



Ozark Police Department

2022

Annual REPORT

CITY OF OZARK

RJ FLORES, MAYOR

STEVE CHILDERS, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

PRESENTED BY

JUSTIN ARNOLD, CHIEF OF POLICE

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Message from the Chief

Vision Statement

The Ozark Police Department will garner the support of our community and demand a strong work ethic that fosters pride in ourselves and in our department. We will be a model agency integrating the newest technology while providing police services. Our values will be reflected in our decisions. We shall consider our responsibilities and obligations in every action we take. We shall be attentive to the needs of our community by being interactive, courteous, and responsive. We shall endeavor to do without being asked and do more than would be asked.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Ozark Police Department is to work in a true partnership with our community; enhancing the quality of life in our city, maintaining order and protecting the people we serve by reducing incidences of crime while pledging to uphold our professionalism, honor, and integrity. We strive to preserve the peace and safety of our citizens through enforcement of federal, state, and local laws with a goal of safeguarding the rights of all persons with the least possible disruption of their daily activities while setting the standard in law enforcement.

Core Values

- Integrity
- Public Service
- Competence
- Responsibility & Accountability
- Respect for Co-Workers



"For the first time in a few years, a sense of normalcy returned to our community and to the operations of the Ozark Police Department. This normalcy allowed your police staff to again focus on relationships throughout the community, to truly engage citizens, and to strengthen partnerships that enhance the quality of life for our citizens.

Throughout 2022, we focused on new and innovative programs to provide exceptional public safety services to meet the demands of our growing and vibrant community. The successful implementation of a designated Traffic Enforcement Unit, an Unmanned Aerial System "Drone" Unit, and the deployment of two (2) K9 teams have allowed your police department to enhance our public safety services.

Moving forward, we are certain that significant change in our community will continue to challenge us in our pursuit to keep Ozark a safe community to live, work, and play. As a department, we pledge to adapt and grow responsibly, in unison with our citizens, to make Ozark the best community possible. We are excited about the opportunities ahead!" -

Justin Arnold

Your Police Staff

Command



Justin Arnold
Chief of Police



Derek Hill
Deputy Chief of Police

Lieutenants



Jared Drye
Field Services Division Commander



Ben Deutscher
Special Operations Division Commander



Matthew Jones
Support Services Division Commander

Sergeants



Truman Isbell



Nathan Lewis



Trevor Spencer



Tommy Wade

Corporals



Justin Brown



Brad Redden



Shonda Jackson



Danisha Smith



Greg O'Neil



Bryant Soules



Kyle Prince

Officers



Left to Right
David Bright, Jessica Brown, Tom Cole, Stephen Conner, Ben Cook, Jonah Crim,



Anthony Dewey, Tanner Gilmore, Corey Hodzic, Brandon Marsillo, Miranda Monroe, Austin Ponder,



Thomas Richardson, Corey Turner, Bryan Tyler, Joshua Wahl, Jeremy Watson, Taylor Wheeler

Non-Commissioned Support Staff



Rebecca Appleton, Sue Choate, Ann Custer, Sue Ellen Larimer



Sean Conrad-Canine Control Officer, Don Currence-Volunteer Chaplain

Budget

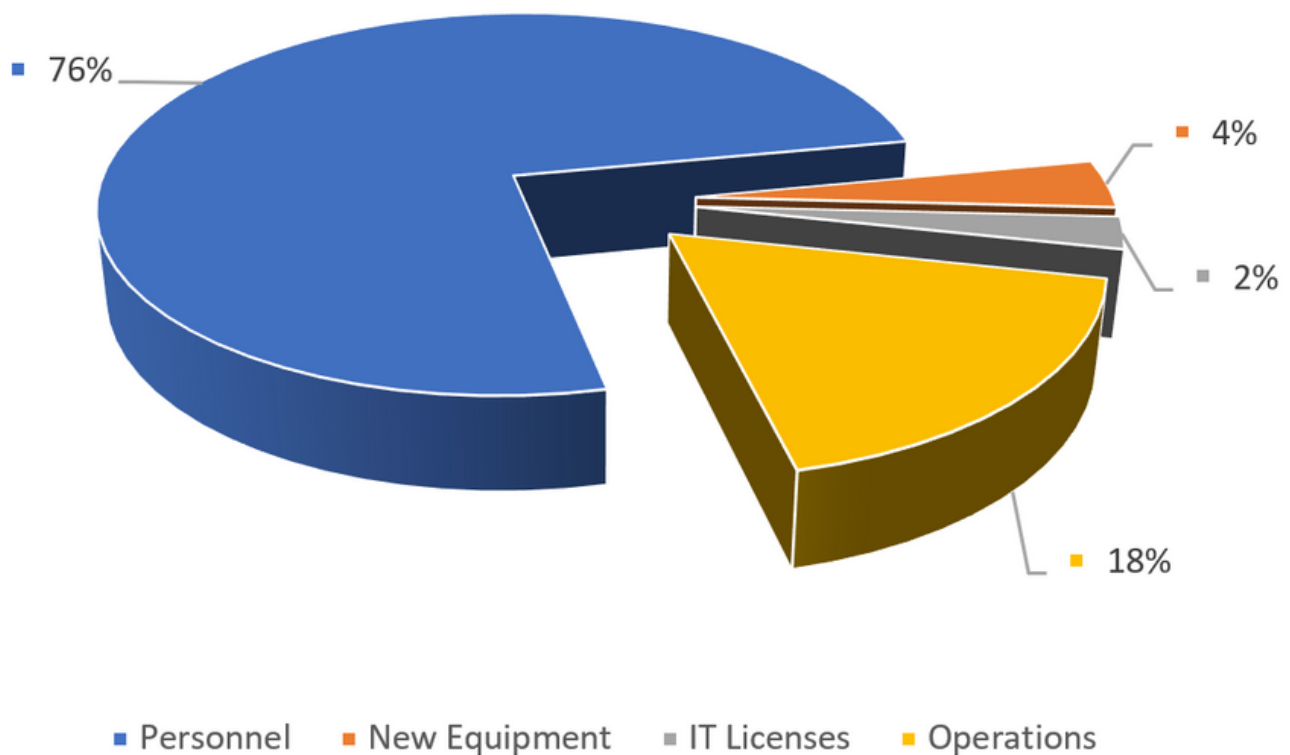
How is Ozark Police Department funded?

The Ozark Police Department is funded primarily through the City of Ozark's general fund. This fund is supported through revenue from local taxes, permits, fees, fines, and other sources. The department also receives state and federal grants to support specific programs and initiatives.

Budget Breakdown

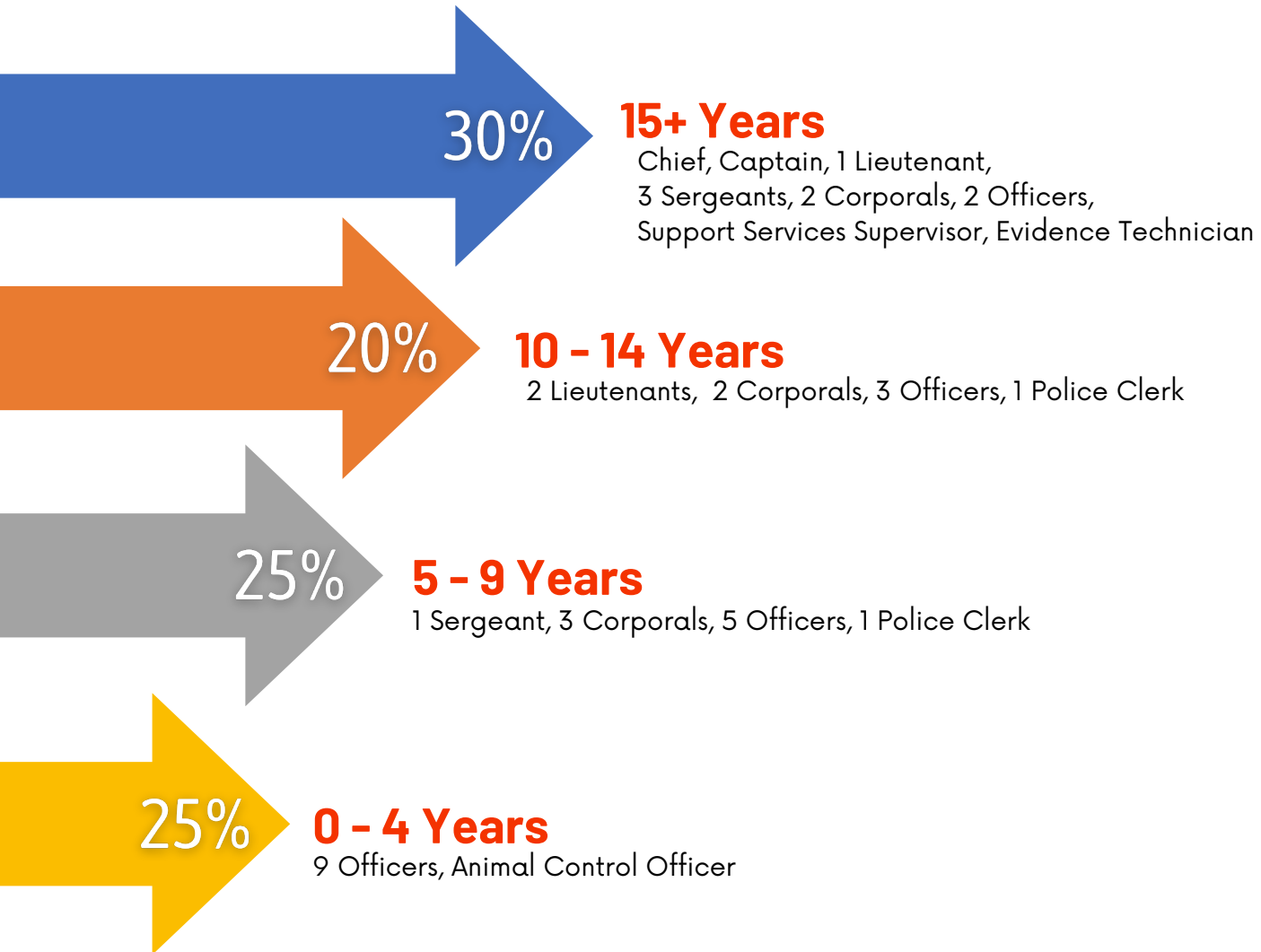
Below is how Ozark Police Department breaks up the budget.

Personnel	New Equipment	IT Licenses	Operations	Total Budget
\$3,341,779.68	\$170,768.93	\$113,000.00	\$796,793.93	\$4,422,342.54



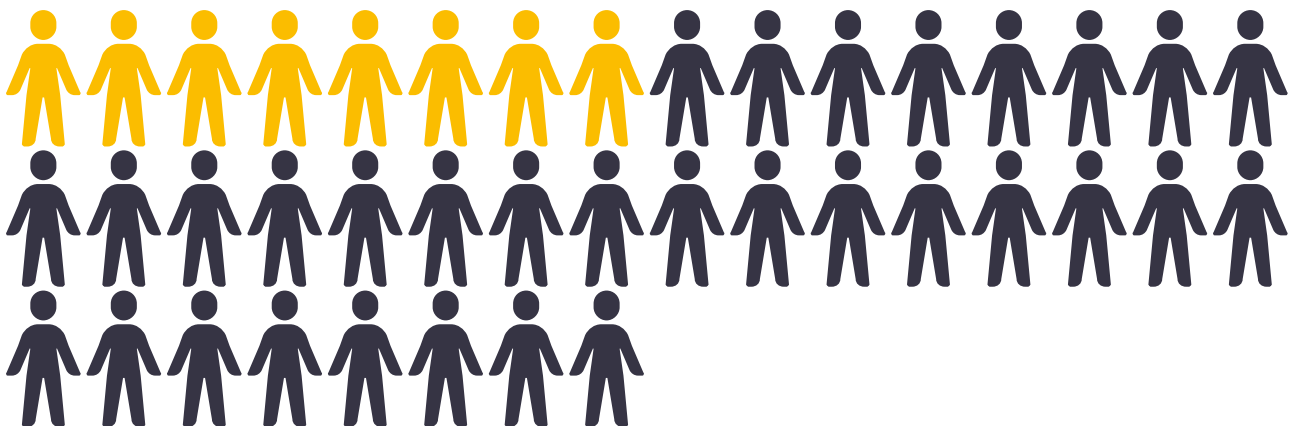
Demographics

Ozark Police Staff



Gender Breakdown

The staff of the Ozark Police is comprised of 32 males and 8 females.



Field Services

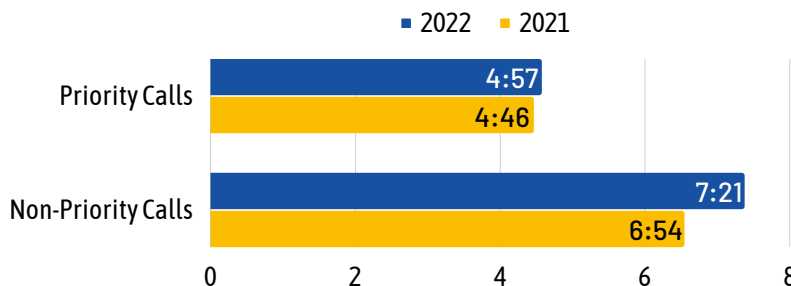
Our most visible division

The Ozark Police Department's Field Services Division, commonly referred to as uniformed patrol, serves as the most apparent representation of the department in the community. The patrol unit is responsible for answering calls for service from residents, engaging in proactive policing tactics, and enforcing traffic regulations throughout the City of Ozark.

**Ozark Police Department provides services 24 hours a day , seven(7) days a week, and 365 days a year.*

Response Time

The response times of the Ozark Police Department can vary depending on the nature and urgency of the situation. In general, they strive to respond to emergency situations as quickly as possible, with a priority of ensuring the safety of both the responding officers and the community.



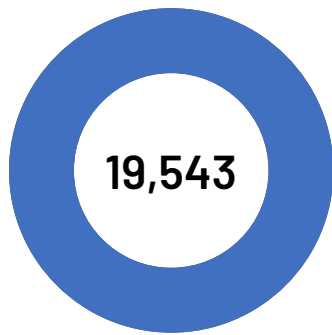
Three patrol shifts/squads authorized for:

- 3 Sergeants
- 6 Corporals
- 15 Police Officers

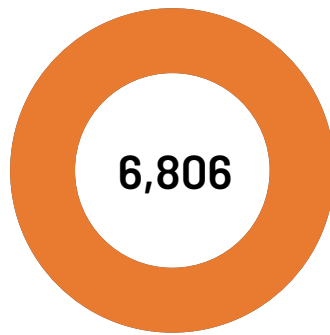


Ozark Police Quick Statistics

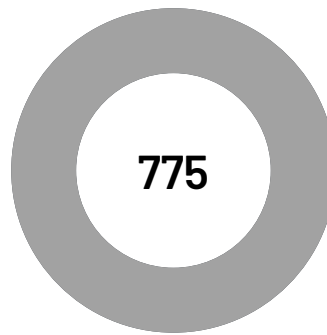
The Ozark Police Department releases information annually about its traffic stop statistics to help promote transparency and accountability in its policing practices.



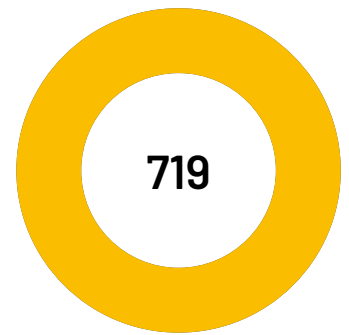
Calls for Service



Traffic Stops



Arrests



Motor Vehicle Crashes

Some of the most common calls for service uniformed police officers responded to in 2022 included:

- Thefts
- Motor Vehicle Crashes
- Suspicious Vehicles
- Traffic Complaints

55.6%

Of traffic stops conducted by Ozark Police Department were on city streets.

29.3% of traffic stops were on US Highway 65



76% of all traffic stops resulted in warning



10.8% of all traffic stops drivers were under 18 or over 65 years old.

Traffic Enforcement

In 2022, the Ozark Police Department established the Traffic Enforcement Unit, a specialized group of police officers who concentrate on traffic-related duties throughout the city. The goal of the Traffic Unit is to enhance roadway safety within Ozark, focusing on investigating and preventing motor vehicle accidents, identifying and addressing traffic hazards, planning for traffic impacts, and enforcing traffic laws.

The Ozark Police Department stopped a total of 6,806 vehicles in 2022.

Common reasons for traffic stops include:

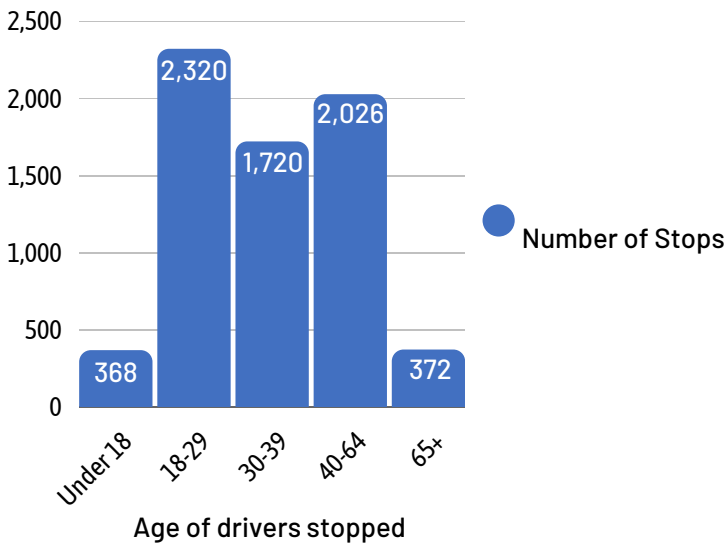
License Violations

Speeding Violations

Equipment Violations

Moving Violations

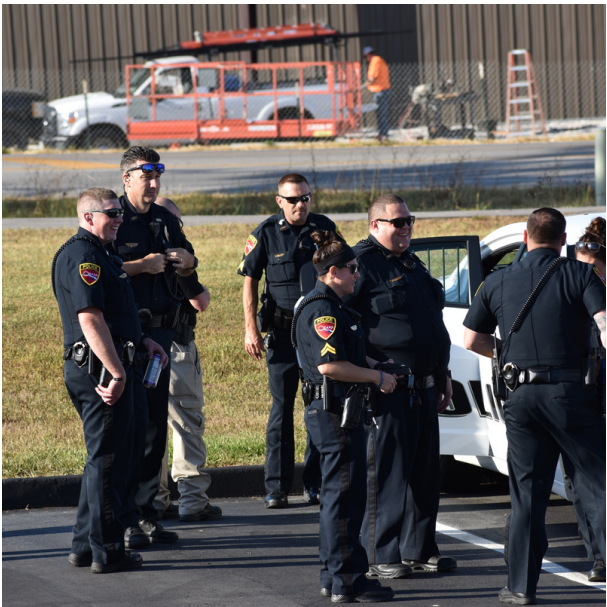
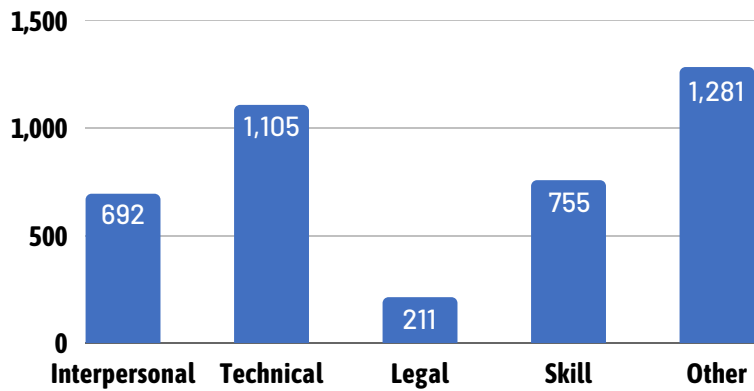
Below is a break down of those traffic stops.



Support Services

Training Unit

The Ozark Police Department’s Training Unit is committed to obtaining the best possible training for our personnel. Ozark Police Officers received 3,946 hours of training in 2022, in addition to nearly 200 hours of training during daily roll call. The following is a breakdown of our staff’s 2022 Training:



The Ozark Police Department is 100 percent compliant with all National Incident Management System (NIMS) training. NIMS allows the Ozark Police Department to operate within national standards when responding to various critical incidents.

Records Unit/ Property & Evidence Unit

The Records Unit provides customer service to citizens conducting business at the Ozark Police Department. Clerks of the Records Unit are responsible for all reports generated by the Ozark Police Department and are the central repository for all police documents. These documents include citations, offense reports, vehicular accident reports, tow reports, and additional reports completed by patrol and investigative officers. Clerks provide administrative support to sworn staff and play a vital role in compiling and reporting statistical data to State and Federal record information databases. The Property & Evidence Unit is responsible for maintaining the integrity and safe custody of all evidentiary items and property submitted by the Ozark Police Department. The Records Unit and Property & Evidence Unit consists; of a Support Services Supervisor, two (2) Police Clerks, and one (1) Evidence Technician.

2,602

Pieces of evidence were processed in 2022.

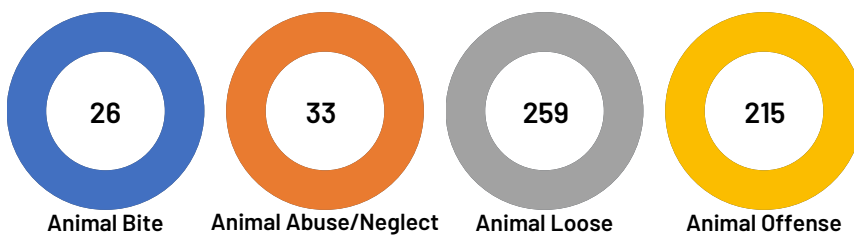
Property Taken: 1,271 | Property Disposed: 1,331 | Drug Cases: 236

Support Services

Canine Control Unit

The Ozark Canine Control officer is responsible for enforcing local animal control laws and regulations. Our Canine Control Officer is tasked with responding to reports of stray or dangerous dogs, investigating cases of animal cruelty, and ensuring that pet owners comply with licensing and vaccination requirements. If you have lost your canine, to claim or pick up your dog, you must provide proof of ownership, current rabies vaccination and a city pet license. Our Canine Control Officer has received training and is certified through the National Animal Control Association and the Missouri Animal Control Association.

533 total Canine related calls



Ozark's Canine Control officer has a strong understanding of animal behavior and safety procedures, as well as excellent communication and customer service skills. They also work closely with local shelters and rescue organizations to help place animals needing homes.

Overall, Ozark's Canine Control officer plays a vital role in protecting both animals and the community at large. Ozark Canine Control is not a licensed adoption agency, so please only contact our office for release if you are the owner of the animal or know the owner of the animal. Canine Control Facility is licensed through the Missouri Department of Agriculture

Is your dog registered?

Registering your dog with the city is important for several reasons.

1. It is required by law. Failure to register your dog can result in fines and other penalties.
2. Registering your dog allows the city to keep track of the number and types of dogs in the area, which can be useful for planning and implementing animal control policies.
3. Registered dogs are often easier to reunite with their owners if they become lost or stray.

The registration process involves providing information about your dog, such as their name, breed, age, and vaccination status. Overall, registering your dog with the city is an important step in being a responsible pet owner and helping to maintain a safe and healthy community for both humans and animals alike. City pet licenses can be purchased at Ozark City Hall, \$2.50 for spayed or neutered dogs, and \$4.00 for intact dogs.



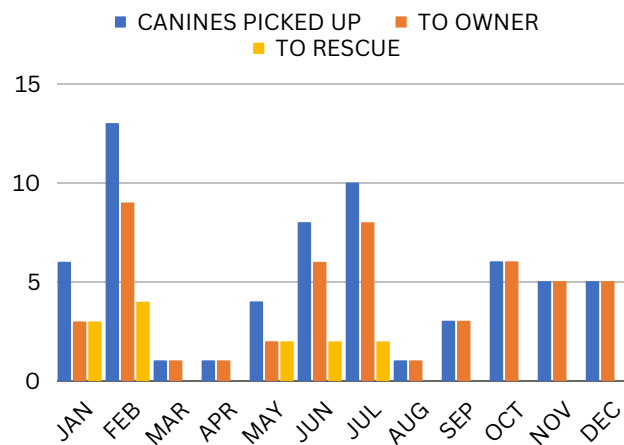
Contact us:

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Phone: 417-581-6600

Annual Totals:

- 63 Canines Picked Up
- 50 Returned to Owner
- 13 Canines went to a rescue



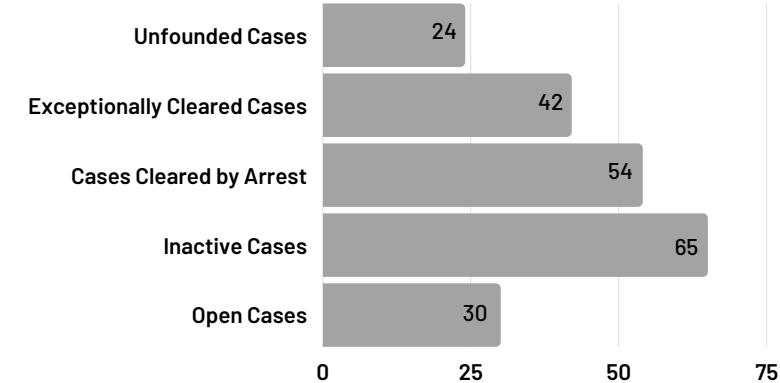
Special Operations Division



General Crime Detectives

The General Crimes Detectives are tasked with investigating crimes against individuals and property, primarily focusing on the most severe crimes reported to the Ozark Police Department. The Detectives also provide support to the Field Services Division in terms of crime scene processing, criminal intelligence evaluation, and other cases such as missing person investigations.

Total Cases: 215



Unmanned Aerial System Unit/Drone Unit

New to the Ozark Police Department in 2022, the UAS/ Drone Unit provides an innovative and enhanced resource to assist the department in its mission to protect lives and property. The UAS/ Drone Unit consists of two (2) FAA-licensed operators, who will provide specialized imaging and viewing during police incidents. The UAS/ Drone Unit may be deployed in situations such as; missing persons investigations, high-risk operations, crime scene investigations, evidence recovery operations, and traffic impact analysis. The UAS/ Drone Unit is prohibited from operating where an individual would have an expectation of privacy, from conducting routine surveillance, or from conducting traffic enforcement operations.



K-9 Units

In 2022, the Ozark Police Department welcomed K9 Ollie, partnered with Officer Jeremy Watson, and K9 Dex, partnered with Officer Tanner Gilmore, to our community. Both K9 Teams are certified as Police Service Dogs, specializing in narcotics detection, apprehension, tracking, and article recovery. K9 Ollie is a four (4) year old Belgian Malinois, and K9 Dex is a three (3) year old Dutch Shepherd. Both were born in the Netherlands.



K9 OLLIE



K9 DEX

2022 Awards

Officer of the Year: Corporal Justin Brown



Corporal Justin Brown currently serves in the Field Services Division (Uniformed Patrol) and is relied upon as an Assistant Squad Supervisor. Additionally, Corporal Brown serves as a Field Training Officer and Police Instructor. Throughout 2022, Corporal Brown has routinely displayed his commitment to the organization and the profession. Corporal Brown routinely seeks out additional responsibilities and assignments, which aid the department in providing more effective and efficient policing services to the members of our community. Corporal Brown has a positive attitude, a friendly demeanor, and a passion for providing excellent service to our citizens and his co-workers. Corporal Brown routinely volunteers for community engagement opportunities such as serving meals at the Ozark Senior Center, participating in Operation Giving and Operation Hope, and our annual Cops for Kids event.

Other Department Awards:

Chief's Award:

- Sergeant Trevor Spencer
- Corporal Greg O'Neil
- Detective Stephen Conner
- Officer Austin Ponder

Life-Saving Award:

- Corporal Brad Redden
- Officer Brandon Marsillo
- Officer Jonah Crim
- Officer Thomas Richardson
- Officer Josh Wahl
- Officer Miranda Monroe

Promotions:

- Lieutenant- Ben Deutscher
- Lieutenant- Matthew Jones
- Sergeant - Trevor Spencer
- Sergeant - Truman Isbell
- Corporal - Danisha Smith
- Corporal - Brad Redden

Unit Commendation Award:

- Sergeant Nathan Lewis
- Sergeant Trevor Spencer
- Sergeant Tommy Wade
- Corporal Shonda Jackson
- Corporal Kyle Prince
- Corporal Greg O'Neil
- Detective Stephen Conner
- Officer Thomas Richardson
- Officer Cory Turner
- Officer Tanner Gilmore
- Officer Austin Ponder
- Officer Jessica Brown
- Officer Jonah Crim
- Officer Josh Wahl

International Association of Chiefs of Police 40 Under 40 Award:

- Chief Justin Arnold

Exceptional Service:

- Lieutenant Matt Jones
- Corporal Danisha Smith
- Officer Ben Cook
- Officer Josh Wahl
- Officer Brandon Marsillo
- Officer Jeremy Watson
- Detective Taylor Wheeler
- Detective Corey Hodzic

Civilian Service Award:

- Chaplain Don Currence

Community Connection

Polar Plunge

Ozark officers collected donations to participate in the Polar Plunge. This annual fundraiser benefits Special Olympics Missouri and supports local athletes. The Ozark Police Department team raised over \$4,200 dollars this year! Thank you to everyone who donated. We are proud to serve our community!



Honor Flight of the Ozarks

Ozark Police Officers and Springfield Police Officers joined hundreds of community members at the Springfield National Airport for Honor Flight of the Ozarks. We were honored to be able to welcome veterans home from Washington, DC. It was a great opportunity!

Veteran's Day

Officers were honored to serve meals to veterans at the Ozark Senior Center. We were, honored to be in the company of so many military service members from our community. A great day for those who have served our country and those who continue to serve the community.



Citizens Academy

The program provides an informative overview of the fundamentals of police operations and the divisions within the Ozark Police Department for anyone 18 years of age and older. The format includes lecture-style presentations by OPD officers and staff, as well as some hands-on experience. The Citizen's Academy is free of charge, so if you are interested in learning more about the Ozark Police Department, the Citizen's Academy is a great way to get started.

Community Connection

Operation Giving / Operation Hope

Every year at Thanksgiving and Christmas, we get to do some of our favorite things and deliver meals to some great people for Operation Giving/Operation Hope.

Ozark Police Officers partnered with Christian County Deputies and Ozark Police Department Citizen Academy Alumni Association members to deliver 50 meals throughout Ozark and eastern Christian County.

Thank you to the Utopia Club, Apple Market, the Ozark Police Officers Association, and the Christian County Deputy Sheriffs Association for funding this awesome project.



Cops for Kids

Ozark Police Officers, Christian County Sheriffs Deputies, and members of the Ozark Police Department Citizen's Academy Alumni Association took a few hours to shop with some awesome local kids.

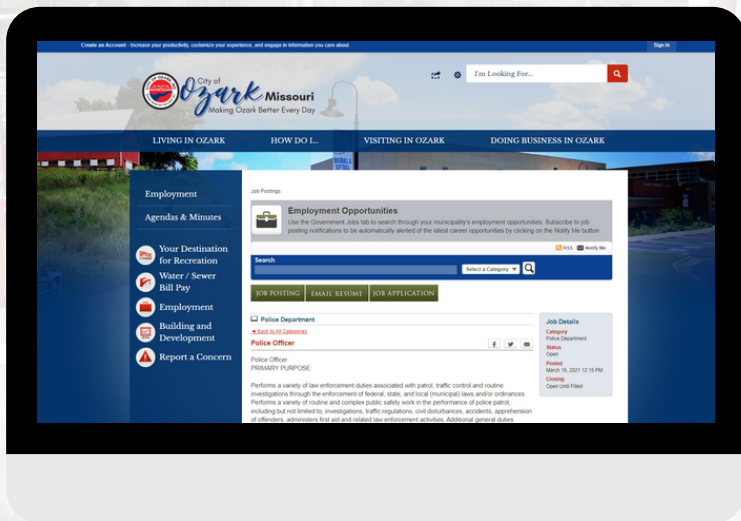
Our 2022 Cops for Kids was a huge success, OPD partnered with Walmart to take 100 local kids on a \$100 shopping spree.

The funds for Cops for Kids were provided through local donations, the Ozark Police Officers Association, and numerous partner organizations.

This is one of our favorite events all year. The smiles on these kids faces are priceless.



Thank You Ozark



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