



Christian County Commission

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2021 First-Quarter Report

Criminal Investigations Department (CID)

In the 2020 fourth-quarter report, I discussed CID's request for a handheld Mobile Forensic Data Extraction Device that can be used in the field. The purpose of the device was to allow the immediate capture and review of potential electronic evidence on cell phones, laptops, security cameras, memory cards, etc. The mobile device has been purchased and is available for deployment by our Detectives.

Street Crimes Unit (SCU)

During the first quarter of 2021, the Christian County SCU demonstrated that the Sheriff's Office has increased our focus on criminal activity. The SCU's high level of productivity has remained steady.

Evidence Unit

The 2020 Evidence Unit quarterly inspections and the recent internal audit have identified determined two critical items. One being the on-site storage space is nearing maximum capacity. It is estimated the on-site storage will reach maximum capacity in less than three years. Between April of 2020 to the present, the Evidence Unit received on average one hundred seventy-one (171) items of various sizes and security needs each month. We have discussed the need to improve the processes concerning the timely disposition of property and evidence with the Prosecuting Attorneys Office. We are currently working together to improve the workflows associated with these dispositions. We have identified items submitted for disposition that have remained idle for months with the Division IV Courts. We intend to work in collaboration with the Division IV Court to improve the disposition processes.

The second item is the Evidence Unit's need for external ventilation. We have requested the County's Building and Maintenance Director's assistance and are currently looking into correcting this issue.

Cybersecurity

The situational report on cybersecurity remains unchanged from the 2020 fourth-quarter report. Due to the ongoing increased cybersecurity threat and potential impact on the County Government, I think it is appropriate to restate a portion of last quarter's situational report.



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The Sheriff's Office maintains situational awareness of threats to government agencies in cyberspace. We review intelligence updates from Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISAC's) from Federal and State government agencies and non-profit organizations. The intelligence reports continue to show the exponential increase in cybercrimes, which ramped up during the lockdowns, quarantines, and workfrom home mandates, which began in March of 2020. Threats to government agencies of all sizes are the frequent target of cybercriminals.

Late last year, the Sheriffs Office implemented a cybersecurity collaboration process with our IT provider. As discussed recently with the Commission, this collaboration produced lackluster results due to infrequent or vague communications from the vendor's assigned representative. This poor collaboration has remained unchanged despite increased threat information sharing to the vendor from the Sheriffs Office sources.

The Sheriffs Office recommended and now thanks the County Commission for establishing a Cybersecurity Committee to address the County's information security needs.

Physical Security

As discussed in the Fourth quarter of 2020, all county security cameras were transferred to a single camera management system. The single system implementation has already proven to be a vast improvement, specifically reviewing and storing video footage and seamless monitoring of the numerous live feeds. The security camera management system is not operating at its optimal level. We hope to bring the system up to its optimal specifications soon. We are currently troubleshooting the County's IT vendor as it is not believed to be a hardware issue.

The County Jail and County Campus Security access control systems have been segregated. We will soon be submitting a recommendation for at least two members of the Sheriffs Office to receive certified administrator training on the access control system. This training will allow the County to have on-site system administrators, cost-saving benefits, timely responses, and a significant increase in the Campus Security Department's capabilities.

Chaplains Program

Lead Chaplain Michael Hamiton has developed the Christian County Sheriffs Office Honor Guard Unit. Deputy Thomas Buchness has volunteered to serve as the Unit's Leader. I am proud to report this unit of volunteers has already conducted its first training. I am confident this Unit will serve as outstanding ambassadors for Christian County and the Sheriffs Office long into the future.

Quarterly Report - Patrol Division

January - March 2021

- **The Sheriffs Office conducted their monthly Coffee with Cole events at several local locations: Billy Gail's in Ozark, and Gold Star in Billings. These were held each month this past quarter, except February due to inclement weather. This provides an opportunity for Citizens to interact with the Sheriff and several Staff Members as we keep the dialogue open with the constituents we serve.**
- **In January, Deputy Colton Craig was promoted to the rank of Corporal. Deputy Craig has been with our agency for over 2 years. He has made a positive impression on the Staff and he strives to improve daily in his new position. His promotion was a result of a prior Corporal's resignation.**
- **The Sheriffs Office announced in January the addition of our second canine unit to the Patrol Division. Both canines have completed their training and obtained the certifications required for daily patrol duty. The two handlers and their partners will provide necessary assistance to the road function and any special events within the county. Since the inception of the program, we've been able to operate on donations from within this community. During this quarter, Deputy Bradshaw and his partner have recovered a sizeable amount of marijuana and cash during a recent traffic stop. Ten such seizures have occurred on Highway 65 this period and deputies continue to remain alert to this type of criminal activity.**
- **In January, the Patrol Division welcomed Deputy Jeff Hook. He returned to our agency from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. He was a former Christian County Deputy and had left our agency about 18 months prior.**
- **In February, The Christian County Sheriff's Office successfully started the 2021 Youth Academy. The Youth Academy is a program that helps students learn and participate in some of the necessary skills needed to serve as a Christian County Deputy. The event was scheduled for three 8-hour sessions, which were held on consecutive Saturdays.**

- The Christian County Sheriffs Office participated in the 25th NIXPo, in March. The event was sponsored by the Nixa Area Chamber of Commerce. This event is one of the area's largest business showcases each and every year. It provides a great opportunity for businesses and organizations to showcase their services and products.
- In March, Corporal Dylan Wammack transferred to the Operation Division at his request. He will serve as a Detective in the Criminal Investigation Unit. As a result, Deputy Jeff Hook was promoted to the rank of Corporal and assumed his new position as a shift supervisor on the road.
- During this quarter specialized training was received for our members: During the month of January, patrol members attend 8 hours of training regarding K-9 Units & Street Crimes/CMG. In February, members attended 16 hours of the Rich Forster course of identifying 21 elements of good leadership. In March, members attended an on-line training course regarding our BlueTeam program and received certification from Shannon Pierce with the Missouri State Highway Patrol as MULES (Missouri Uniformed Law Enforcement System), certified. Since these training events our deputies have begun utilizing their training and we're confidence their skill levels will increase moving forward.

First Quarter Report

Christian County jail

First quarter 2021:

Accomplishments Achieved in the Jail:

- With the approval of the CARES Committee, we have purchased the Tek84 Interceptor Full Body scanner. This was implemented for operation on March 22, 2021. This much needed device has detected illegal contraband before entering the Jail on several occasions. This machine has become a great asset to the Christian County Jail not only for contraband, but the scanning of the incoming individual for high fever to aid in the detection of the COVID-19 Virus.
- **The Jail has entered into a new contract with** TurnKey Health for the inmates Health care. The company had a great transition from our last contractor. All appears to be going well with the level of care provided.
- The Jail has entered into a new contract with Trinity Food Service. They will effectively take over the inmate Food service on May 1, 2021. We are excited to partner with Trinity to improve the quality of food provided to the inmates.
- Officer Rosso attended Leadership training from the Missouri Sheriffs Association. This training was very beneficial for Officer Rosso's role in Transport.
- We continue to have training in all areas that is required for all staff.

Daily inmate population January 2021 - March 2021:

- Total inmate daily -**111** / down 29 - inmates from first quarter 2020

Issues of concern or needs of immediate attention:

- We need to look into the needs of the Jail for cosmetic issues. Such as painting within the Jail, walls in the pods and throughout the facility.
- We need to look into replacing the windows in each cell, these windows are the windows to the outside. These windows need to be replaced with a Lexan material, as the Lexan is 250 times stronger as the present Plexi glass. There are numerous windows that are needing resealed, as they are leaking. The replacement, would allow each window to be re-sealed. This will eliminate the rain water from running into cells when we have a heavy rain.

Thank you,

Captain

Ronnie Floyd



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2021 Second-Quarter Report

Criminal Investigations Department (CID)

Street Crimes Unit (SCU)

The Detectives assigned to the SCU continue to successfully disrupt criminal activity and make the community a safer place to live and do business. In the second quarter of 2021, the SCU seized approximately thirty (30) felony-case-related firearms and notably a single seizure of methamphetamines with an estimated street value of over \$20,000 within the first sixty (days) second quarter.

The Sheriff's SCU, with the collaboration of the Christian County Prosecuting Attorneys Office, is leading an initiative to create monthly or quarterly "drug task force" meetings where the Sheriff's SCU can meet with the Prosecuting Attorneys Office and law enforcement investigators from within Christian County that focus on drug-related investigations and sharing intelligence.

Evidence Unit

The Evidence Unit completed their Second Quarter inspection with satisfactory results. The Quarterly Inspection entails a random sampling of evidence and property classifications in the inventory. The Evidence Unit members monitor and ensure the Unit is aligned with the established industry best practices and standards.

The Evidence Unit is presently at critical storage capacity. The Unit has prioritized their focus on disposing of items which no longer have any evidentiary value. The Unit intends to dispose of thousands of inventory items eligible for destruction or release to open storage spaces on the shelves. Working towards that objective, Evidence Unit Technician Elizabeth "Max" Wild is working with the Prosecuting Attorneys' Office to develop an expedited disposition of evidence procedure. The expedited disposition project is in the development phase and is currently being reviewed by all involved stakeholders. The next phase in the project will be the Sheriff's Office implementing a monitored pilot version of the procedure for a limited time. After a review and any revisions, it will be implemented and used county-wide.

The Evidence Unit is working on a request for a bid to purchase a drying cabinet to store and contain wet or maggot-infested evidence. The current storage cabinet is best described as an ad-hoc constructed shelving area that will not adequately contain bio-hazards and maggots.



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As reported during the First Quarter, the Evidence Unit needs external ventilation. The need has been reported, and a solution continues to be researched by the County's Building and Maintenance Director.

Operations Division Administrative Assistant

The Operations Assistant attended and currently attends grant writing and research courses to serve as a backup and assistant for the Sheriff's Office Grant Coordinator position.

The Operations Assistant is scheduled to attend Incident Command System (ICS) training in the Third Quarter of 2021. This All-Hazard training will provide the baseline skillsets and knowledge required to function in an Incident Command Post (ICP).

Grant Coordinator

The Grant Coordinator attended and currently attends grant writing and research courses. The Operations Assistant is scheduled to attend Incident Command System (ICS) training in the Third Quarter of 2021. This All-Hazard training will provide the baseline skillsets and knowledge required to function in an Incident Command Post (ICP).

The Sheriff's Office Grant Coordinator is on target managing the MoDOT Hazardous Moving Violation (HMV) Grant Budget. With the assistance of the Operation Assistant, the Grant Coordinator has successfully applied and received confirmation for the following 2022 grants,

- Hazardous Moving Violation (HMV)
- Driving While Impaired (DWI)
- Deputy Sheriff Salary Supplementation Fund (DSSSF)
- Youth Alcohol (YA)

The combined opportunities will provide over sixty-thousand (\$60,000) grant funding for the Sheriff's Office in 2022.

Training Coordinator

The Sheriff's Office community outreach and educational programs continue to be successful and extremely popular with residents. In the Second Quarter, scheduled a Women's Self Defense



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Course to be held in the Third Quarter of 2021. Due to the high demand for participation in the course, two additional sessions were necessary and were added to the calendar. These additional sessions will be held at venues in the eastern and western areas of the County. These community outreach programs offered by the Sheriff's Office help increase public trust and understanding between residents and law enforcement.

Quarterly Report - Patrol Division

April - June 2021

- April 1st, Deputy Jeff Hook was promoted to the rank of Corporal within the Patrol Division. Corporal Hook was previously employed as a deputy with Christian County Sheriff's Office and has been back with the Sheriff's Office since January 2021. This Promotion became available when Corporal Dylan Wammack transferred to the Operation Division at his request.
- In early April, The Cook Family Foundation, Executive Director, Faith Giedd and several members of the Cook Family Foundation presented the Sheriff's Office with a check for \$61,500 to promote the dual K-9 Units. These types of donations are extremely important to assist law enforcement as we serve our Citizens.
- April 13th, we conducted our April Coffee with Cole at NLA Cafe in Nixa. This provides an opportunity for Citizens to interact with the Sheriff and several Staff Members as we keep the dialogue open with the constituents we serve.
- In late April, Deputy Bill Whitaker completed D.A.R.E. graduations for Clever, Chadwick, Sparta, Billings and Highlandville Schools with a pizza party and presentation of their certificates. Due to Covid-19 restrictions the ceremonies were closed to the public/families.
- May 5th, The Ozark Optimist Club donated funds to the Christian County Sheriff's Office, D.A.R.E. Program. The Optimist Club has been a very big supporter of the local community and the Christian County Sheriff's Office.
- May 10th, Deputy Whitaker attended the Ozark Springfest held at the QC in Ozark. This provides a great opportunity to showcase The Christian County Sheriff's Office.

- **May 11th**, Suddenlink arranged for Chick-fil-A, to deliver lunch and sweet tea to the employees of The Christian County Sheriff's Office. This special act of kindness was provided for our employees by Suddenlink in recognition of the 2021 National Law Enforcement Week. A few Suddenlink representatives were on hand to personally thank our deputies and staff for their service.
- **May 20th**, a few representatives from GovDeals.com took the time to express their gratitude for local emergency service providers by preparing a BBQ lunch. The lunch was held outside the New Judicial Building and several first responders from the area attended the luncheon.
- **May 21st**, Deputy Bill Whitaker and Sergeant Steve Maples attended the annual event known as: Nixa Sucker Days. Captain Seiner, Deputy Guinn and lieutenant. Davis participated in the Sucker Days parade as well. The Christian County Sheriff's Office and members always enjoy the Nixa Sucker Day Parade.
- **June 3rd**, Deputy Kellyn Bailey began his employment as a patrol deputy with the Christian County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Bailey comes to the Sheriff's Office from the Nixa Police Department. Deputy Bailey comes with 4 years of Law Enforcement Experience.
- **June 8th**, The Sheriff's Office had their June Coffee with Cole at the Corner Cafe in Clever. This provides an opportunity for Citizens to interact with the Sheriff and several Staff Members as once again, we keep the dialogue open.
- **June 14th**, The Christian County Sheriff's Office held their 6th Annual D.A.R.E. Benefit Golf Tournament! This year was another record-breaking event consisting of 28 teams and 30 sponsors. All of their help and support made it possible for the D.A.R.E. program to continue in five local school districts within Christian County for another year.
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- June 30th, Deputy Thomas Buchness was promoted to the rank of Corporal. Deputy Buchness has been with the Sheriff's Office for 2 years and will be Supervising the Christian County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. His expertise and dedication to this program is on display every day. He is a former veteran and Our Agency is very happy to have Thomas as a member of this team.
- On June 30th, Deputy Kayla Adams was promoted to the rank of Corporal. Deputy Adams has been with the Sheriff's Office for a couple of years and will remain assigned to the road function.

Second Quarter Report

Christian County jail

Second quarter 2021:

Accomplishments Achieved in the Jail:

- With the approval of the County Commission, the Jail pod movement was tiled. This improved the appearance from the tape on the floor. Gives the floor a cleaner appearance.
- All Jail staff are currently getting up to date on all required training. Such as CPR, Defensive Tactics and firearms qualifications.

Daily inmate population April 2021 - June 2021:

- Total inmate daily -**111**/ down 24- inmates from second quarter 2020.

Issues of concern or needs of immediate attention:

We have picked up the disinfecting the facility, added mask for all inmates that want them. Limited the movement of the inmates to slow the COVID down. We have also along with disinfecting the facility, placed temperature monitoring stations on pod floor, vehicle and public sally. All officers have been given N95 mask and encouraged to wear the mask, but now mandated to do so.

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