



CITY OF  
**JAMESTOWN**  
Public Safety



# 2020

## ANNUAL REPORT

### JAMESTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# MESSAGE FROM CHIEF JACKSON

The 2020 year has brought numerous challenges to the Jamestown Police Department. Like police departments across the nation, we must continue to protect and serve the people of Jamestown regardless of the current COVID-19 pandemic. I am pleased to report that even during this unprecedented pandemic, the officers, detectives, and staff of the Jamestown Police Department have continued to provide the best possible service to the residents of Jamestown.

In 2020, the Jamestown Police Department saw a considerable amount of change within the department. Chief Harry Snellings, Captain Todd Isaacson, Detective Neil Bogosian, Detective Melody Peach, Detective David Kianos, and Officer Shawn Keppel retired while Officers Russell Buesink and Tony Zolnowski transferred to other departments. Carter Obergfell, Ross Olszewski, Josh Eddy, Nick Mitchell, Jakki Ahlbin, Brian Park, and Kyle Liuzzo all started their law enforcement careers at the Jamestown Police Department this year. Since K-9 “Promber” passed away unexpectedly in July of this year from a medical condition, K-9 Officer Erik Kraft has a new partner, K-9 “Kal”.



This year also saw the promotion of several officers in the Jamestown Police Department. Lt. Scott Forster was promoted to Captain to oversee the Operations Division, replacing Captain Todd Isaacson. Sgt. Rob Bender and Sgt. Sam Piazza were both promoted to Lieutenant, Officer Kyle Mann and Josh Nickerson were both promoted to Sergeant, and Officers Mike Morganti, Doug Weaver, and Kyle Sorenson were promoted to Detective. Finally, Officer Emma Ward was promoted to the role of Domestic Violence Officer, and Officer Matt Rhinehart was promoted to the role of Community Services Officer.

The Jamestown Police Department remains committed to completing Governor Cuomo’s “Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative” Executive Order. This process involves evaluating current police practices and policy through community stakeholder meetings. The Jamestown Police Department is on track to meet the April 1, 2021 deadline.

2021 will bring many new initiatives to the Jamestown Police Department. A “Citizens Police Academy” is tentatively scheduled for early next year, which will allow city residents an inside look at police training. Also, a “Big Brother/Big Sister” program is currently being developed to allow officers to work as mentors with area youth.

The Jamestown Police Department will continue to serve the citizens of Jamestown through just and fair law enforcement and a commitment to service.

— *Chief Timothy Jackson*



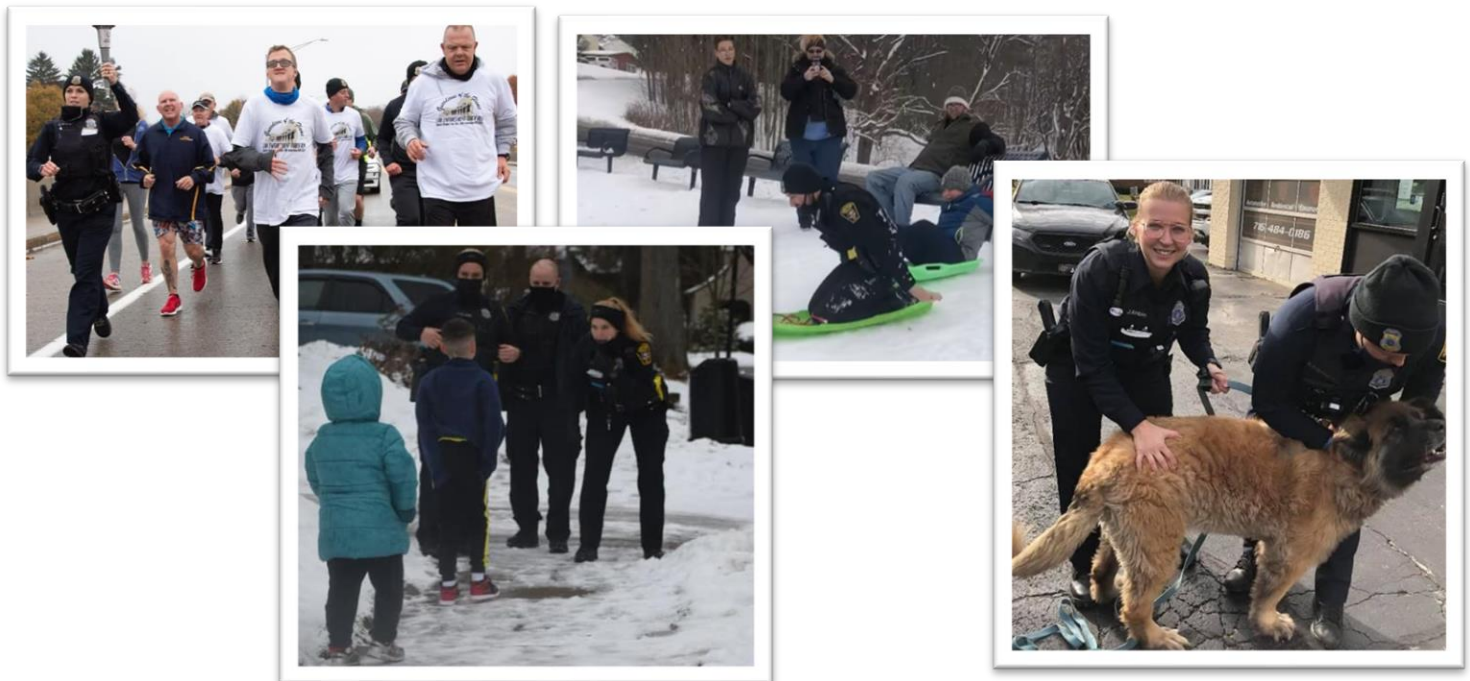
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# MISSION STATEMENT

**The Mission of the Jamestown Police Department is to ensure peace, safety, and a sense of well-being to the culturally diverse Jamestown Community. The goals of a high quality of life, crime prevention and racial harmony are shared with community members.**

**This Mission shall be accomplished through the preservation of peace, building community partnerships, the safeguarding of all individuals' personal liberties, and the prevention and resolution of crime.**

**The Jamestown Police Department is committed to this mission and each member is individually sworn to conduct themselves in a manner of excellence and professionalism in the service and dedication to the Jamestown Community.**



## 2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



**Collaboration between  
the Jamestown Metro  
Drug Task Force and  
Chautauqua County  
Sheriff's Office**

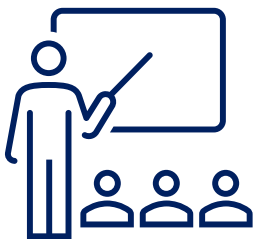


**Assignment of  
Community Resource  
Officer Matthew  
Rhinehart**



**Jamestown Police  
Department Officers  
Walked the Beat Over  
400 Times in 2020**

## 2021 GOALS



**Citizen's Police  
Academy**



**Youth Mentoring  
Program**



**Meeting Governor's  
Police Reform Initiative**

# 2020 CRIME STATISTICS

Please note this data uses unofficial IBR tally data. These statistics are preliminary counts of the original police incident reports and may vary from the final IBR statistics published by NYS and the FBI. Data from previous years may not match FBI UCR data as IBR data does not take into account hierarchy rules when counting offenses.

## Jamestown, NY Crime Index & Rate

IBR Crime Index Summary 2015-2020						
Offense	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Murder	2	4	1	1	0	1
Rape	28	17	10	30	16	14
Robbery	57	48	31	29	22	38
Aggravated Assault	152	147	145	151	153	198
<b>Violent Crime Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>251</b>
Burglary	309	340	237	202	223	250
Larceny/Theft	960	1054	891	824	861	822
MV Theft	35	45	36	14	36	30
Arson	31	27	29	9	22	18
<b>Property Crime Total</b>	<b>1,335</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>1,049</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>1,120</b>
<b>Total Index Crime</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>1,371</b>

### Crime Index

Is used to gauge change in the aggregate number of offenses reported to law enforcement year over year. It does not account for population fluctuation.

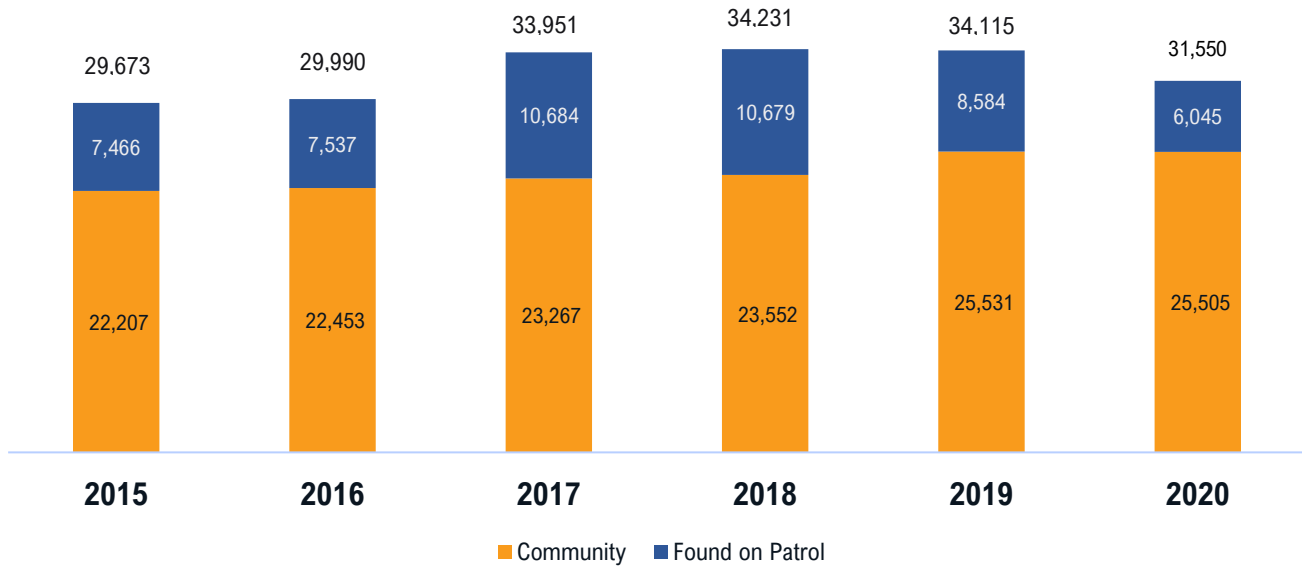
IBR Crime Rates 2015-2020						
Offense	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*
Population	30,263	28,879	29,562	29,384	29,102	29,058
Murder	0.07	0.14	0.03	0.03	0.0	0.03
Rape	0.9	0.6	0.3	1.0	0.5	0.5
Robbery	1.9	1.7	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.3
Aggravated Assault	5.0	5.1	4.9	5.1	5.3	6.8
<b>Violent Crime Total</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>8.6</b>
Burglary	10.2	11.8	8.0	6.9	7.7	8.6
Larceny/Theft	31.7	36.5	30.1	28.0	29.6	28.3
MV Theft	1.2	1.6	1.2	0.5	1.2	1.0
Arson	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.3	0.8	0.6
<b>Property Crime Total</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>38.5</b>
<b>Total Index Crime</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>47.2</b>

### Crime Rate

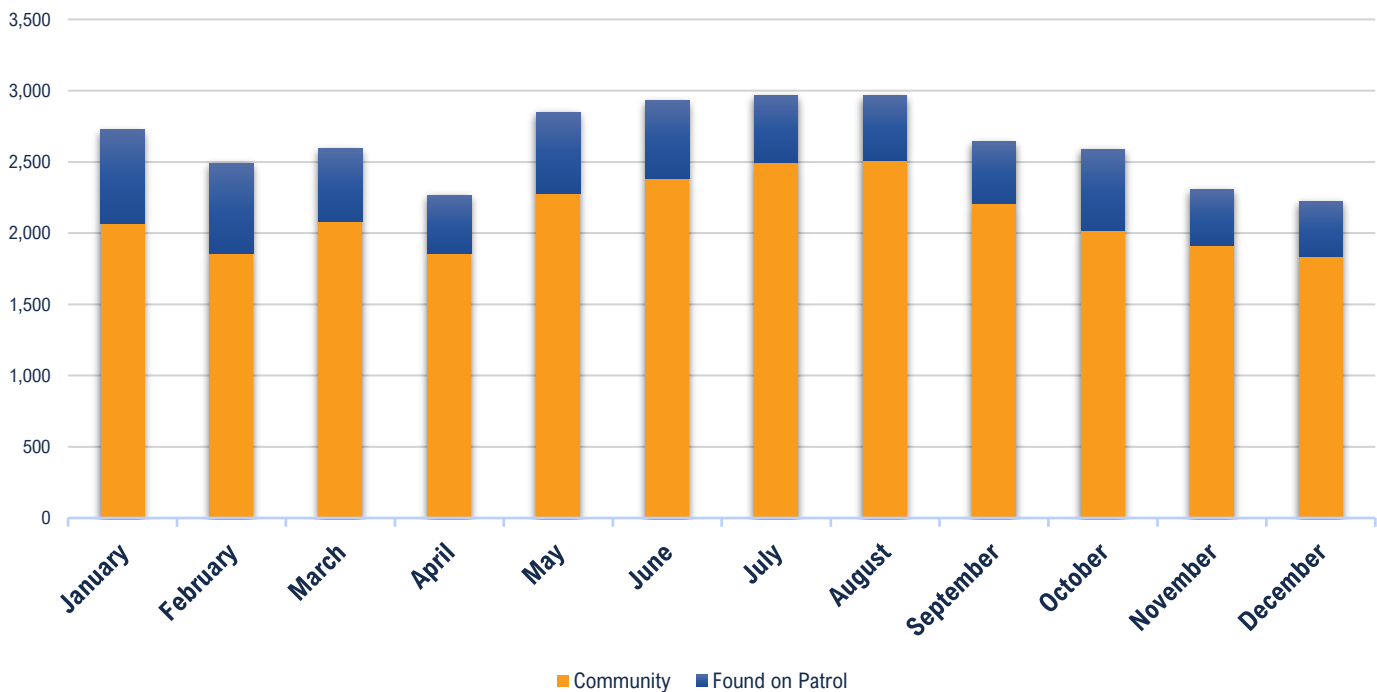
Compares the incidence of offenses in relation to the total reporting agency population. It is defined here as the number of offenses per 1,000 population.

## Incidents

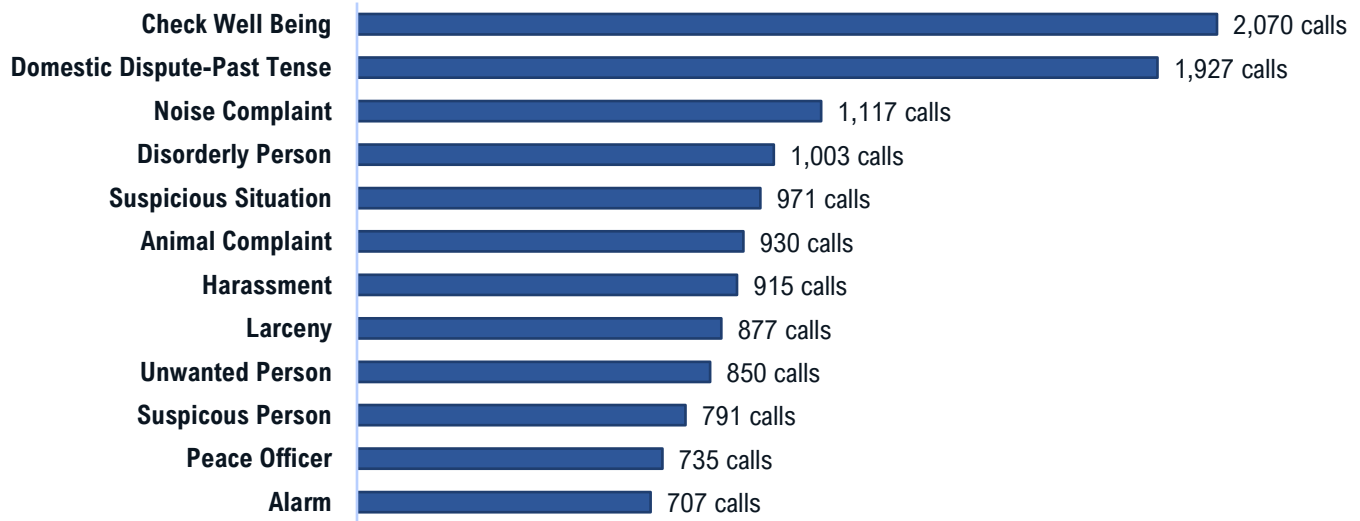
### COMPARISON OF INCIDENTS PER YEAR



### INCIDENTS BY MONTH IN 2020



## TOP CALLS FOR SERVICE FROM THE COMMUNITY

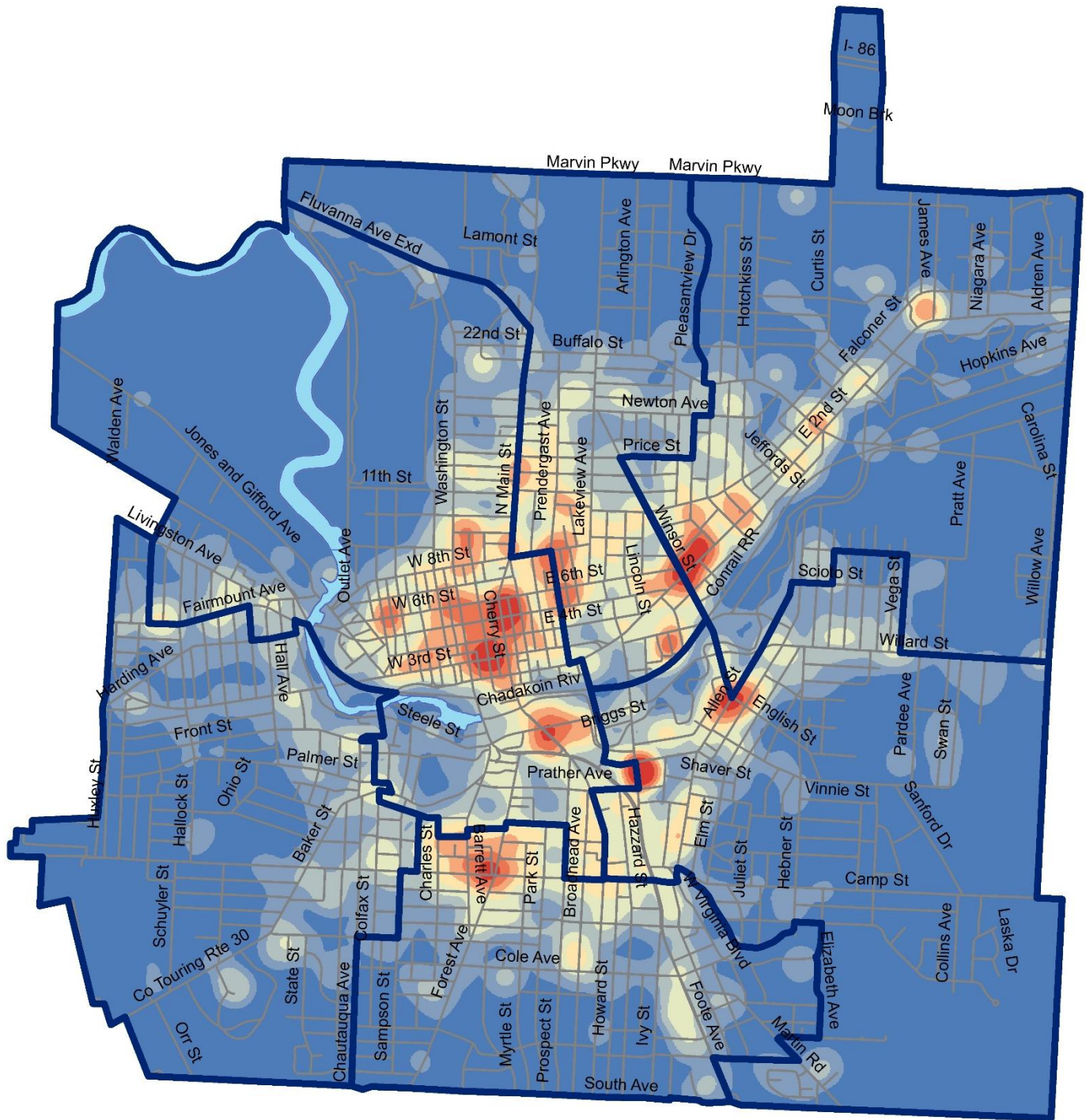


## BUSIEST TIME OF DAY/DAY OF WEEK FOR INCIDENTS RESPONDED TO BY JPD

Hour	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Grand Total
0	220	182	171	193	195	198	223	1,382
1	185	155	164	185	190	170	205	1,254
2	154	122	162	137	147	146	144	1,012
3	131	108	110	106	121	104	92	772
4	75	83	86	89	97	84	77	591
5	65	61	65	66	62	59	66	444
6	40	46	51	53	64	51	46	351
7	60	99	124	130	109	115	87	724
8	124	182	207	162	173	184	122	1,154
9	118	139	176	190	193	209	136	1,161
10	152	221	191	195	210	209	161	1,339
11	168	251	269	231	229	249	190	1,587
12	180	264	237	234	263	230	211	1,619
13	162	229	230	219	231	254	209	1,534
14	174	254	241	262	238	255	183	1,607
15	186	259	284	293	275	276	209	1,782
16	232	260	307	289	300	254	215	1,857
17	227	255	246	285	303	273	217	1,806
18	230	241	248	252	225	241	256	1,693
19	216	237	234	246	262	241	213	1,649
20	206	189	218	252	272	252	248	1,637
21	190	231	240	250	242	280	309	1,742
22	191	196	185	208	220	223	231	1,454
23	184	179	183	210	193	246	204	1,399
Grand Total	3,870	4,443	4,629	4,737	4,814	4,803	4,254	31,550



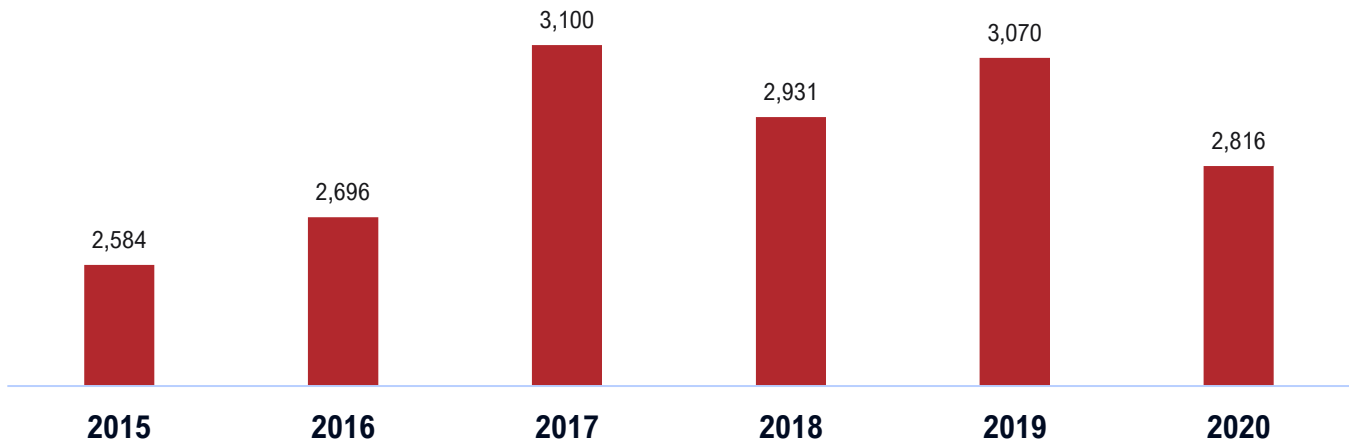
## 2020 Incidents in Jamestown, NY Density Map



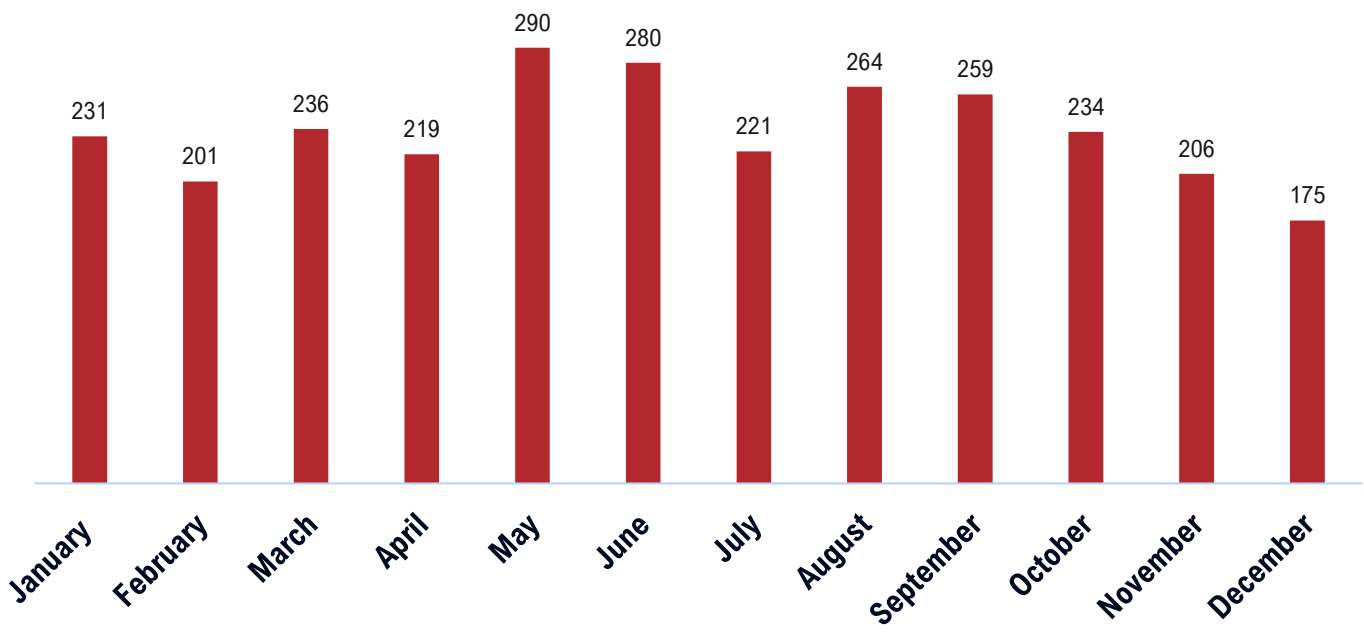


## Arrests in 2020

### COMPARISON OF ARRESTS PER YEAR



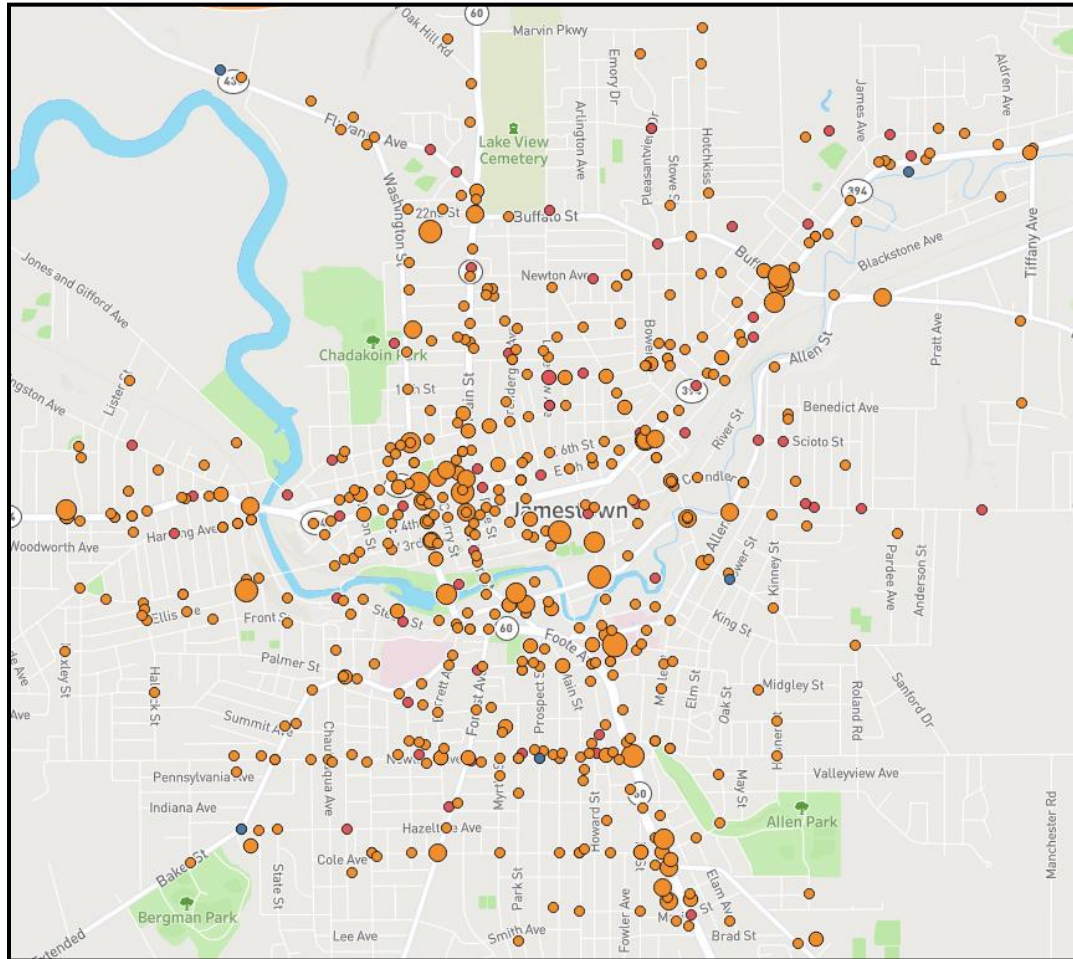
### ARRESTS BY MONTH IN 2020



## 5-Year Comparison of IBR Tally Offenses and Arrests

Crime	15-19 Avg Offenses	2019 Offenses	2020 Offenses	15-19 Avg Arrests	2019 Arrests	2020 Arrests
09a - Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1.6	0	1	1	0	1
100 - Kidnapping/ Abduction	98.6	95	90	69.2	65	66
11a - Forcible Rape	20.2	16	14	1.2	1	0
11b - Forcible Sodomy	13.0	11	16	1.2	0	0
11c - Sexual Assault with An Object	1.7	0	3	1	0	0
11d - Forcible Fondling	46.8	36	31	7.4	5	3
11E - Course of Repeated Sexual Conduct	1.0	1	1	0	0	0
120 - Robbery	37.4	22	38	13	8	19
13a - Aggravated Assault	149.6	153	198	80.4	97	110
13b - Simple Assault	711.0	763	610	363.4	402	380
13c - Intimidation	367.4	470	414	230.6	261	295
200 - Arson	23.6	22	18	3.6	7	5
210 - Extortion/ Blackmail	1.7	1	3	1	0	0
220 - Burglary/ Breaking and Entering	262.2	223	250	37.2	35	72
23a - Pocket-Picking	3.0	0	0	1	0	0
23g - Theft of Mv Parts or Accessories	1.0	1		0	0	
23h - All Other Larceny	918.0	861	822	124.8	118	131
240 - Motor Vehicle Theft	33.2	36	30	10.8	10	9
250 - Counterfeiting/ Forgery	48.0	35	28	5.6	6	8
26 - Identity Theft	54.6	48	25	1	0	1
26a - False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	8.2	5	4	1	1	0
26b - Credit Card/Atm Fraud	1.8	0	0	0.25	0	0
26c - Impersonation	54.6	59	33	48.4	54	30
26d - Welfare Fraud	1.3	1		0	0	
270 - Embezzlement	4.0	0	5	1.5	0	0
280 - Stolen Property Offenses	53.6	70	59	40.4	53	56
290 - Destruction/Damage of Property	623.4	642	658	222.6	250	296
35a - Drug/Narcotic Violations	415.8	418	314	463.4	494	334
35b - Drug Equipment Violations	95.2	81	45	117.6	116	50
36b - Statutory Rape	6.2	7	6	0.2	0	0
370 - Pornography/Obscene Material	4.3	5	7	0.5	2	1
510 - Bribery	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
520 - Weapon Law Violations	59.8	68	40	62.4	74	36
720 - Animal Cruelty	4.8	6	4	3.4	1	0
90a - Bad Checks	17.6	10	6	2.2	0	0
90b - Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
90c - Disorderly Conduct	48.8	41	16	49.8	42	18
90d - Driving Under the Influence	177.2	185	177	172.6	183	172
90f - Family Offenses, Nonviolent	18.4	10	4	4.2	0	2
90g - Liquor Law Violations	2.3	1	0	5	1	0
90h - Peeping Tom	2.5	4	3	0.25	0	0
90j - Trespass of Real Property	128.0	144	114	93.6	102	99
90z - All Other Offenses	701.4	754	760	524	564	531
999 - Vt Offenses	256.6	248	310	112.8	118	91
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5,470.8</b>	<b>5,554</b>	<b>5,157</b>	<b>2,876.2</b>	<b>3,070</b>	<b>2,816</b>

# Accidents and Vehicle and Traffic Violations in 2020



- Vehicle/Deer
- Property Damage
- Personal Injury

## TOP ACCIDENT INTERSECTIONS

- Foote Ave/Harrison St
- E 2nd St/Bufalo St
- Washington St/W 8th St
- W 6th St/Washington St
- N Main St/E 5th St
- Foote Ave/Newland Ave
- Winsor St/E 2nd St
- W 6th St/Whitley Ave
- W 6th St/Clinton St
- W 5th St/Washington St
- W 3rd St/Washington St
- S Main St/Harrison St
- Foote Ave/Crane St
- Cole Ave/Ivy St
- Bufalo St/Falconer St

**734** TOTAL ACCIDENTS

- 616 Property Damage
- 113 Personal Injury
- 5 Vehicle/Deer Accidents

**2,707** VEHICLE STOPS BY JPD OFFICERS IN 2020

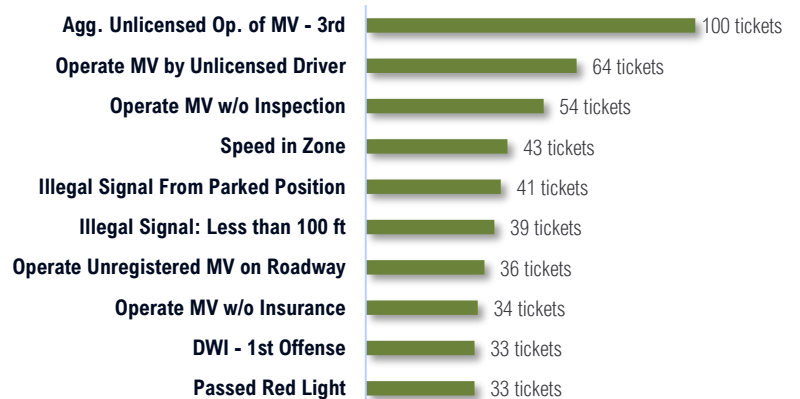
**23** ACCIDENTS INVOLVING PEDESTRIANS

**1,036** TICKETS ISSUED BY JPD OFFICERS IN 2020

**15** 2020 ACCIDENTS IN SCHOOL ZONES BETWEEN 7AM & 6PM MON – FRI FROM SEPTEMBER - JUNE

- 5 – Jamestown High School
- 3 – Love Elementary School
- 3 – Jefferson Middle School
- 2 – Ring Elementary School
- 1 – Fletcher Elementary School
- 1 – Persell Middle School

## TOP TEN TICKET OFFENSES ISSUED IN 2020



# OPERATIONS DIVISION

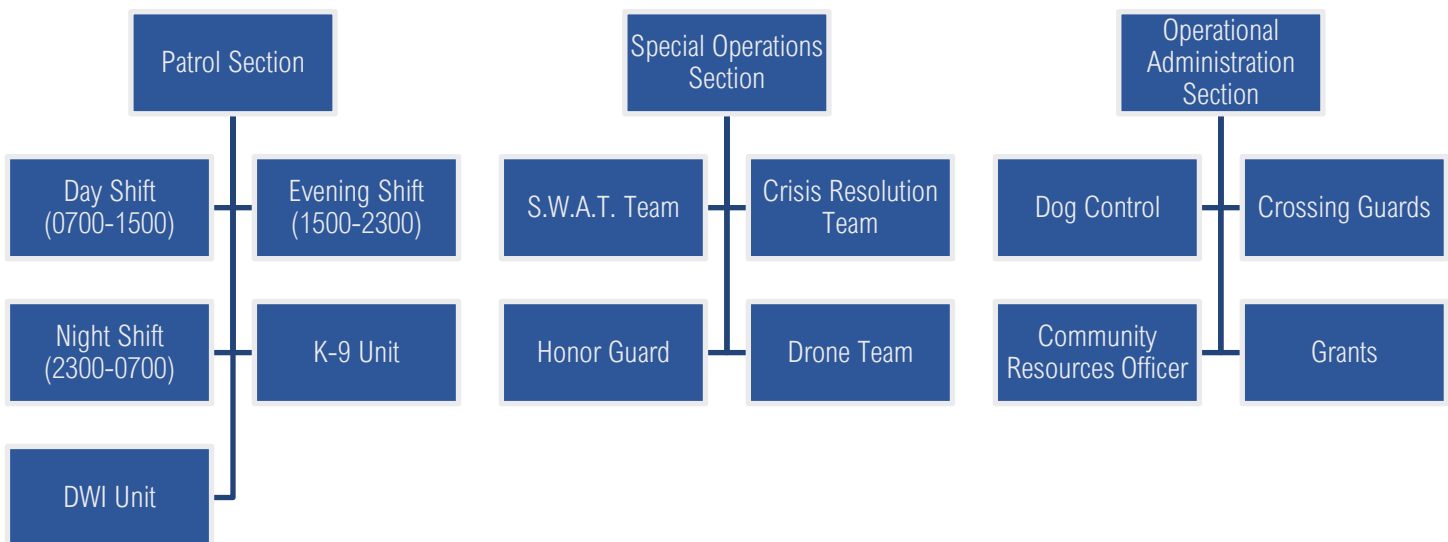
The Operations Division is responsible for providing direct police services to the public. The members of the Operations Division are committed to our citizens through the:

- protection of life and property,
- protection of the constitutional guarantees of all people,
- reduction of opportunities for the commission of crime,
- resolution of conflict,
- identification of criminal offenders and criminal activity,
- apprehension of offenders, and
- coordination of the efforts of the Jamestown Police Department with other police agencies.

The Jamestown Police Department is committed to working with the citizens of Jamestown to create a relationship between the community and its police department to not only reach, but to set new goals to achieve to reach a common objective.

Captain Scott Forster commands the division. There are 48 sworn police officers, a dog control officer, and five crossing guards assigned to the Operations Division. These officers represent the front line of the department and are in most circumstances have the initial contact with the community. Members of the operations division continue to stay vigilant and proactive in the patrol duties on a daily basis. They also offer themselves to be more accessible to the community and have a direct relationship with community members to build trust, which assists in the reporting and investigative efforts of these officers.

The City of Jamestown is the largest municipality in the county and continues to experience over half of the violent crime that is committed countywide. The Operations Division encompasses the Patrol Section, the Special Operations Section, and the Operational Administration Section. Captain Forster is also responsible for coordinating the agency's commitment to New York State Division of Criminal Justice Service's grant funded programs.





## Patrol Section

The Patrol Section consists of three platoons of uniformed officers who staff three shifts each day, along with a DWI patrol officer and a K9 officer. In each platoon, a lieutenant serves as the platoon commander. The lieutenant has overall responsibility for the administrative and daily supervision of platoon activities. Each platoon is divided into three squads with three or four officers assigned to each. In addition, two sergeants are assigned to every platoon as supervisors.

The Patrol Section is responsible for proactive patrols, responding to calls for service, initial and follow up investigations, traffic and parking enforcement, community relations, neighborhood awareness and reaction to neighborhood problems.

Additionally, the Patrol Section provides a communications officer for each shift. Usually a sergeant, the communications officer is responsible for operating the Command Center at the Jamestown Police Department. This position is responsible for monitoring and assisting the Dispatch Center, operating E-Justice and computer systems, and assisting the public at the station.

The Patrol Section also operates the City Jail. Patrol officers and patrol command staff are responsible for the control, incarceration, safekeeping, and humane treatment of prisoners in custody, in addition to booking and related processing of prisoners in custody, assisting the Court Security Unit with persons they arrest, and coordinating transportation of prisoners to the County Jail.

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Platoons

3

Lieutenants

6

Sergeants

35

Patrol  
Officers

1

K-9 Officer

1

DWI Officer



## K-9 Unit

Sadly, K-9 "Promber" passed away unexpectedly on July 11, 2020 from a medical condition. Promber and his handler, Officer Erik Kraft, were thanked for his public service to the City of Jamestown, and a memorial procession was held in honor of Promber. Officer Kraft received a portrait of Promber from fellow officers in memory of his service.



Officer "Kal" started his career at JPD on August 10, 2020 with Officer Kraft. Kal is named in memory of Kallie Swan, daughter of Shane Swan and Tara Swan. Kallie Swan passed away from Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in May 2015 at 3 years old.



## Special Operations Section

The Jamestown Police Department maintains four special teams that are staffed by officers as an “additional duty”.

### Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT)

The Jamestown Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) is a volunteer group of specially trained personnel assigned specialized weapons, supplemental safety equipment and other specialized devices to overcome prolonged life-threatening situations, such as: barricaded subject situations, hostage situations, anti-sniper incidents, drug interdictions, high-risk warrant service, and security for visiting dignitaries,

The team is commanded by Lt. Rob Ward.



#### 2020 JPD SWAT TEAM ACTIVITY

12

SEARCH  
WARRANTS

1

BARRICADED  
SUBJECT

1

SEARCH AND  
RESCUE

### Crisis Response Team (CRT)

The Jamestown Police Department Crisis Resolution Team (CRT) is a nine-member team that is specially trained and equipped in the management of crisis situations, such as: hostage incidents, barricaded subjects, or suicidal subjects. The purpose of the team is to bring crisis situations to a peaceful conclusion using negotiations –thereby minimizing the potential for injury to citizens and officers.

Negotiators are state certified, have completed the F.B.I. Crisis Negotiations School, and train on a regular basis jointly with Jamestown Police Department S.W.A.T., New York State Police, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, and numerous other western New York law enforcement agencies.

The Jamestown Police Department Crisis Resolution Team is under the command of Sgt. Shane Swan and includes Det. Matt Kachermeyer, Det. Craig Damon, D/O John Rader, Det. Corey Moore, Det. Mike Morganti, Det. Kyle Sorenson, St. Kyle Mann, and P/O Sydney Wheeler.

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2020 CRT  
CALL-OUTS



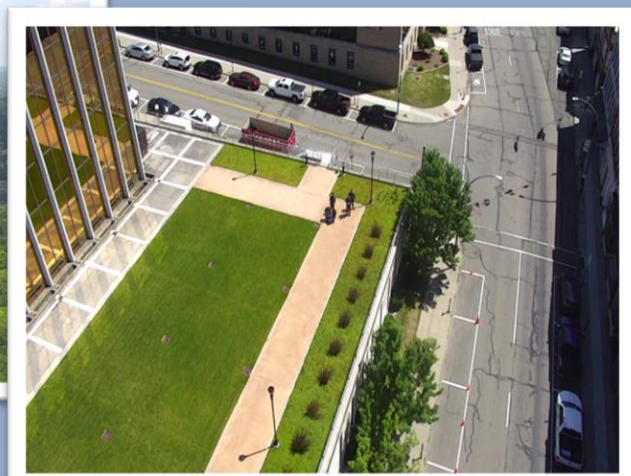
## Honor Guard

Color Guard is utilized on an as needed basis, primarily for parades, funerals, and special events.



## Drone Team

The Drone Team is comprised of officers possessing a Department of Transportation UAS Remote Pilot Certification and is utilized in area searches, event surveillance and to assist in special unit functions.





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## Operational Administration Section

### GRANTS

#### **POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES GRANT:**

The Police Traffic Services Grant is awarded annually and provides funding to support seatbelt and occupant restraint enforcement during specified statewide “enforcement waves” and expanded enforcement efforts directed by our department. Pro-active patrols also target aggressive driving, speeding, distracted drivers, cellular phone, and other dangerous driving behaviors. In the 2019-2020 grant, our agency was awarded \$8,330.

#### **OPERATION SAFE STOP:**

Operation Safe Stop is a statewide enforcement initiative that is not funded by any grant. Our agency and the Jamestown Public School District participate in this program annually in the spring of each year. The goal of the initiative is to ensure motorists are not passing stopped school busses and cite motorists who violate this law.

#### **GUN INVOLVED VIOLENCE ELIMINATION INITIATIVE – G.I.V.E.:**

In 2014, New York launched a new effort called the GIVE (Gun Involved Violence Elimination) Initiative. GIVE builds on the success of Operation IMPACT but focus exclusively on shootings, homicides, and violent crime. The focus of G.I.V.E. for Jamestown is on violent crime. In 2020, the Jamestown Police Department received a grant of \$70,563 to fund G.I.V.E. initiatives, including funding for a crime analyst. GIVE initiatives work to reduce incidents of shootings, aggravated assault, and violent crime by promoting integrated, evidence-based strategies that include four core elements:

- People – GIVE jurisdictions will target the key individuals and groups, also known as the

“top offenders,” responsible for most gun violence.

- Places – GIVE jurisdictions will target the key locations, or “hot spots,” where most violence is occurring.
- Alignment – GIVE jurisdictions will align their efforts and coordinate strategies with other local violence-prevention efforts.
- Engagement – GIVE jurisdictions will engage key stakeholders and the community at large, communicating and coordinating with them to ensure wide-ranging support.

The Chautauqua County G.I.V.E. partnership increases the number of patrols that are conducted jointly with agencies such as the NY State Police, NY State Parole, County Probation, and the City of Jamestown Department of Development (D.O.D.). Officers from these agencies work with JPD Officers to patrol targeted locations, conduct inspectional visits of parolees and probationers, and address emerging crime trends. Numerous high-profile arrests have resulted from the program, as well as an increased ability for the department to identify and track criminals to assist in deploying resources more effectively.

### ACCREDITATION

The Jamestown Police Department SWAT Team is in the process of becoming a state certified SWAT Team. This would make them one of only 20 teams in the entire state to be considered certified. The SWAT Team has also submitted a grant application through the Department of Homeland Security to attempt to secure funds for additional equipment and training that will assist in the goal of certification as well as their normal SWAT tasks.

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# ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND SERVICES DIVISION

Captain Robert F. Samuelson is the commander of the Administrative and Support Services Division. The Administrative and Support Services Division is responsible for providing ancillary services to support department functions. These services include management of department resources, management of the investigative section and non-sworn support staff. The Administrative and Support Services Division is divided into two sections: the Investigative Section and the Administrative Services and Support Section.

## Investigative Section

### Detective Unit

- This unit has three detectives assigned. Their primary function is to conduct investigative follow-ups of major crimes and incidents after the patrol officers complete preliminary investigations.

### Juvenile Unit

- The two detectives assigned to the Juvenile Unit investigate crimes involving victims and suspects who are 17 years of age or less, as well as felony assaults and sexual assaults where the victim is under 18 years of age. These detectives work closely with Child Protection, Social Services, Probation and Family Court.

### Jamestown Metro Drug Task Force

- Three detectives are assigned to this unit as Drug Enforcement Officers (DEOs). These investigators conduct drug investigations reported in the city. The DEOs also assist the Investigative Section in investigations requiring surveillance and shared confidential informants. The actions of these investigators have a direct impact on the narcotics trade.

### Evidence and Property Management Unit

- Two detectives perform crime scene processing, which includes photography, evidence collection, finger printing and proper storage of forensic evidence. In addition, these detectives are evidence technicians, maintaining all collected evidence and ensuring it is properly forwarded to a lab for examination and or analysis, in addition to securing body camera evidence.

### Domestic Violence Intervention Unit

- One patrol officer and one civilian employee, who is an employee of Family Services, staff this unit. The unit is responsible for facilitating the Chautauqua County Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault by assisting and providing follow-up to victims of domestic violence.

## 2020 MAJOR CASE INVESTIGATIONS

***\*\*We note in all applicable investigations, arrests, and indictments identified, the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. \*\****

### JANUARY 25, 2020: SHOOTING

At approximately 10:40 pm, a man was shoot while travelling inside a vehicle on Hazzard Street by multiple gunshots believed to have been fired from another vehicle. The victim was taken to UPMC Chautauqua for surgery and transferred to a hospital in Erie, PA.

### MARCH 10, 2020: COCAINE DISTRIBUTION INDICTMENT

On March 10, 2020, U.S. Attorney James Kennedy Jr. announced the federal grand jury indictment of Kori Robinson, 22, Islandah Mitchell, 20, both of Jamestown, NY, and Bruce Page, 25, of Buffalo, NY, with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribute, cocaine. The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The defendants await trial on their charges.

### MARCH 25, 2020: DRUG SEIZURE AND SUBSEQUENT DRUG CONSPIRACY CHARGES

On March 25, 2020, Rocco A. Beardsley, 34, and Kylie M. Reeves, 27, were arrested by Jamestown Police Department. During a traffic stop, Beardsley attempted to flee and threw a bag containing a large amount of narcotics underneath the vehicle in which investigators observed. In a search warrant served at 20 W. Cowden Place, Reeves found with "a quantity of methamphetamine, large amounts of drug paraphernalia and cash."

On April 15, 2020, U.S. Attorney James Kennedy Jr. announced a federal grand jury indicted Rocco Beardsley with narcotics conspiracy. Assistant U.S. Attorney Joshua A. Violanti, who is handling the case,

stated that according to the indictment, between December 2018, and April 2020, the defendant conspired with others to possess and distribute methamphetamine; acetyl fentanyl; crack cocaine; and fentanyl. The defendants await trial on their charges.



*Beardsley and Reeves Searches in March 2020*

### MARCH 26, 2020: SHOOTING

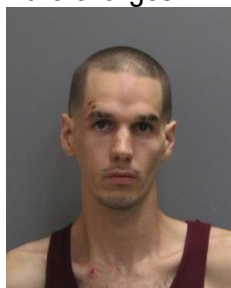
On March 26, 2020, a man was shot in front of 707 Jefferson St in Jamestown and drove himself to UPMC Chautauqua for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. The investigation into this shooting led to six arrests. Charges range from criminal possession of weapons to tampering with evidence, and include Torrie T. Jones, 21; Mikial C. Moore, 26; and Andre D. Jones, 18, all of Buffalo; as well as Anthony D. Burris, 29; Eddie Melendez, 47; and Melissa C. Kestler, 39, all of Jamestown. The defendants await trial on their various charges.



*Seizures Related Shooting on Jefferson*

### **JULY 6, 2020: MURDER**

At around 10:30 PM on July 6, Brandon Holland was stabbed in the chest as he walked on North Main Street. He was taken to UPMC Chautauqua but later pronounced dead. On August 5, 2020, a Chautauqua County grand jury indicted Carl W. Sorenson, 28, on a second-degree murder charge related to Holland's death. Sorenson plead not guilty at his arraignment and awaits trial on the charges.



*Carl W. Sorenson*

### **AUGUST 10, 2020: SHOOTING**

At approximately 2:30pm, officers responded to the 800 block of Prendergast Ave for a report of shots fired. The male victim was shot on a porch after a fight broke out between him and Jorge Medina-Tirando. The victim was taken to UPMC Chautauqua and transferred to UPMC Hamot in Erie, PA for surgery. Officers arrested Medina-Tirando, 27, for first-degree assault and second-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Medina-Tirando was located at a Euclid Avenue residence and attempted to evade police by jumping out of a third-story window. Medina-Tirando awaits trial on the charges.



### **OCTOBER 2020: PLEA TO POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE FENTANYL**

On October 29, 2020, U.S. Attorney James Kennedy Jr. announced that Alfredo Diaz, 57, of Jamestown pleaded guilty to possessing with intent to distribute and distributing fentanyl. In April 2020, investigators conducted controlled purchases of fentanyl from the defendant. On May 13, 2020, searches were conducted of both Diaz's residence as well as a storage unit he used. In the residence, investigators located approximately \$8,000 in U.S. currency as well as drug distribution paraphernalia, including glassine bags and a digital scale. In the storage unit, a black 2016 Cadillac SRX sport utility vehicle registered to the defendant, as well as approximately \$44,075 U.S. currency, was seized. The vehicle also contained a digital scale and packaging material.



*Alfredo R. Diaz Searches in May 2020*



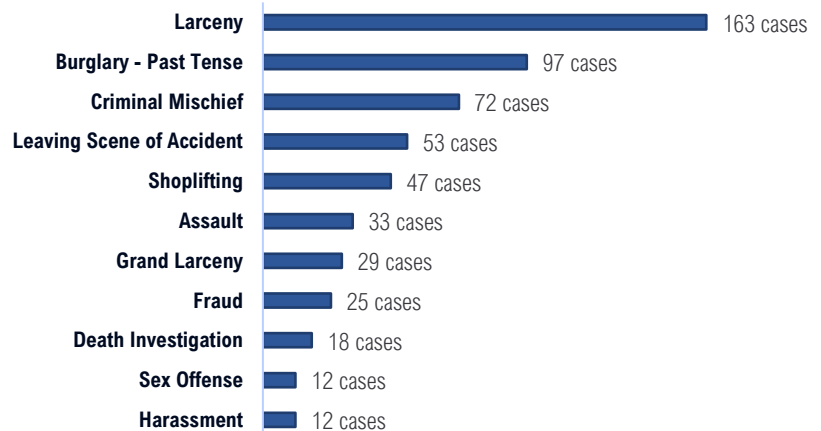
## 2020 INVESTIGATIVE UNIT CASE STATISTICS

### Detective Unit

The Jamestown Police Department Detective Unit consists of three to four full-time detectives.

<b>715</b>	CASES ASSIGNED
<b>545</b>	CASES THAT MAY BE REOPENED AS NEW EVIDENCE IS IDENTIFIED
<b>87</b>	CASES CLOSED BY ARRESTS OR WARRANTS ISSUED
<b>83</b>	CASES REMAIN OPEN

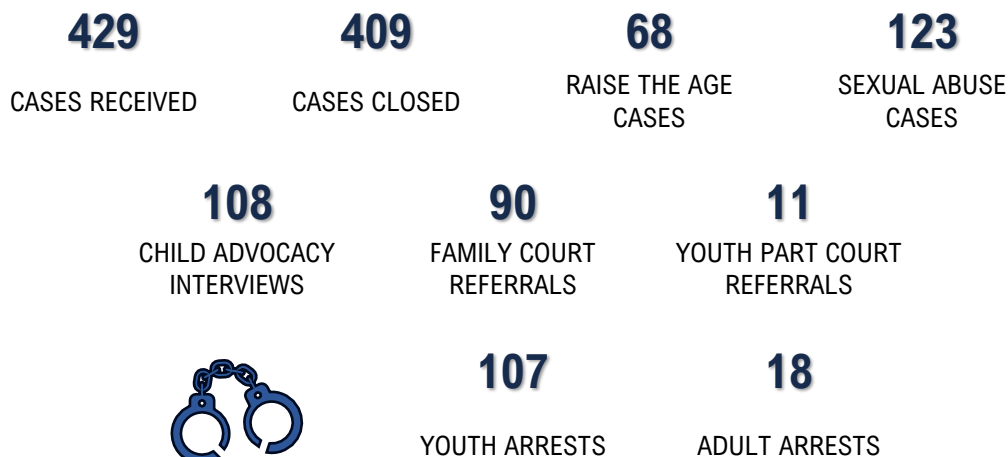
### TOP TYPES OF CASES ASSIGNED TO DETECTIVE UNIT



### Juvenile Unit

The Jamestown Police Department Juvenile Unit consists of two full-time specially trained detectives. Their specialized training includes the forensic interviewing of children, as well as suspect, victim and witness interviewing and statement taking. The detectives are responsible for the sensitive and lengthy investigations involving child sexual abuse, rape and crimes involving children under the age of 18. The juvenile unit handles crimes committed by both juvenile and adult suspects.

The juvenile unit uses a multidisciplinary team approach as an effective way to coordinate and conduct investigations. The team approach includes federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, child protective services (CPS), The Child Advocacy Program (CAP), probation, family court, mental health agencies, regional health care providers, local school systems and other social service agencies. The team is a collaboration which strives towards an effective, prompt and unified response to crimes committed against children.



## JAMESTOWN METRO DRUG TASK FORCE (JMDTF)

The Jamestown Metro Drug Task Force (JMDTF) took over as the primary unit to investigate drug investigations in the City of Jamestown when the department withdrew their partnership from the Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force in March 2012. This initial unit consisted of the Jamestown Police Department and the New York State Police CNET. In 2014, the Ellicott Police Department joined

in the effort to address narcotic issues in the greater Jamestown area.

The JMDTF investigates narcotics cases assigned to them, conducts surveillance, and works with confidential informants. They are often assisted by Jamestown SWAT and other local police agencies, in addition to federal law enforcement partners.

### SNAPSHOT OF JMDTF 2020 SEIZURE STATISTICS

**594.4 gm**

COCAINE SEIZED

**148.6 gm**

CRACK SEIZED

**366.2 gm**

FENTANYL and MIX  
SEIZED

**1,789.5 gm**

METHAMPHETAMINE  
SEIZED

**13,245 gm**

MARIJUANA SEIZED

**\$197,524**

MONEY SEIZED

**17**

FIREARMS SEIZED

**38**

SEARCH WARRANTS  
EXECUTED



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION UNIT

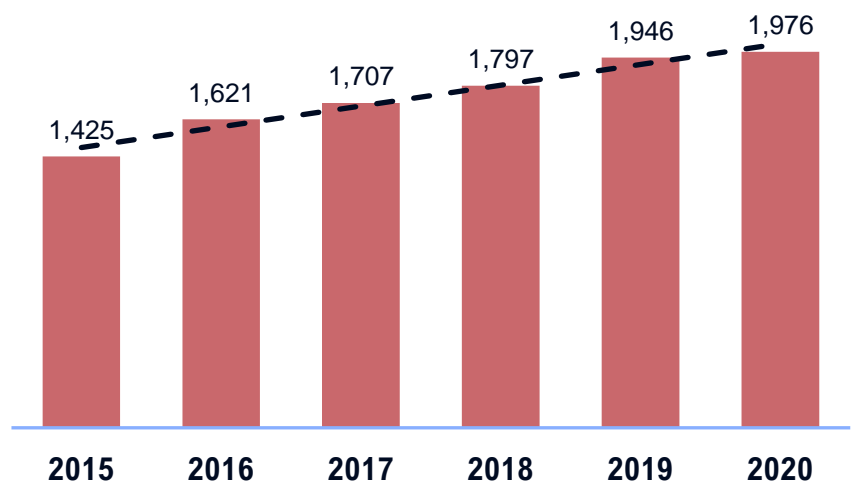
In 2020, the Domestic Violence Intervention Unit (DVIU) received 1,235 Domestic Violence Incident Reports that were taken by Jamestown Police Department officers. Through Project Crossroads, the DVIU staff served 965 victims and provided over 2,578 referrals through the victim and domestic violence court follow-up programs, unsolicited phone calls, and office visits.

The Domestic Violence Intervention Unit (DVIU) is responsible for facilitating the Chautauqua County Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. This coalition implements a coordinated community response system to the epidemic of domestic violence while enhancing efficient delivery of services to victims. Through the coalition, staff have developed and implemented community awareness initiatives and events throughout Chautauqua County.

<b>1,235</b>	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENT REPORTS BY JPD
<b>480</b>	ON-SITE ARRESTS MADE
<b>270</b>	WARRANT APPLICATIONS FOR ARREST
<b>965</b>	VICTIMS SERVED BY DVIU STAFF
<b>2,578</b>	REFERRALS GIVEN
<b>86%</b>	CONTACT RATE OF VICTIM FOLLOW-UP
<b>99%</b>	VICTIMS WERE SATISFIED WITH THE OFFICER(S) RESPONSE
<b>98%</b>	VICTIMS HAD NO SUGGESTIONS ON HOW JPD COULD BETTER ASSIST VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



### Domestic Incident Calls for Service





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## Administrative Services and Support Section

The reception area is staffed by one full-time typist responsible for: receiving phone calls for general information and answering questions or referring calls to the appropriate office; receiving phone calls and taking messages for departmental units when those units are not attended; receiving walk-in complaints and taking appropriate action or making appropriate referrals; and typing correspondence, reports, form letters, memos, records and similar material. Reception is also accountable for taking non-emergency complaints by telephone or in-person and completing offense reports on walk-in complaints.

Information technology duties are performed by one-full-time civilian employee who is responsible for compiling, preparing and disseminating the department's performance statistics; performing certain computer programming services; entering, reviewing and monitoring the quality of information in the department's computer database; and coordinating officer automation services. This employee also provides technical assistance and instruction to department employees in the operation of computer and technical systems; acts as liaison with city and county data processing personnel; establishes, coordinates, and maintains schedules and inventories for the utilization of equipment in the department; and troubleshoots, analyzes problems and implements solutions to software and hardware problems. This person's duties also include coordination of software purchases and associated training; periodic analysis of department records management processing; assistance with data analysis; generation of internal and external reports relating to information technology systems and applications; as well as identification and evaluation of computer and technical systems problems. This unit is also responsible for making periodic data backup files for the department; assisting programmers in technical aspects of interfacing computers to networks or mainframe computers; and researching and recommending new software and hardware applications for department activities.

Records Management is staffed by three full-time civilian employees who are responsible for the repository of all department arrests record reports, case history reports, vehicle and traffic tickets and auto accident reports; the release of these records to the public; payroll, microfilm processing, mail and petty cash; liaison with UCR Reports, compensation, TSLED; budget duties; stenographic duties; and the maintenance of the Sex Offender Registry.

The Investigative Section is assigned a full-time secretary. The secretary enters reports and completes data entry on warrants and maintains the files. The secretary is also responsible for tracking court appearance subpoenas sent or received. Additionally, the secretary ensures the proper assembly of cases for the District Attorney's Office.

Court/Building Security is staffed by one full-time and twelve part-time sworn court security officers who are responsible for protecting and guarding judges, non-judicial employees, jurors, parties, attorneys, witnesses, and the general public in the designated security screening equipment; collecting and securing property of persons entering court facilities; maintaining decorum in the court; and answering questions and directing the general public as necessary. These individuals are also accountable for guarding prisoners awaiting court action; maintaining order and assisting with judicial proceedings; and carrying out the directions of the court.

Jail Management is overseen by the Administrative and Support Services Division Commander who is responsible for the administration of the city jail; compliance with regulations pertaining to the operation of the City Jail; completion of required reports to the NYS Commission of Corrections; coordination of operational functions with the administrative functions of the City Jail; selection and training of jail matrons; and maintenance of jail records.



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# 2020 PERSONNEL CHANGES

## RETIREMENTS



Chief Harry Snellings  
Director of Public Safety



Captain Todd Isaacson  
Operations Division



Detective Neil Bogosian



Detective David Kianos



Detective Melody Peach



Officer Shawn Keppel

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## PROMOTIONS



Chief Timothy Jackson  
Director of Public Safety



Acting Captain Scott Forster  
Operations Division



Lt. Rob Bender



Lt. Sam Piazza



Sgt. Kyle Mann



Acting Sgt. Josh Nickerson



Detective Doug Weaver



Detective Mike Morganti



Detective Kyle Sorenson



Domestic Violence Officer Emma Ward



Community Services Officer Matt Rhinehart

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## NEW HIRES



Officer Carter Obergfell



Officer Ross Olszewski



Officer Josh Eddy



Officer Nick Mitchell



Officer Jakki Ahlbin



Officer Brian Park



Officer Kyle Liuzzo

## TRANSFERS TO OTHER AGENCIES



Officer Russell Buesink



Officer Tony Zolnowski

# JPD ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

