

Alaska's Capital City

2023 Annual Report

Juneau Police Department



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE OF JUNEAU, OUR MISSION IS TO MAKE OUR CITY A PLACE
WHERE PEOPLE CAN LIVE SAFELY AND WITHOUT FEAR.

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Courage, Service, Integrity, Respect



Chief's Message



On behalf of the sworn and civilian support staff members who collectively serve our community, it is my pleasure to present the Juneau Police Department 2023 Annual Report to the community.

One major internal change at the Department was updating of our computerized Records Management System. The new system replaced our old system that had been in place at JPD since 1999. One reason for the update was the need to be in compliance with the federal mandate to report crime via the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). As a result of this update, crime data for 2022 is available via Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) through September, with the last quarter of the year via NIBRS.

Due to the change in reporting from UCR to NIBRS, this annual report will look different than past reports. Crime trend analysis is problematic due to having two different methodologies. This annual report will detail the base numbers of reported crime for January through September via UCR, with September through December via NIBRS. Even though a yearly trend analysis is not available, the past trend of declining reported crime is continuing. January through September of 2022 saw 574 Part I UCR crimes and 2021 saw 671 Part I UCR crimes for the same period, for a 14.5% overall decrease.

The staff at the Juneau Police Department are dedicated and caring professionals, who understand the importance to help make our community a safe place to live. As their Chief, I am honored to work with them to meet our public safety mission in

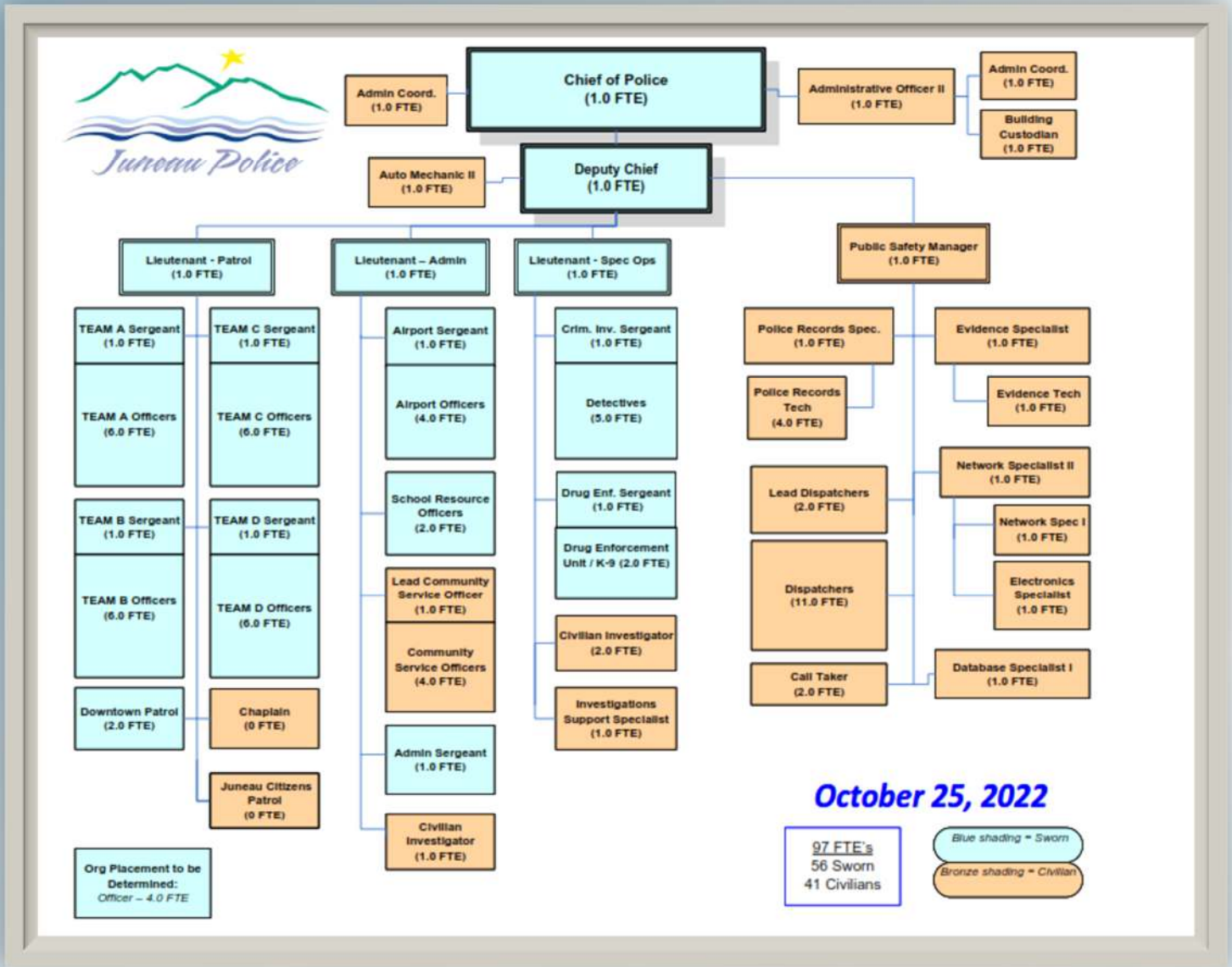
servicing the community. I thank each of them for their service.

I would also like to thank Mayor Beth Weldon, City Manager Rorie Watt and Deputy City Manager Robert Barr, the entire City and Borough of Juneau Assembly, and all of the residents of Juneau for their continued support and efforts.



2022 Juneau Police Department Organizational Chart

The Juneau Police Department is structured to have 97 employees, with 56 Sworn Officers and 41 Support Staff. Throughout the year, the Juneau Police Department continued to work on recruitment and continued the effort to hire qualified staff who meet our core values to exceed our Mission Statement. This is continuous and ongoing.



Core values: Courage, Service, Integrity, and Respect

Juneau Police Department Mission Statement

In partnership with the people of Juneau, our mission is to make our city a place where people can live safely and without fear.

Changes in 2022



In 2022, the Juneau Police Department went through a series of changes. All police agencies in the United States were required to adopt new reporting methods to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for crime statistics. For many years, police agencies used the Uniform Crime Reporting system to document and report the crimes reported in their jurisdictions. Beginning in 2021, the FBI transitioned to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). (See page 6 for a description of both reporting methodologies.)

With the advent of the new reporting methods, JPD was in need of updating its records management software (RMS) to facilitate accurate reporting and needed improvements for the management of its reports and records. On September 20, 2022, JPD adopted a new RMS program for reporting and documenting crime and police activities in the Juneau area. The new system required new methods of data input and documentation. The RMS system JPD previously used was originally implemented in 1999 and was used for over 20 years.

The new RMS is helpful, because it allows JPD to report to a more streamlined electronic process to NIBRS. Due to the change in NIBRS and in the RMS systems, many of the statistical methods changed, and the UCR and NIBRS did not align as easily which skewed JPD's report numbers normally listed here.

Additionally, over the last several years, the JPD Drug Enforcement Unit began working more closely with the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program. In essence, JPD began to take a major role in the HIDTA program for Southeast Alaska. This resulted in a vast majority of the drug statistics being accounted for with HIDTA and submitted to the State of Alaska for inclusion with the statewide drug statistics.

Crime Reporting



“The UCR Program's primary objective is to generate reliable information for use in law enforcement administration, operation, and management; over the years, however, the data have become one of the country’s leading social indicators. The program has been the starting place for law enforcement executives, students of criminal justice, researchers, members of the media, and the public at large seeking information on crime in the nation. The program was conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet the need for reliable uniform crime statistics for the nation. In 1930, the FBI was tasked with collecting, publishing, and archiving those statistics.

Today, four annual publications are produced from data received from more than 18,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies voluntarily participating in the program. The crime data are submitted either through a state UCR program or directly to the FBI's UCR Program.”

[Crime/Law Enforcement Stats \(UCR Program\) — FBI](https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/ucr)
<https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/ucr>



“Implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement, NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident—as well as on separate offenses within the same incident—including information on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved in crimes.

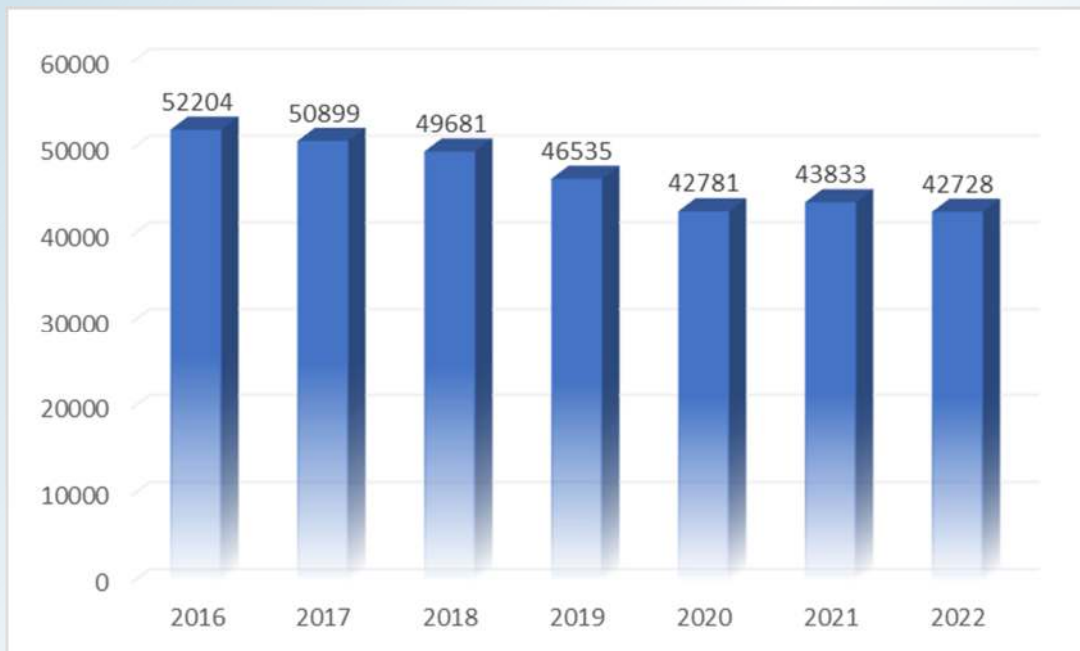
Unlike data reported through the UCR Program’s traditional Summary Reporting System (SRS)—an aggregate monthly tally of crimes—NIBRS goes much deeper because of its ability to provide circumstances and context for crimes like location, time of day, and whether the incident was cleared.

As recommended by professional law enforcement organizations, the FBI has made nationwide implementation of NIBRS a top priority because NIBRS can provide more useful statistics to promote constructive discussion, measured planning, and informed policing. To increase participation, the UCR Program is partnering with the Bureau of Justice Statistics on the National Crime Statistics Exchange, working with advocacy groups to emphasize the importance of NIBRS data, and transitioned the UCR Program to a NIBRS-only data collection, as of Jan. 1, 2021. In addition, the UCR Program has made resources available to help agencies address the cost of transitioning, as well as the potential perception that an agency has higher crime levels when NIBRS actually establishes a new baseline that more precisely captures reported crime in a community.”

[NIBRS — FBI](https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/ucr/nibrs)
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Calls for Service

Throughout the year, JPD receives a variety of calls requesting police services. JPD can separate calls for service between calls made to JPD by citizens requesting service and Officer initiated calls. As many of our statistics changed, this was one area that we were able to capture in a similar manner to include with this report.



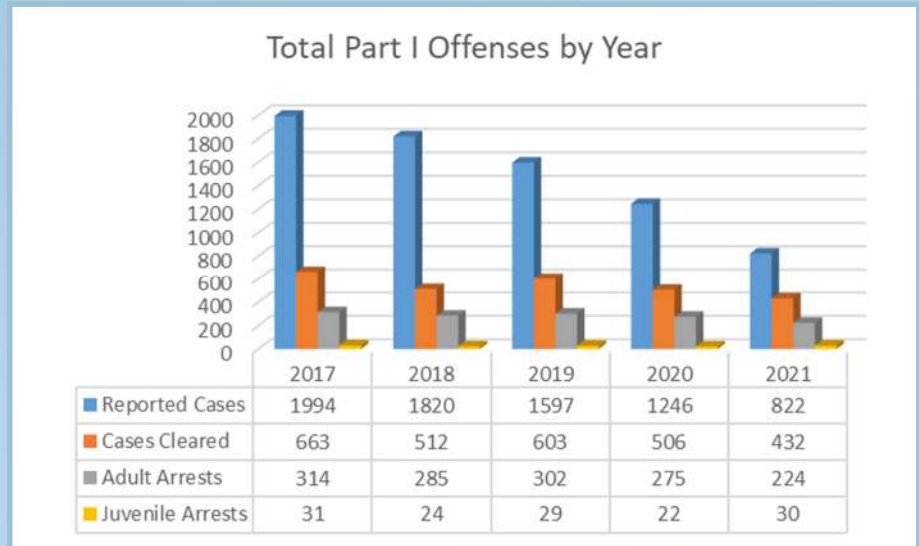
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Calls	52,204	50,899	49,681	46,535	42,781	43,833	42,728



Crime Statistics

Crime 2017-2021

- Described previously, on September 20, 2022, the Juneau Police Department changed from reporting crime stats via UCR to NIBRS. At the same time, JPD changed Records Management Systems (RMS). These actions changed the methods via which crime is categorized and reported.
- These numbers show the changes up to 2021.



Juneau reported UCR Percent Change 2017 to 2021

Part I % Change

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Total Crimes	-9%	-12%	-22%	-34%

The new RMS system and NIBRS do not record crime numbers in the same format, which means the following pages will consist of raw data numbers. There will not be a comparison from year to year. The numbers will encapsulate all the statistics for the year 2022. Due to the RMS system change in September 2022, the numbers will be presented as two (2) separate numbers.

Crime Statistics changing to NIBRS

The table below shows the raw numbers as collected for all Part One Offenses in UCR for January to September 2022.

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

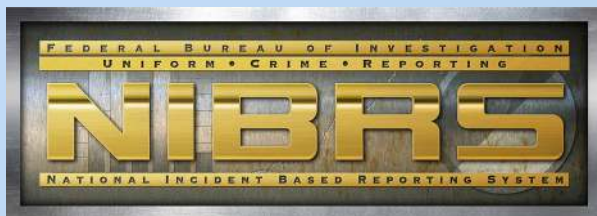
Criminal Homicide	2
Rape	67
Robbery	17
Aggravated Assault	64
Burglary	41
Theft/Larceny	341
Motor Vehicle Theft	34
Arson	8



The table below shows the raw numbers as collected for all National Incident Based Reporting (NIBRS) September to December 2022.

National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

Criminal Homicide	1
Rape	26
Robbery	0
Aggravated Assault	8
Burglary	4
Theft/Larceny	35
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Arson	0

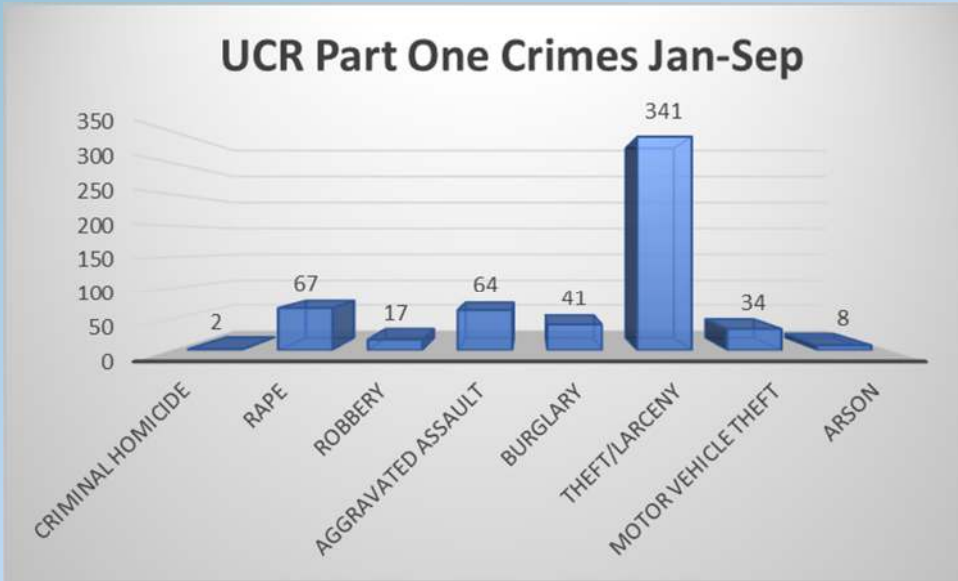


JPD Arrest Data for 2022

Jan-Sept Arrests	1273
Sept-Dec Arrests	315
Total	1588

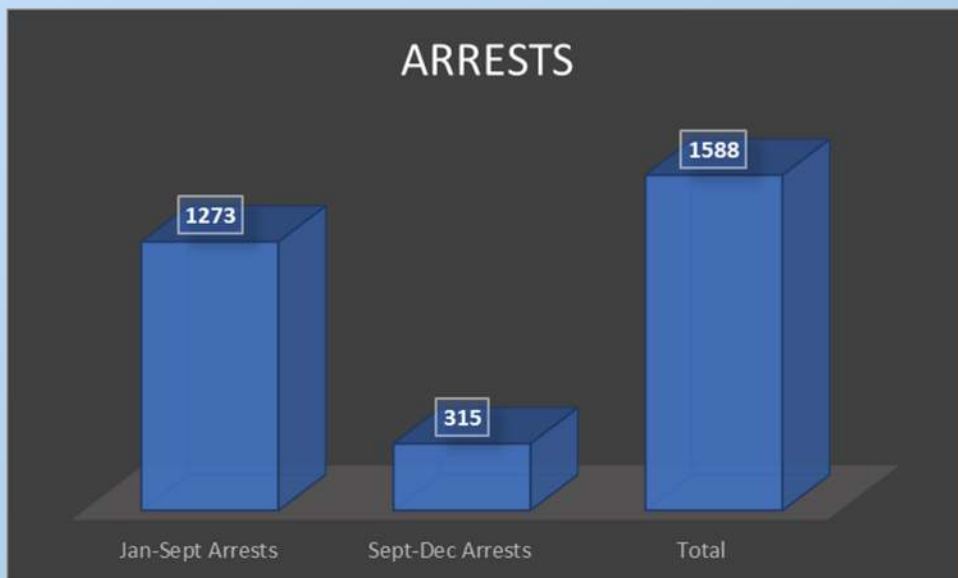
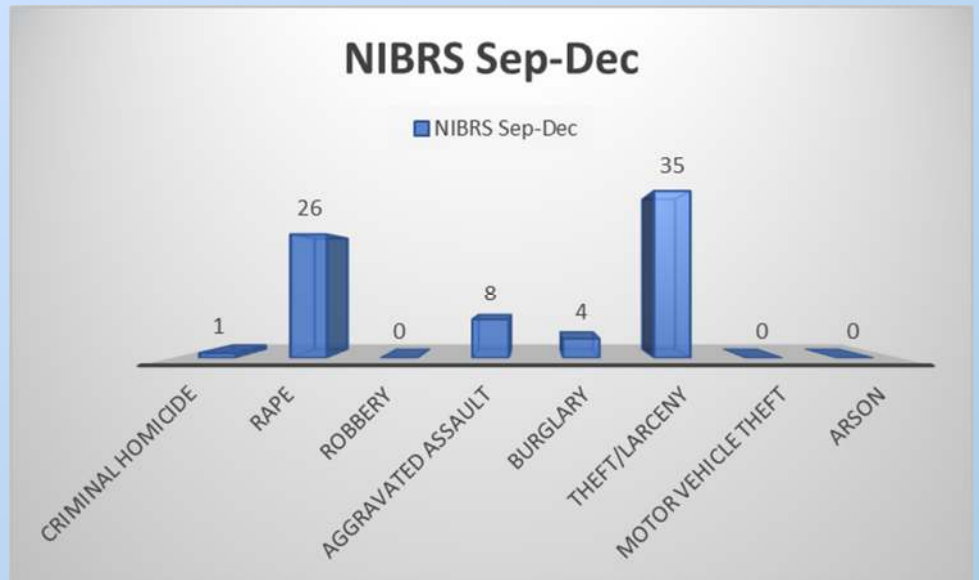


2022 Crime Graphically



The numbers as categorized by UCR definition.

The numbers from the new system as matched to their corresponding UCR definition.



JPD Arrest numbers January to September and September to December.

Juneau Police Department 2022 Use of Force

The Juneau Police Department defines Reportable Use of Force as any force greater than a firm grip. In 2022, there were 60 incidents where force was used. In 12 of those instances, the force used was only a display of force that effected compliance. In 48 of the 60 incidents, officers employed some level of force on a person.

Types of force used in 2022

- Hands = 42
 - Pepper Spray = 3
 - Taser = 1
 - Baton = 1
 - Firearm = 1
- Force was used by 24 officers against 39 people.
 - Of 1,588 arrests, 39 people equates to 2.45% of arrests having force used
 - 97.55% of JPD arrests required no reportable use of force to effect arrest

JPD strives to hire and train Officers who work with our community and gain voluntary compliance without the use of force when/where they can. Officers generally prefer not to use force on the community they serve. Officers receive extensive training and practice to develop conflict management skills to achieve this result. To the general public, the use of force is difficult to comprehend and is not something most people are used to seeing. When a person is in a violent crisis or is impaired emotionally by anger, substance abuse, or other situations resulting in violence, they are not generally rational, nor do they understand and comply with rational requests to stop the behavior that resulted in Officer contact. To use force on someone is not pleasant, nor preferred, but sometimes is required to stop violence and gain control of an offender. In the end, JPD works to return Juneau to “a place where people can live safely and without fear.”

RETIREMENT: OFFICER JAMES QUINTO



Officer Jim Quinto retired after 25 years of service to the City of Juneau. Officer Quinto was a valuable member of the Juneau Police Department, working in a variety of positions within JPD. He worked in the metro drug unit, as a School Resource Officer, as a Crisis Negotiator, in Patrol, Downtown Officer, and had a variety of ancillary duties.

He has been awarded several service awards and medals. Officer Quinto's time of service helped make Juneau a place where people can live safely and without fear. He embodied the JPD core values and will be missed by all he worked with and the public he served. Congratulations on a job well done, Officer Quinto, your service made Juneau a better place!

Juneau Citizens Academy

The Juneau Police Department held another Citizens Academy in the spring of 2022. The academy was 8 weeks in length and presented an overview of the Police Department and its functions to the students. The program was an enjoyable experience for all involved and was a great opportunity for JPD staff and citizens to come together and learn from each other.



Sworn New Hire Officers

In 2022, JPD was able to hire 2 new Police Officers. The officers were Tim Kissner and Jeremy Foster. JPD was thrilled to hire these men to serve our Community.



Officer Kissner and Chief Mercer



Officer Foster and family

Juneau Police Cadets

On July 6, 2022, the Juneau Police Department held its first Police Cadet orientation class. In years past, JPD had an Explorer Program that was similar to the current Cadet program. The program was developed and guided by Sergeant Chris Gifford who himself was an Explorer before he became a JPD Officer. We are very happy to have the cadet program. We started with 6 or so applicants who wanted to participate but many dropped out of the program for a variety of personal reasons. But the program continues today! Cadets attending the program receive training in basic police functions and activities, get to participate in a ride along with Officers, and assist JPD Officers and staff in their roles at JPD. If you have an interest in our program, please reach out to JPD for more information.

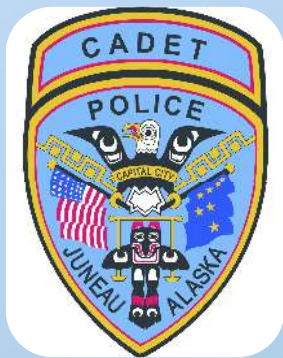
JPD Cadet Program: <https://juneau.org/police/cadet>



Sworn In and Ready!



Training



Crime Scene processing



Swearing In

National Night Out

Each year, the Juneau Police Department participates in National Night Out. The night out occurs on the first Tuesday in August. This year it was held on August 2, 2022. Members of the Capital City Fire Department, US Coast Guard, Lemon Creek Correctional Center, Juneau Animal Rescue, SEADOGS, Alaska State Troopers, and other agencies joined with JPD Officers and Staff to visit with a variety of block parties that occurred throughout the city. The idea centers on bringing neighbors together to form relationships and foster partnerships to help keep our community safe and a place where we can all live. The event is held every year in August. For more information, visit the following sites for details:

National Night Out: <https://natw.org/>

Juneau Police Department: <https://juneau.org/police>



RECRUITMENT



Tim Kissner



Heidi Hoffbauer



Juvenalia Demedeiros

The Juneau Police Department works hard to hire qualified applicants to serve the community of Juneau. We use a rigorous standard to make sure the staff we hire are qualified and will fit in well with JPD and serve the community with a focus on the JPD Mission. We welcome our new staff members.



Ximena Martinez

JoinJPD.com



Sean Nielsen



Jeremy Foster



Jacob Gentry



Departures



It is always with sadness that we see people leave JPD. During the 2022 year, JPD saw the departure of several employees. When people leave JPD, we always wish them well in their future endeavors and thank them for the service they provided. Thank you for your service!

Sarah Dolan



Scott Sell



Sean Ahshapanek



Alex Smith



Eric Hoffman



Tyler Reid



Stacy Eldemar



Alicia Cheeseman



Heidi Hoffbauer



Jeremy Foster



Ximena Martinez

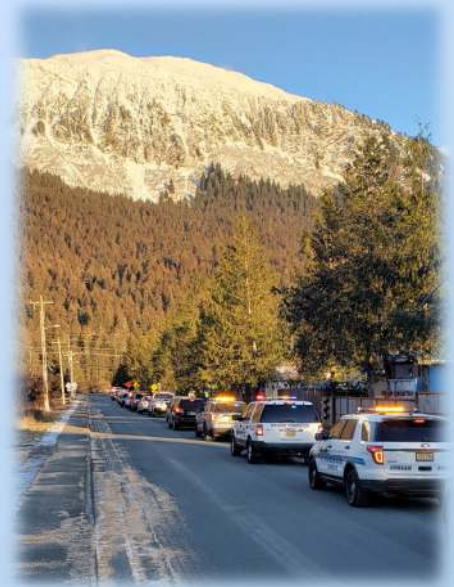


James Quinto



APOA Shop with a Cop

Every year the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA) sponsors an event called Shop with a Cop. The event happens before Christmas and a variety of families are sponsored to attend a shopping event with a police officer or other law enforcement person. The event is an opportunity to give to others in need. It is also a great time to connect with Law Enforcement and share the spirit of Christmas. The Juneau Police Department staff and facilities were a part of this event as we are most years.



Thank you