

# 2024

## ANNUAL REPORT



JAMESTOWN, NY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
JAMESTOWN, NY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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# MESSAGE FROM CHIEF JACKSON

The year of 2024 saw an increase in violent crime by 6.69% compared to 2023. This year, the Jamestown Police Department investigated 7 homicides. The number of shooting investigations have also increased compared to last year. Despite an increase in violent crime, the number of calls for service the department has responded to has also decreased by nearly 10%.

JPD welcomed new patrol officer Brock Johnson in 2024. Manpower and filling the ranks continue to be a top priority at the department. At the time of this writing, the Jamestown Police Department is currently at 58 sworn officers. This is a historic low for sworn personnel. Last year, the Zone 13 training Academy had 13 recruits whereas in previous years it was not uncommon to have 30 or more recruits which gave local agencies many recruits to choose to fill the ranks when an officer retired or resigned.

In 2024 the department saw the retirement of Captain Robert Samuelson, and Detective Kyle Sorenson. Following Captain Samuelson's retirement, in an effort to save money and streamline operations, the position was not replaced. Instead, Captain Scott Forster was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief and the management duties previously held by Captain Samuelson were split between myself and Deputy Chief Forster.

Due to the lower number of officers, the department was forced to remove the DWI Unit as well as the street crime unit. Patrol being the backbone of the police department, it is of utmost importance that road patrol is adequately manned to handle the needs of the community on a 24 hour, 365 days a year basis.

In 2024 the department again received needed GIVE funding which will be used again for hot spot patrols in areas of higher incidents of crime as well as furthering community engagement and to help combat domestic violence. This funding will be used until July of 2025.

In the spring of this year, the SWAT team received the long awaited and necessary BEARCAT that will help protect SWAT officers and civilians alike. Through ARPA funding and the support of elected officials, this long awaited armored vehicle will be used to transport officers and when necessary, civilians in emergency situations.

Plans are currently being made to replace the current indoor pistol range in the Jamestown Police Department which has been in use for over 40 years. The new range will provide greater safety as well as training for the officers.

The Jamestown Police Department looks forward to 2025 and is ready to face the challenges that lie ahead to keep the citizens of Jamestown safe.



— *Chief Tim Jackson*

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# MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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



# 2024 CRIME STATISTICS

Please note this data uses unofficial IBR tally data to provide UCR-style assessment of crime. These statistics are preliminary counts of the original police incident reports and may vary from the final IBR statistics published by NYS and the FBI.

## Jamestown, NY Crime Index & Rate

Reported Part I Offenses 2019-2024						
Offense	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Murder</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Rape</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>22</b>
Handgun	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Firearm	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Weapon	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>39</b>
Handgun	0	0	1	3	0	2
Other Firearm	4	5	12	4	1	0
Knife/Cutting Instrument	2	5	2	4	8	12
Other Dangerous Weapon	0	5	1	3	1	3
Strong Arm	14	13	22	14	11	22
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>162</b>
Handgun	0	0	0	0	8	6
Other Firearm	12	14	26	30	11	10
Knife/Cutting Instrument	55	69	59	64	77	64
Other Dangerous Weapon	36	63	54	49	50	45
Strong Arm	46	44	28	31	22	37
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>Larceny</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>691</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>1,084</b>

### Crime Index

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

Reported Part I Offenses Crime Rate 2019-2024						
Offense	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Population Estimate	29,102	29,058	28,712	28,393	28,243	27,731
Murder	0	1	2	2	1	4
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rape	31	36	30	35	45	22
Robbery	20	28	38	28	21	39
Aggravated Assault	149	190	167	174	168	162
Burglary	203	239	233	204	179	151
Larceny/Theft	622	572	548	582	558	691
MV Theft	39	43	43	64	44	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>1,084</b>
<b>Part I Crime Rate</b>	<b>36.56</b>	<b>38.17</b>	<b>36.95</b>	<b>38.35</b>	<b>35.97</b>	<b>39.09</b>

### Crime Rate

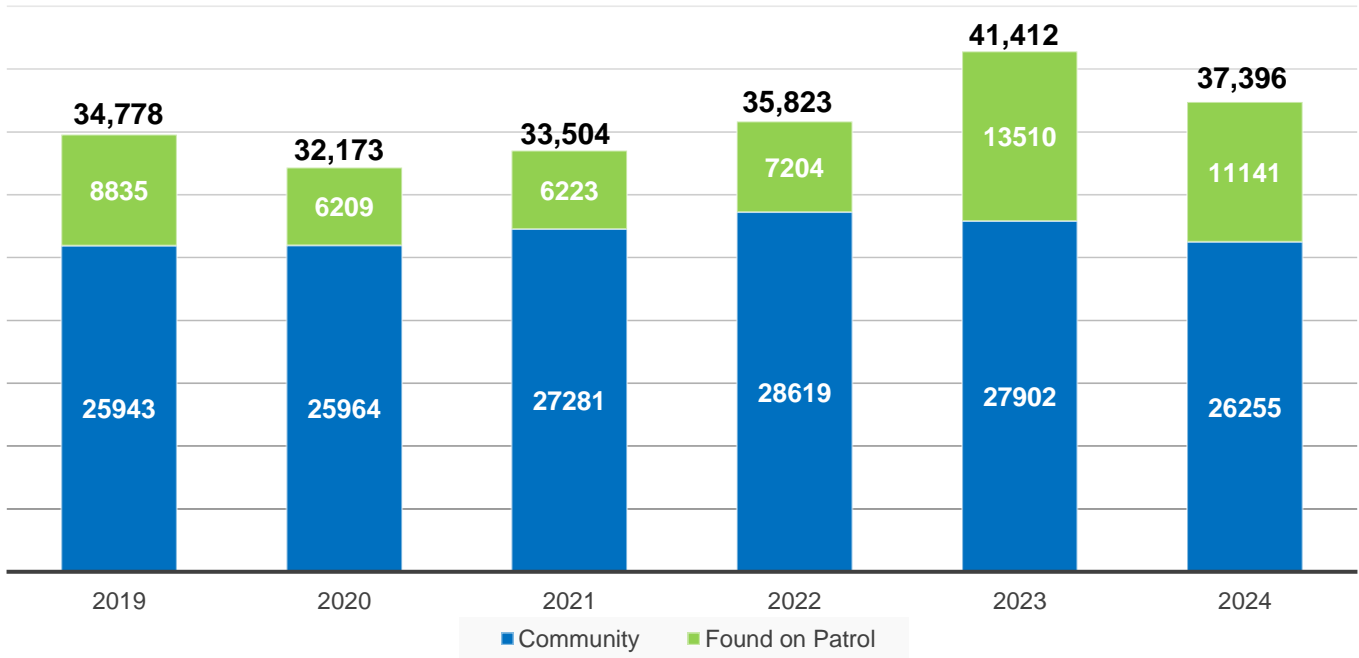
Compares the incidence of offenses in relation to the total reporting agency population. It is defined here as the number of offenses per 1,000 population.

## 5-Year Comparison of IBR Tally Part 1 & 2 Offenses and Arrests

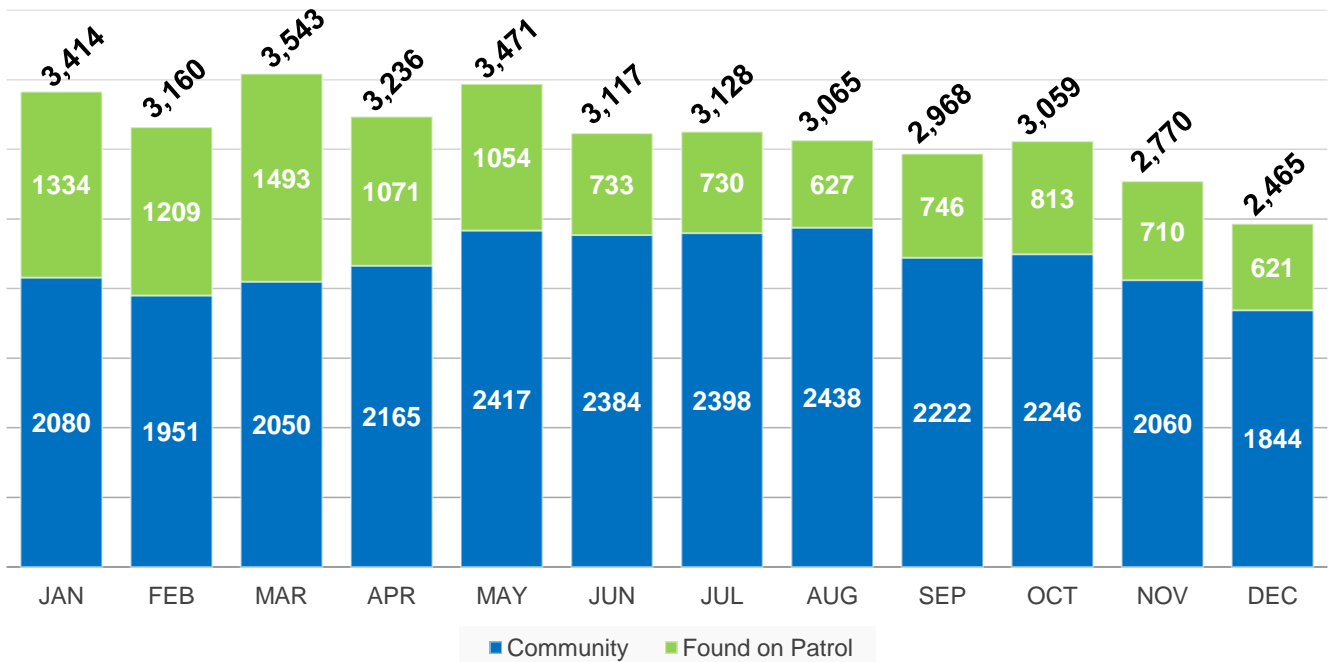
	Offenses				Arrests			
	5YR AVG '19-'23	2023	2024	%Change 5-YR AVG VS. 2024	5YR AVG '19-'23	2023	2024	%Change 5-YR AVG VS. 2024
<b>Part I Offenses</b>								
Murder	1.2	1	4	+233.33%	1	0	1	
Rape	35.4	45	22	-37.85%	1.8	2	2	+11.11%
Robbery	27	21	39	+44.44%	20.2	18	14	-30.69%
Aggravated Assault	169.6	168	162	-4.48%	130.6	127	80	-38.74%
Burglary	211.6	179	151	-28.64%	78	78	43	-44.87%
Larceny	576.4	558	691	+19.88%	222.6	241	152	-31.72%
Motor Vehicle Theft	46.6	44	14	-69.96%	12	9	3	-75%
<b>Part I Total</b>	<b>1067.8</b>	<b>1016</b>	<b>1084</b>	<b>+1.52%</b>	<b>466.2</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>-36.72%</b>
<b>Part II Offenses</b>								
Arson	19.6	22	16	-18.37%	6	4	4	-33.33%
Kidnappings/Abduction	84.6	73	61	-27.90%	73	63	38	-47.95%
Drug/Narcotics Violations	355.6	440	381	+9.14%	432	607	463	+7.18%
Weapons Law Violations	70.4	88	113	+60.51%	89.6	122	96	+7.14%
Bribery	0.4	1	0	-100.0%	0.2	1	0	-100%
Extortion	2.2	2	1	-54.55%	0.8	1	0	-100%
Forgery & Counterfeiting	24.4	30	23	-5.74%	12.2	15	10	-18.03%
Prostitution	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Obscene Material	8.4	11	9	+7.14%	2.6	6	1	-61.54%
Stolen Property Offenses	74	82	112	+51.35%	61.6	85	51	-17.21%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	661	713	495	-25.11%	321	324	164	-48.91%
Welfare Fraud	0.2	0	0	-100%	0	0	0	0%
Embezzlement	12.4	30	5	-59.68%	8.4	25	9	+7.14%
Simple Assault	681.8	754	828	+21.44%	531.8	558	372	-30.05%
Offenses Against Family	15.4	23	18	+16.88%	12.6	26	18	+42.86%
Driving Under Influence	97.6	90	68	-30.33%	146.8	132	72	-50.95%
Trespass or Real Property	157.6	242	172	+9.14%	146.4	231	113	-22.81%
Liquor Law Violations	0.2	0	0	-100%	0.2	0	0	-100%
Disorderly Conduct	18.2	14	15	-17.58%	21.2	17	13	-38.68%
Public Intoxication	0	0	0		0	0	0	
All Other Offenses	786.2	1296	1095	+39.28%	994.4	1427	870	-12.51%
<b>Part II Total</b>	<b>3070.2</b>	<b>3911</b>	<b>3412</b>	<b>+11.13%</b>	<b>2860.8</b>	<b>3644</b>	<b>2294</b>	<b>-19.81%</b>
<b>Part I &amp; II Total</b>	<b>4138</b>	<b>4927</b>	<b>4496</b>	<b>+8.65%</b>	<b>3327</b>	<b>4119</b>	<b>2589</b>	<b>-56.54%</b>

# Incidents

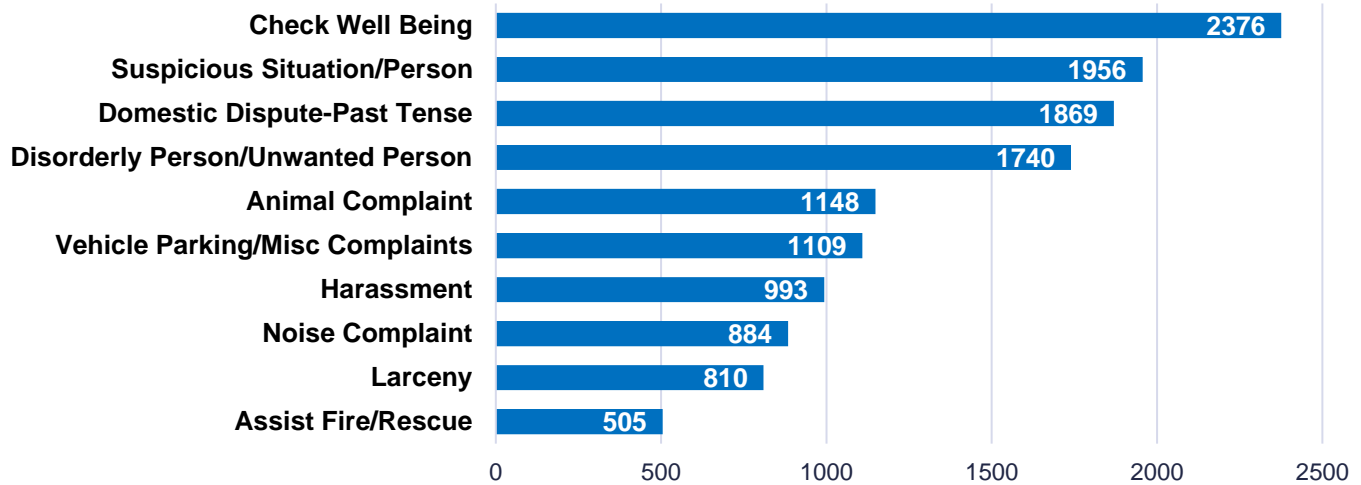
## COMPARISON OF INCIDENTS PER YEAR



## INCIDENTS BY MONTH IN 2024



## TOP TEN CALLS FOR SERVICE FROM THE COMMUNITY

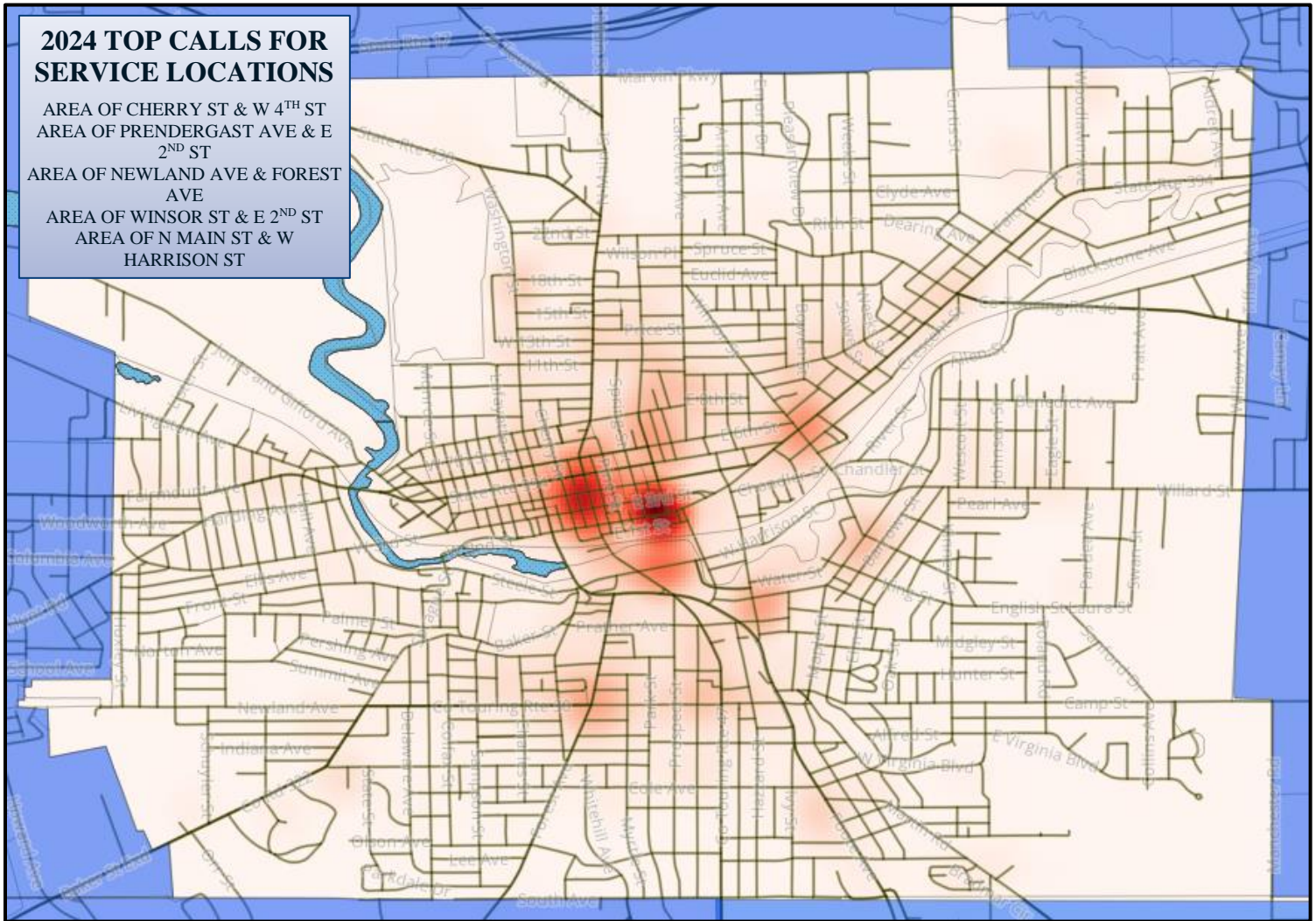


## BUSIEST TIME OF DAY/DAY OF WEEK FOR CALLS FOR SERVICE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
<b>24</b>	248	186	199	190	246	248	279	<b>1596</b>
<b>1</b>	228	165	174	166	198	218	248	<b>1397</b>
<b>2</b>	157	143	144	174	161	184	195	<b>1158</b>
<b>3</b>	140	96	121	141	130	105	127	<b>860</b>
<b>4</b>	225	187	235	208	205	197	203	<b>1460</b>
<b>5</b>	94	100	133	102	113	90	85	<b>717</b>
<b>6</b>	149	152	164	157	158	159	146	<b>1085</b>
<b>7</b>	79	121	154	144	141	156	81	<b>876</b>
<b>8</b>	130	215	229	247	219	235	145	<b>1420</b>
<b>9</b>	117	251	249	297	248	252	183	<b>1597</b>
<b>10</b>	180	295	271	268	235	292	199	<b>1740</b>
<b>11</b>	157	304	266	290	277	278	222	<b>1794</b>
<b>12</b>	184	239	271	267	263	301	194	<b>1719</b>
<b>13</b>	194	283	242	270	255	277	219	<b>1740</b>
<b>14</b>	153	243	225	261	214	303	146	<b>1545</b>
<b>15</b>	228	336	349	366	334	319	206	<b>2138</b>
<b>16</b>	230	333	356	380	329	356	244	<b>2228</b>
<b>17</b>	232	323	314	328	336	313	237	<b>2083</b>
<b>18</b>	219	266	281	275	317	281	253	<b>1892</b>
<b>19</b>	193	256	283	258	319	311	272	<b>1892</b>
<b>20</b>	224	228	276	279	309	284	255	<b>1855</b>
<b>21</b>	197	212	290	299	276	302	273	<b>1849</b>
<b>22</b>	137	145	168	198	192	210	237	<b>1287</b>
<b>23</b>	131	188	187	187	231	271	273	<b>1468</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4226</b>	<b>5267</b>	<b>5581</b>	<b>5752</b>	<b>5706</b>	<b>5942</b>	<b>4922</b>	<b>37396</b>



# 2024 Incidents in Jamestown, NY Density Map



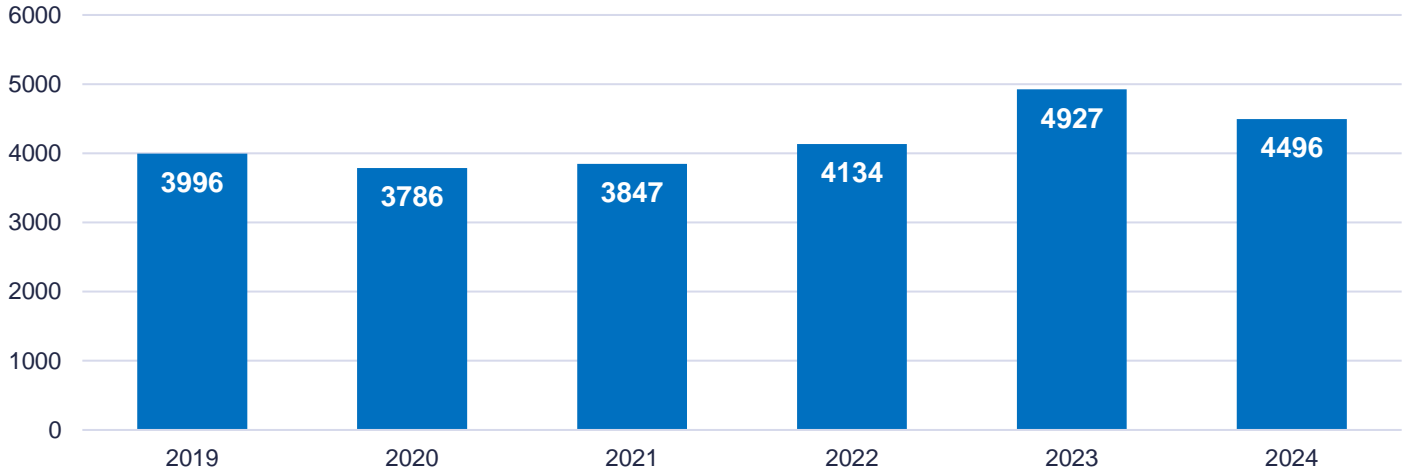
*The above map displays the concentrated locations with a high density of calls for service through JPD*

*\*Calls for Service with the listed address of 201 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St (Jamestown Police Department) contributes to the concentration in the area of E 2<sup>nd</sup> St & Prendergast Ave\**

*\*Calls for Service with the listed address of 207 Foote Ave (UPMC Chautauqua) contributes to the concentration in the area of Foote Ave & Allen St due to the hospital potentially being a secondary location from the initial incident\**

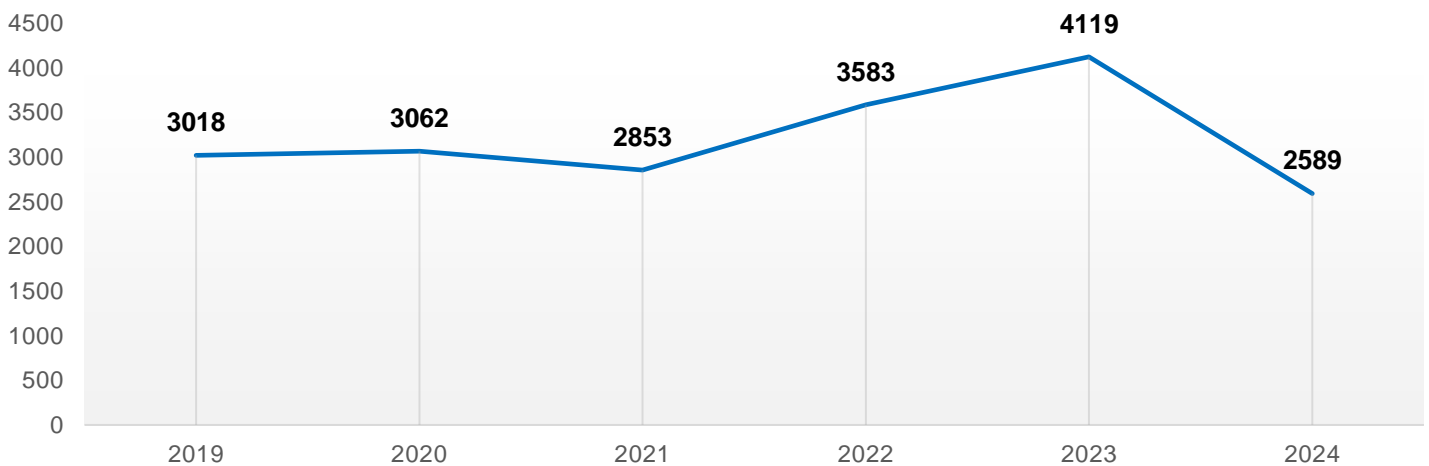
# Incident Based Reporting Part I and 2 Offenses/Arrests in 2024

## COMPARISON OF IBR OFFENSES PER YEAR



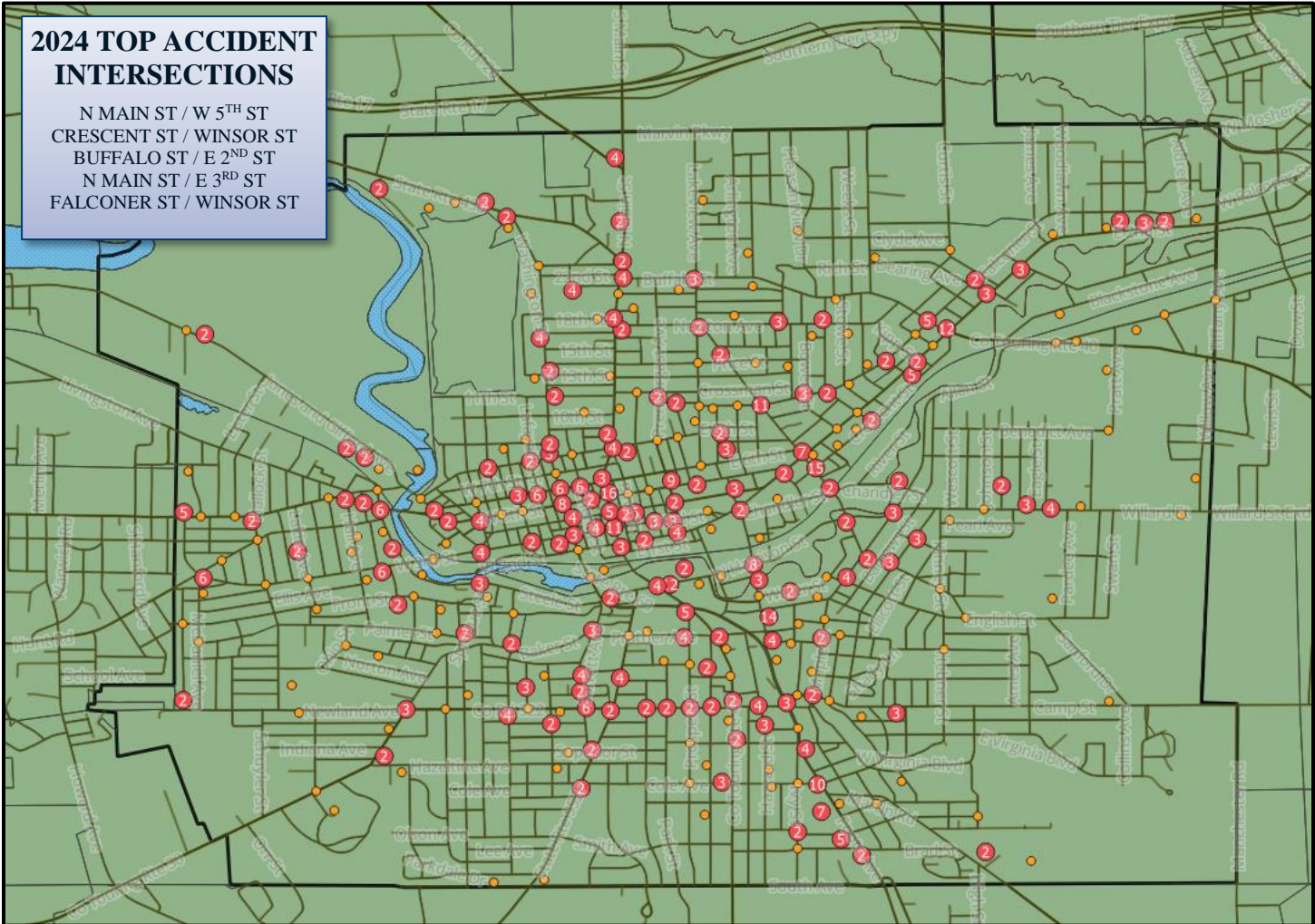
In 2024, total IBR Offenses **decreased by -8.75%** compared to the previous year & **increased by +8.65%** compared to the 5-YR average (4,138 offenses)

## COMPARISON OF IBR ARRESTS PER YEAR



In 2024, IBR Arrests **decreased by -37.14%** compared to the previous year & **decreased by -56.54%** compared to the 5-YR average (3,327 arrests)

# Accident Locations in 2024



*The above map displays the number of recorded accidents at each location*

*\*Accident with the listed address of 207 Foote Ave (UPMC Chautauqua) was excluded from top accident locations due to the hospital potentially being a secondary location from the initial incident\**

682

**TOTAL ACCIDENTS REQUIRING ACCIDENT REPORTS**

- 552 Property Damage Only
- 130 Personal Injury

29

**ACCIDENTS INVOLVING PEDESTRIANS REQUIRING ACCIDENT REPORT**

- 13 Injured
- 0 Death

15

**2024 MV ACCIDENTS IN SCHOOL ZONES BETWEEN 7AM & 4PM MON – FRI FROM JAN-JUN and SEPT-DEC WITHIN 50M OF SCHOOL ZONE**

- 3– Jamestown High School
- 2 – Persell Middle School
- 2 – Washington Middle School
- 1 – Ring Elementary School
- 3 – Love Elementary School
- 0 – Fletcher Elementary School
- 2 – Jefferson Middle School
- 2 – Lincoln Elementary School
- 1 – Bush Elementary School

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**CAR/ DEER ACCIDENTS REQUIRING ACCIDENT REPORT**

- 0 Injuries Reported at the Scene

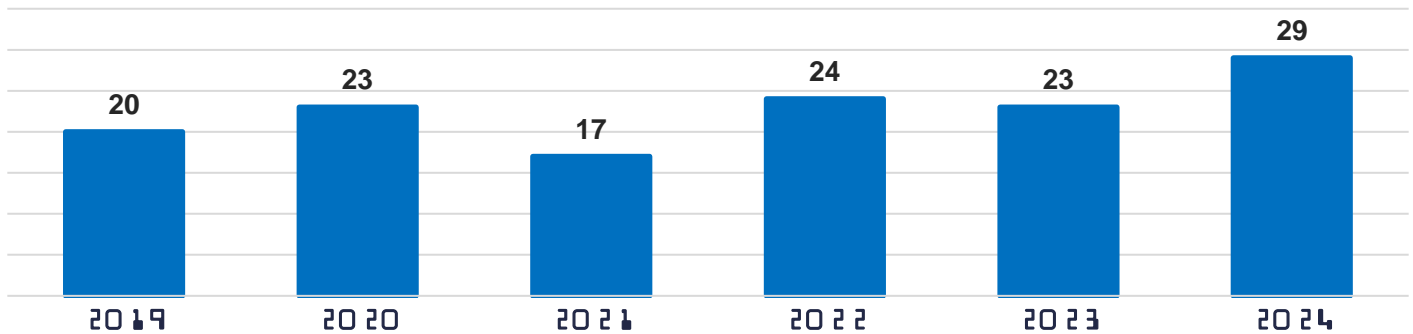
4,451

**VEHICLE STOPS BY JPD OFFICERS IN 2024**

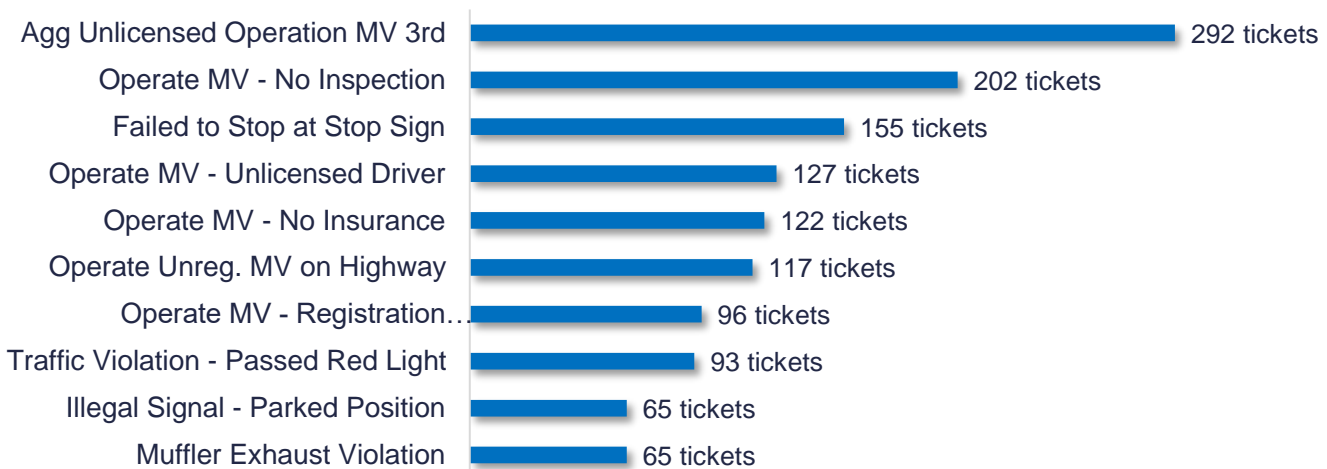
2,608

**TICKETS ISSUED BY JPD OFFICERS IN 2024**

**COMPARISON OF VEHICLE/PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS BY YEAR**



**TOP TEN TICKETS ISSUED IN 2024**



# OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Jamestown Police Department is separated into two sections, Operations and Administration and both sections are overseen by the Deputy Chief. The Operations Division is responsible for providing direct police services to the public. The members of the Operations Division are committed to our citizens through the:



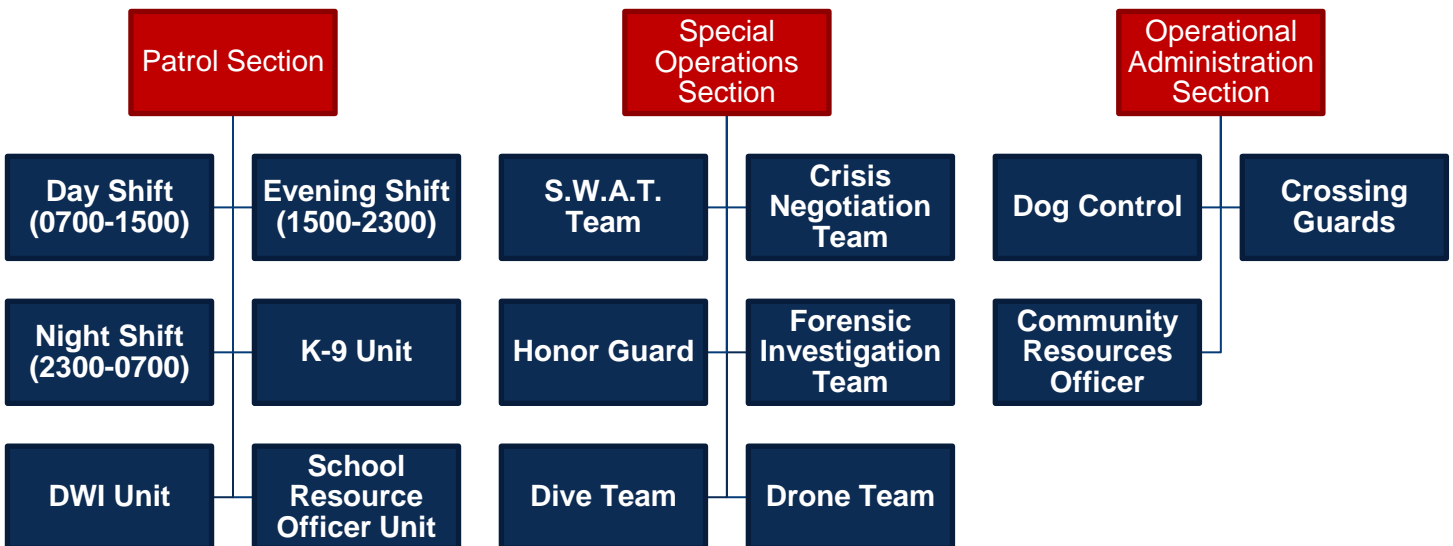
*Deputy Chief Scott Forster*

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

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

There are 58 sworn police officers, a dog control officer, and five crossing guards assigned to the Operations Division. These officers represent the front line of the department and are in most circumstances have the initial contact with the community. Members of the operations division continue to stay vigilant and proactive in the patrol duties on a daily basis. They also offer themselves to be more accessible to the community and have a direct relationship with community members to build trust, which assists in the reporting and investigative efforts of these officers.

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



## Patrol Section

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

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

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

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

The Jamestown Police Department also employs two School Resource Officer. One is assigned to the Jamestown High School and the other rotates between the elementary and middle schools. The position is filled by PO Jeremy Maggio (JHS) and PO Alexis Carlson (rotating).

<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
Platoons	Lieutenants	Sergeants
<b>30</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Patrol Officers	K-9 Officers	School Resource Officers

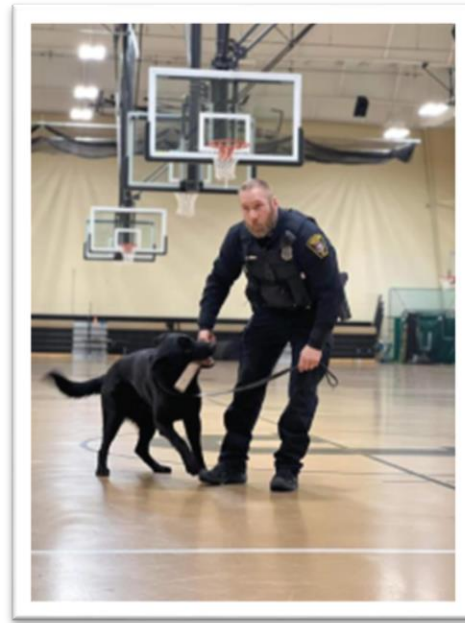
## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

<b>200</b>	<b>1,715</b>
Community Service Details	Beat Walking Assignments

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## PATROL K-9 Kal

Officer "Kal" started his career at JPD in 2020, and is featured with his handler, Officer Erik Kraft. During his tenure, Officer Kraft has handled two other K-9's.



## PATROL K-9 Grimm

In 2021, Rand Machining donated funds, which made it possible to acquire K-9 Grimm to assist with bomb detection. He is featured with his handler, Officer James Latimer.



# Special Operations Section

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

## Special Weapons and Tactics Team (S.W.A.T.)

The Jamestown Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team (S.W.A.T.) is a volunteer group of specially trained personnel assigned specialized weapons, supplemental safety equipment and other specialized devices to overcome prolonged life-threatening situations, such as: barricaded subject situations, hostage situations, anti-sniper incidents, drug interdictions, high-risk warrant service, and security for visiting dignitaries. The team was commanded by Lt. Adam McKinley. In 2024, the team completed 33 missions and participated in 15 separate trainings, totaling 120 hours. In addition, JPD acquired an armored Bearcat vehicle for SWAT operations.



### 2024 JPD SWAT TEAM ACTIVITY

<b>30</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
SEARCH WARRANTS	BARRICADED SUBJECTS	CONSENT TO SEARCH

## Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT)

The Jamestown Police Department Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) is an eight-member team that is specially trained and equipped in the management of crises, such as: hostage incidents, barricaded subjects, or suicidal subjects. The purpose of the team is to bring crises to a peaceful conclusion using negotiations –thereby minimizing the potential for injury to citizens and officers. Negotiators are state certified, have completed the F.B.I. Crisis Negotiations School, and train on a regular basis jointly with Jamestown Police Department S.W.A.T., New York State Police, and numerous other western New York law enforcement agencies.

The Jamestown Police Department Crisis Resolution Team is under the command of Sgt. Kyle Mann and includes Lt. Matthew Bentley, Det. Craig Damon, Det. Matthew Rhinehart, PO Jose Moya, PO Kaitlyn Promber, and PO Jakki Ahlbin. Former members, Det. Kyle Sorenson retired from JPD in the agency and team in October, and PO Kristopher Gustafson left the team after joining Ellicott PD. Sgt. Timothy Mason is a new addition to the CNT team.

<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>
2024 CNT CALL-OUT	2024 TRAINING HOURS





## Honor Guard

In 2024 the Honor Guard participated in five details. Retired Officer Steve Johnson and Jim Schnars funerals, the Memorial Day Parade, the Gold Star Mothers Dedication Ceremony (May), and the 911 Coordinators Association Fall Conference (October). The Honor Guard welcomed new members Sgt. Josh Nickerson, Sgt. Kyle Mann, Officer Josh Peters, and Officer Dan Torres to the team. The team is commanded by Sgt. Doug Weaver.

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DETAILS



## Drone Team

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

Drone Team members include Det. Rex Goot, Det. Matt Kachermeyer, Det. Kyle Sorenson, Sgt. Kyle Mann, and PO John Conti.

### 2024 DRONE TEAM ACTIVITY

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# Operational Administration Section

## GRANTS

### POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES GRANT:

The Police Traffic Services Grant is awarded annually and provides funding to support seatbelt and occupant restraint enforcement during specified statewide “enforcement waves” and expanded enforcement efforts directed by our department. Pro-active patrols also target aggressive driving, speeding, distracted drivers, cellular phone, and other dangerous driving behaviors. In the 2024, our agency was awarded \$8,556.

### OPERATION SAFE STOP:

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

### GUN INVOLVED VIOLENCE ELIMINATION INITIATIVE:

In 2014, New York launched a new effort called the GIVE (Gun Involved Violence Elimination) Initiative. GIVE builds on the success of Operation IMPACT but focus exclusively on shootings, homicides, and violent crime. The focus of G.I.V.E. for Jamestown is on violent crime. In 2024, the Jamestown Police Department received a grant of \$261,315 to fund G.I.V.E. initiatives, including funding for a crime analyst. GIVE initiatives work to reduce incidents of shootings,

aggravated assault, and violent crime by promoting integrated, evidence-based strategies that include four core elements:

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

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

# ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Administrative and Support Services Division is responsible for providing ancillary services to support department functions.

These services include management of department resources, management of the investigative section and non-sworn support staff. The Administrative and Support Services Division is divided into two sections: the Investigative Section and the Administrative Services and Support Section.

## Investigative Section

Lieutenant Gregory J. Wozneak is the Investigative Section Commander, who is responsible for coordinating and leading criminal investigations within the unit. The Investigative Section has nine detectives and one Sergeant assigned to specialized units within the section. Although there are specialized units, the Investigative Section prides itself on working as a team to ensure that all crimes are fully investigated.

### Detective Unit

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

### Juvenile Unit

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

### Jamestown Metro Drug Task Force

- Three detectives are assigned to this unit. These investigators conduct drug investigations reported in the city. The detectives also assist the Investigative Section in investigations requiring surveillance and shared confidential informants. The actions of these investigators have a direct impact on the narcotics trade and crimes stemming from it.

### Evidence and Property Management Unit

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

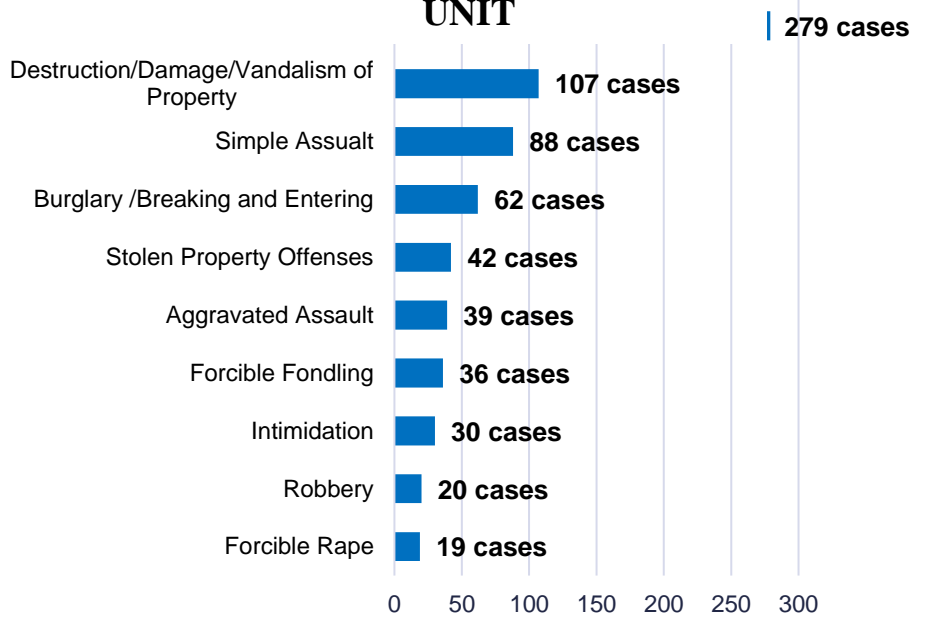
### Domestic Violence Intervention Unit

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

# 2024 INVESTIGATIVE UNIT CASE STATISTICS

**953** CASES ASSIGNED  
**773** CASES THAT MAY BE REOPENED AS NEW EVIDENCE IS IDENTIFIED  
**105** CASES CLOSED BY ARRESTS OR WARRANTS ISSUED  
**75** CASES REMAIN OPEN OR INVESTIGATION PENDING


## TOP TYPES OF CASES ASSIGNED TO DETECTIVE UNIT



### Juvenile Unit

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

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

<b>324</b> CASES RECEIVED	<b>332</b> CASES CLOSED	<b>25</b> RAISE THE AGE CASES	<b>113</b> SEXUAL ABUSE CASES
<b>54</b> CHILD ADVOCACY INTERVIEWS	<b>54</b> FAMILY COURT REFERRALS	<b>3</b> YOUTH PART COURT REFERRALS	
	<b>64</b> YOUTH ARRESTS	<b>6</b> ADULT ARRESTS	

## 2024 MAJOR CASES

### Homicide of Marlon Clay – January 22, 2024

On January 24, 2024 the Jamestown Police Department was alerted of an individual who was found deceased inside an apartment at 401 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St. in the City of Jamestown. The victim, Marlon Clay, of Buffalo, NY was found inside deceased from a gunshot wound. The investigation into the incident developed quickly with the Jamestown Police Department's Detective Bureau working in cooperation with other area law enforcement to identify a suspect. The suspect, Darius Kadenhead, was on parole in New York State and was reportedly residing in Buffalo, NY. The following day, Detectives located Kadenhead in Buffalo, where he was found to be in possession of a loaded pistol. Kadenhead was placed under arrest by the Buffalo Police Department at that time for Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup> and has been in custody since that time. Working with the Chautauqua County District Attorney's Office and other law enforcement, the murder of Marlon Clay has been presented to a Grand Jury. Darius Kadenhead has since been charged with Murder in the Second Degree and is being held pending a trial.



*Darius Kadenhead*

### Triple Shooting / Homicide of Trevon Tripp – March 18, 2024

On March 18, 2024 a shooting incident occurred at 839 Prendergast Ave. in the City of Jamestown. During the initial portion of the investigation, it was found that at least two individuals were shot, one of them being Trevon Tripp. Tripp is a Dunkirk, NY native who was found deceased at the scene. The other individual that police found shot at the scene was William Hernandez. He had life threatening injuries and was transported to Erie, PA for treatment. The Jamestown Police Department's Detective Bureau once again worked with other local and federal law enforcement agencies to identify a vehicle that had fled the scene. The vehicle was tracked down in Rochester, NY the following day by JPD Detectives. As the investigation continued, a third victim of this shooting, Juan Rivera, was found and taken to the hospital for treatment of a gunshot wound to the leg. This investigation has revealed that Tripp, Rivera, Hernandez and another individual, Evan Nix, were all planning to perform an armed robbery of two individuals who are from Rochester. Their plan failed and it ultimately resulted in three of them being shot with Tripp dying from his wounds. Nix fled the area for a long period of time, but was located by the U.S. Marshal Service in Ohio and transported back to Chautauqua County to face weapons charges out of Jamestown. At this time, all of the individuals involved have been taken into custody and the Jamestown Police Department Investigative Section has been working closely with the Chautauqua County District Attorney's Office to further investigation and the indictment process.



### Maple Street Child Homicide – April 13, 2024

On April 15, 2024 the Jamestown Police Department's Detective Bureau was advised that there was a suspicious death of a child that occurred on April 13, 2024 at 107 Maple St. in the City of Jamestown. The Erie County Medical Examiner's Office indicated that while conducting an autopsy, they found some serious injuries that could have only been caused by another human, so they were considering this a homicide. The Jamestown Police Department's Detective Bureau started an investigation by speaking with the child's parent and the caregiver who was with the child at the time of their death. As a result of the investigation, Matthew Nuttall, the caregiver, has been indicted for Manslaughter in the First Degree due to the fact that he caused the child's death by blunt force trauma. He is being held in the Chautauqua County Jail pending a trial date.

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### **Lakeview Avenue Child Homicide – April 22, 2024**

On April 22, 2024 there was a report of a child not breathing at 115 Lakeview Ave. in the City of Jamestown. JPD Patrol Officers responded, performed life saving measures and got the child to the hospital still alive. The officer noticed some wounds to the child’s neck that appeared to be strangulation type marks, so the officer alerted the JPD Detective Bureau. The child was transported to Buffalo, NY for further treatment at Oishei Children’s Hospital, but placed in and kept in intensive care for several days until the child ultimately succumbed to the injuries. During that time, the Jamestown Police Department’s Detective Bureau and Juvenile Bureau worked tirelessly on this case. A search warrant was executed at the residence and several items were seized. The investigation revealed that the child’s caregiver, Sean L. Thomas, strangled the child until the child stopped breathing. Thomas has been indicted for Murder in the Second Degree and is being held in the Chautauqua County Jail pending a trial date.



*Sean L Thomas*

### **Homicide of Jerad Davis – May 2, 2024**

On May 2, 2024 the Jamestown Police Department responded to 442 Buffalo St. in the City of Jamestown to assist the Jamestown Fire Department with what was reported as a possible overdose. The individual on scene reported that Jerad Davis had been using drugs at one point and then they found Davis not responsive later in the day. Davis was transported to the hospital where he later died. The Chautauqua County Coroner’s Office found some questionable bruising and injuries to Davis’ body and requested a criminal investigation into the matter. The Jamestown Police Department’s Detective Bureau, along with the Chautauqua County District Attorney’s Office have been working on this case as new information and evidence continues to come to light. It was found that Davis was assaulted severely within a short time before his death. The injuries that were sustained during that assault or numerous assaults were ultimately the cause of his death. The Erie County Medical Examiner’s Office ruled this to be a homicide and the investigation is ongoing.

### **Fulton Street Arson / Assault – May 19, 2024**

On May 19, 2024 the Jamestown Police Department responded with the Jamestown Fire Department to a house fire at 234 Fulton Street in Jamestown. It was quickly determined that house was intentionally set on fire and there was someone inside the residence at the time, making this an arson. The victim who was still inside had to break a window and jump from a second story to escape the fire. They were seriously burned and injured from this and had to be taken to a specialized burn unit who treats patients in these circumstances. Patrol Officers were able to interview some witnesses and developed some suspects for detectives, who were also responding to assist in the investigation. Detectives were able to speak with Eric Courtier who admitted that he knew that the victim was still inside when he lit the house on fire. Courtier has been indicted for Arson in the First Degree and is in the Chautauqua County Jail awaiting a trial date.



*Eric A Courtier*

### Homicide of Corey Johnson – August 16, 2024

In the early morning hours of August 16, 2024 an altercation outside of a local establishment at 309 N. Main St. in Jamestown resulted in the shooting death of Corey Johnson. Jamestown Police Officers responded to the scene and found Johnson with a gunshot wound to his head. He was still alive and transported to the hospital, but ultimately succumbed to his injuries. The Detective Bureau was called to assist in the investigation and a person of interest was quickly developed. A canvass of the area resulted in several videos, some capturing the entire incident as it unfolded. This is still an active investigation with the Detective Bureau working closely with the Chautauqua County District Attorney’s Office to determine appropriate charges.

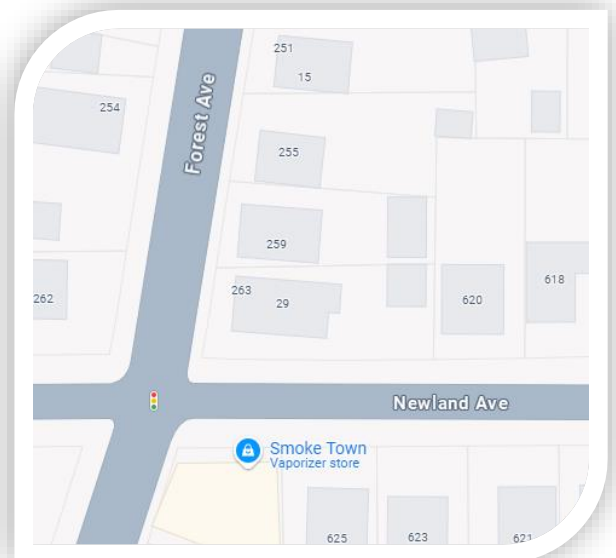


### Victoria Street Shooting / Drug Investigation – August 17, 2024

On August 17, 2024 the Jamestown Police Department responded to 84 Victoria Street in Jamestown for a report of a gunshot victim. It was found that the victim was shot in the eye by what appeared to be a pistol at close range. The victim was transported to the hospital and their life was saved by medical personnel. The investigation into this incident has come with many twists and turns. The victim was living with Kylah Seiberg and Jensen Vazquez at the time of the incident. Due to some suspicious circumstances, a search warrant was obtained for the apartment. Seiberg and Vazquez fled the area for an unknown reason and did not return. While searching the apartment, detectives found a large quantity of illicit drugs. A 9mm pistol was found inside of a vehicle owned by Seiberg. Approximately two weeks after the shooting incident, a burglary was called in to the same apartment. Officers arrived and located Seiberg inside. A standoff then ensued with Jensen Vazquez as he was reportedly in possession of a loaded firearm and had a warrant for his arrest out of federal court. The Jamestown Police Department and the Chautauqua County Sheriff’s Office SWAT Teams were called in to assist in the apprehension. After several hours, Vazquez was located hiding under insulation in the attic of the apartment and taken into custody. Another search warrant was obtained for the apartment and another large quantity of illicit drugs were located where Vazquez was hiding and on the person of Kylah Seiberg as she was in the jail. As a result of these two investigations, Kylah Seiberg and Jensen Vazquez have been indicted in the Western District of New York Federal District Court for several drug charges and weapons charges. They are being held in federal custody while they await a trial date.

### Homicide of Doug Howie – September 10, 2024

On September 10, 2024 a drive-by shooting took the life of Doug Howie. Howie was walking his dog in the area of 622 Newland Ave. in Jamestown at the time of the shooting. He was struck by a bullet that was unlikely intended for him. He was transported alive to the hospital by medical personnel, but succumbed to his injuries a short time later. The Jamestown Police Department’s Detective Bureau has developed several leads in this case as the investigation is continuing. There are several witnesses to this incident who have not been willing to cooperate with police. We are asking that anyone with information to come forward so that there can be justice for Mr. Howie.



# JAMESTOWN METRO DRUG TASK FORCE (JMDTF)

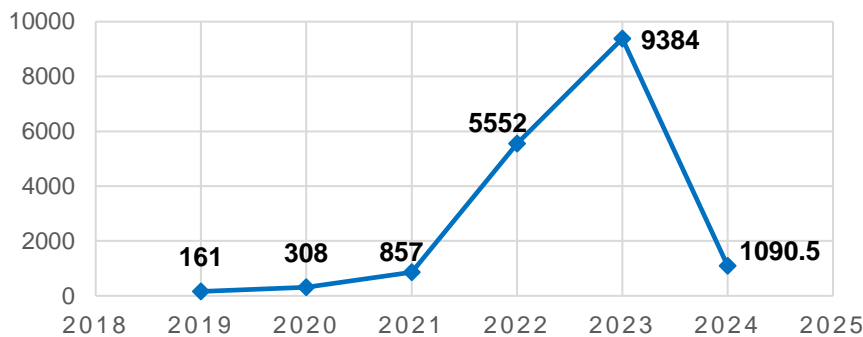
The Jamestown Metro Drug Task Force (JMDTF) took over as the primary unit to investigate drug investigations in the City of Jamestown in 2012. In 2014, the Ellicott Police Department joined in the effort to address narcotic issues in the greater Jamestown area. The JMDTF investigates narcotics cases assigned to them, conducts surveillance, and works with confidential informants. They also participate in the investigation of most major crimes in the City of Jamestown.

Jamestown PD K-9 Unit, Jamestown PD SWAT and other local, state, and federal partners, often assists the JMDTF. The JMDTF has recently been collaborating with the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office, in an effort to expand narcotics investigations affecting our community.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Cocaine (gm)	1,176	594	1,566	1,024	2,144	639.5
Crack (gm)	29	149	59	736	167	438.9
Heroin (gm)	94	84	326	11	0	0
Fentanyl (gm)	161	308	857	5,552	9,384	1,090.50
Meth (gm)	1,948	1,790	4,003	4,191	1,871	1,171.60
Suboxone Strips	101	99	7	151	67	215
LSD (units)	0	1	17	35	0	0
Mushrooms/Psilocybin (gm)	30	0	226	5	86	73.2
GUNS	41	17	55	41	33	18

\*\*Statistics use 0.1 grams as an approximation for the weight of any bags of heroin or fentanyl seized

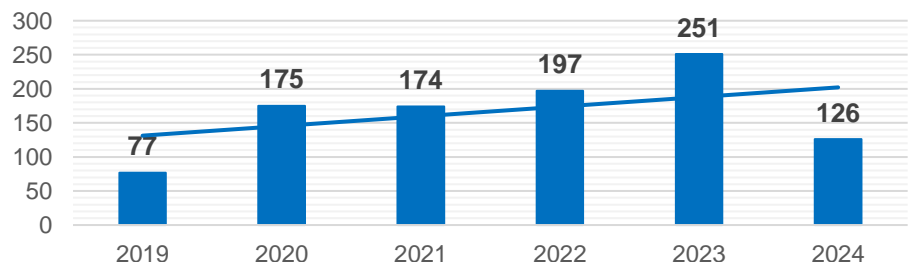
## FENTANYL (GM) SEIZURES



In 2024, fentanyl seized by JPD decreased by **-88.38%** compared to 2023

In 2024, JPD responding to overdose calls for service **decreased by -49.80%** compared to 2023 and **decreased by -27.92%** compared to the 5-YR average of **174.6 incidents**.

## Overdose Calls for Service Responded to by JPD





## JMDTF MAJOR CASES

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

### March 5, 2024

On March 5th, 2024 at about 10:00 am, Jamestown Metro Drug Task Force and Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force members executed a search warrant at 212 Price Street Lower Apartment with assistance from the Jamestown Police Department SWAT Team. After making entry, the SWAT Team located three individuals inside the residence. A search of the residence yielded 34.0 grams of fentanyl, \$427.00 in USC, scales, cutting agents, packaging materials, Alprazolam, a stolen rifle, and a shotgun. Juan A. Gutierrez and Francisco J. Gutierrez was arrested and transported to the Jamestown City Jail. Juan is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance (CPCS) 3<sup>rd</sup>, one count of CPCS 7<sup>th</sup>, three counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup>, and one count of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property (CPSP) 5<sup>th</sup>. Francisco is charged with one count of CPSP 5<sup>th</sup> and one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4<sup>th</sup> for being a felon in possession of a rifle.



### March 28, 2024

The Jamestown Metro Drug Task Force and Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at 620 Pine Street Lower Right Apartment with assistance from the Jamestown Police Department SWAT Team. Jermeek D. Johnson, Katelin E. DiDomenico, and Selena M. Santiago were located inside the residence by the SWAT Team. After the residence was secured, detectives searched the residence and located 207.9 grams of fentanyl, 5 hydrocodone pills, a digital scale, packaging materials, \$555.00 in US Currency, and a 9mm handgun reported stolen out of the State of Georgia. Jermeek, Katelin, and Selena are charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance (CPCS) 2<sup>nd</sup>, CPCS 3<sup>rd</sup>, CPCS 7<sup>th</sup>, two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup>, Criminal

Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4<sup>th</sup>. Jermeek is additionally charged with Tampering with Physical Evidence, Obstructing Governmental Administration 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Resisting Arrest as a result of his attempt to flush some of the fentanyl down the toilet and engaging in a physical confrontation with the SWAT Team.



### April 12, 2024

On April 12th, 2024 at about 9:30 am members of the Jamestown Metro Drug Task Force and Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force executed a narcotics search warrant by conducting a traffic stop and simultaneously making entry into the residence located at 38 Whitley Avenue with assistance from the Jamestown Police Department SWAT Team.

Two adults, Santos I. Santiago and Anabell Santiago were detained from the traffic stop and two children were located inside of the residence by the SWAT Team. After the residence was secured, detectives searched the residence and persons and located 109.3 grams of fentanyl, 11.3 grams of crack cocaine, digital scales for weighing the drugs, packaging materials used for distributing the drugs, \$30,369.00 in United States Currency believed to be profits from selling the drugs, and two handguns – one of which was reported stolen.

Santos is charged with one count of CPCS 2<sup>nd</sup>, two counts of CPCS 3<sup>rd</sup>, two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup>, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Firearm, and one count of CPSP 4<sup>th</sup>. Anabell was additionally found to be in possession of a switchblade knife and a quantity of oxycodone pills and is charged with one count of CPCS 2<sup>nd</sup>, two counts of Criminal CPCS 3<sup>rd</sup>, one count CPCS 7<sup>th</sup>, two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup>, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup>, one count of CPSP 4<sup>th</sup>,

and one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3<sup>rd</sup>.



### May 3, 2024

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at about 9:20 am members of the Jamestown Metro Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at 19 E Duquesne Street in Celoron with assistance from the Jamestown Police Department SWAT Team. Darin L. Butts Jr. and one juvenile were located inside the residence by the SWAT Team.

After the residence was secured, detectives searched the property and located 217.8 grams of



methamphetamine, 47.4 grams of fentanyl, \$90.00 in US Currency, scales for weighing the drugs, and packaging materials used for distributing the drugs. Darin L. Butts Jr. was placed under arrest and transported to the Jamestown City Jail. Darin is charged with one count of CPCS 2<sup>nd</sup>, two counts of CPCS 3<sup>rd</sup>, and two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup>. Darin is being held pending Centralized Arraignment in Mayville. Darin is currently out on bail on Federal Probation for previous drug trafficking related charges.

### June 25, 2024

The Jamestown Metro Drug Task Force and Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at 613 Newland Avenue Lower Apartment in the City of Jamestown with assistance from the Jamestown Police Department SWAT Team. Richard E. Pearson Jr. and Kayla M. Slagle were located at the residence. After the residence was secured, detectives searched the property and located a Smith and Wesson M&P Shield that was previously reported stolen to the Chautauqua County



Sheriff's Office, 41.8 grams of powder cocaine, 20.8 grams of crack cocaine, 3.6 grams of methamphetamine, 1.1 grams of fentanyl, two Alprazolam pills, 25 suboxone strips, \$200.00 in US Currency, a digital scale, baking soda, and packaging materials. Pearson and Slagle were placed under arrest and transported to the Jamestown City Jail. Pearson (a two-time convicted felon) and Slagle are charged with one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup>, three counts CPCS 3<sup>rd</sup>, one count of CPSP 4<sup>th</sup>, two counts of CPCS 7<sup>th</sup> and three counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia. Pearson is charged with a third count of CPCS 7<sup>th</sup> for the suboxone strips.

### July 11, 2024

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at about 1:30 pm, members of the Jamestown Metro Drug Task Force and Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at 7 Forest Park in the City of Jamestown with assistance from the Jamestown Police Department SWAT Team. Nicholas J. Dean was located alone inside of the residence. After the residence was secured detectives searched the property and located a 21.3 grams of crack cocaine, 73.6 grams of fentanyl, 75.1 grams of methamphetamine, \$1352.00 in US Currency, a digital scale, and packaging materials. Dean was placed under arrest and transported to the Jamestown City Jail. Dean is charged with one count of CPCS 2<sup>nd</sup>, four counts CPCS 3<sup>rd</sup>, and two counts

of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia



### September 3, 2024

On September 3rd, 2024 at about 12:42 PM, the Jamestown Police Department was dispatched to 84 Victoria Ave for a reported burglary in progress. It was reported that there were unknown individuals inside of one of the apartments. This is the same location where a previous shooting incident occurred on August 17, 2024. During that incident a male victim was shot and transported to the hospital with life threatening injuries. He is currently recovering in the hospital and expected to survive his injuries. During that same incident, a search warrant was executed at the residence of 84 Victoria Ave, upper apartment and a vehicle that is associated with the occupants. While searching, detectives located a total of 111.9 grams of methamphetamine, 23.3 grams of powder cocaine, 9.4 grams of crack cocaine, 66.5 grams of fentanyl, and a 9mm pistol. There were no arrests at the time as the investigation was continuing and the occupants, Kylah Seiberg and Jensen Vazquez, fled the scene.

As the investigation into the burglary in progress continued, it was determined that Seiberg and Vazquez had returned to the

residence, now nearly two weeks later. Seiberg was taken into custody fairly quickly by patrol, but Vazquez refused to exit the residence. It was reported that Vazquez had armed himself with a firearm and a portion of the residence was barricaded off, making it difficult to enter the home. The Jamestown Police Department SWAT Team was requested to the scene to assist in the apprehension of Vazquez due to the fact that he currently has a warrant for his arrest out of the United States District Court of Western New York for violating his federal probation. The Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office also responded with their SWAT Team to assist in the apprehension. After several hours and the deployment of chemical munitions in an attempt to get Vazquez to surrender peacefully, he continued to refuse to exit the residence. The Jamestown SWAT Team ultimately made entry into the residence after a search warrant was issued by Jamestown City Court Judge Hon. John LaMancuso. Vazquez was located hiding under insulation and floorboards of the attic by SWAT personnel and taken into custody without further incident.

Another search of the residence was completed which revealed approximately 65.3 grams of fentanyl in the same area as where Vazquez was apprehended. Vazquez was transported to the Jamestown City Jail where he is being held pending arraignment on charges of CPCS 3<sup>rd</sup> (5 counts), Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup>, and CPCS 2<sup>nd</sup>. Seiberg was also taken into custody, but only charged with what was found in the search warrant from August 17, 2024. She is being held in the Jamestown City Jail pending her arraignment on charges of CPCS 2<sup>nd</sup>, CPCS 3<sup>rd</sup> (4 counts), Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3<sup>rd</sup>.

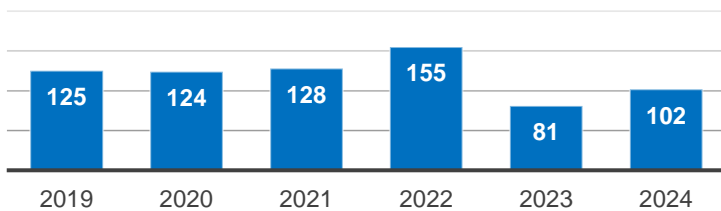
**The Jamestown Police Department is looking for anyone who may have information on these cases, in addition to tips about criminal activity, guns, and narcotics activity. All calls and tips are kept strictly confidential.**

**Anonymous Tip Line – 716-483-8477**

## FIREARM INVOLVED OFFENSES IN 2024

YEAR	Confirmed Shootings	Total Shootings Involving Injuries or Death	#Victims Injured	#Victims Killed
2024	20	10	8	4
2023	15	5	4	1
2022	24	8	8	2
2021	19	3	2	2
2020	14	4	4	0
2019	11	3	3	0
2018	<i>Data Unavailable</i>	3	3	1
2017		3	3	0
2016		7	7	3

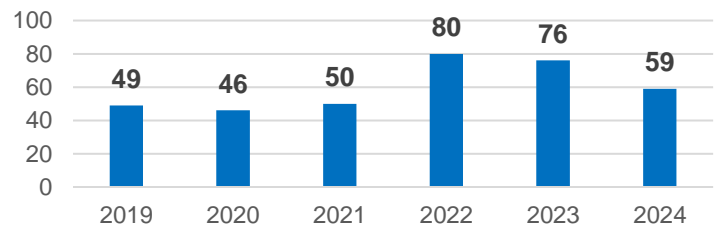
### Gunshot Complaint Calls for Service



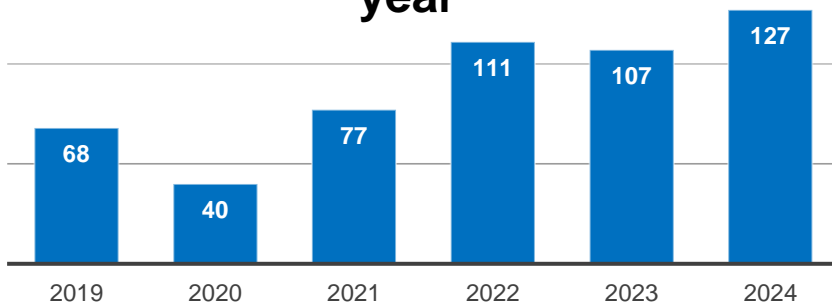
In 2024, gunshot complaints calls for service **increased by +25.93%** compared to 2023 and **decreased by -16.80%** compared to the 5-YR of **122.6 cases**.

In 2024, seizures of firearms by JPD decreased by **-22.37%** compared to 2023 and consistent with the 5-yr average **60 firearms**.

### Firearms Seized as Evidence



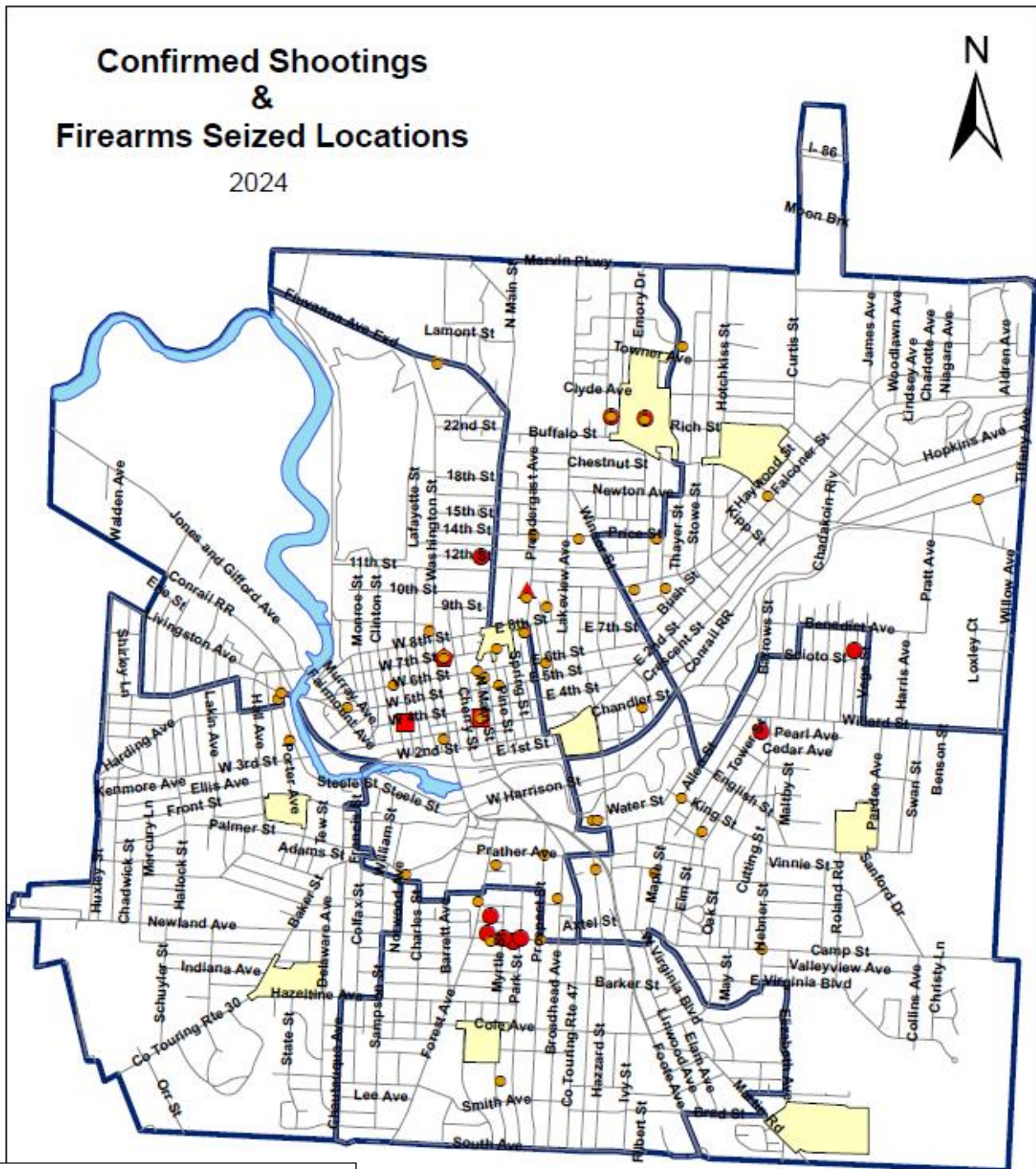
### Weapons Law Violations per year



In 2024, weapons law offenses **increased by +18.69%** compared to 2023 and **increased by +57.57%** compared to the 5-yr average of **80 offenses**.

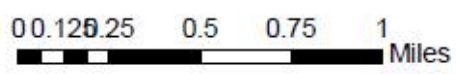
# Confirmed Shootings & Firearms Seized Locations

2024



Jamestown, NY

- Confirmed Shooting
- Shooting – Death
- ▲ Shooting – Death & Injury
- ◆ Shooting – Injury
- Firearm Seized



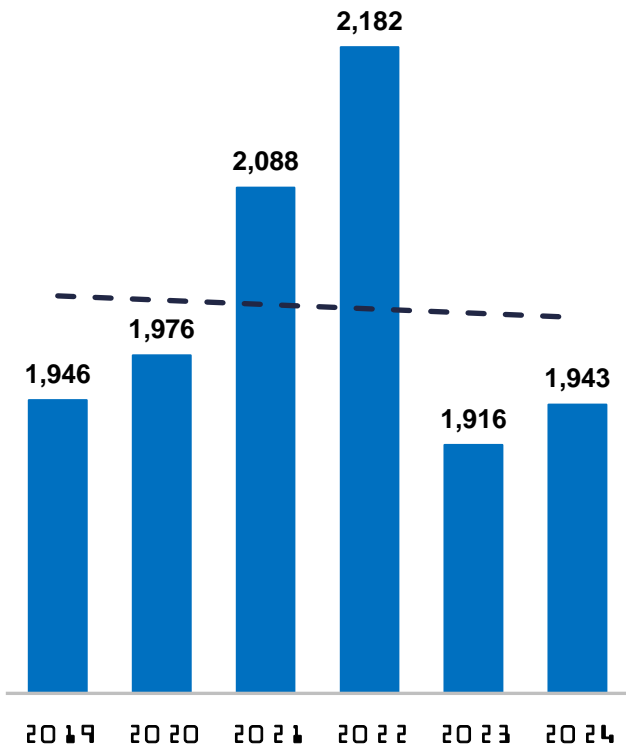
# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION UNIT

<b>1,817</b>	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENT REPORTS BY JPD
<b>328</b>	ON-SITE ARRESTS MADE
<b>153</b>	WARRANT APPLICATIONS
<b>1,133</b>	VICTIMS SERVED BY DVIU STAFF
<b>2,482</b>	REFERRALS GIVEN TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES
<b>690</b>	REPEAT OFFENDERS WITH MULTIPLE VICTIMS
<b>293</b>	REPEAT OFFENDERS
<b>398</b>	REPEAT SURVIVORS

In 2024, the Domestic Violence Intervention Unit (DVIU) received 1,817 Domestic Violence Incident Reports that Jamestown Police Department officers took. Through Project Crossroads, the DVIU staff provided over 2,000 referrals through the victim and domestic violence court follow-up programs, unsolicited phone calls, and office visits. Project Crossroads also completed 16 presentations and in-service training events on domestic violence.

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

## Domestic Incident Calls for Service

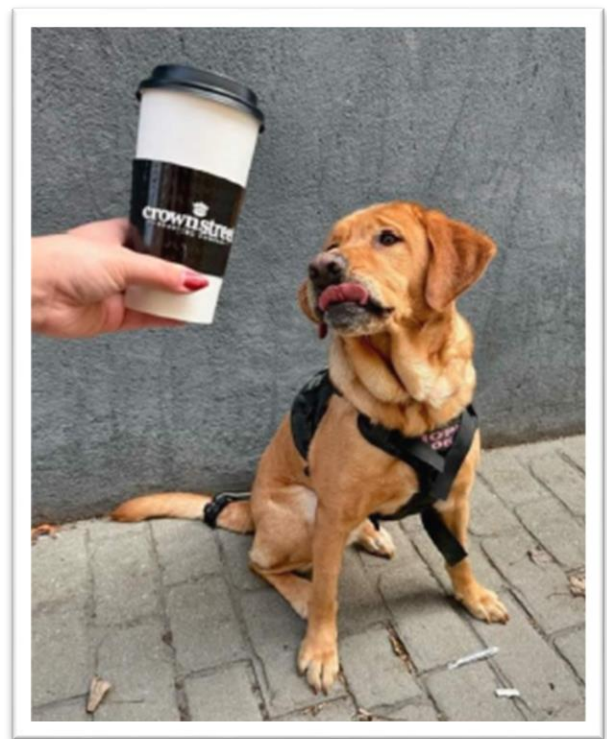


Domestic incident calls for service have **decreased by -3.91% in 2024** compared to the 5-YR 2019-2023 average of 2,022 incidents per year.

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## COMFORT K-9 HOPE

“Hope” started her career in January 2021 with Officer Emma Ward and attended 40 community service events in 2024.



In 2024, Project Crossroads started collaborating with Jamestown's Local business “Crown Street,” to give Jamestown “A Cup of Hope” during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. All proceeds benefitted the Child Advocacy Program in Chautauqua County.

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## Administrative Services Section

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

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

This unit is also responsible for making periodic data backup files for the department; assisting programmers in technical aspects of interfacing computers to networks or mainframe computers; and researching and recommending new software and hardware applications for department activities.

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

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

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



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# 2024 PERSONNEL CHANGES

## RETIREMENTS

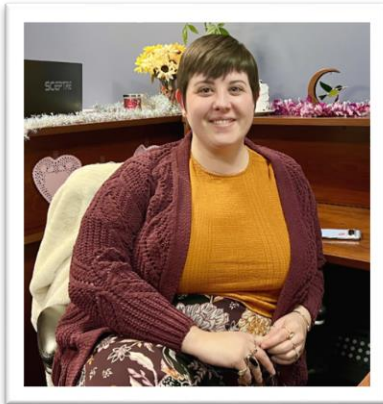


**Cpt. Robert Samuelson**

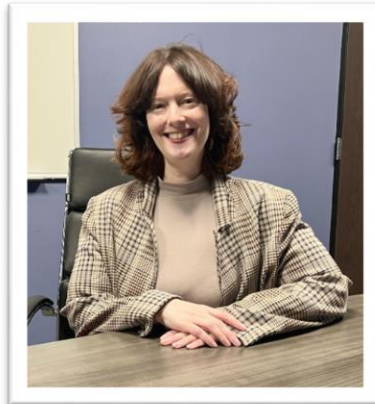


**Det. Kyle Sorenson**

## NEW HIRES



**Vanessa Lutton**  
*Records Department*

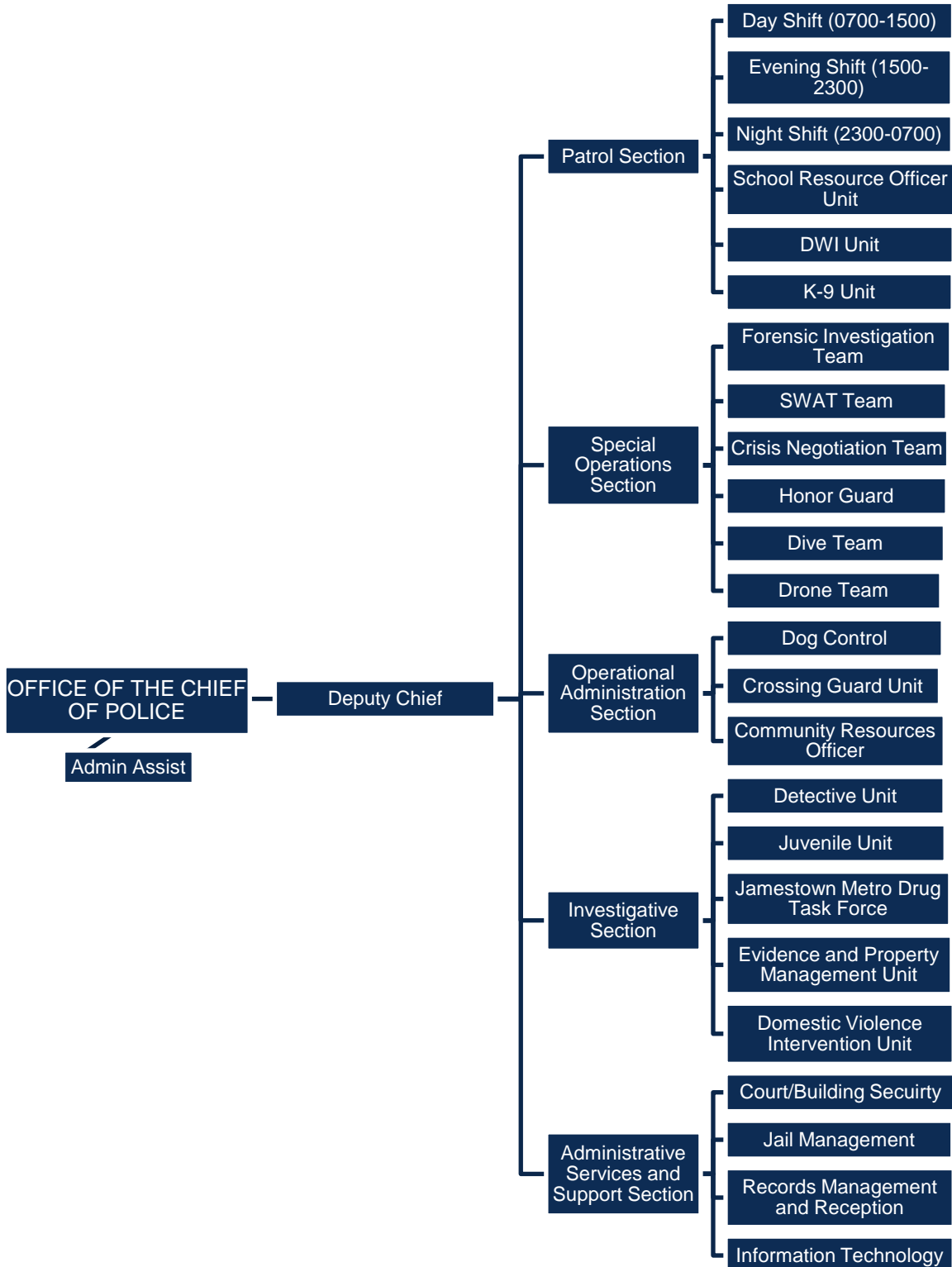


**Allison Murphy-Johnson**  
*Project Crossroads*



**PO Brock Johnson**

# JPD ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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## **JAMESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT** **CHIEF'S MESSAGE**

On behalf of every dedicated and devoted firefighter on the Jamestown Fire Department, I am pleased to present to you, this recap of events that occurred in 2024. The department is manned 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We are here to respond to the needs of the community, no matter what your emergency may be. This report will give you various types of information, including the various duties of our firefighters and first responders, that each and every day are there for the residents of the great city of Jamestown, as well as charts and graphs that show a great deal of statistics.

If you ever find yourself in need, you can rest assured that any one of our well-trained professionals will be there to assist you in minutes. Whether it is a member that has been here 30 years or one of our newest recruits fresh out of the Academy, you will be in good hands when faced with a house fire, medical issue, or motor vehicle accident. Our firefighters went on 7,786 various types of calls in 2024, each presenting different dangers and challenges.

I would ask all of you, while reading this annual report, to please remember the dangers our firefighters face daily while serving and protecting our citizens of this great Pearl City. The Jamestown Fire Department prides itself with professionalism and dignity, and we hold each other to the highest of standards, and I look forward to leading our firefighters safely through 2025.

Thank you for your continued support!

Matthew D Coon  
Deputy Fire Chief

## MISSION STATEMENT

### **Departmental Mission:**

The Jamestown Fire Department is an organization of dedicated professionals who are committed to serving the community by protecting life, property, and the environment through fire prevention, education, emergency medical, and fire suppression services.

### **Vision:**

The members of the Jamestown Fire Department will work tirelessly to become the best trained and most progressive team of firefighters. We strive to meet NFPA Standards and internationally-recognized best practices of the fire service. The Department will excel in advancing public safety within the City of Jamestown through community outreach, fire prevention initiatives, and public education. The well-being of our city and the health and safety of our members is our motivation.

### **Value Statement:**

As members of the Jamestown Fire Department, we will operate with the utmost respect for our community, one another, and the fire service. We recognize the privilege it is to be a Jamestown Firefighter and humbly accept the challenges and inherent dangers of the job. With honor and integrity, we will place the needs of others before our own in the faithful discharge of our sworn duties, in the proud tradition set forth by the generations of brave Jamestown Firefighters that came before us.

## **STATIONS**

**Fire Station 1** is located at Jamestown City Hall, and houses the Department's Ladder trucks, as well as the Medic 35-unit, Ambulance 1, Ambulance 2, Marine 1 which is a water rescue craft, and the heavy-duty rescue unit. All the Department's administrative offices are at Station 1.

**Fire Station 3** is located at 422 Newland Avenue. Station 3 was built in 1949 and was dedicated to Firefighter Elmer R. Berry, who was killed in action in Luxembourg during World War II. It serves the south side of the City.

**Fire Station 4** serves the east side of the City from its location at the corner of Allen and Buffalo Streets. Station 4 was built in 1930 and to replace the old Station 4 which was at the corner of East Second Street & Kipp Street and also replaced Station 6 at Allen Street near Tiffany Avenue.

**Fire Station 5** is located at 195 Fairmount Avenue and serves the west side of the City. This historic building was part of Chief Wilson's station reorganization and relocation plan in 1911. It was built in 1913 to accommodate Engine Co. 5, which was moved from West Fifth Street to this current location. From this station, Walter H. Kastenhuber, Oscar H. Bloom, Raymond W. Allison, and Harold Anderson responded to the Atlantic-Richfield Fire on June 19, 1934. They, along with three civilians were killed as a result of this horrific fire. Many others, including Chief Clifton Beatty were injured.

Our administrative offices are located at Station One at 200 Spring Street in the City Hall Building. Our offices are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday for non-emergency information or assistance. Included in these offices are the Fire Prevention Office and Inspection & Investigate Office. The non-emergency office number is 716-483-7598, and is available during normal business hours.

## **MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

Fire Alarm & Maintenance Supervisor (FAMS) Dan Mangione oversees the maintenance of all the Departments vehicles and fire stations, as well as the complete Gamewell system. He is assisted on a regular basis by Firefighter Frank J. Volpe, and a number of other skilled Firefighters that offer their assistance in between answering fire & EMS calls. FAMS Mangione conducts the NFPA fire pump testing on the 6-fire apparatus and coordinates and oversees the required annual NFPA fire hose testing. FAMS Mangione also schedules and reviews annual aerial ladder testing of the two ladder trucks and ensures that necessary repairs are completed as recommended by the testing company if needed. When there is work that is not able to be performed in house (Fire Station), it is scheduled with the City of Jamestown Fleet Maintenance Division or an appropriate outside service.

The Gamewell system is comprised of a combination of over 125 street and Master boxes. These are distributed on 8 circuits that circle and often overlap in the city business districts and neighborhoods. These circuits contain total over 48 miles of alarm wire in the city. FAMS Mangione will refurbish boxes, transfer wires to new poles, and occasionally reroute existing circuits.

- Conduct annual apparatus pump performance tests on all 4 engines and two ladder trucks
- Conduct annual hose testing per NFPA on all fire service hose
- Perform multiple alarm wire pole transfers
- With fleet maintenance repaired ladder 2 cylinders and valves

- Up fit radios and chargers into the new ambulance
- Coordinate the completion of repairs and replacement of Station 5 roof
- Write Specifications and put out to bid Station 5 floor replacement
- Coordinated the floor replacement with the general contractor, the electricians and plumbers.
- Assist FF Mechanic Volpe with first floor station renovations







## TRAINING

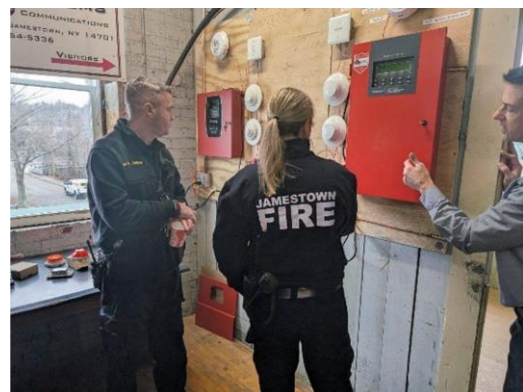
The Jamestown Fire Department's Training Division is tasked with the responsibility to prepare the Firefighters employed by the City with the skills, knowledge, education and proficiency necessary to respond to any call for service they receive. Whether it be an Emergency Medical call for service or a structure fire. Jamestown Firefighters train daily to perfect these skills.

NYCCR Part 426.7 requires all permanently appointed firefighters and fire officers to complete a minimum 100 contact hours of in-service training per year in (24) separate subject areas. These topics include: fire behavior, fire protection, personal safety, rescue, cause and origin of arson fires, sprinkler/ alarm system training and hazardous materials handling. Equipment training such as apparatus operation and maintenance, fire pumps and aerial ladders are conducted on a regular basis. First aid, CPR and medical care training is frequently scheduled.

Members of the Jamestown Fire Department are provided training both at company level as well as platoon level. Most trainings are conducted in-house at the Fire Stations across the city or at the Taylor Training Facility on Harrison St in Jamestown.

As stated in the Department Mission Statement, our training is ever-changing due to technological advances. The members are trained to meet the requirements of new technology as well as advancements in equipment and standards. Specialty classes are held occasionally for various types of rescues and equipment along with confined space training, hazardous materials, flammable gasses, high angle rescue, ice water rescue, and emergency vehicle operations.

In 2024 the Jamestown Fire Department recorded over 11,900 hours of training department wide. This includes the required 100 minimum standard hours for in-service training. Several members attended various training opportunities and seminars throughout the state, including additional courses offered at the New York State Academy of Fire Science in Montour Falls NY. There were (12) new firefighters hired in 2024, each receiving 643 contact hours of recruit training during 15 weeks at the New York State Fire Academy.



## CODE ENFORCEMENT

In 2024, the Office of Fire Prevention & Code Enforcement was staffed by Fire Code Inspector Ryan Saunders and Municipal Training LT. Caruso. Their job duties include Fire Code Inspection, Fire Investigation, Fire Prevention Education, Youth Fire-setter Intervention, Municipal Training, Smoke Detector distribution, Car Seat installation and SCBA maintenance for the Jamestown Fire Department.

During 2024, the Code Enforcement/Fire Prevention Bureau provided the following services:

- Conducted Fire Prevention Presentations to the public, including participation in 4 very Successful Trunk or Treat Events in the city and a Whoville Christmas Event sponsored by the Chautauqua Safety Village
- Conducted Fire Prevention On-site training & education to hundreds of City youth through Jamestown Public Schools, Cub Scout Local Pack 115, Chautauqua Child Care, Hillcrest Baptist Church Daycare and Pre-K, Jamestown Boys and Girls Club, Camp Hiak Tilikum, YMCA, and the YWCA
- Conducted Fire Education to an aging city population through Lutheran Social Services, JHA Highrise, Heritage Park, and Silvertree Seniors
- Identified and assisted with abating Fire Code violations
- Participated in the City Electrical Board while responding to and investigating unlicensed electrical work complaints
- Responded to various EMS calls throughout the city and provided patient care and transport to UPMC Chautauqua
- Assisted in application and reception of Federal Grant Funding through Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Grant Program (COPPGP) to purchase and provide over 1,000 CO/Smoke detectors to city residents
- Continued to partner with the Chautauqua Safety Village providing free Car Seats, and additional Smoke/ CO alarms to city residents
- Provided Free Carbon Monoxide Alarms paid for by FEMA in partnership with Chautauqua Safety Village
- Provided Smoke Alarms and Fire Prevention Training to STEL, New Vision Services and the Resource Center
- Continued partnership with Chautauqua County Mental Health Association, supporting Hope, Advocacy, and Recovery
- Facilitated outreach efforts during the homelessness State of Emergency in the city with the MHA, STEL, Chautauqua County Mental Health and the Homeless Coalition
- Teamed with the Domestic Violence Coalition to provide aid and support to those in need, linking citizens with Services and Aid.
- Attained National Certification as a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician and conducted multiple public events to check and supply the community with appropriate car seats.
- Enforced City Charter regulations for illegal burns
- Performed Fire Safety Inspections of Residential, Commercial and Public Assemblies for NYS Fire Code Compliance issuing citations when remedies were required
- Encouraged Businesses and Building Managers to provide JFD emergency access through KNOX box installation critical to timely emergency response

- Delivered Career Day presentations to Hewes and LoGuidice Educational Centers in Ashville and Fredonia further expanding our Recruitment and Retention objectives
- Recertified 40 SCBA air packs as per annual requirement, and assisted in application of Department of Homeland Security FEMA AFG grant toward acquisition of NEW SCBA PPE



The Fire Prevention Bureau/Code Enforcement Office is responsible for the enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Code, along with the City of Jamestown Charter Codes. The primary goal of the Bureau is to protect the public through education and enforcement of State and City Building Codes.

#### 2025 Goals:

- ✓ Implement Best Practices, be a force for change and reevaluate at regular intervals the effectiveness of our mission in continued NYS Fire Code Compliance
- ✓ Continue expanding Fire Prevention and Life Safety Services throughout the community
- ✓ Distribute and install 1,000 CO/Smoke Detectors to City and County Residents
- ✓ Provide better transparency and availability through all social media platforms
- ✓ Continue working with local agencies to provide the best services to the community with an attempt to not duplicate said services
- ✓ Enhance Partnerships County wide by sharing resources to provide education to not only city residents, but anyone who desires it
- ✓ Become a CPR certified Instructor in a collaborative effort with MTI Caruso to better serve the department and Community partners whom have requested the service of BLS education.
- ✓ Work with JFD Municipal Training Officer Caruso to provide improved training opportunities and additional code enforcement education to the citizens of Jamestown, NY.
- ✓ Attend Cassadaga Job Corps and provide trade students with an introduction to Federal, State, and County civil service positions and steps toward achieving an exciting career in firefighting
- ✓ Expand the Jamestown Fire Department Community outreach programs and support community partnerships whom goals reflect the mission to protect property, safeguard our communities through relentless commitment to emergency preparedness, prevention, response, and recovery.

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FIRE INVESTIGATION UNIT  
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The JFD Fire Investigation Team is comprised of members of the fire department and police department who have completed all NYS requirements along with National requirements making our team ProBoard certified fire investigators. The JFD Fire Investigation team continues to work in close collaboration with the Jamestown Police Department via a JPD Detective who is also a ProBoard certified Fire Investigator. The Team also has JFD/JPD Evidence Technicians who are DCJS certified in the collection and proper handling of fire scene evidence. Maintaining compliance with current NFPA 921 and 1033 requirements is of the utmost priority for all JFD Fire Investigators. These annual requirements include a minimum of 12 hours tested training as well as performance of at least 12 hours of actual field investigation in order to maintain Pro-Board and NYS certifications.

The JFD Fire Investigation Team performs fire cause and origin determinations any time a fire is reported within the City of Jamestown. These investigations are mandated by NYS laws and regulations. Often times, JFD fire investigators will work in coordination with other agencies such as Law Enforcement, Public Utilities, Private Investigators, Insurance Adjusters and Investigators, Medical Professionals, Scientists and other field experts, Building Contractors, as well as the Chautauqua County District Attorney's Office.

On the average, a fire investigator commits more than four (4) hours of time on each case. Most cases will include hands-on observation of the fire scene, interviewing people affected by the fire, consultation with other agencies, and fully document the case. Documentation includes, but is not limited to: photographic evidence of the fire, author a narrative explaining fire cause and origin determination, drawing, maps and schematics of the fire scene, and researching property records, deeds, property value, insurance policies, liens, taxes, and other debts. Fire investigators may be subpoenaed to testify in both civil and criminal courts of law.

JFD fire investigators are considered expert witnesses in the area of study and practice of fire behavior and fire cause and determination.

This year three members of the Jamestown Fire Department and one member of the Jamestown Police Department completed their class (120 hours) and are working towards their field time (80 hours) requirements to be NYS / ProBoad certified fire investigators. Firefighters Jesus Garcia, Corey Ellis, Russ Ferraloro, and Courtney Schauman (JPD), all attended training at the NYS Academy of Fire Science while completing field hours during incidents here in the city. In total, it takes about 2 years to fulfill the training and testing requirements to become field certified. Also, four members attended the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) conference in Saratoga Springs NY to complete their annual training and testing requirements to maintain their certifications. The IAAI conference was a new venue for the team. New techniques, principles and critical thinking applications were presented that give the team different ways to determine cause and origin of incidents here in the city. The team was also able to form new relationships between other local, state and federal agencies that were in attendance as well.

**Cause of Ignition                      Count**

FATALITY	1
INCENDIARY	7
ACCIDENTAL	13
UNATTENDED	2
FALIURE OF EQUIPMENT	10
UNDER INVESTIGATION	2
IMPROPERLY DISCARDED SMOKING MATERIAL	2
CAUSE UNDETERMINED AFTER INVESTIGATION	9
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS	33



## CAPTAINS



Captain Jonathan Winchester started his career with the department as a firefighter in February 2008, promoted to Lieutenant in December 2018, and as a Captain in November 2024. Photo Credit: Liz Smith



Captain Daniel Balling started his career with the department as a firefighter in February 2011, promoted to Lieutenant in December 2020, and as a Captain in November 2024. Photo Credit: Liz Smith

## CAPTAINS



Captain Shawn Tibbitts started his career with the department as a firefighter in February 2007, promoted to Lieutenant in February 2017, and as a Captain in November 2024. Photo Credit: Liz Smith



Captain Jason Winchester started his career with the department as a firefighter in February 2005, promoted to Lieutenant in April 2020, and as a Captain in November 2024. Photo Credit: Liz Smith

## PROMOTED LIEUTENANTS



Lieutenant Evan VandeVelde began his career with the Jamestown Fire Department in February 2016. Through hard work and dedication, Lt. VandeVelde was promoted to Lieutenant in June 2024. We look forward to watching the promising career of Lt. VandeVelde. Photo Credit: Liz Smith



Lieutenant Andrew Caruso started with the Jamestown Fire Department in July 2011. Lt. Caruso's career brought him through the rank of Firefighter to the rank of Lieutenant in March 2024. Lieutenant Caruso is in charge of training within the Fire Department. We look forward to many more years with Lt. Caruso. Photo Credit: Liz Smith

## **PROMOTED BATTALION CHIEF**



Battalion Chief Nathan Alm began his career at the Jamestown Fire Department in July 2004. BC Alm was promoted to Lieutenant in March of 2012 and then to Battalion Chief in April 2024, where he took over the First Platoon duties from retiring Battalion Chief Brian Achterberg. We wish BC Alm much success in his new role.

## HELLO....



Pictured here, from left to right, are PFF Garrett Fransen, PFF Clarke Wiltsie, PFF John Russo, and PFF Joshua Ellman.

The four candidates attended the New York State Fire Academy in Montour Falls, New York to complete their training, graduating in May 2024.

We wish them a long, healthy, and safe career at the Jamestown Fire Department.

## HELLO....



Pictured here, from left to right, are PFF Sarah Hanlon, PFF Matthew Golombek, PFF Christopher Szatkowski, PFF Nolan Emerson, PFF Walker Perry, PFF Lucas Willink, PFF Michael Scalise, and PFF Colin Melquist.

The eight candidates attended the New York State Fire Academy in Montour Falls, New York to complete their training, graduating in November 2024.

We wish them a long, healthy, and safe career at the Jamestown Fire Department.

## GOODBYE....



Firefighter Robert Walburg began his career with the Jamestown Fire department in February 2007. We would like to thank Robert for his many years of dedication to the Jamestown Fire Department. Robert retired in February 2024 after 17 years of service. Have a great retirement!



Battalion Chief Brian Achterberg retired in April 2024 after beginning his career in February 2000. BC Achterberg was promoted to Lieutenant in February 2015 and to the rank of Battalion Chief in November 2020. Throughout these years, he was credited with the training of, and shaping new firefighters with his knowledge. Thank you, BC Achterberg, for your unwavering dedication to the department! Happy Retirement.

