the newest is a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe. Heavy vehicle maintenance expenditures have been made on the oldest dodge chargers. Efforts will be made soon to purchase new vehicles to replace the oldest units.

Unit number	Make	Model	Current Mileage
2001	Chevrolet	Tahoe 2020	16,051
1901	Chevrolet	Tahoe 2019	52,013
1801	Chevrolet	Tahoe 2018	47,875
1401	Dodge	Charger 2014	75,084
1301	Ford	F-150 2013	80,873
1001	Dodge	Charger 2010	130,431

New Officers of the Department 2022



Sgt. Ben Wilson

Ofc. Josh Cox

Ofc. Carson McKnight

Ofc. David Lorange



Sgt. Ben Wilson



Ofc. Josh Cox



Ofc. Carson McKnight

Goals for 2022 to be continued *Reviewed*

- A complete review and update of the current policy and procedure manual for the Jefferson Police Department.
 - *This process has been started and will become a priority for 2023.*
- Start the process to have Jefferson Police Department become a best practice recognized agency through the Texas Police Chiefs Association by proving compliance with 166 best practices.
 - *Contact has been made with the Texas Police Chief Association and agencies that are currently Recognized Agencies to gain a better understanding of the program. This is a program that we will be participating in the future.*
- Increase training for the officers of the Department that aims to advance the individual officer's Peace Officer License. (Basic-Intermediate-Advance-Master)
 - *Currently the agency has hosted training and will continue to do so this year.*
- Implement a Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) task force.
 - *At the close of the year the dept has taken a step back from starting the task force. But continues to be a concern for the future. As DPS efforts are increased on the Texas/Mexico border less troopers are available to assist with DWI investigations.*
- Further participate in Grants (State, Federal) for the Department.
 - *Now that the agency is at full-staff, the agency will be seeking grants for the future.*
- Participate in hosting workshops for:
 - Business Safety Measures
 - *The Department was successful in teaming with the Marion County Chamber of Commerce to provide a seminar to business/home owners in Marion County. The program was free for all to attend.*
 - Church Safety Procedures
 - *Currently all officers are receiving training to participate Citizens Response to Active Shooters.*
 - *Civilian Response to Active Shooter Course for the public free of charge*
- Implementing a Citizens Police Academy.
 - *The agency will be moving forward this year to host a Citizens Police Academy for residence of Jefferson. The agency has been able to provide a ride-along program for members of the public to come.*

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the end of the year report, please contact me.

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