

## **City of Kirkwood Police Department**

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The information provided in this document identifies the most commonly-utilized performance measures currently recognized in the law enforcement community. While this information is not intended to evaluate the entire spectrum of services provided by the Kirkwood Police Department, it provides a useful insight when compared to other departments in the area. The Kirkwood Police Department is a full-service law enforcement agency providing Kirkwood and Oakland police service that is community based and dedicated to providing quality service to the citizens of both municipalities. The Department investigates city ordinance violations, state misdemeanor, and felony statutes and federal laws. The Kirkwood Police Department arrests approximately 1,300 individuals annually. Local ordinance violations and misdemeanor violations are adjudicated in the Kirkwood Court while felony offenses are handled at the state or federal levels.

### **Kirkwood / Oakland Civilian Emergency Response Team [CERT]**

This program has more than 75 graduates who have taken classes addressing emergency situations. A number of the volunteers have already distinguished themselves during storms by operating the department's Emergency Operation Center. It is expected that this program will continue to grow in the future.

The Kirkwood Emergency Management Program operates under the umbrella of the police department. Christian Dunman is the Emergency Management Director and Lt. Chris Nagel serves as the Deputy Director in addition to his position as a Watch Commander with the Police Department.

### **STAFFING**

The Kirkwood Police Department consists of 58 commissioned police officers, 11 full-time civilians, and 8 part-time civilians. The Department is assisted by an excellent group of citizen volunteers including 5 Reserve Officers, 8 Police Explorers and more than 181 Neighborhood Block Captains. The organizational structure of the Department is available in this report.

- 1 Police Chief
- 2 Captains (Field Operations/Detectives and Support Services)
- 5 Lieutenants (1 Records/Communications, 1 Detective, 3 Watch Commanders)
- 7 Sergeants (Shift Supervisors)
- 43 Police Officers

The 43 Police Officers are divided into the following assignments:

- 28 Patrol Officers provide basic patrol functions 24/7
- 11 Detectives

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- 1 Juvenile Officer (50% paid by Kirkwood School District)
- 2 School Resource Officers (75% paid by Kirkwood School District)
- 1 Community Services Officer

Civilians consist of:

- 1 Secretary, Full Time
- 8 Dispatchers, Full Time
- 2 Dispatchers, Part Time
- 1 Records/Court Clerk, Full Time
- 1 Records Clerk, Part Time
- 1 Code Enforcement Officer, Full Time
- 1 Code Enforcement Officer, Part Time
- 2 Parking Control Officers, Part Time

Police Volunteers [Unpaid] consists of:

- 1 Certified Reserve Police Officer
- 8 Police Explorers
- 4 Police Explorer Advisors
- 181 Neighborhood Block Captains and Co-Captains

### **EQUIPMENT**

Police vehicles and the equipment to operate the dispatch center and jail constitute the most expensive items utilized by the Department. Listed below are the vehicles assigned to the Department. The Department has been aggressive in analyzing the fleet over the last eight years. We have reduced the number of vehicles purchased each year at a substantial savings to the City while maintaining the ability to provide quality service for citizens. The department has saved the citizens of Kirkwood over \$150,000 in the last three years emphasizing cost savings particularly in the purchase of vehicles.

- 12 Marked police vehicles utilized for patrol and supervision
- 1 Unmarked police vehicle utilized for court appearances and administrative functions
- 3 Unmarked police vehicles for detective assignments, administrative functions, and surveillances of criminal activity
- 1 Chief's vehicle is utilized for administrative purposes, surveillances, and patrol functions in poor weather conditions
- 3 Motorcycles for special details, traffic functions (one motorcycle is vintage and is not used due to age and value)
- 1 Utility van that serves as a crime scene vehicle
- 1 Unmarked vehicle utilized by the SBD parking control officers

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- 1 Model A used for parades and other non-enforcement related purposes
- 1 Unmarked vehicle utilized by Code Enforcement employees
- 1 Dodge Charger utilized as a canine vehicle donated by Kirkwood/Glendale Chrysler

### **CALLS FOR SERVICE**

The Police Department contracts with the City of Oakland to provide 100% of their law enforcement needs. Over 95% of the service calls provide service to Kirkwood. The remaining 4+% service Oakland. This ratio has been virtually unchanged for years. Obviously, Oakland is not a burden on the Department and does not substantially impact the cost of service.

### **UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING**

The Uniform Crime Reporting system is used nationally and reflects the information and statistics that the federal government analyzes to determine crime trends in our country. The criminal activity is divided into Part 1 Crimes and Part 2 Crimes. While this system effectively evaluates serious offenses, it does not include all offenses and does not address calls for automobile accidents, alarms, and other calls for service that constitute an extremely high level of activity that most departments provide on a daily basis

In addition to the crimes noted above the department handles a wide variety of lesser criminal offenses and city ordinance violations, including traffic citations. The Department also responds to fire calls in order to provide traffic control and security for the firefighters and citizens. While we do not have a record of how many burglar/robbery alarms that are false, the usual percentage would be over 90%.

### **AREA COMPARISON TO SIMILAR DEPARTMENTS**

The Department is a full-service, professional law enforcement agency that provides citizens with a high-quality service that is community based and dedicated to protecting our citizens. At this time, there are 60 police departments in St. Louis County. The structure of each department is shaped by its demographics, financial situation, and culture of the community it serves. The Kirkwood Police Department has 1.9 officers per thousand citizens, which is less than the 2.4 officers per thousand that is the average of all of the departments in St. Louis County.