

CITY OF NORTH KANSAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



2017  
ANNUAL  
REPORT

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the North Kansas City Police Department is to work with the community to ensure a safe and secure environment through professional police service.

### VALUES

North Kansas City Police Department strives to earn trust and support through the following collaborative values: Integrity, Dependability, Professionalism.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

On behalf of the men and women of the North Kansas City Police Department I would like to present our 2017 Annual Report. I would like to thank all the members of the Department who helped to gather, analyze, and present the information contained in this report.

I believe that this year will prove to be pivotal for our Department as we move forward. After much planning and effort on the part of the elected officials and city staff, we were able to place a one-half cent public safety sales tax on the ballot in April. Our voters gave overwhelming support to the proposed tax and passed it. In meetings with citizens and the business community before the election, we were able to explain the benefits the additional revenue would provide. For the Police Department, we pledged that we would hire six new police officers to restore positions lost in the last economic recession. We also pledged to restore the records unit civilian position so we could provide much more comprehensive and timely customer service to the public.

Our pledges became reality in October when the 2017-18 budget was enacted. This budget had the public safety sales tax revenue in it and we brought the new employees into the organization. All six officers are now attending the Kansas City Police Regional Training Academy and will be graduating in May of 2018. After they complete their field training, we will be able to staff the specialized units that have been non-existent for over six years. The customer service window in our lobby opened in December and is fully functional. We very much appreciate the relationship that we have with our community and are thankful for their support and trust.

We experienced a decrease of 22% in Part One crimes this year. Those crimes include Homicide, Rape, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Stealing, Auto Theft, and Arson. While I would like to be able to identify some specific action that our officers took to realize this reduction, my experience has taught me that, while crime statistics can be somewhat cyclical, effective, visible patrol tactics, coupled with good criminal investigations have the most impact. Fortunately, violent crime is still low in North Kansas City and we will work to keep that trend intact.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our Communication Unit. This year saw our dispatchers handle 22,481 police and fire events. This is an increase of almost 12% from the previous year. These events range from simple parking violations to homicides. All of this is done while answering 9-1-1 telephone calls as well as the administrative telephone lines for the Department. This is an important factor in our quick response to the needs of the public that is not often recognized.

We appreciate the support that we receive from our residents and businesses here in North Kansas City and will continue to protect and serve you to the best of our ability in 2018.



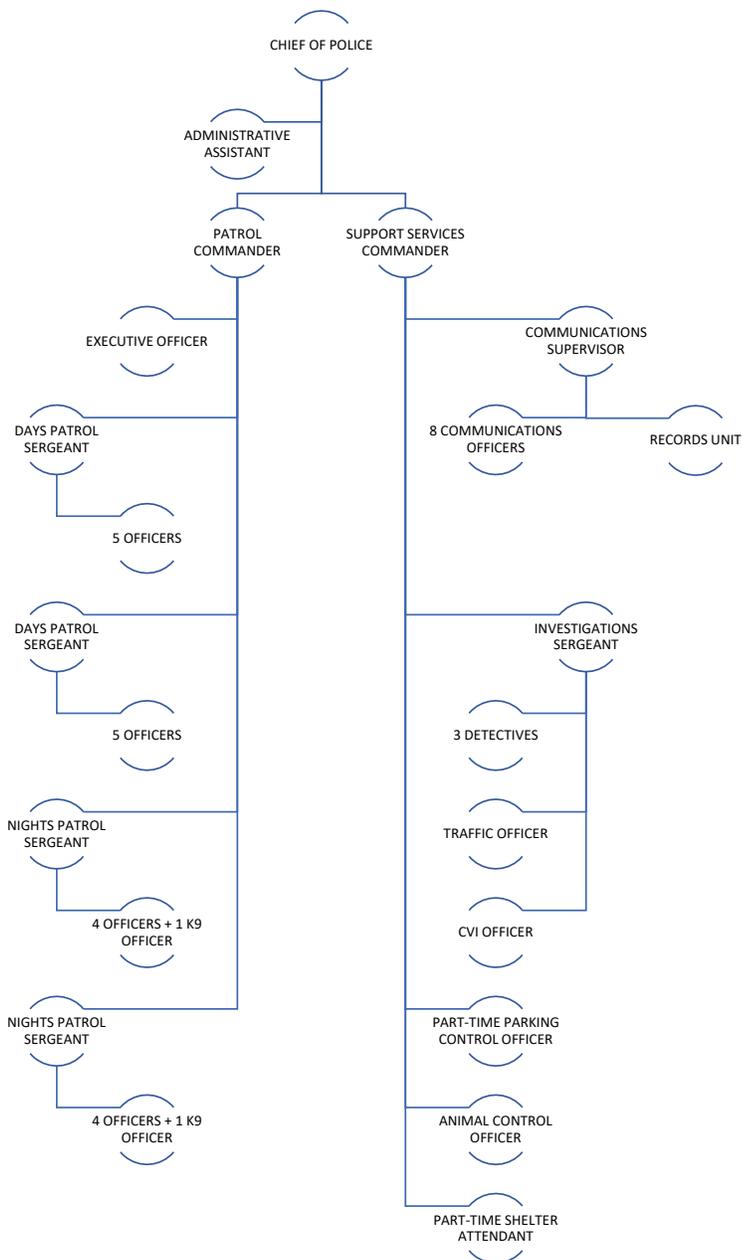
Steven E. Beamer  
Chief of Police





## DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

During 2017, the North Kansas City Police Department authorized staffing included 34 sworn officers, 12 full-time civilians and 2 part-time civilians, for a total employee roster of 48.



## DEPARTMENT TRAINING

The Missouri Department of Public Safety requires that each licensed police officer continue their education while they are with a police department. The Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Commission is an agency designed to oversee the licensing of police officers and reserve officers. The Commission controls the basic training instructors, curriculum, and training centers.

### SWORN OFFICERS AND RESERVE OFFICERS:

Currently, officers must successfully complete a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours of continuing education, within a three-year cycle, to maintain their police officer license. Each officer shall complete a minimum of four (4) hours in all four (4) core curricula areas. The core curricula areas are identified as:

1. Legal Studies - Training focuses on updates or familiarization concerning federal, state and local criminal law or legal issues.
2. Interpersonal Perspectives - Training focuses on communication skills such as cultural diversity training, ethics, conflict management, victim sensitivity and stress management.
3. Technical Studies - Training focuses on specialized studies or activities which directly relate to the job description, including first aid and CPR training.
4. Skill Development - Training focuses on activities that develop physical skill proficiency such as defensive tactics, firearms, driver training, first aid and CPR training. A minimum of four (4) hours of some type of Firearms Skill Development training must be completed during each three (3) year reporting period.

### COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS:

The State of Missouri requires that all Communications Officers receive twenty-four (24) hours of mandatory state training hours every two years. Each Communications Officer must maintain recertification every two years on MULES (Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System) and annually on REJIS (Regional Justice Information Service). REJIS training can be completed online, however MULES requires four hours of in-class training.

### CIVILIANS:

The civilian employees attain training to maintain knowledge in new technology that is useful for the department and to keep abreast of mandates regarding criminal history information and its dissemination.

## DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATING COSTS

The Department’s fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 within budget at 89.18% on total budgeted expenditures.

Total Expenditures & % of Budget - Fiscal Year End	16-17 Budget	Fiscal Year End	Fiscal Year End % of Budget
Payroll	\$2,867,254.00	\$2,584,743.26	90.15%
Benefits	\$1,278,032.00	\$1,140,398.22	89.23%
Services	\$161,900.00	\$141,629.47	87.48%
Supplies/Materials	\$265,250.00	\$214,257.29	80.78%
Debt Svc/Capital Out	\$6,250.00	\$2,072.95	33.17%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,578,686.00</b>	<b>\$4,083,101.19</b>	<b>89.18%</b>



## OVERTIME AND SICK LEAVE

Department overtime in 2017 decreased 12.3% over 2016, with a total of 2,842 overtime hours. One-hundred and fifty one hours, or 18.4%, of 819.09 overtime hours in the first quarter was accrued on Snake Saturday.

Total sick time hours for 2017 was 2,118.13, a 18.3% increase over 1730.48 hours of sick time in 2016. Five hundred and fifty three hours, or 26.1% of total sick time in 2017, was FMLA.

## PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division includes the Patrol Unit, the Tactical Team and K-9 Unit.

The Patrol Division is staffed by officers assigned to deliver traditional immediate police emergency response, as well as to initiate more involved criminal investigations. North Kansas City patrol officers are the backbone of visible policing in our community. These are the men and women that are on constant vigil to provide emergency services around the clock, every single day of the year.

NKCPD issued a total of 3,278 Uniform Traffic Tickets (UTT) and General Ordinance Summonses (GOS) in 2017, not inclusive of parking violations. This is a 3.2% decrease from 3,383 tickets issued in 2016.

Quarter	Car Checks	Pedestrian Checks	Residential Checks	Building Checks	Tickets	Parking Tickets
1st Quarter Totals	2,231	2,799	583	5,333	953	141
2nd Quarter Totals	2,207	2,920	571	5,260	899	256
3rd Quarter Totals	2,287	3,006	638	5,451	926	370
4th Quarter Totals	1,619	2,062	593	5,054	500	299
<b>2017 YTD</b>	<b>8,344</b>	<b>10,787</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>21,098</b>	<b>3,278</b>	<b>1,066</b>

## TACTICAL TEAM

The North Kansas City Police Department's Tactical Team consists of specially trained operators and negotiators selected from all sections within the police department, as well as medics selected from the fire department. Team members are chosen through a process consisting of physical, mental and weapons evaluations. The Tactical Team responds to a variety of incidents that include, but are not limited to, hostage situations, barricaded subjects, high risk warrant service, high risk rescue, and special circumstance as directed by the Chief of Police.

Tactical Team members maintain high physical fitness standards and train with some of the most modern equipment and tactics available. The North Kansas City Police Department Tactical Team is a proud member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Tactical Officers Association and National Tactical Officers Association.



## K-9 UNIT



During the K-9 Unit's regular patrol shift, they assist with narcotics detection and suspect apprehensions. They are also called upon by other local police jurisdictions for assistance.

The K-9 Unit regularly participates in school narcotic sweeps in conjunction with the Clay County Sheriff's Department and Riverside Department of Public Safety.

In 2017, the K-9 Unit had one hundred and twelve deployments. A deployment is described as any time the dog is used in relation to a call for service, alarm, open door, article search, persons search, school sniff, and vehicle sniff, to name a few.



## SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Support Services Division encompasses the Investigations, Communications, Records, Animal Control and Parking Control Units. In addition, the Support Services Division provides administrative and support functions to the police department, to include recruitment, computer operations, budget, purchasing and accounts payable.

## INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The responsibility of the Investigations Unit is to clear assigned crimes through thorough investigation of all leads. An assigned crime is considered cleared when either charges are brought or the case is unfounded. Additionally, the Investigations Unit is responsible for monitoring criminal activity and forwarding pertinent information to other agencies. The Investigations Division and the Patrol Division interact to determine crime trends and develop strategies to counteract criminal activity.

2017 Crime	YTD		
	Committed	Cleared	Clearance %
Homicide	1	1	100.0%
Rape	5	6	120.0%
Robbery	8	4	50.0%
Assault	13	9	69.2%
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>74.1%</b>
Burglary	23	5	21.7%
Larceny-Theft	260	42	16.2%
Auto Theft	75	17	22.7%
Arson	1	1	100.0%
<b>Property Totals</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>18.1%</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>22.0%</b>

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017
Homicide	0	1	1	1
Rape	1	1	3	5
Robbery	11	4	14	8
Assault	9	13	9	13
Burglary	35	22	25	20
Larceny-Theft	229	254	269	212
Auto Theft	50	59	74	61
Arson	0	0	4	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>310</b>

Total Crimes Against Persons remained the same in 2017, with 27 reported incidents. The 2017 clearance rate for Crimes Against Persons is 74.1%, up from 55.6% in 2016. There were 359 reported property crimes in 2017, compared to 372 reported incidents in 2016. The clearance rate on all 2017 Part 1 Crimes is 22%.

From 2013				
Annual Increase/Decrease %	-6.16	5.67	12.71	-22.31



## ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control is responsible for enforcing all City codes related to the ownership and care of domestic animals, as well as responding to all animal related calls for service.

The North Kansas City Animal Control Unit has one full-time employee and one part-time shelter attendant. The shelter is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Animal Control received 2,918 calls for service in 2017, a 31% increase over 2,012 calls for service in 2016.

The Shelter also saw a 17% increase in adoptions in 2017, with 59 total, compared to 49 in 2016.

MONTH	YTD	YEAR	2017	DOGS	CATS	OTHER
Number of complaints and calls for service - TOTAL				2918		
Number of bites				3	0	0
Animals Impounded						
A. NKC Shelter				59	55	0
B. Owner turn in				4	5	0
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>63</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>
Disposition						
A. Claimed by owner				39	3	0
B. Adopted to new home				18	41	0
C. Escaped				0	0	0
D. 250 and Other				8	14	0
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>65</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0</b>
Number of dead animals removed				1	6	13
Tags, enforcement actions and fees collected:						
A. Warning letters				0	0	0
B. Citations				8	2	0
C. Impoundment and adoption fees				\$1,635.00	\$2,310.00	\$0.00
D. Tags issued				107	28	0
E. Owner turn in fees				\$60.00	\$100.00	\$0.00

Crash Statistics	YTD CRASH STATS	
	Total	% of Total All
City Streets	445	85.7%
Private Property	74	14.3%
<b>TOTAL ALL CRASHES</b>	<b>519</b>	
Injury Crashes	88	17.0%
# of People Injured	116	
Alcohol Related	4	0.8%
Fatalities	0	0.0%
Hit and Run	97	18.7%

State Highways	YTD STATE HWYS	
	Total	% of Total All
I-35	64	29.6%
Hwy 210	66	30.6%
MO 269 (Chouteau)	19	8.8%
MO 1 (Vernon)	7	3.2%
Burlington - Hwy 9	60	27.8%
<b>TOTAL STATE HWY CRASHES</b>	<b>216</b>	

## TRAFFIC UNIT

The Traffic Unit is dedicated to improving and promoting traffic safety through analysis, education, prevention, and enforcement.

Annually, federal funds are made available through the US Department of Transportation to promote traffic safety on our roadways. Our goals are to reduce motor vehicle crashes, injuries and fatalities, increase the use of occupant protection devices and reduce impaired driving. Crashes on city streets and private property in 2017 were down with 519 crashes compared to 520 in 2016.

DWI arrests decreased by 10 from 2016 numbers, with 28 in 2017.

### DWI

	2013	2014	2015	2016
	63	37	38	28
<b>Annual Increase/Decrease %</b>		<b>-41.27</b>	<b>2.70</b>	<b>-26.32</b>



## COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Unit provides continuous telephone and radio contact with officers while coordinating all police, fire and ambulance responses within the city. Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD) software is used to process calls and track information crucial to each call.

Communications Officers must be able to not only answer and disseminate these calls for assistance, but they do so as they also monitor multiple radio frequencies, broadcast calls, run records information, track officer's activity in the field to monitor their safety, and maintain our computerized records management system. The Communications Officers often encounter irate, frustrated, and frightened citizens needing urgent help. During emergencies, these employees must remain calm and efficiently handle their duties.

The North Kansas City Communications Center is currently staffed by one Supervisor and eight full-time Communications Officers. This unit is a vital link between citizens and emergency services. Each Communications Officer must maintain recertification every two years on the MULES computer system and annually on REJIS.

### COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD)

Any phone call received or party reporting in person that requires response from a police officer is classified as a CAD incident. There were 22,981 CAD incidents in 2017, up 2.1% from 22,481 in 2016.

Communications personnel also assist in the documentation of booking procedures, processing detainees and coordinating transportation/bonding with our housing agent.

The North Kansas City Police Department had a total of 2,505 arrests in 2017, up from 2,316 arrests in 2016, a 7.5% increase. 79% of total arrests were due to outstanding North Kansas City warrants and outside agency warrants. General Order Summonses and Uniform Traffic Tickets accounted for 16% of arrests made in 2017.

2017	YTD Totals	YTD % of Arrest Totals
NKC Warrants	465	19%
NKC Juvenile Arrests	9	0%
NKC Court Committals	12	0%
24 Hour Investigative Holds	120	5%
G.O.S. Arrests	242	10%
U.T.T. Arrests	159	6%
Outside Agency Warrants	1498	60%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2505</b>	

CAD Incidents	YTD
CAD Incidents	22,981
Avg. Daily CAD Incidents	62.96

## COMMERCIAL VEHICLE UNIT

The North Kansas City Police Department's Commercial Vehicle Unit is responsible for monitoring and enforcing State, Federal and Local laws pertaining to the safe operation of commercial vehicles in the City of North Kansas City. In addition to conducting safety inspections, the unit also enforces size, weight and load laws related to commercial vehicles.

All statistics are reported to the Commercial Vehicle Safety alliance in Washington, D.C., a unit of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.



Total Violations and Summons	YTD TOTALS ALL
	Total
Out of Service Violations	203
Total Violations	1080
Summons Issued	206

## PARKING CONTROL

Parking Control is responsible for patrolling the entire city limits and enforcing all parking regulations and parking violations on City property. The civilian parking control officer issued 822, or 77%, of the 1,066 ticketed parking violations in 2017.

The number of parking tickets issued in 2017 decreased 9.43% compared to 1,177 tickets issued in 2016.



## SOCIAL MEDIA



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## LETTER OF COMMENDATIONS

### **Awarded January 17, 2017**

Detective Aaron Bassore

Your time in your current assignment as a Detective in the Investigations Unit will end this week. I want to express to you my appreciation for the efforts and sacrifices that you made while serving in this role. I am well aware that being a Detective is not just a job, it is a commitment. The late night phone calls, the weekends on call, the family plans that change at the last minute can be stressful for you and your family. Please extend my thanks to your family members who had to endure the challenges of the job as well.

You had the opportunity to work on some significant crimes during your tenure on the second floor, along with the routine cases that occur. I was consistently impressed with your approach to each investigation and the reports that you generated. I trust that when you return to the Patrol Division the knowledge that you gained as a Detective will help you, and other officers on your shift, as you deal with the incidents that will occur.

On behalf of the citizens of North Kansas City and the members of the North Kansas City Police Department, thank you for serving this community as a dedicated member of the Investigations Unit.

Chief Beamer

### **Awarded April 21, 2017**

Major Kevin Freeman and Officer Michael McNamee

For the second consecutive year, the two of you have made the effort to engage in a question and answer dialogue with students enrolled in the Civics classes at North Kansas City High School. This initiative has come at a time when the relationships between police and some members of the community have been strained. I firmly believe that by showing a willingness to be open and honest in our communication with those that question our practices, we will be able to achieve better understanding.

It is not easy to stand before a group of individuals and answer questions that may be difficult or controversial. I admire your dedication to the profession of policing and the desire to help others understand what we do. Hopefully, you had a positive impact on some of the students who could participate in this interaction.

Please accept my thanks for taking the time to develop and continue this program, to invest some of yourselves into helping our students understand us, and for casting a very positive light on the North Kansas City Police Department. It is an honor and a privilege to serve with you in protecting our community.

Chief Beamer



**Awarded May 3, 2017**

Officer Michael McNamee, Officer Rob Russell and Communications Officer Michael Adamek

On April 19, 2017, an elderly resident of 3000 Swift had a medical emergency related to difficulty breathing. The subject could call 911 but was having problems with the phone and was unable to fully explain where he was located and the situation that he was in. During multiple 911 calls to our communications unit, Communications Officer Adamek was able to begin gathering the information needed to establish that the victim was at 3000 Swift.

Officers McNamee and Russell responded to that building to begin narrowing down what apartment the victim might be in. Within two minutes, contact was established with the victim and we were able to summon the paramedics and provide immediate assistance in helping the victim's breathing.

On April 20, the son of the victim came to NKCPD and asked to speak with me. On behalf of his father, and the rest of the family, he wanted to express his appreciation for the efforts that all three of you made in helping his father. He explained that the urgency that was given to initially locating his father, and then the quick action and compassion demonstrated when we got to him, made a most positive impression on all of them. He wanted me to know that all three of you are outstanding public servants and your efforts in this incident must be recognized.

Our response to this medical emergency may not have been dramatically different than many of the calls we make on any given day. In the conversation with the victim's son, I recognized that your efforts were seen as heroic by the victim and his family and may have saved his life. Your actions in this incident show that each of you are dedicated to helping others and serving our community to the best of your ability. I commend each of you for your dedication to this City and its citizens. It is an honor to serve with you.

Chief Beamer



## IN THE COMMUNITY

### **COFFEE WITH A COP**

The department hosted multiple Coffee with a Cop events in 2017, where we had the opportunity to meet and visit with several people from our community. Thank you to our co-host Gardens at Northgate, Colony Coffee and Beer and the North Kansas City Wellness Corner at the YMCA for helping make these events a success.



### **CONVERSATION WITH A COP AT NORTH KANSAS HIGH SCHOOL**

Major Freeman and Officer McNamee met with seven individual classes in 2017. The hour and a half sessions engaged two-way conversation between the officers and students on a wide variety of topics.



### **TOUCH-A-TRUCK**

Officers participated in two Touch-A-Truck Events in 2017. These events allow children to get up close and hands-on with the police cars, ATV's and fire trucks. In May, Officers participated in the Cerner Touch-A-Truck event at the North Kansas City Campus daycare. We also participated in the Parks and Recreation Touch-A-Truck event.

### **K-9 EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

The K-9 Unit gave educational demonstrations to local organizations, where they introduced the participants to canine officers Stryker and Ty. The participants learned interesting information on how the K-9 Officers perform their jobs and do their part in controlling illegal drugs in our city, as well as surrounding cities.



### **ACTIVE SHOOTER PRESENTATIONS**

Officer Russell gave active shooter presentations to local businesses who requested the training. In addition to active shooter training, the four-hour presentation also covers workplace violence, terrorism and situational awareness. Employees are educated on how to direct law enforcement to a suspect or active shooter. Officer Russell also discusses the importance of community policing and training on proactive steps that can be taken to keep employees, families, and the community safe.