

Jefferson Police Department

City Council Meeting

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2023 in Review



"Protecting and Serving with Honor and Integrity"

Florentino Perez

Chief of Police

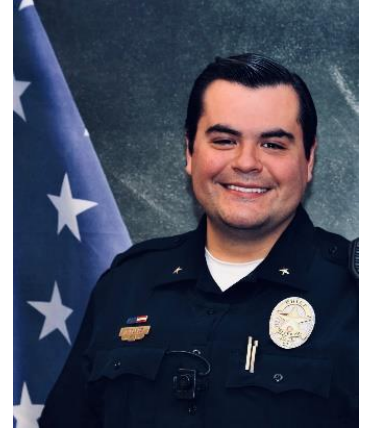
Letter from the Chief

Dear Council Members; Citizens of Jefferson:

As a department, we continue to strive for excellence in our actions by involving the community and overcoming obstacles that come our way.

Sir Robert Peel “Father of Modern Policing” lists the principal that:

“Police are the public and that the public are the police, the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence”



During the year 2023, the agency has focused on maintaining and strengthening our relationships with the community. Such efforts introduced include Community Orienting Policing and Problem Orienting Policing, both techniques have been used to identify issues facing everyday citizens and developing solutions. Call for Service’s has seen a reduction that we believe has been contributed to effective criminal investigations, clearance rates and relationship development.

We continue to focus our efforts on checking regularly criminally targeted locations, to reduce criminal activity. Our efforts have proven successful. As we move forward training remains a priority for the patrol officers and supervisors. Proactive training for both members of the police department and community reflects on our quality of life as a great city. 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 our agency and the officers that serve our community each and every day without hesitation, regardless of the dangers of the next call.

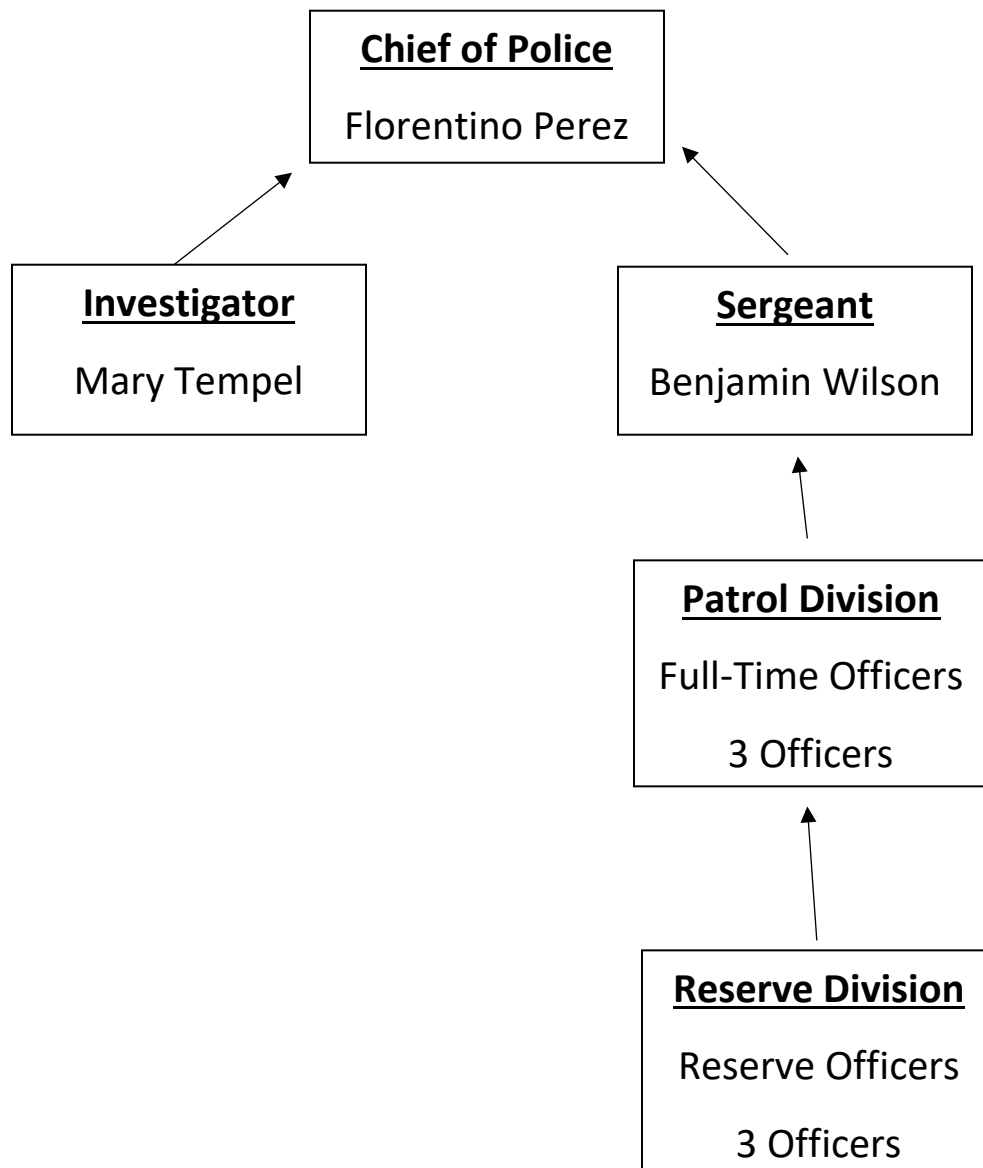
On behalf of the entire Jefferson Police Department, we would like to thank the community for their support and collaboration which has led to successful partnerships.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Perez'.

Chief Florentino Perez

Jefferson Police Department
FY2021-22 Organizational Chart



Jefferson Police Department

Activities Measurements

Performance Indicators:	2022	2023
Service/Arrest Statistics:		
Calls for Service	979	805
Criminal Charges	109	45
Individual Crime Statistics:		
Homicide	0	0
Agg Assault	4	3
Burglary Habitation	2	1
Burglary Vehicle	2	2
Criminal Mischief	2	6
Theft	1	3
Public Crime Statistics:		
Disorderly Conduct	5	0
Public Intoxication	5	0

*(See attachments Arrest Report Count 2022*2023* for complete layout)*

Traffic Statistics

Performance Indicators:	2022	2023
Traffic Stops:	408	1,021
Written Warning	250	629
Citation Issued	153	382
Verbal Warning	3	9
Citation/Arrest	2	0
Written Warning/Arrest	0	1
Arrest only	0	0
Vehicle Accidents:	55	70
Fatalities	0	0

*(See attachments Racial Profiling Report 2022*2023* for complete layout and demographics)*

Traffic Statistics and Comparative Analysis 2023
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	682	66.80%	Male	855	44.7%
Female	339	33.20%	Female	1,060	55.3%
Alaska Native/American Indian	8	.78%	Alaska Native/American Indian	0	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	18	1.76%	Asian/Pacific Islander	25	1.3%
Black	286	28.01%	Black	837	43.7%
White	591	57.88%	White	860	44.9%
Hispanic/Latino	118	11.56%	Hispanic/Latino	146	7.6%
			Other/Not Reported Above	48	2.5%

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Security Check/Vacation Watch

Performance Indicators:	2022	2023
Security Checks	22,732	21,735

The Jefferson Police Department is proud to offer this program to its citizens.

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 each shift.

Criminally Targeted Areas/Business

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

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

Key Accomplishments 2023

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: **642**

Top Trainings Attended:

- Federal Law Update
- Criminal Investigation
- Traffic Enforcement Training
- Use of Force
- Cultural Awareness
- DWI Investigations Training's
- CPR-First Aid Training
- East Texas Alzheimer's Alliance-Project Lifesaver

Classes Hosted by Jefferson PD:

- CPR-First Aid Training-Offered to the general public



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 (2,625 followers)
 - Used for public service announcements and transparency
- Trunk or Treat Downtown
- National Prescription Drug Take Back DEA
 - Participated in two take back events, collecting 50+LBS
- Hosted 2 Civilian Response to Active Shooters Classes
 - Jefferson ISD Staff
 - First Assembly of God-Church Safety

Partnerships

- Lions Club-Eyeglasses (PD drop-off location)
- Piney Woods Substance Abuse Coalition Rx (PD drop-off location)
 - Collecting over 150+LBS of Unused Prescription Medication.
- Jefferson Adopt-A-Cop
- Citizens for a Better Community for Marion County
- Marion County Health & Resource Fair Participant
- Marion County Prayer Force
- East Texas Police Chief Association- Hosted Quarterly Meeting
- Texas Department of Transportation-Secure Grants for Traffic Enforcement Programs
- The Martin House-Childrens Advocacy Center
- The Women's Center of East Texas
- The East Texas 100 Club



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.
- 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.
- Law Enforcement Explorer Program
 - Youth career development program for individuals ages 14-20 looking to explorer the career of law enforcement.
- Jefferson Police Department Anonymous Reporting-Online Form
- Jefferson ISD- School Safety Implementations and Procedures



Vehicle Fleet Usage

Currently the Agency has six normal operating Police Units. The oldest unit is a 2010 Dodge Charger and the newest is a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe. Heavy vehicle maintenance expenditures have been made on the oldest dodge charger.

Unit number	Make	Model	Current Mileage
2301	Chevrolet	Tahoe 2023	2,131
2001	Chevrolet	Tahoe 2020	28,937
1901	Chevrolet	Tahoe 2019	61,948
1801	Chevrolet	Tahoe 2018	61,851
1401	Dodge	Charger 2014	89,782
1301	Ford	F-150 2013	93,095
1001	Dodge	Charger 2010	136,434



Goals for 2023 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 2024.*
- 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.
- 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.*
- Self-defense training offered to General public

If you have any questions or would like to know more about a specific program that we have done or will do, please contact me.

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