

*2014 Jefferson County  
Sheriff's Office*



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"Mission first, people always" is the motto that guided and inspired the actions of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in 2014. This motto was the vehicle by which we continued to uphold our mission statement: *"To work in partnership with our diverse communities in providing excellence of service, criminal justice education and to promote mutual trust and respect."*

The overriding theme of our mission is people helping people, both within the organization and in the community we serve. Within the organization every member of the Sheriff's Office - - from deputy sheriff to building maintenance staff - - is dedicated to the mission of providing the highest quality service and public safety to the people of Jefferson County.

This dedication is exemplified by the service and sacrifice provided by Sheriff's Office employees in 2014. The year-end report highlights only a fraction of the many ways in which the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office responded to the needs of the Jeffco community, in enforcement of the law, in educating the public on how they can avoid becoming crime victims, and in seeking justice for those who have been victimized.

Each highlighted incident or statistic in this report is reflective of countless others that will go unmentioned but are truly the norm for Sheriff's employees who work " . . . in partnership with our diverse communities in providing excellence of service . . ."

I am proud to have served as your sheriff for the past eleven years, witnessing firsthand the dedication of Sheriff's Office staff. It is with mixed feelings that I say farewell to you and to them, but I leave office knowing that the legacy of this dedicated and professional department will carry forward under a new sheriff.

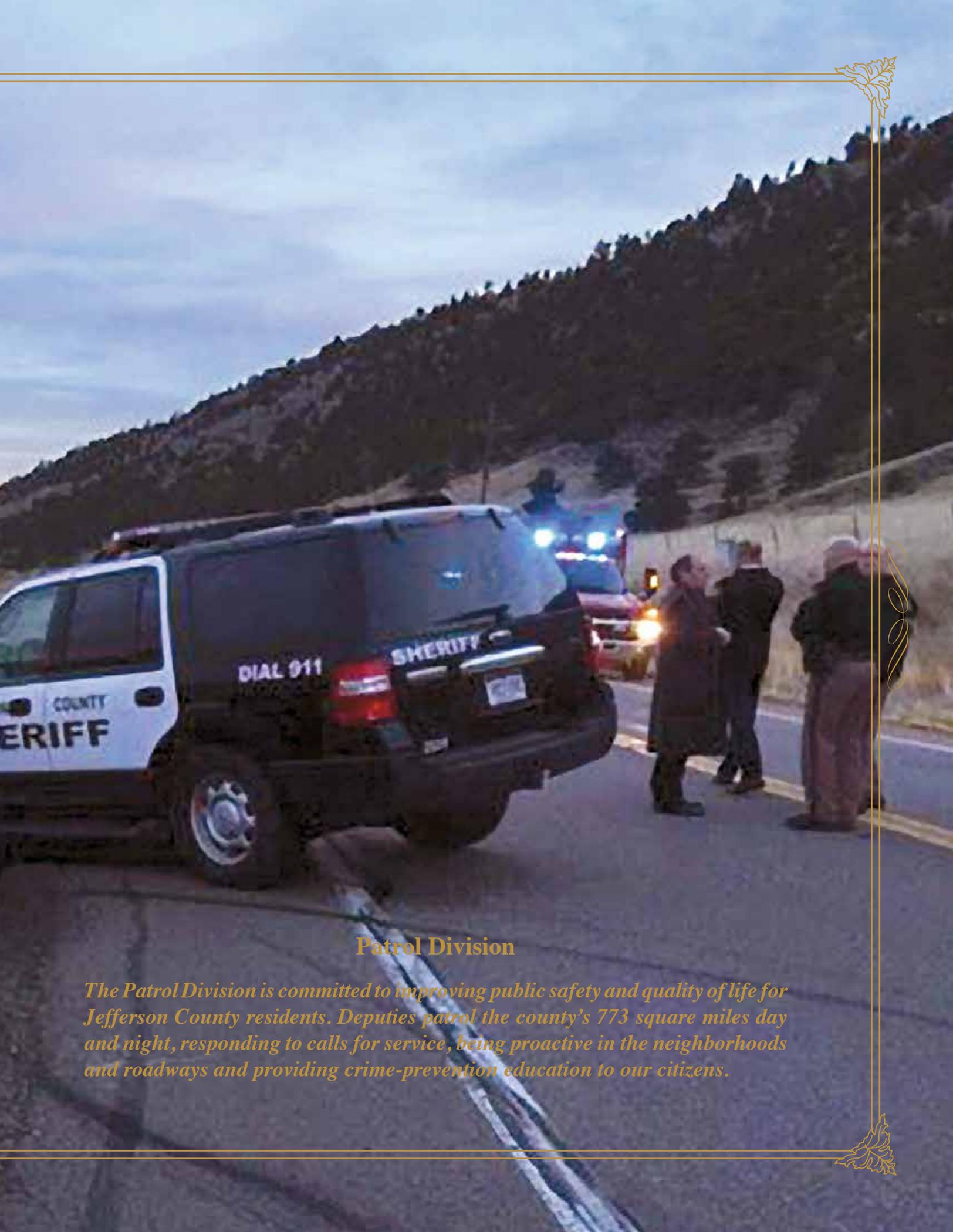
The people of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office are proud to serve the people of Jefferson County. You, too, can be proud of your Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Ted B. Mink

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## 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 neighborhoods and roadways and providing crime-prevention education to our citizens.*

## BOTTLE BOMBS

On January 2, a plastic bottle bomb was found outside the Edge Ice Arena at 6623 S. Ward St. The Bomb Squad removed the hazard. The next day, Jefferson County Park and Recreation employees discovered another plastic bottle bomb in Easton Park, near the ice arena. This device had already detonated. During a sweep of the area, three additional chemical based plastic bottle bombs were secured. The Bomb Squad technicians are certified by the FBI every three years. In 2014, the Bomb Squad responded to 109 calls that were solely related to explosives and hazardous materials. The Sheriff's Office maintains the only bomb disposal team within Jefferson County.



## ESCAPE

In September, Travis Sandlin became the first inmate to escape from the current Sheriff's Office complex by compromising a weak portion of wire mesh in the recreation yard. Ten days after his escape, Sandlin was apprehended thanks to the partnership and collaboration of more than 20 agencies and multiple task forces. The manhunt involved personnel from the Investigations, Patrol, and Detention Services Divisions. Sandlin pleaded not guilty to more than 30 crimes including the theft of eight vehicles.



*Over the course of 28 years, the steel meshing over the recreation yards has been exposed to Colorado's extreme weather and tampering caused by inmates. In 2014, repairs and enhancements were implemented to improve structural integrity and security.*

## PIT MANEUVER

In December, a pursuit ended after the deputy executed a Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT) forcing the fleeing car to abruptly turn sideways. The Jeep was linked to a triple homicide investigation in Adams County. During the pursuit, the driver's aggressive driving included passing on the shoulder, crossing into oncoming traffic and excessive speeds. Deputies blocked the intersections of Highways 6, 93, and 58. The Jeep continued going the wrong direction on the C-470 ramp eluding deputies. A punctured tire decreased speeds to 45 miles per hour allowing for the successful PIT maneuver. The suspect was taken into custody. Deputies found ammunition, credit cards and identification belonging to others inside the vehicle.



### DOC ESCAPE

On July 30, a deputy contacted a suspicious vehicle on Lookout Mountain Road. The driver was wearing a Department of Corrections detainee shirt with a name printed on it. The driver was indeed an escapee from a Commerce City facility where he was being held for vehicular homicide. He was arrested and returned.

### TRIPLE SHOOTING

At 10:30 p.m. on June 19, deputies responded to reports of a shooting at a concert in Red Rocks Park. Three adult males sustained gunshot wounds from a high powered rifle. Personnel from the Patrol, Investigations, and Detention Divisions, the Communications Unit, Gang Unit, AirOne Helicopter, Crime Lab, Denver Mountain Park Rangers, West Metro Fire, SWAT and Denver and Morrison police departments responded. The Sheriff's Office logged more than 260 response hours. Thousands of concert attendees were contacted. The investigation is ongoing.



### ESCAPEE ARRESTED

On June 20, deputies captured a homicide suspect who escaped from a private inmate-transport service at a truck stop in Wheat Ridge. He was spotted by deputies at Mount Olivet Cemetery near 44th Ave. & Youngfield St. and arrested without incident.

### SELFLESS HEROES

On December 2 Richard Hughes and Casey Serene were driving along Evergreen Lake. Just as they were remarking on the oddity of ice fishing on a 55-degree day, two men fell through the ice 100 feet from shore. The selfless heroes quickly pulled over, grabbed a hose and ladder from their truck and rescued the ice fishermen from the frigid water.



### BURGLARY

A Golden resident arrived home just in time to find two males burglarizing his home near the 18100 block of W. 44th Ave. The suspects fled onto Coors Brewery's property. Deputies learned that one suspect was armed with a stolen handgun. One suspect was apprehended and the second suspect was arrested later at his residence.



## VANDALISM TRACKING

About 70 percent of graffiti in Jefferson County is considered tagging and not gang related. A surge in reports of graffiti and tagging, especially in the South Precinct, warranted a law enforcement response. This year the Sheriff's Office secured the use of a volunteer to track the problem. By tracking sightings, the Sheriff's Office is better equipped to identify taggers and pursue criminal mischief charges against them.



*In December, a crew of four inmate workers responded to 26th and Alkire streets for graffiti removal and mitigation.*

## LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN FOCUS

In February, several mailboxes in the Lookout Mountain area had been pried open and the mail was stolen. Variable message signs were deployed asking residents to report suspicious behavior. In an effort to reduce criminal behavior, deputies increased patrols on Lookout Mountain for the remainder of the year focusing on curfew enforcement and suspicious incidents. In 2014, deputies patrolled the mountain on more than 650 occasions.



## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

*Each of the 10 School Resource Officers (SROs) worked 208 days within Jefferson County Public Schools. In 2014, the SROs collectively made 352 traffic stops, took 162 misdemeanor reports, and instructed 79 courses.*



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

School Resource Officers Lucero and Patterson participated as Law Enforcement Advisors to the Sheriff's Office Explorer Post. They also coordinate a week long Explorer and Youth Academy.

School Resource Officer Polizzotto created a database that lists every high school and middle school in Jefferson County and includes their evacuation plan, routes and gives an overhead view of the school.

School Resource Officer Everhart presented to more than 12,000 students and parents on the dangers of social networking and sexting.

School Resource Officer Williams and Sergeant Holverson provided training to school administrators as well as deputies on Standard Response Protocols (SRPs). They taught the protocols and standards as well as the differences between a lockdown and lockout to adequately determine which precaution would be necessary in an emergency.



*For their service in 2014, the School Resource Officer Unit was presented with the Professional Conduct Unit Citation Award.*

## JCSO TACKLES MENTAL ILLNESS

*In response to the rising number of mental health service calls, the Sheriff's Office is working on a multi-discipline partnership with the Jefferson Center for Mental Health, the District Attorney's Office, Probation and Human Services. Professional collaboration helps to identify resolution and resources to those afflicted, and their families. The goal is to proactively address mental health issues in our community.*

### WHAT IS AN M1?

Law enforcement is routinely called upon due to concerns about a person's safety. If a deputy thinks the person is in imminent danger of harming themselves or another, is "gravely disabled", or exhibiting severe symptoms of mental illness, he or she can transport the person to the emergency room by virtue of a "mental health hold" (M1 Hold).

### WHAT IS A CIT?

JCSO has more than 160 Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) members. These deputies receive specialized training and are called upon to react to situations involving individuals who are highly-stressed, mentally ill, developmentally disabled or suicidal.

### PARTNERSHIP

Captain Simmons gathered partners such as Jefferson County Mental Health, the County Attorney's Office, the District Attorney's Office, and others for the purpose of discussion and mental illness problem solving. This team meets monthly and includes representatives from Probation, Detox, Adult Protection, and the Veterans Administration Mental Health Unit. Using this multi-agency approach, the team has been able to provide direction for CITs to fast-track many people into programs that provide the help and support they need.

### DATA ANALYSIS

Deputy Knowlton was selected to attend Crisis Intervention Team training in 2003. In an effort to standardize the process he uses and to ensure that he engages in effective communication with all of his coworkers and supervisors, Deputy Knowlton developed a running log of his contacts with the person. He uses all of this information to create a timeline, which illustrates his efforts to help people, and to gauge the effectiveness of his intervention tactics. This endeavor has become a common practice used by other CIT deputies in their own assigned cases, and has been highlighted as a part of the policy that addresses mental illness.



### COACHING

Deputy Burgess became a Crisis Intervention Team member in 2007. Deputy Burgess recognized that the number of mentally ill citizens in our community was rapidly increasing, and that the only way to effectively address this social epidemic was from a collective approach. As a matter of routine, Deputy Burgess began involving family members in his coaching efforts once he addressed the immediate crisis needs.



## DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE YEAR

Early in the year, a resident in the City of Golden began sending disturbing emails to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. These emails contained veiled threats to local, state, and Federal government. It was determined that this man had mental health problems. His emails underwent a threat analysis and were monitored for his safety and that of the community. Deputy Britt, a CIT member established a relationship with this man that involved constant personal contact at all hours, on duty and off. Based upon the extensive work by Deputy Britt in the mentoring of the man and getting him back in touch with his medical providers, the man has since resumed his mental health treatment. Deputy Britt was awarded Deputy Sheriff of the Year by the Golden Elks Lodge #2740.

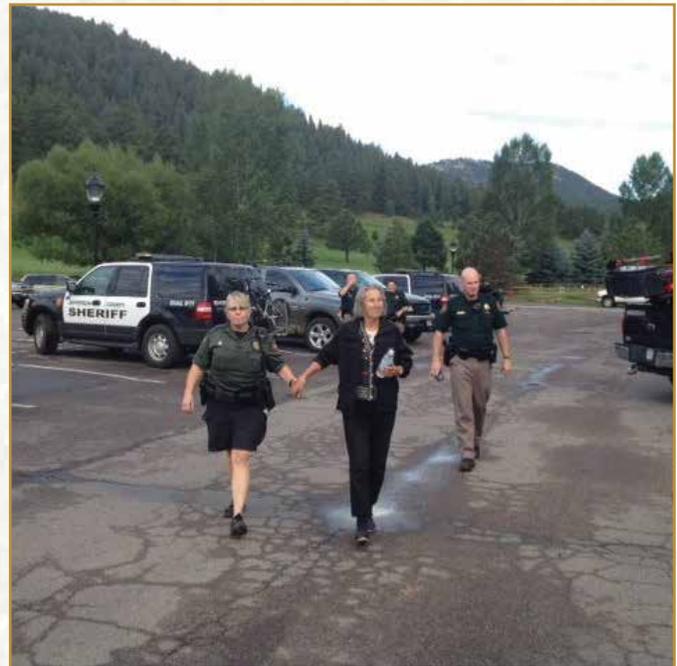


## ALZHEIMER'S AND JCSO

*Alzheimer's Disease is very important to the Sheriff's Office. According to the 2011 census, 18 percent of Jefferson County was over 60 years of age. Coincidentally, the average onset of Alzheimer's is age 65. More than 110,000 Coloradans are projected to have Alzheimer's Disease by 2025.*

## MISSING PERSON

In the evening hours on August 6, the Sheriff's Office, Alpine Search and Rescue and Evergreen Fire and Rescue initiated a search near Evergreen Lake for a 71-year-old with Alzheimer's Disease. The Sheriff's Office solicited the public's help by issuing a CodeRED emergency notification. After several hours of searching by professionals and community members, she was returned home safe and sound.



## COLORADO LIFETRAK

In its tenth year, the Sheriff's Office Colorado Lifetrak program offered 43 clients a personalized wristband that emits a tracking signal over several miles. Lifetrak is a partnership between law enforcement and the families of those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders and conditions, such as Down syndrome and autism. Thanks to Colorado Lifetrak's responsiveness, and practicality, our deputies are able to reliably locate a missing person 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To enroll your loved one in Colorado LifeTrak, in Jefferson County please call 303-271-5806.

## ANIMAL CONTROL

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In 2014, JCSO Animal Control received 169 complaints specific to leash law violations (this does not include your garden variety dog running at-large.) These are off-leash dogs in parks and neighborhoods. Animal Control Officers responded 422 times in 2014 and issued 34 summonses, 82 written warnings, 14 verbal warnings and gave four courtesy notifications. The first offense for a dog at-large is a mandatory fine between \$50-\$1000. Dog at-large causing bodily injury, or dog off-leash causing bodily injury is a mandatory fine between \$100-\$1000. To report off-leash violations, please call 303-271-5070 or email: [Animal-Control@jeffco.us](mailto:Animal-Control@jeffco.us).

### CUTE, CUDDLY, AND UNTOUCHABLE

Jefferson County is known for its abundant wildlife, and animals inevitably find their way into our communities. While most people are fascinated or delighted when wildlife, such as deer or elk, wander into their neighborhoods, these incidents can cause serious problems. Animal Control Officers urge citizens to call the professionals rather than handle the baby animals themselves.



*In June, Animal Control responded to Evergreen Lake for a dog that had gotten loose and chased an elk. The elk fought back, chasing the dog into the water and then turned toward people, all in an effort to protect her babies. Thankfully, no one ended up getting hurt.*

### BEAR AWARE

Are you bear aware? Most conflicts between people and bears are the result of people approaching and/or feeding them or allowing them to access garbage or pet and livestock feed. In May, this bear was seen in a backyard near Chatfield and Garrison. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Colorado Parks and Wildlife partnered to safely relocate the visitor.



### BEARS ON PATROL AT JCSO

Around 7 a.m., a bear ambled over to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office from the area of Shelton Ranch in Golden. Animal Control believe the bear went under Highway 6 and along bike paths and drainage ditches to report to work at the Sheriff's Office.



### UNBEARABLE

In May, Jefferson County bears awoke from slumber and visited several locations in the county. A yearling was relocated from the 7300 block of S. Newland St. and another had been known to frequent Normandy Elementary and Ken Caryl Middle School. A special thank you to Colorado Parks and Wildlife for your care and professionalism in the relocations of these bears.





## **Investigations Division**

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

## CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY UNIT

### CONSTRUCTION THEFT

In September, investigators filed felony theft charges on a suspect who was contracted to complete construction work. Investigators found that the suspect has a history of committing similar frauds. The suspect was paid \$117,000 but never completed the work.

### STOLEN VEHICLE

In November, a deputy executed a traffic stop on a vehicle headed westbound on the S. Hampden Frontage Rd. What started as an inquiry into a defective license plate lamp led to the discovery of a stolen vehicle. The driver presented false information and a suspended license. The deputy requested Lakewood Police Department respond to the registered owner's address. The homeowner stated his vehicle had been stolen. Investigations linked several other property crimes to the suspect.

### FITNESS CENTER THEFTS

On February 6, deputies responded to the fitness center located at 8966 W. Bowles Ave. to investigate two separate vehicle "break-ins" in the parking lot. Both victims arrived at the fitness center around 3:15 p.m. and were victimized within 30 minutes. In both cases the window was shattered and a purse was stolen from inside. The break-ins are believed to be connected to a series of criminal trespasses at a variety of fitness centers across the metro area. At least 38 similar crimes had been committed where the suspect broke out the car window and stole a purse. In most cases, the suspects and/or associates used a drive-thru window at a local bank to withdraw cash using the victim's ID. The businesses have taken proactive measures and investigators are actively pursuing leads.

### TRESPASS SPREE

At 3 a.m. on September 27, deputies were alerted to suspects trespassing vehicles. The suspects fled in a vehicle, crashed and then fled on foot. Deputies were unable to locate the suspects but the vehicle led them to the suspect's address. Investigators filed charges for the 21 vehicles that were trespassed.

### COINS

On May 14, a homeowner reported that \$100,000 worth of coins were taken from his unlocked garage in south Jeffco. With no leads, the investigation stalled. Two weeks later, deputies received a report from a coin broker that someone was attempting to sell a large amount of coins. The suspects were arrested and the majority of the property returned. Investigators filed five counts of false information to a second hand store, two counts of burglary, and three counts of theft charges against four suspects.

### LOCKER BURGLARY

On April 15, deputies were dispatched to the recreation center located at 6613 S. Ward St. in reference to an in-progress theft. An employee reported that a male was attempting to break into lockers. The suspect was booked into jail for third degree burglary and criminal mischief.

### ARSONIST

Between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. on January 20, seven grass fires were intentionally set along a 2-mile stretch of W. 44th Ave. between the 14700 and 18600 blocks. Golden, Fairmount and Pleasant View fire departments all worked to keep the fire from spreading. Neighbors reported seeing a suspicious person walking in the area. The next day, deputies responded to a cabin fire in close proximity to the previous fires. That same afternoon, on Highway 6 near a trailhead, deputies made contact with a male wearing only pants and socks. The deputy recalled him smelling of smoke. Investigators followed up with the male, Temuchin Cordova, who later admitted to setting the fires. Investigators filed charges for first degree arson, criminal mischief and second degree arson.



## CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS UNIT

### HOMICIDE

On March 21, Dispatch reported a disturbance in the 9300 block of W. Ontario Dr. Upon arrival, deputies found the body of a female. Just minutes prior, the female had confided in her neighbors that her boyfriend had tried to strangle her. During the course of the investigation, Denver Police called saying a man had surrendered himself for committing murder in Jeffco. More than 80 witnesses were interviewed over a 10 day period. Victim Services assisted in death notifications, forensic interviews and meetings with extended family members. Victim Services notified the victim's coworkers, attended court, met with the DA's Office, attended the funeral, and arranged for victim compensation and mental health counseling. Investigators presented the homicide case to the DA's Office where they accepted the charges of 1st degree murder.

### LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN HOMICIDE

A tourist discovered the body of a female on May 8 on Lookout Mountain Road near the Windy Saddle Trailhead. The suspicious death was deemed a homicide. The victim was identified as 38-year-old Sandra Mercado. Investigators and crime scene personnel spent nearly 24-hours processing the crime scene. In March 2015, search warrants on three residences were conducted as well as DNA samples collected from six individuals. The investigation is ongoing.



### INTRUDER

In December, a homeowner awoke to the sounds of a dog barking. After proceeding down his stairs to investigate, he was met by an intruder crawling into the home through the doggie door. The intruder continued, despite the homeowner's instructions to leave, prompting the homeowner to retrieve a firearm for protection. The suspect tackled the homeowner, and the homeowner was able to fire his weapon, killing the suspect before fleeing to a neighbor's home where he dialed 911. Based on the totality of the circumstances, and the victim's right to defend himself in his home, the victim was not charged with a crime.



### KIDNAPPING

In November, near Matthews/Winters Park, a vehicle occupied by a couple was rammed from behind by the female's ex-boyfriend. The ex then dragged the female from the vehicle and forced her into his van. The victim was eventually able to escape and call authorities. Investigators made the arrest and filed several felony charges to include two counts of kidnapping, two counts of felony assault and criminal mischief.

### CAPITALIZING ON SOCIAL MEDIA

In 2014, the Investigations Division's diligent work in apprehending wanted domestic violence suspects went digital. Each week the Sheriff's Office posts a list of wanted individuals on social media. The list represents an agency-wide emphasis on identifying and managing violent offenders. Nearly all offenders on the list are wanted for a domestic-violence-related offense.

## CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN UNIT

### DANGEROUS DOG

The Crimes Against Children Unit responded to the 4700 block of S. Pine Rd. as a result of a pet dog biting a 10-month-old child. The child was flown to the hospital with significant trauma. Investigators responded to the scene and learned that the dog had bitten two other people in previous situations. The dog was euthanized at the owner's request. The owners were charged with ownership of a dangerous dog.



### HASH OIL

Investigators responded to the 6700 block of S. Independence St. due to an explosion. The father was attempting to extract hash oil from marijuana. The father was hospitalized as a result of burns. Child abuse charges were filed by the West Metro Drug Task Force.

## ELDER ABUSE

*The Sheriff's Office is taking a systemic approach to one of the fastest growing crimes in the county. Recognizing that more than 20 percent of Jefferson County's population is over 60-years of age the Sheriff's Office began partnering with the Jefferson County's District Attorney's Office to address the growing trend. The Sheriff's Office created an Elder Abuse Unit, which is leading the charge in elder abuse investigations.*

### MANDATORY REPORTING

The elder abuse cause is also gaining momentum thanks to new legislation, effective July 1, making it mandatory to report elder abuse. The law (C.R.S. 18-6.5-108) stipulates that medical professionals, social workers, care facilities, guardians, financial institutions and emergency services providers shall report abuse or exploitation to law enforcement within 24 hours. The Sheriff's Office recognizes the time sensitivity of these cases and considers elder abuse cases a high priority.

### ELDER ABUSE CONVICTION

Within days of being named the power of attorney for his in-laws, Roger Tomasek and his wife, Sheila, began a spending spree. In one year, more than \$272,000 was withdrawn from savings accounts. When another family member became suspicious of the purchases, Roger Tomasek sought a protection order against him. Tomasek changed locks and security codes to block the family access to his elderly parents. After the father passed away the Tomaseks not only cashed in the life insurance policy, but denied funds to the 90 year-old wife who was now \$42,000 in debt to her presiding caregivers.

Investigators testified that a majority of the funds were used for luxury improvements to the Tomaseks' home, a diamond ring, personal trainers, massages, botox and trips to Las Vegas. On August 20, a Jefferson County jury convicted the Tomaseks.



## CRIME LAB

*The Jefferson County Regional Crime Laboratory (JCRCL) was established in August 2013, opened its doors in May 2014, and became fully accredited in October of 2014. The JCRCL was established with an agreement between the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and the Lakewood, Arvada, Wheat Ridge, and Golden police departments. It provides services to all law enforcement agencies within Jefferson County.*

### STATE OF THE ART

The 16,000 square foot design provides the support necessary to meet the needs of the various users. With 14 members providing lab services, this state of the art facility includes space for deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and serology analysis, firearms testing, latent fingerprint examination, drug analysis, photography and video examination. The JCRCL is equipped to provide examination, testing, testimony and expertise in the areas of bloodstain pattern analysis, footwear and tire track examination, and crime scene response. The JCRCL also provides training in a variety of forensic disciplines to law enforcement agencies. JCRCL is one of six crime labs in the state of Colorado, and currently the only one specializing in the crime scene discipline.



### Latent Print Unit

The Latent Print Unit is comprised of examiners from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and the Lakewood and Arvada police departments. All examiners are certified latent print examiners and some also hold various levels of crime scene certification through the International Association for Identification. This unit is responsible for processing evidence related to fingerprints, comparing fingerprints developed at crime scenes to known suspects, and searching unidentified fingerprints through the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and through the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS).

### Chemistry Unit

The Chemistry Unit is responsible for identifying suspected drugs for the presence of controlled substances.

### Forensics Biology Unit

The Forensics Biology Unit is divided into two sections: Serology and DNA. In the Serology section, analysts are responsible for examining crime scene evidence for the presence of biological fluids such as blood, semen, and saliva. In the DNA section, analysts are responsible for performing short tandem repeat (STR) DNA analysis on the items examined in the Serology section.

### Forensic Photography and Video Unit

The Photography Unit documents crime scenes through the use of digital imaging, videography and aerial photography. Digital image processing, custom printing services, and video production and enhancement are also provided to agencies in Jefferson County.

### Firearms and Tool Mark Unit

The Firearms and Tool Mark Unit will be operational in early 2015. This unit will be responsible for the examination of firearms and the comparison of ammunition recovered from crime scenes to the ammunition of known firearms. The section will also examine and compare tools and tool marks recovered at crime scenes. Serial number restoration on weapons and other items of evidence will also be part of the unit's case work.

## FIGHTING FRAUD

*Sheriff's Office investigators often work with units of major financial institutions and credit card companies to track down identity thieves. With a nationwide increase in frauds, the Sheriff's Office is streamlining its approach with the use of a Fraud Reporting Hotline that was unveiled in January. With continued – and now formulized – relationships between citizens and organizations, the Sheriff's Office's data-driven fraud innovations could transform how the Sheriff's Office handles fraud issues, both internally, and externally.*

## CLERK AWARDED

Sheriff Ted Mink awarded a grocery store employee for intercepting a fraudulent transaction. Ivan Tjelta was working at the customer service counter when an elderly customer explained to Ivan that she had received a call from a lawyer in Reno, Nevada who required \$2,400 wired in order to release her grandson from jail. Fortunately for her, Ivan excels in detecting scams and has a sincere regard for crime prevention. After asking a few questions he advised her to call her grandson directly, and then, upon discovering her grandson was safe and sound, she reported the incident to the Sheriff's Office.

## FRAUD HOTLINE

The number, 303-271-5550, provides victims of crime a convenient reporting mechanism to alert the Sheriff's Office of suspected fraudulent activity and helps identify would-be thieves before they strike again. The hotline is manned Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Citizens are invited to leave their name and contact information.



## VICTIM SERVICES

*The Victim Services Unit is a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week response team. The Victim Services Unit was established to assist victims of crime with information, support and education regarding the criminal justice system. For many, the frightening experience of being victimized is followed by involvement with the legal system, which can be confusing and stressful. The professionals assigned to the Victim Services Unit make every effort to assist crime victims in recovering from the physical, emotional and financial impacts of a crime.*

The Victim Services Unit reviews reports taken by deputies. Advocates then provide follow-up contact with victims of assaults, domestic violence, sex crimes, burglaries, robberies and other crimes. The advocates mail out letters, make phone calls and meet directly with victims of crimes. These volunteers provided more than 5,300 hours of customized service, responded to 107 incidents and 199 requests for aid in domestic violence court processes.



## AVAILABLE SERVICES

The Sheriff's Office Victim Services Unit can assist victims, witnesses, their families and friends, following a crime or incident by providing:

Crisis intervention with victims and families.

Protection and education of victim's rights.

Referrals to supportive agencies, both public and private.

Transition to the court system.

Assistance with the application process for victim compensation benefits.

Liaison with the Victim Compensation Board.

Information concerning the status of an investigation.

Accompaniment with victims to court appearances.

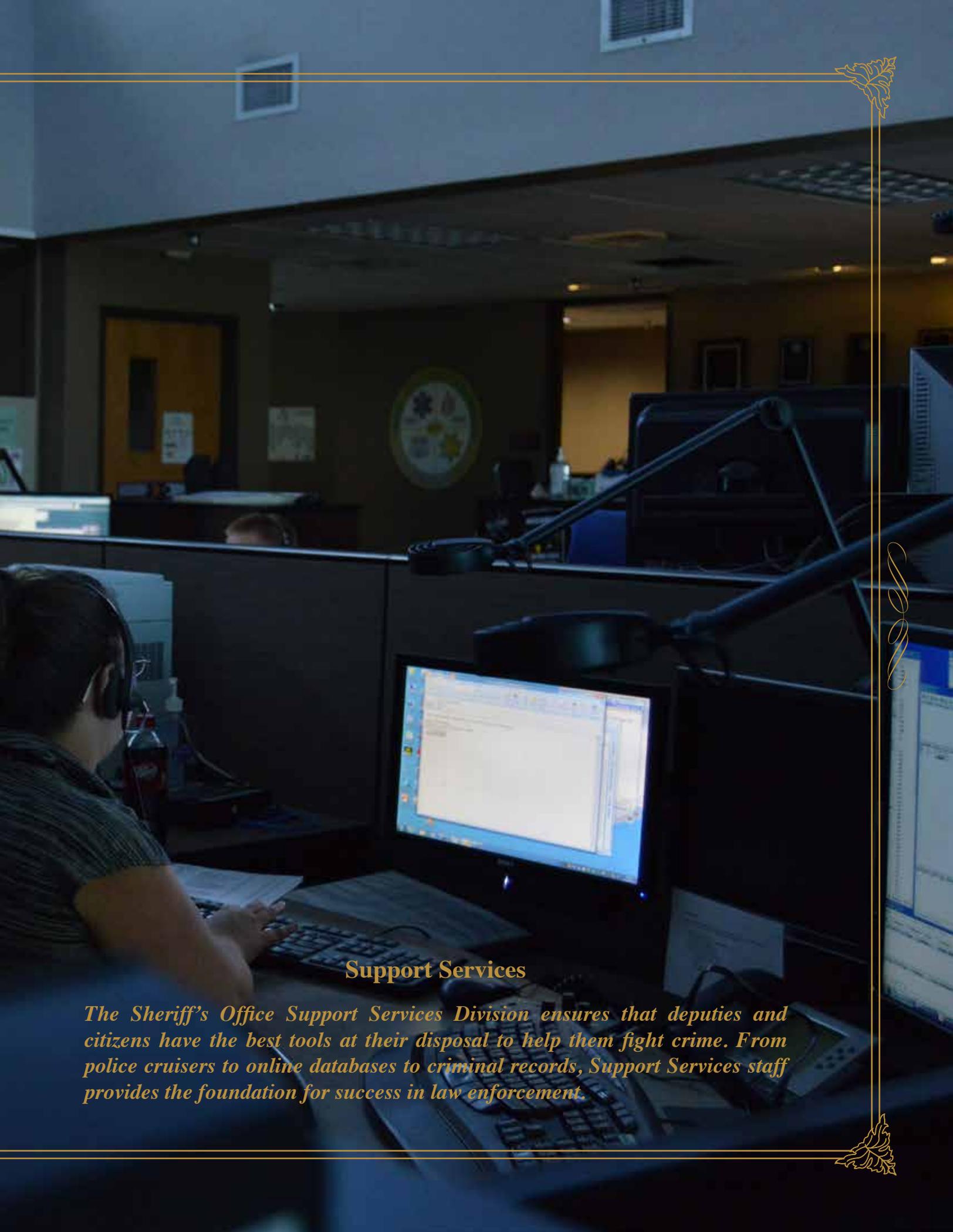
Community awareness programs about victim services to groups, schools and businesses.

Restitution and victim impact statement assistance.

Employer intervention.

Interpretation and special needs services.





## Support Services

*The Sheriff's Office Support Services Division 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 Services staff provides the foundation for success in law enforcement.*

## SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES

Snowstorms, forest fires and floods are just a few of the obstacles the Sheriff's Office faces in responding to calls for service. As the mountain community population grows, so do the calls for service. Deputies assigned to the urban areas are also responsible for patrolling Golden Gate Canyon, Coal Creek Canyon, and other mountain canyons that require four-wheel drive for access, even in the summer. Jefferson County has three state parks, three National Forests and two National Wildlife Refuges. There are also 28 Open Space parks consisting of 53,000-acres with a trail system of more than 227 miles. The Sheriff's Office deploys both sedans and SUVs throughout the county. SUVs are assigned based on the area of patrol. The Sheriff's Office has 58 SUVs assigned to the Patrol Division. The JCSO Fleet Unit maintains nearly 320 vehicles, including those for Patrol, Investigations, SWAT, Animal Control, jail transportation, a criminalistics van and one RV-sized mobile command center. The total mileage for 2014 was 3,500,624 averaging 292,000 miles per month. The Sheriff's Office constantly evaluates vehicle types and assignments, with the number one priority being able to respond to calls for service, anywhere, anytime, in any weather.

## DISPATCH ACCREDITATION

In 2014, the Communications Unit received full accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Public Safety Communications Accreditation Program provides the 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 dispatching standards are met. With receipt of this accreditation, the communications center has been validated as a leader in the law enforcement dispatching community.

## CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT

House Bill 14-1166 changed the renewal application process to mandate applicants renew only in the county in which they currently reside, or own property. Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) holders no longer living in Jefferson County were required to renew. The Records Unit's coordination

between agencies was critical to verify the eligibility of applicants renewing between agencies. In 2014 more than 4,700 applications for state permits were processed as well as 75 federal permits.

## NEW SYSTEM BRINGS RESPONSE UNITY

Covering 23 cities, 1 million residents and nearly 1,200 square miles across three counties, the Jefferson-Arapahoe Consolidated CAD (JACC) is one of the largest efforts of its kind in the state. Five fire agencies in the Denver metro area consolidated their emergency dispatch centers and the management of all 911 calls for fire and medical help under a single computer-aided dispatch system. Not only will the dispatcher know where all responding units are at any given time, that information also will appear on the mobile data terminals inside firetrucks racing to a scene. The Jefferson County Dispatchers fielded a total of 96,991 emergency 911 calls in 2014. More than 2,100 Fire and EMS calls were dispatched. The Arapahoe County and Jefferson County 911 authority boards funded the \$1.3 project.

## EXERCISE IN A BOX

On October 18, the Sheriff's Office partnered its Animal Control efforts with the Jefferson County Horse Council and Jefferson County Animal Response Team to participate in a functional animal evacuation and sheltering exercise to improve handling animals during a disaster. Seventy five volunteers participated in the exercise. The exercise prompted Animal Control to create an 'exercise in a box' for other agencies to utilize. The 'exercise in a box' innovation, which contains all necessary forms, materials and instructions was recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

## TODAY'S FIREFIGHTING

The Sheriff's Office has embraced a new tool in their units that allows a patrol deputy to begin impacting fire growth and spread in the crucial moments before the fire department arrives. In early March, near Kipling Parkway and C-470, a small grass fire sparked by fireworks threatened several homes. Two deputies, recently trained on fire suppression sprang to action. Grabbing tools from a neighbor's barn they went to work to save the home while awaiting fire personnel. In 2014 every patrol unit has been equipped with a combination firefighting device that can be used as a hoe, shovel, or pick.

### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

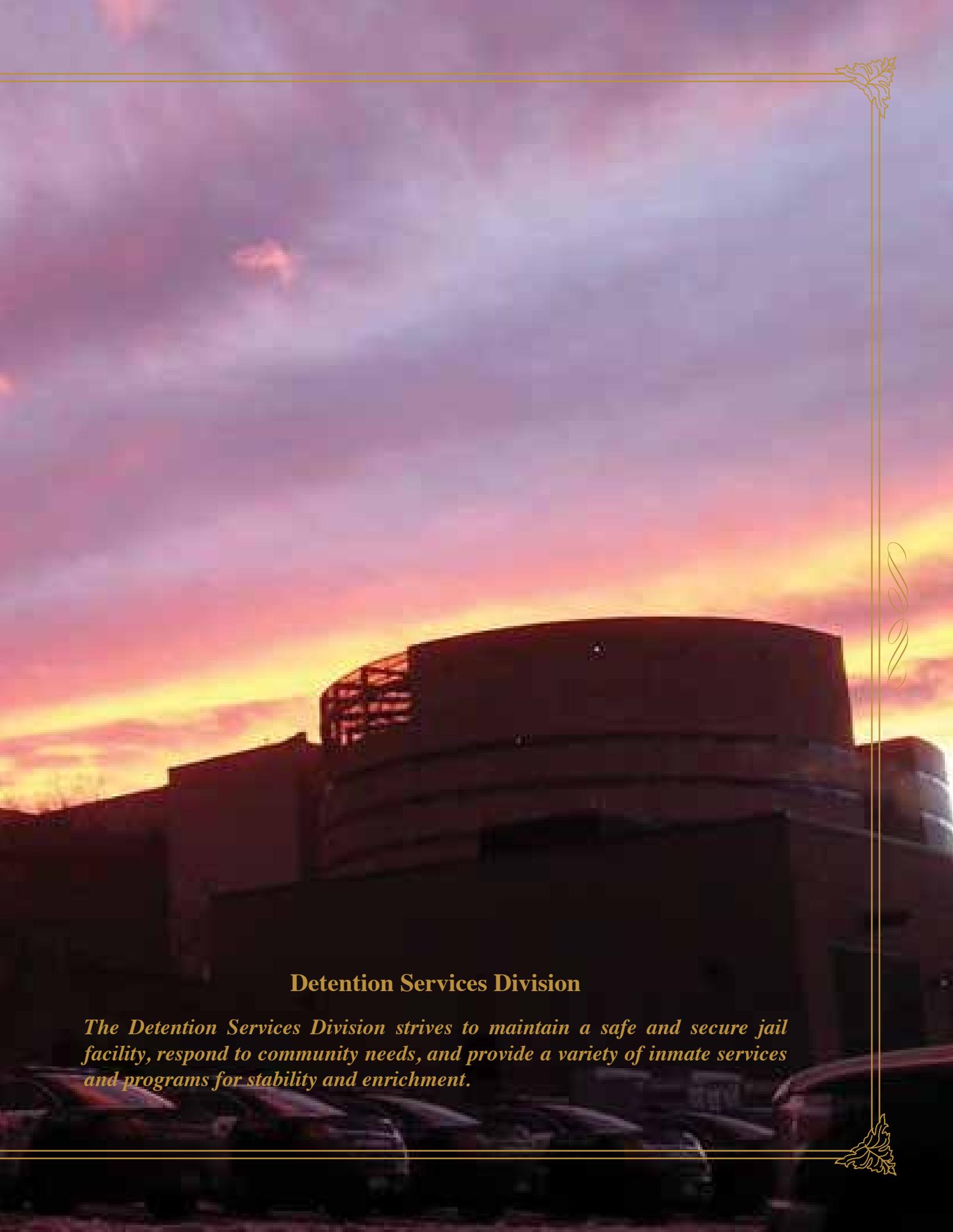
The Emergency Management Rookie of the year award is sponsored by the Colorado Emergency Management Association and is awarded to one individual within the state during the annual statewide Emergency Management Conference. The recipient of the award is someone new to the Emergency Management field who has made significant contributions to the profession. Clint Fey, Jefferson County Emergency Management Director was the recipient in 2014. Fey fully embraced modern emergency management concepts that focus on a shared sense of responsibilities and an all hazards approach to disaster planning and preparedness.

### PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Mile High Youth Corps awarded the JCSO Fuels Crew as their 2014 Partner of the Year. The Fuels Crew is tasked with fire mitigation in the mountainous areas of the county and are responsible for securing grants to help reduce hazardous fuels such as overgrown scrub oak and dying trees.







## **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.*

## ACCREDITATION

In December, the Detention Services Division sought re-accreditation by the American Correctional Association (ACA). This achievement recognizes the significant effort and dedication by all who conduct the day-to-day operations and support functions outlined in our mission and policies and procedures. The national standards, as established by ACA, ensure the public's confidence and keep us focused on the delivery of quality services such as providing a clean and healthy environment for inmates and staff. The ACA commissioners and the on-site assessment team commented that the quality of Sheriff's Office employees, processes, facilities and the manner in which we represented ourselves during the accreditation process make us a model agency. The 99.3 percent compliance rating is the highest score the Sheriff's Office had received to date.

## COURT SECURITY

The Court Security Unit managed under the Detentions Services Division is responsible for maintaining the security into and around the courthouse. In 2014, more than 405,000 people passed through the magnetometers. The Court Security Unit made more than 2,400 court arrests, escorted more than 17,300 inmates to court, and confiscated 11,136 prohibited items.

## JAIL INVESTIGATOR

A full-time investigator is assigned to the Detention Services Division. The 2014 caseload included 181 criminal cases to include sexual assault cases, work release and intervention escapes, assaults on other inmates, assaults on deputies and introduction of contraband into the facility.

## COUNSELING

The Counseling Unit is staffed with one supervisor, nine detention counselors, a mental health transition planner, and 308 volunteers. One of the best ways to bolster stability and minimize tensions in the Detention Services Division is to provide one-on-one inmate counseling. Nearly 300 counseling volunteers provided more than 690 collective hours of volunteer service.

## 2014 Programs and Inmate Participation

Veteran Referrals	54
Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous	5,656
Coping Skills	66
Addictions, Meth and You	295
Self Esteem Building	107
Stress Management	80
Jail Based Behavioral Services	709
Fatherhood	130
<b>Total Inmate Participation</b>	<b>7,107</b>

## CHAPLAINCY

Chaplains serve as teachers, worship leaders, and care counselors who assist and provide the Detention Services Division with chapel services and religious education. There are more than 52 weekly offerings for detainees. In 2014, 13,676 inmates attended chapel service.

## CHAPLAIN RECOGNIZED

In 2014, Roland Lei was honored by the Jefferson County Council on Aging Senior Resource Center as a 2014 Senior Hero. Lei was selected based on his faithful and eager spirit to serve. For the last nine years he has served as a volunteer chaplain for the Jefferson County Detention Services Division. At 73 years young, Lei donates 12-15 hours per week delivering literature to inmates and providing spiritual counsel and prayer.



### INMATE ENRICHMENT AND EDUCATION

The Inmate GED Educational Program's mission is to provide vocational and educational testing opportunities to incarcerated inmates to include the possibility of obtaining a General Equivalency Degree (GED). In 2014, Specialist Brown was informed by the State of Colorado that the entire educational program would be changing from a paper-based preparation and testing system to an online digital program. This change resulted in the loss of the GED testing vendor that provided oversight required by the state educational authority. Brown responded with implementing our own state certified testing center. For his focus, determination, and dedication to his students, Brown was presented with the Professional Conduct Award.



### INMATE WORKERS

The inmate worker program employed a total of 878 inmate workers who logged more than 288 thousand hours.



*One inmate worker spent 112 total hours planting more than 2,500 flower seeds in small containers inside the greenhouse. Those flowers were then transplanted into several different flower beds located around the sheriff's complex.*



*Inmate workers disassembled and removed a large children's playground on the Jefferson County complex saving the county \$5,500.*



*Inmate workers followed behind the 2014 Evergreen Rode parade offering trash service and animal excrement removal.*



*In May, 29 inmate workers spend a total of 153 hours of labor cleaning, taping, sealing, waxing, and buffing all newly laid tile floors in the Crime Lab. This represented a cost savings of \$1,000.*

## 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.*

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS

May 20 was a great day for the 30th Anniversary Law Enforcement Torch Run. And, October likewise was a beautiful day to meet and support athletes at the Red Robin Tip-A-Cop benefitting the Special Olympics of Colorado. The Special Olympics of Colorado said, "Because of your overwhelming enthusiasm and heartfelt commitment, we raised over \$58,000!" Events such as these are an amazing opportunity for us to promote community policing, create awareness, generate support, and reach out to Jefferson County children and adults with intellectual disabilities who will benefit from their sports programs.

### CHRISTMAS CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN

The Christmas Crusade for Children makes Christmas brighter for underprivileged kids in the greater metro area. The Sheriff's Office is proud to help collect, shop, and donate for the KYGO Christmas Crusade for Children. The purpose is to brighten the spirits of children who would not otherwise receive a gift on Christmas morning. It is community enforcement at its best, delivering a message of heartfelt caring and concern for children.



### NEXTDOOR.COM

The Sheriff's Office began using Nextdoor.com in 2014 to foster community partnerships at a deeper level. Using the social networking platform, the Sheriff's Office began connecting with residents almost immediately. The Sheriff's Office is now able to send targeted information to specific neighborhoods, groups of neighborhoods or the entire county. Nextdoor.com is free for public agencies and residents alike. The Sheriff's Office uses the platform for two-way communication which helps build trust and community partnership. In addition, Nextdoor.com can help to organize virtual crime watches, prepare for emergencies, and communicate during, or after an incident.

Would you like to receive neighborhood specific reports like this? Visit [www.Nextdoor.com](http://www.Nextdoor.com) to get started.

### ACADEMY BLOG

The Combined Regional Academy began in January 2014 and, as a way to educate communities, recruits share their experience on a weekly blog. Read more about the 2014-1 Academy Recruits, watch videos, meet the recruiters, and more at - [www.jeffcosheriff.com](http://www.jeffcosheriff.com).

Forty-four recruits graduated from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Lakewood Police Department's Combined Regional Academy in June 2014, and another 43 graduated in December.

## Defining Moments

*Our agency is fortunate to have exceptional employees who have dedicated their careers to public service. They work on the road, in the jail and behind the scenes to provide the best possible services for our citizens. At times, we become witness to a pivotal point in their career that reveal their nature of character. Below are examples of such defining moments from 2014, created from either opportunities, or crisis situations, resulting in life-altering milestones for deputies and citizens alike.*

### COURAGE

On January 20, deputies rushed to a home in Indian Hills after receiving a desperate 911 call. The caller said that her stepbrother shot their parents. She said he was shooting at her bedroom door where she was hiding. Deputy Hopper and Deputy Fehringer approached the home and saw someone lying inside. They did not hesitate to make entry despite not knowing the active shooter's location. Once inside Deputy Hopper and Deputy Fehringer located three people who were shot, two were deceased and one was alive but critically wounded. Deputies Thompson, Bost and Mayns arrived and learned that the caller had not been located and the scene was still not safe. The caller was found unharmed, hiding in a closet. Deputy Fehringer stayed with the critically-injured providing first aid while Dispatcher Sivetts soothed the distraught caller and obtained vital information that led to the identification of the suspect, who was one of the deceased – having taken his own life.

One year later, on the anniversary of the tragedy a gentleman walked into the Mountain Precinct and laid a letter on the counter. He simply said, 'You'll understand' and quickly left. The letter was from the survivor, thanking the Sheriff's Office for the dedication, courage, and commitment displayed that night.



### BRAVERY

On March 13, a homeowner went outside to investigate his car alarm. He encountered an unknown individual attempting to steal his vehicle. The homeowner held the suspect at gunpoint while his wife called 911. While enroute, deputies were told that the homeowner and the intruder were now fighting. The first deputy to arrive on scene approached the driveway and heard a single gunshot. When the deputy was separating the men he saw a handgun sandwiched between the two. All three were trying to gain control of the weapon; the deputy not knowing which of the men was the intruder. Deputies were able to gain control of the situation but the homeowner sustained a broken jaw in the struggle. The suspect was jailed on outstanding warrants and the new charges. Thanks to their quick response and immediate actions, Sergeant Joselyn and Deputy Isom likely prevented a more serious assault.



*For their assistance that day, Billy Hanley, Mark Onsase and Todd Slade were presented with the Citizen Commendation Award. Cody Crouch, Matt Fess, John McLaughlin, John Morrissey and Kris Mulholland were presented with the Citizen Citation of Merit. The Lieutenants, Allen and Lucas, were presented with the Medal for Distinguished Service. Deputy Haggett, was presented with the Medal of Valor.*

## VALOR

On July 23, numerous deputies responded to assist in the capture of two suspects wanted in connection to an eluding, carjacking, robbery, burglary and auto theft. It all began when a deputy stopped a vehicle on Lookout Mountain for a traffic infraction. When the deputy returned to his patrol car to do a records check, the vehicle sped away. Christopher Sullivan and a juvenile female began a crime spree after carjacking a family at gunpoint. In their attempt to elude law enforcement, the suspects stole three vehicles, burglarized two homes, menaced 12 bystanders and left six separate crime scenes for investigative processing. At one point, lieutenants confronted the suspects when they crashed a stolen vehicle in front of them. When the male suspect pointed a rifle at them they returned fire at the suspect – who then ran off.

All the while their news helicopter crew relayed the location of the suspects to deputies. The male suspect was spotted on I-70 attempting to car-jack several vehicles armed with a high powered rifle. Sullivan was apprehended by Deputy Haggett who successfully maneuvered his motorcycle to the ground, holstered his weapon, and wrestled the suspect to the ground. The juvenile surrendered herself to a deputy.

Investigations filed more than 50 criminal charges against Sullivan including two counts of attempted homicide, two counts of attempted homicide of police, aggravated robbery, auto theft, burglary, and trafficking of a minor. He pleaded guilty to 47 crimes and is awaiting sentencing.



*Deputy Isom was presented with the Sheriff Commendation for Conduct. Sergeant Joselyn was presented with the Medal for Distinguished Service.*

## DISCIPLINE

On February 27, Deputy Garcia responded to S. Van Gordon Way to help a baby having trouble breathing. Deputy Garcia noted that the baby would take a gasping breath about once every five seconds. The family said that the baby was born prematurely and weighed only five pounds. Deputy Garcia began giving rescue breaths. West Metro Fire and Rescue arrived on scene and requested an ambulance. During subsequent interviews, West Metro Fire and Rescue attributed the baby's survival directly to Deputy Garcia's rescue breaths. For performing admirably and without hesitation Deputy Garcia was presented with the Sheriff's Commendation for Lifesaving.



## 45 YEARS OF VOLUNTEERING

As a founding member of the Reserve Program, Deputy Wilhite provided thousands of hours of volunteer time to both the Sheriff's Office and the Jefferson County community. His 45 dedicated years of service ranged from working with non-profits to providing traffic control and general security for events to piloting the Cessna T-41 used for prisoner transports and extraditions. He helped create a survival training manual that was used by the Colorado Fish and Game Department and taught the companion survival course to both deputies and citizens. During the Murphy Gulch Fire, he used his training as a co-pilot and water bucket operator for the department's Huey helicopter and provided fire suppression. During the flight, he was also able to locate a trapped Boy Scout troop and helped with their rescue. Wilhite's dedicated and time-honored commitment to the Sheriff's Office deserved recognition in his last year. At 83 years young, he accepted the Sheriff's Star Award.







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## Remember Baldwin

*JCSO mourns the tragic death of Sergeant Dave Baldwin. Sergeant Baldwin was killed in the line of duty at 10:05 a.m. on January 26th, 2014, after being struck on his motorcycle by a wrong-way driver on Highway 93. Sergeant Baldwin was a highly-decorated, 27-year veteran of the agency, as well as a military veteran in the U.S. Air Force.*

**Sgt. Baldwin** began his law enforcement career in 1987. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1996, and worked a variety of assignments in the Detention Services Division, Civil & Fugitive Unit, Bomb Squad, Patrol Division, and the Traffic/Motorcycle Unit. Sergeant Baldwin's passion for teaching was evident; serving as a firearms instructor, driving instructor, and instructor for the Basic and Advanced Law Enforcement Motorcycle School. Sgt. Baldwin's selfless commitment to the agency was unparalleled, but he was so much more than that. He was a friend, mentor, active community partner, coworker, husband and father. "It takes a special kind of person to take an oath to protect and serve their community, and to constantly place the safety of others above their own," Sheriff Ted Mink said. Sergeant Baldwin will be remembered for his love of family, his duty of service, and his dedication to this community.



*Members of JCSO gathered on the morning of January 28 to stake flags around headquarters and the Fallen Officer's Memorial in honor of Sergeant Baldwin.*



*JCSO was honored to receive the United States Honor Flag for Sergeant Baldwin's memorial service.*



*Sheriff Ted Mink at Sergeant Baldwin's memorial services.*

*Mission First, People Always*







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