

JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

WHERE PASSION MEETS PURPOSE



FROM THE SHERIFF





The success and merit of an agency is dependent on the character of every individual within that organization. Every day the dedicated men and women of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office demonstrate character, commitment and passion in providing exceptional service to its citizens. The professionalism and compassion in performing their duties is unequaled in the law enforcement profession.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has a long honored tradition in serving its citizens with pride and distinction. Since its formation in 1859 to resent day, the foundational principal has always been to the safety of our citizens. That principle, coupled with our commitment to improving the quality of service, makes Jefferson County a preferred location to live and work.

I'm proud to represent this exceptional organization and am humbled to work with outstanding professionals who make each day count, and to preserving the integrity of the Sheriff's Office and the law enforcement profession.

This annual report is dedicated to those men and women who make a difference every day in the lives of so many.

Ted B. Mink

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Sheriff, Jefferson County, CO
2013



FLOOD



The September floods stretched resources and staffing to its limits. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office had not experienced a flood of this scope or magnitude in recent memory. The training that personnel received for critical incident response proved valuable and led to the successful management of a complicated, life-threatening situation.

SEPTEMBER 11TH

Increasing rain and mounting calls into dispatch helped to illustrate the growing concern for residents in Coal Creek Canyon, portions of Evergreen, and other areas in the county, as we began to brace for a potentially catastrophic flood event. The Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated to manage the scope of the incident. Rushing waters washed away portions of Highway 72, stranding multiple homeowners. A ruptured gas line, multiple road closures and a train derailment sparked a CodeRED emergency notification to over 1,500 residents in the middle of the night.

SEPTEMBER 12TH

The rain continued into daybreak. Deputies responded to each home along Highway 72 in Coal Creek Canyon to check on residents and ensure proper safety measures were made. The flood warranted the response of the Jefferson County Incident Management Team (IMT) to provide oversight, support and resource management. Reports of flooding were not localized and impacted homes downstream from both Ralston and Arvada Reservoirs, the Leydon area and Upper Bear Creek Road in Evergreen. Some Evergreen residents self-evacuated after heeding deputies' advice.

SEPTEMBER 13TH

At 4:22 a.m. the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office issued a CodeRED emergency notification to residents along Highway 74 from Evergreen to Morrison for rising flood waters. Gap Road, a less traveled and ill-maintained route, remained the only access into Coal Creek Canyon. Deputies maintained 24-hour patrols in order to provide security to canyon residents and provide safety measures to travelers crossing the eroded roadway.





RECOVERY

Several days later the rain and rising flood waters finally ceased. Still, it would be days before the waters dropped to levels where residents could return home and businesses could re-open. Three thousand residents in Coal Creek Canyon and nearly 150 in Evergreen had limited access to neighborhoods through September 20th. Businesses in Coal Creek struggled to remain open on a limited basis while downtown Evergreen businesses suffered disruption through September 17th. Deputies continued to man traffic control points during the recovery process.



PERSONNEL

Patrol staff committed over 3,200 hours to the flood. Detentions staff and reserve deputies were called upon to manage the incident, provide extra security to deter the criminal element, and assist with day-to-day difficulties of the flood victims. Two employees were recognized for their efforts during the flood at the exemplary award ceremony. Sergeant Dave Baldwin and Deputy Kerry DiLorenzo were awarded with the prestigious Sheriff's Star for their admirable diligence to citizens during the crisis.

Sergeant Baldwin was acknowledged for his compassion, understanding and professionalism in his role as the liaison to various county departments and citizens. Whether it was escorting citizens or giving media tours of the damage, no task was too big or too small.

Deputy DiLorenzo assisted families in evacuating pets and belongings. Deputy DiLorenzo developed a pass-on book to aid deputies regarding specific needs of the community. In addition to the numerous hours he devoted to the canyon—himself a Coal Creek resident—he led the cause to replace soiled mattresses for a mother of five after she was forced to use them to divert flood water away from her property.



WILDLAND FIRE RESPONSE



The Sheriff's Office continues to fortify its systems when responding to wildland fires. Due to the county's geographic makeup, wildfire is a constant concern. Be it mitigation steps, evacuation drills, protection plans, or fire restrictions and bans, the Sheriff's Office aims to keep people and structures safe.

LIME GULCH FIRE

On June 19th, a wildfire began that would rage for several days in the mountains of south Jefferson County. Initially, a CodeRED emergency notification was sent to a three mile radius of the fire. An evacuation center was established at Evergreen High School and animals were transported to Foothills Animal Shelter. Deputies secured the area so that firefighters could battle from the ground while two heavy air tankers and a helicopter did so from above. In one day, the fire grew to 600 acres with only 5 percent containment. By June 22nd all evacuees returned to their homes.

BLUEBELL FIRE

On June 3rd, a fire started near Bluebell Circle in Evergreen. The fire grew to 20 acres within minutes due to high winds. Within an hour a level three evacuation (leave now notice) was delivered to more than 9,000 phone lines covering a four mile radius of the fire. Deputies went door to door to evacuate homes. Residents with large animals were instructed to take them to the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Firefighters worked through the night to contain the fire that threatened hundreds of homes. By the end of the second day, 140 residents and 109 animals were displaced. Approximately 100 personnel were actively involved in fighting the Bluebell Fire.



ACT OF KINDNESS

The Bluebell Fire in Evergreen blazed through the night and into the next morning. Weary personnel frequented the area either to end or begin their shifts. Amid the chaos, responders were pleasantly surprised by two boys at the edge of a driveway holding a handmade sign. Bryce and Rhys graciously offered cookies and drinks, but best of all, their smiles. For their act of kindness the boys were awarded the Citizen Commendation award.



SELFLESS CONDUCT

On June 3rd, Deputy Randy Barnes responded to a home that firefighters were actively protecting. Deputy Barnes entered the home to check for occupants despite the flames at the door. Fumes emanating from the varnished floors overwhelmed him as he searched. Deputy Barnes was awarded the Sheriff's Commendation for his selfless response.



FIELD STRATEGIES

After the devastating fires of 2012, Sergeant Michael Rubenstein developed a training curriculum specific to law enforcement's response to wildland fires. The materials included evacuation maps of high risk neighborhoods, templates for tracking initial response duties, demographic data sheets, suggested staging locations, safe zones, command post locations, traffic control points, special needs populations, terrain considerations and a host of other data critical.



EVACUATION EXERCISES AND DRILLS

Emergency Management maintains operational readiness and preparedness for hazard related events. A series of public meetings and workshops culminated in full-scale notification and evacuation drills.

- Eaton Senior Living evacuation exercise
- Countywide Public Health full scale exercise
- National Incident Management Systems and incident command training
- Genesee evacuation drill

CodeRED

The Genesee evacuation drill was executed because of the need to test the CodeRED emergency notification system in anticipation of a wildland fire. During the exercise the Sheriff's Office established a unified command, identified traffic 'pinch points', assisted in data collection and emergency services. An estimated 400 residents participated in the drill.

For more information on CodeRED, or to register visit: www.jeffcosheriff.com



PATROL DIVISION



The Patrol Division is committed to improving public safety and quality of life for Jefferson County residents. Deputies patrol the county's 773 square miles day and night, responding to calls for service, being proactive in the neighborhood and providing crime-prevention education to our citizens.

STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERY

In December, a deputy received notification from his console that a stolen vehicle, equipped with LoJack, was in his proximity. The driver gave chase, but hit a pole and fled the scene. The deputies, aided by K9 Rocky, tracked the driver through a field where he was found hiding six feet above ground in a tree.

ASSAULT ON PEACE OFFICER

On September 29th, deputies spotted a wrong-way driver, swerving in traffic. Deputies used a 'precision immobilization technique', otherwise known as a PIT maneuver, in order to stop the vehicle and make the arrest. While checking for injuries at the hospital, the arrestee attempted to disarm the deputy. The suspect was booked into jail for multiple charges to include assault on a peace officer.

AUTO THEFT

In January, a stolen BMW crashed after exceeding 115 miles per hour near I-70 and Denver West Boulevard. Deputies saturated the area looking for the suspect who had fled the scene. In an attempt to thwart deputies, the suspect activated a fire alarm in an office building. Deputies took notice of a particularly nervous looking female who stated she was a janitor. She was charged with false reporting, aggravated auto theft, and vehicular eluding among multiple traffic charges.

DIGNITARY VISIT

In April, the President of Iceland arrived via a United States Secret Service motorcade to visit the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) located in Golden. Preparations began one week prior with K9 bomb sweeps of the venue and security planning. The operation was a cooperative effort of the United States Secret Service, NREL Security, Jefferson County deputies, reserve deputies, the Traffic Unit, Special Investigations Unit, Special Weapons and Tactics team and Bomb K9s.



HORSES SEIZED

In May, animal control officers took custody of 18 horses seized from an abusive owner. The animals were suffering from a variety of health problems, including malnourishment. Those responsible for the care of the horses pled guilty to cruelty to animal charges and were ordered to comply with probation. Many of the horses were adopted to their forever homes.

BARRICADED SUBJECT

On July 5th, deputies responded to a barricaded and armed subject who had physically assaulted his estranged wife. The suspect fired at the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team. The SWAT team returned fire severely injuring the suspect. He was charged with criminal attempted murder of a police officer, criminal attempt murder with extreme indifference, child abuse and domestic violence. The swift actions of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office were noted by several residents in the neighborhood. "In less than five minutes they secured an entire city block of people and houses. When we were allowed to come out of our houses the deputies took the time to make sure everyone was okay."

The Jefferson County Regional SWAT team is comprised of highly trained, specially equipped individuals who respond to exceptional instances where other-than-normal law enforcement resources or procedures are needed. The Jefferson County Regional SWAT team was activated 19 times in 2013.

SHOTS FIRED

In February, a patron of GI Jodi's Bar had been firing his handgun in the air. The suspect fled the scene prior to the deputies' arrival, but was located at a nearby gas station. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and charged with felony menacing, prohibited use of a weapon, and theft.

ARSON

On October 2nd, deputies responded to a report of explosive devices detonating near the recreation center in Evergreen. A hiker had stumbled upon juveniles who had warned her to stay clear from their pipe bombs. The hiker dialed 911 and instructed the juveniles to sit still until authorities arrived. The JCSO Bomb Squad recovered ingredients for bombs as well as printed detonation instructions. The juveniles were issued summonses for 2nd degree arson.

The Bomb Squad understands the threat that even the smallest explosive poses. The Bomb Squad was activated 86 times in 2013; calls were related to explosives, hazardous materials and requests to assist the Special Weapons and Tactics team. The Bomb Squad provided an additional 181 hours of service to federal, state, county, city and fire entities requesting their assistance.



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Deputy Michael Burgess participated in the development of the first of its kind, multi-discipline partnership to collectively address citizens in our communities who suffer from mental health problems. These individuals suffer from dementia, depression, delusions and even psychosis. Deputy Burgess was named employee of the year for his compassion and commitment to this worthy cause.



SCARLETT'S RESCUE

"It was heartbreaking," said Animal Control Officer Christina Padilla. The 6-year-old mare named Scarlett fell through the ice into a pond in the early morning hours in March. The 45 minute rescue was made possible with JCSO Animal Control, Evergreen Fire, Indian Hills Fire, West Metro Fire, and the Jefferson County Horse Evacuation Assistance Team (HEAT). Scarlett stabilized and recuperated from her muscle trauma thanks to the expert care at Aspen Creek Veterinary Hospital.

RACKETEERING

In May, Jefferson County Sheriff's deputies responded to an alarm at the World of Coins store. Dispatch aired that the alarm was triggered from three different entrances. Deputies approached the business on foot and noticed a vehicle parked and running in front of the business. As deputies approached the suspects exited, deposited stolen items into the vehicle and returned for more. Some suspects fled when deputies gave commands, but all six were apprehended and charged with burglary and racketeering.

ADVANCED POLICE MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR SCHOOL

The Sheriff's Office hosted an advanced motorcycle operator school to 49 motorcycle officers from 11 area law enforcement agencies. The training was designed to enhance and refine current skills, and decision-making while operating a motorcycle. The course focused on proper techniques for dignitary escorts, partner formation and crash avoidance. Officers also completed a firearms qualification course using their motorcycle as cover, and firing a weapon while operating their motorcycle.

HONOR GUARD

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard represents the agency at ceremonial functions. The Honor Guard provides formality and dignity to events. The Honor Guard performs the posting of colors, flag folding, casket vigil, rifle team, bag-pipe and playing of 'Taps'. The Honor Guard attended 13 events ranging from elected official's swearing-in ceremonies, academy graduations and professional sporting events.



FIELD TRAINING

Twelve deputies were transferred to the Patrol Division from the Detention Services Division after a stringent selection process. The deputies were paired with Field Training Instructors (FTIs) to review basic job functions relevant to patrol duties--building searches, traffic stops and report writing. Twenty-seven deputies are designated as FTIs. These instructors are selected through a process where proficiency, commitment to service, leadership and ability to train are evaluated. A Master FTI position was introduced this year. This made FTI internal training possible as opposed to seeking costly external opportunities.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The relationship each School Resource Officer (SRO) has with their respective school not only benefits the students and staff but also enhances the performance of patrol and investigations. During the calendar year, each of the ten SROs worked 208 student contact days within Jefferson County Public Schools. SROs collectively made 403 traffic stops, took 261 misdemeanor reports, and instructed 124 courses.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT



The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit helps prevent crashes by conducting enforcement activities that involve moving violations—such as speeding, careless driving, stop sign and red light violations. These deputies also conduct operations targeting drinking violations, texting while driving, seat belt use and street racing.

2013 TOP CRASH SITES LOCATION

Interstate 70: mile marker 248 - 262 to include C-470 and I-70 interchange
Highway 93 corridor
Highway 6: mile marker 262 - 275
West Ken Caryl Avenue
West Bowles Avenue
South Kipling Parkway
C-470 corridor
South Wadsworth Boulevard corridor
Highway 285: mile marker 236 - 247
Highway 74: Swede Gulch to Evergreen Lake

CRASH DATA

An analysis of crash data for the year 2012 through August 2013:

- 23 serious bodily injury crashes, compared to 65 in 2012; a 42% decrease
- 19 fatal crashes, compared to eight in 2012; a 137% increase
- 62% of serious bodily injury and fatal crashes occurred in identified high crash areas
- 21% of serious bodily injury and fatal crashes occurred in chronic complaint areas
- 14% of serious bodily injury and fatal crashes were DUI related
- 60% of serious bodily injury and fatal crashes occurred in January, July, August and September

MOTORCYCLE EDUCATION

By June, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office had responded to two motorcycle related fatalities; one on Highway 74 and another on Highway 72 in Coal Creek Canyon. The crashes occurred as a result of the riders failing to negotiate and excessive speeds. In response, Sheriff's Office motorcycle deputies proactively explored the issues and worked towards solutions via statistical tracking, public education and offering 'stop and talk' locations along the canyon roadways.



MOTORCYCLE STATISTICS

- 40% of all fatal crashes involve unendorsed riders
- JCSO had 44 fatal or serious bodily injury motorcycle crashes since January 2011.
Of those:
 - 16% were fatal
 - 98% were rider error
 - 75% occurred in the foothills of Jefferson County
 - 70% were related to either speed or failing to negotiate a corner
 - 50% were wearing helmets
 - 14% were DUI related



TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

The Traffic Unit prioritizes enforcement in areas identified by citizen complaints, top crash sites and school zones. Of the 3,778 summonses issued, 19 percent were in complaint areas, 78 percent were in crash areas and two percent were in school zones.

In August the Traffic Unit conducted a speed study on a northbound portion of Highway 93. A speed sentry radar device was placed just north of Leyden Road for six days. The data collected from the portable device revealed that 85 percent of the traffic was exceeding the speed limit in excess of at least ten miles per hour. The highest speed was 100 miles per hour, while the maximum averages were in the 80-85 miles per hour range. With this knowledge the Traffic Unit applied for a grant seeking funding for increased patrols, and upgraded radar equipment. The grant was approved and funding will be available in 2014.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



The Criminal Investigations Division conducts thorough investigations of crimes from theft and vandalism to financial fraud and homicide. With modern tools and techniques, and improved inter-agency communication, investigators work to solve crimes and bring justice for victims.

SAFE STREETS TASK FORCE

In June, the Fugitive Unit partnered with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in their Safe Streets Task Force. This metro-wide task force serves high-risk arrest warrants. The task force made 390 arrests and cleared 455 outstanding warrants. A Sheriff's Office investigator arrested Adam Lynch, also known as the 'Ho Hum Bandit', who had robbed ten banks in Colorado and 12 in California. The collaboration of resources, equipment and training resulted in the clearance of 59 'most dangerous criminals' cases in Jefferson County.

AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE

A Jefferson County Sheriff's Office investigator with the Metro Auto Theft Task Force (MATTF) led a ten month investigation into an organized auto theft ring. More than 20 victims were identified in a series of thefts with losses totaling over \$92,000. A primary goal of the MATTF is to review emerging patterns and trends in auto theft in an effort to develop the most complete and accurate case investigation for successful prosecution.

TERRORISM TASK FORCE

130 cases in Jefferson County benefitted from the perseverance of the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). In particular, emphasis was placed on investigating phone threats made to schools, particularly those sent to Columbine High School. In one investigation, two foreign suspects were identified. The Sheriff's Office provided the foreign countries with information itemizing the financial impact the threats had on the Sheriff's Office and the Jefferson County School District. One of the countries chose to seek prosecution based on the financial impact of \$17,000.

TASK FORCE OF THE YEAR

The West Metro Drug Task Force (WMDTF) was awarded 'Task Force of the Year'. The award recognized endeavors in every day drug enforcement activities, as well as the dismantling and disruption of eight drug trafficking organizations. The WMDTF seized over \$1.6 million dollars in illegal drug assets, 70 ounces of heroin, seven kilograms of cocaine, 213 pounds of marijuana, 70 pounds of methamphetamine and 25 guns.

FEDERAL SEARCH WARRANT

On January 23rd, members of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), the Sheriff's Office's Bomb Squad, K9s, Special Investigations Unit and the Regional SWAT team served a federal search warrant for a home in the south precinct of the county. CO2 cartridge devices and four pipe bombs were remotely x-rayed, processed and collected. The wanted suspect responsible was arrested on a federal warrant.

SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR

A community meeting was hosted by the Sex Offender Unit to advise residents that a Sexually Violent Predator (SVP), Robert Pickard, resided in their neighborhood. Pickard was convicted of a second sex assault offense that attributed to his new classification as a SVP. The Sex Offender Unit filed 24 cases regarding sex offenders who failed to comply with sex offender registration laws. There were 372 sexual offenders residing in Jefferson County in 2013. For a free list of registered sex offenders and sexually violent predator information please visit: www.jeffcosheriff.com.

MARIJUANA

A method of drug trafficking wherein packages of marijuana were being mailed out-of-state from private postal offices caught the attention of the West Metro Drug Task Force (WMDTF). The WMDTF encouraged business owners to make reports and provided awareness and identification training. As a result, 40 packages of marijuana, hash oil and edibles were intercepted.

CRIME LABORATORY REGIONALIZATION

An intergovernmental agreement to regionalize criminalistics laboratories was signed in August. Arvada, Wheat Ridge, Golden, and Lakewood Police Departments along with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office agreed to supply personnel to the laboratory upon completion. Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Laboratory Manager Chris Loptien was named the Director and Arvada Police Department Deputy Chief Lynn Johnson was named the chairperson of the board. Director Loptien was tasked with creating a budget, unit policies and structure for the new regionalized laboratory.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

In January, more than 15 vehicles parked near North Turkey Creek Road fell victim to a criminal mischief series. A chemical paint stripper was splattered over the vehicles. Investigators collected evidence to include empty beer bottles and the can of paint stripper. One victim came forward stating her ex-boyfriend may have caused the damage. The suspect produced an alibi and denied being at the scene. Investigators completed a search warrant of his cell phone. The phone's geo-location as well as a DNA match on the bottles supplied investigators with the evidence needed to obtain an arrest warrant. The suspect was responsible for over \$51,000 worth of damage.

DEPUTY HUGS

Studies have shown that no single object calms a troubled child as quickly as a teddy bear. 'Deputy hugs' bears work with the Patrol Division and the Victim Services Unit, comforting frightened young victims of crisis or crime. JCSO received a generous donation from a citizen affording the purchase of 111 'deputy hugs' bears to be placed in patrol cars.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION



Sheriff's Office support staff ensures that deputies and citizens have the best tools at their disposal to help them fight crime. From police cruisers, to online databases, to criminal records, Support Service staff provide the foundation for success in law enforcement.

EMD PROTOCOL

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office answers thousands of calls for service (86,854 in 2013) while dispatching for nine fire and five police agencies in the county. Many dispatchers seek certification as Emergency Medical Dispatchers (EMDs) by the National Academy of Emergency Dispatch.

This certification proved invaluable when Communication Dispatcher Eric Bruce answered a 911 call from Conifer. Dispatcher Bruce was met with the voice of a frantic mother whose baby girl was not breathing. While requesting paramedics he relayed Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), offering life saving instructions. The mother successfully cleared her baby's airway with the dispatchers reassurance and guidance.

FLEET RECOGNIZED

The Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) awarded the Sheriff's Office Fleet Unit with the 'Blue Seal of Excellence Award'. The Fleet Unit aggressively pursued ways to decrease costs, and in 2013 sold surplus vehicles to area law enforcement agencies. In turn, they purchased 41 new vehicles which attributed to a nine percent decrease in fuel costs.

CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS

The Sheriff's Office oversees the processing and issuing of both state and federal concealed handgun permits for all Jefferson County citizens and retired sworn peace officers. There are over 19,225 active Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) holders in Jefferson County. All of the CHPs are processed and maintained at the Sheriff's Office, the sole processing location in the county. Jefferson County ranks 2nd in the state for the number of permits processed.

The Sheriff's Office received 57 percent more CHP applications than in 2012. The Records Unit adjusted staffing to keep up with the demand and increase in applications. The Records Unit also releases information and copies of reports such as public fingerprinting, sex offender registrations, liquor licenses, background and record checks and traffic tickets. A total of 59,333 various records requests were processed this year.



ACCREDITATION

The Sheriff's Office achieved the most successful on-site accreditation assessment in its history; obtaining a perfect score of 100 percent compliance. The Sheriff's Office also received the 'Triple Crown Award', a prestigious award bestowed upon agencies who are successfully accredited by each—the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the American Correctional Association (ACA), and the National Commission on Correctional Healthcare (NCCHC). In October, the Criminalistics Unit was awarded international accreditation by the American Society of Crime Lab Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board.

This year, the Communications Unit received full accreditation from CALEA. The Public Safety Communications Accreditation Program provides the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office communications center with a process to systemically review and internally assess its operations and procedures. Many aspects of the communications center were assessed including the preparedness program, accountability program as well as the quality assurance program; a formal check and balance system to ensure Sheriff's Office dispatching standards are met. With receipt of this accreditation, the communications center has been validated as a leader in the law enforcement dispatching community.



GRANTS

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office received 25 grants in 2013. The grants made possible: DUI checkpoints, high visibility DUI saturation patrols, mountain motorcycle safety programs, speed mitigation, victim service advocates, Austin Sigg's trial, LifeTrak and the West Metro Drug Task Force initiatives.

DETENTION SERVICES DIVISION



The Detention Services Division strives to maintain a safe and secure jail facility, respond to community needs, and provide a variety of inmate services and programs for stability and enrichment. Administrators continually look for ways to reduce jail overcrowding.

EVACUATION PLANS

The Sheriff's Office Detention Services Division and Emergency Management formulated revised evacuation plans for the jail. The Detention Services Division's primary responsibility is the operation of the county jail which houses, on average, 1,238 inmates and pretrial detainees. The Detention Services Division evacuation plan identifies appropriate mutual aid partners and remote sites in the event of a catastrophic event.

GANG INTELLIGENCE UNIT

The Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU) actively pursue intelligence information to ensure for a safer community and safer detention facility. The mission of the GIU is three part—first, to identify and validate gang members held in the detention facility, secondly, to provide relevant information and expertise regarding classification or housing recommendations for inmates with gang associations, and lastly to provide gang intelligence and training support to Sheriff's Office personnel. The GIU interviewed over 500 suspected gang members in 2013.

WORK RELEASE

The Work Release program allows selected inmates to maintain paid employment outside the facility while serving their sentence for miscellaneous crimes. Inmates are eligible to participate if they meet the established criteria. The Work Release Unit ensures that participants are complying by conducting job checks either in person, or by phone. Over 6,600 job checks were conducted by phone and 379 job checks were made in person this year.

FINGERPRINTS

One of the ways the new Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) assists the Sheriff's Office is through the processing of arrestees in the Detention Services Division. AFIS expedites time spent capturing and loading data while improving fingerprint analysis. For investigators, the system's ability to capture palm prints broadens the search scope and has the potential to link prints to unsolved or cold case files.

FBI NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY

Detention Services Division Chief Patsy Mundell graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) National Academy in June. Each academy member is selected based on a process conducted by the FBI. As a graduate, Chief Mundell enters into a select group made up of less than one percent of the country's law enforcement officers.



HIGH PROFILE DEFENDANTS

Defendant Austin Sigg was remanded from the court to the Jefferson County Detention Services Division where he was housed and monitored in special housing. On November 21st, Sigg was convicted and given a life sentence with the Department of Corrections for the kidnap, sexual assault and murder of Jessica Ridgeway.

The Court Security Unit oversaw the sentencing of defendant Daniel DeWild. DeWild was sentenced to 75-years for murdering his estranged wife. The high profile murder case was of interest to media. The deputies secured the courtroom to ensure a stable environment for the court process.

PUMPKIN PATCH PROJECT

The Sheriff's Office provides a variety of programs to the inmate population. Throughout the summer inmates assigned to the Inmate Worker Horticulture Program tended and harvested 111 pumpkins. The pumpkins were donated to three Jefferson County area schools.



YEARS OF SERVICE



Thirty-four employees with a combined 630 years of experience in their fields of expertise were honored this year. All of these men and women have made this county a safer place. They've built the foundation for today's Sheriff's Office, and they help the department reach for excellence every day.

20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

35 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Jose Aceves

Ramon Aponte

Greg Davis

Mark Teague

Michael Denuzzi

Dan Aten

Daniel Dunnebecke

Terry Flowers

Richard Baughman

Frank Greenberg

Troy Gardalen

Gary Burger

Lin Hale

Wayne Godwin

Brian Dick

Steven Hart

James Hunt

David Froese

Jack McFadden

Michelle Lucero

Lee Hoag

Virginia Lujan

Dennis Huner

Judy Mears

J.D. Johnson

Gordon Neuenfeldt

Steve Laurita

Michael Rubenstein

David Luksch

David Swavely

Mark Miller

Jeffrey Williamson

Paul Smoker

Grant Whitus



YEARS OF SERVICE

VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers served a total of 19,378 hours in 2013. Sheriff's Office volunteers are a diverse group. Ages run the spectrum from teens to retirees. All have one thing in common—a desire to give back to their community. For more information about volunteering please visit jeffcosherriff.com or call 303-271-5332.

VICTIM SERVICES

A select group of highly trained volunteers assist victims in the aftermath of a crime or crisis. These volunteers provided over 5,300 hours of customized service, responded to 107 incidents and 199 requests for aid in domestic violence court processes. During Victim Rights Week the Victim Services volunteers are avid supporters of the annual Courage Walk. This event is held each year in April and is a time to honor and embrace the strength and courage of survivors in the aftermath of crime.

RESERVE DEPUTIES

Reserve deputies assist the Sheriff's Office in day-to-day law enforcement services as well as during emergencies. Reserve deputies are required to become certified law enforcement officers. Several of these individuals provide their own horses and are instrumental in search and rescue efforts as JCSO Mounted Patrol. The Reserve deputies volunteered more than 5,760 hours of service, and participated in 22 operations to include community events, crime scene security, street patrol, and sex offender address verifications.

CHAPLAINCY

These individuals are teachers, worship leaders and care counselors who assist and provide the Jefferson County Detention Services Division with chapel services and religious education. There are over 52 weekly offerings for detainees. Chaplains volunteered over 5,900 hours of service.

COUNSELORS

One of the best ways to bolster stability and minimize tensions in the Detention Services Division is to provide one-on-one inmate counseling. Counselors also facilitate programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and anger management training. Over 280 counseling volunteers provided over 780 collective hours of volunteer service.

INMATE ENRICHMENT AND EDUCATION

Volunteers in the Detention Services Division are also crucial in providing education and training to the inmate population. Services include general education development (GED) classes and testing. In total, over 1,170 total hours were dedicated to inmate education. Over 160 inmates earned the GED diploma in 2013; representing the highest number earned in Sheriff's Office history.



VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



The Sheriff's Office strives to provide proactive, educational information to its citizens and others to encourage them to make smart choices about safety. The goals of community outreach are to build public confidence and support.

PLANTING HOPE

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office employees raised donations to benefit the Ralston House by planting a pinwheel garden. The gardens bloomed throughout the community in April to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Ralston House pinwheel garden project supports children, teens and adults with developmental disabilities who come to the Ralston House for abuse investigations.

JOSEPH'S JOURNEY

Joseph's Journey brings hope to children through adventures and exploration. Each year in June, the Sheriff's Office joins the cause. Joseph's Journey is dedicated to providing wilderness experiences to children with terminal and life threatening illnesses. Adventures include hiking, fishing, camping, hunting and climbing.

BE KIND TO ANIMALS

Each spring, JCSO Animal Control Officers challenge students to create posters for the annual 'Be Kind To Animals' week. More than 2,000 entries were received from 25 participating schools. Among 383 winning entries, Normandy Elementary 6th grader Carrie Herr was awarded 'Best in Show'. Throughout the year, Animal control officers visited 276 schools in an effort to have a greater visible presence in the community. These highly trained professionals responded to 51,818 animal control requests in the year.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

During two National Drug Take-Back events Jefferson County residents surrendered more than 620 pounds of unused or unwanted medications. The aim of this initiative is to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from medicine cabinets. Tied to these efforts, the Sheriff's Office Evidence Unit destroyed over 2,260 pounds of confiscated drugs and illegal narcotics.

SCOUT MYSTERY DAY

The Scout Mystery Day is designed to help scouts ages 8-12 to fulfill safety-related badge requirements. Boy and Girl Scouts enjoy an interactive day to include a mock crime scene where scouts are tasked with lifting fingerprints, collecting evidence and photographing the scene. They will then solve the crime and are awarded with a tour of the Sheriff's Office, a patch, and certificate.







The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is responsible for providing law enforcement services to an estimated 189,720 residents covering more than 773 square miles. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office was founded in 1859 and today, is one of the most progressive law enforcement agencies in the nation. In 2013, as the largest full-service Sheriff's Office in Colorado, the agency had 533 full-time sworn deputies and 251 full-time non-sworn employees.



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