

# Jefferson Police Department

2024 End of Year Report



*"Protecting and Serving with Honor and Integrity"*

*Florentino Perez*

*Chief of Police*

## Letter from the Chief

Dear Council Members; Citizens of Jefferson:

As we close another year, I am honored to present the 2024 End of Year Report on behalf of the Jefferson Police Department. This document reflects not only our commitment to service but also our shared progress as a community.

The Jefferson Police Department is more than just a team of officers; we are neighbors, friends, and partners in building a safe and vibrant city. Over the past year, we responded to 674 calls for service, prioritized crime prevention, and participated in programs like the Geaux Bax Project and Shop with a Cop to better serve our community. These initiatives highlight our dedication to fostering trust and making Jefferson a place where everyone feels secure.

This year, we also focused on training and development. From active shooter response courses to wellness programs, we are ensuring that our officers are equipped with the skills and knowledge to serve you effectively and compassionately. We take pride in our continued efforts to maintain safety, whether through proactive security checks or addressing community concerns such as traffic enforcement and crime prevention.

As your Chief of Police, I am committed to upholding the values of service, community, and honor. Together, we have faced challenges, celebrated successes, and strengthened our bonds. Looking ahead, the Jefferson Police Department will remain dedicated to innovative solutions, transparency, and collaboration with all citizens.

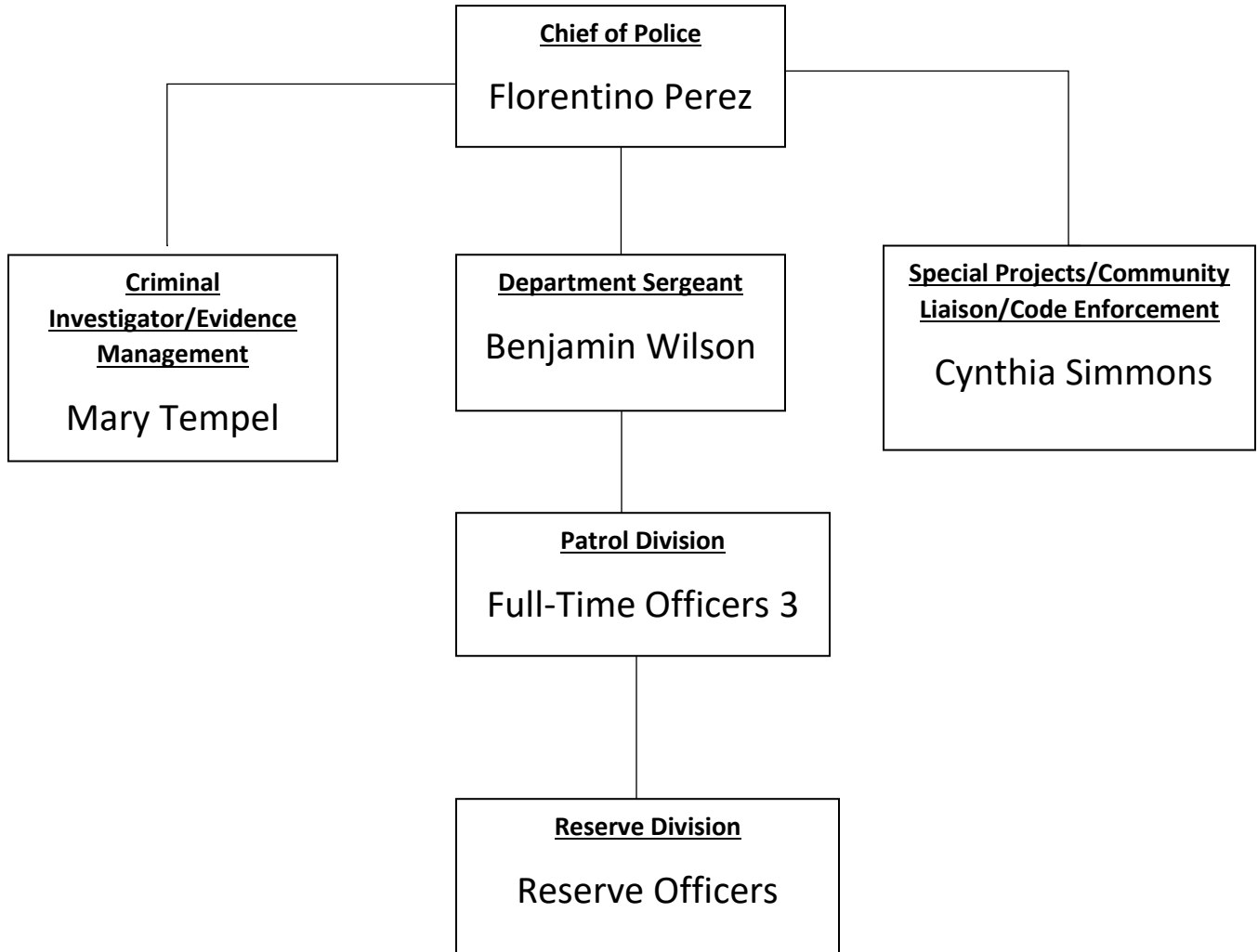
With gratitude and respect,



Chief Florentino Perez



# Jefferson Police Department 2024-2025 Organizational Chart



**\*\*Mission Statement\*\***

*The Jefferson Police Department is dedicated to serving the community of Jefferson, Texas, with integrity, professionalism, and compassion. We are committed to fostering trust, ensuring public safety, and upholding the law with fairness and respect, all while prioritizing the well-being of our citizens.*

# Jefferson Police Department

## Activities Measurements

**2024**

**Performance Indicators: 2023 2024**

Service/Arrest Statistics:

Calls for Service	805	674
Offense Reports Total	141	178
Use of Force Incidents	3	2

**Traffic Statistics**

**2024**

**Performance Indicators: 2023 2024**

Traffic Stops:	<b>1,021</b>	<b>682</b>
Written Warning	629	449
Citation Issued	382	230
Verbal Warning	9	3
Citation/Arrest	0	0
Written Warning/Arrest	1	0
Arrest only	0	0

Vehicle Accidents:	59	54
Fatalities	0	0

**Traffic Statistics and Comparative Analysis**

**Motor Vehicle Stops vs. Gender Ethnic Population of Service**

Racial Profile Data	Number of Stops	% of Stops	Agency Service Area Demographics	Total Number	% of Population
Male	439	64.37%	Male	855	44.7%
Female	242	35.48%	Female	1,060	55.3%
Alaska Native/American Indian	2	0.29%	Alaska Native/American Indian	0	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	15	2.20%	Asian/Pacific Islander	25	1.3%
Black	158	23.17%	Black	837	43.7%
White	408	59.82%	White	860	44.9%
Hispanic/Latino	99	14.52%	Hispanic/Latino	146	7.6%
			Other/Not Reported Above	48	2.5%

## Security Check/Vacation Watch

Performance Indicators:	2023	2024
Security Checks	21,735	16,938

The Jefferson Police Department is proud to offer this program to its citizens. To be added to the list of properties checked please contact the police department or any officer can have the address logged.

The agency has made it and will continue to make the safety and security of the city a priority. One attempt at doing this has been to designate certain businesses and areas as locations checked often. Criminal activity is known to occur at certain locations based on opportunities and police patrol. To curve this circumstance, we have adjusted and prioritized areas to be checked regularly throughout a shift.

### Criminally Targeted Areas/Business

- Banks/ATM 7-Locations
- Convenient Stores 5-Locations
- Storage Units 5-Locations
- Car Wash 2-Locations
- City Building 5-Locations

*Separate from the Vacation Watch Program the previous locations are checked regularly.*

## Code Enforcement 2024

Code Enforcement Violations Reported	Code Enforcement Compliance
65	70

*Most of reported incidents were nuisance grass length. Most compliance made after notifying land owner via certified mail.*

## Vehicle Usage

Currently the Agency has six operational Police Units. The oldest unit is a 2013 Ford F-150 and the newest is a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe. Heavy vehicle maintenance expenditures have been made on the older units. Efforts will be made soon to purchase new vehicles to replace the oldest unit.

Vehicle	2023 EOY	2024 EOY
1302 Ford F150	95,648	105,733
1401 Dodge Charger	89,435	102140
1801 Chevy Tahoe	61,436	76,253
1901 Chevy Tahoe	61,715	72,318
2001 Chevy Tahoe	21,685	39,849
2301 Chevy Tahoe	New	9,566
1001 Dodge Charger	136,434	Retired-End of Life

## Officer Training

It has been the mission of the department to not only provide quality service to members of the community but to make sure officers are trained accordingly. In an effort to maintain this directive, training has become a priority of the agency.

Total Training Hours: **792**

Top Trainings Attended:

- Sexual Assault Family Violence Investigator Course
- Federal Law Update
- Criminal Investigation
- Property and Evidence Management
- ALERRT Level 1
- Missing and Exploited Children
- Roadside Interview Techniques/Patrol Techniques
- Child Abuse Prevention and Investigation

Classes Hosted by Jefferson PD:

- Sexual Assault Family Violence Investigator Course
  - Attendees from: Marion County SO., Van Zandt Co. SO., Texarkana I.S.D. PD, San Augustine CO SO., Jefferson PD.
- Stop Stick Training

## **Current Officer TCOLE License Certification/Incentive Level**

- Chief Florentino Perez TCOLE Training HRS: 1856
  - Bachelor of Science-Criminal Justice
  - Intermediate Peace Officer
  - Advanced Peace Officer
  - Master Peace officer
- Sergeant Benjamin Wilson TCOLE Training HRS: 1495
  - Bachelor of Arts-Criminal Justice
  - Intermediate Peace Officer
  - Advanced Peace Officer
  - Master Peace Officer
- Investigator Mary Tempel TCOLE Training HRS: 1484
  - Bachelor of Science-Criminal Justice
  - Intermediate Peace Officer
- Officer Joshua Cox TCOLE Training HRS: 1329
  - Basic Peace Officer License
- Officer John Lorance TCOLE Training HRS: 1475
  - Intermediate Peace Officer
  - Advanced Peace Officer
- Officer Carson McKnight TCOLE Training HRS: 1254
  - Bachelor of Science-Business
  - Basic Peace Officer License

## **Community Events, Social Media Outreach**

- National Night Out
- Battle of the Badges-Carter Blood Care
- Active Facebook-social media for PSA (3.4K followers)
- Trunk or Treat Downtown
- National Prescription Drug Take Back DEA
  - Participated in two take back events, collecting 200+LBS
- Local Business and Community Safety Awareness Workshops

## Partnerships

- Lions Club-Eyeglasses (PD drop-off location)
- Piney Woods Substance Abuse Coalition
- Marion County Chamber of Commerce
- Jefferson Community Law Enforcement Partnership
- Jefferson Adopt-A-Cop
- Citizens for a Better Community for Marion County
- Marion County Prayer Force
- East Texas Baptist University-Criminal Justice Internship

## Programs & Implementations

Online Access: Links on City Websites/Facebook and Info Cards with QR Codes

- Online Anonymous Reporting
  - 60 Submissions
- Online Vacation Watch Request
  - 46 Submissions

Traffic Control/Lighting

- Mapping, to be used to identify during an overview of the city. (See Attached)

Geaux Bags

- Local Citizens Teamed up to secure funding to get Geaux Bag to be handed out to youth in need at Officers discretion.

Project LifeSaver

- Dementia individuals-Assist with find lost individuals

Law Enforcement Explorer Post

- Active with 3 members-meetings are bi-weekly. For youth ages 14-20.

Shop With a Cop Event

- 5 Jefferson ISD Students got to participate





**\*\*Vision Statement\*\***

To be a beacon of service, community, and honor, the Jefferson Police Department strives to build a safer, stronger, and more connected community. Through proactive partnerships, continuous improvement, and unwavering dedication to justice, we aim to create an environment where every individual feels secure and valued.

## **Goals for 2025 to be continued *Reviewed***

- A complete review and update of the current policy and procedure manual for the Jefferson Police Department.
  - *This process has been started and will become a priority for 2023.*
- Continue the process to have Jefferson Police Department become a best practice recognized agency through the Texas Police Chiefs Association by proving compliance with 166 best practices.
  - *Contact has been made with the Texas Police Chief Association and agencies that are currently Recognized Agencies to gain a better understanding of the program. This is a program that we will be participating in the future.*
- Participate in hosting workshops for:
  - Business Safety Measures
    - *The Department was successful in teaming with the Marion County Chamber of Commerce to provide a seminar to business/home owners in Marion County. The program was free for all to attend.*
  - Church Safety Procedures
    - *Currently all officers are receiving training to participate Citizens Response to Active Shooters.*
  - *Civilian Response to Active Shooter Course for the public free of charge*
- Hot Spot Traffic Enforcement

*If you have any questions or concerns regarding the end of the year report, please contact me.*

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