



# THE POLICE FOUNDATION OF KANSAS CITY

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## FROM THE **CHAIRPERSON**

As the Chairperson of the Police Foundation of Kansas City I am excited to be able to provide this Call for Service to you, our friends. Because of your generosity and support we can make our community safer for everyone.

The past year has been one of many changes for the Foundation as well as for KCPD. The Police department was led by an Interim Chief in Chief Joe Mabin until December. At this time a hometown candidate in Chief Stacey Graves was chosen to be our permanent Chief of Police. We are lucky to have leaders such as these two in our Police Department and working within our community.

Likewise, the investments made by each of you, through the Police Foundation, led to significant positive changes in areas such as:

- our Crime Lab
- recruiting assistance
- much needed support to our K-9 Unit
- training opportunities for our homicide detectives and crisis intervention team
- additions to neighborhood technology and violent crime investigative infrastructure
- assistance provided to the department's newly formed Community Engagement Division

The Foundation was also fortunate to add several new Directors to our Board this year. Those are:

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| • Cathy Allin      | • Trey Humphrey    |
| • Hunter Armistead | • Tim Jonkman      |
| • Tim Dunn         | • Patrick Mitchell |

It has been my honor to serve as the Foundation Chairperson for the past two years. This month, Ned O'Connor will accept this responsibility and leadership role. Carolyn Watley will then become our Vice Chairperson.

With your continued support we are making a difference. Our Police Department is tasked with a very difficult, ever evolving, sometimes very dangerous, but unfortunately always necessary, duty to provide the value of safety to our community. I am proud to support this essential endeavor. I hope you are as well.

*Madeline Romious*

Madeline Romious  
Chairperson, Police Foundation of Kansas City



Madeline Romious  
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**Thank you for your  
leadership, Madeline!**

- Tye Grant, Police Foundation President & CEO



Major Kari Thompson and Deputy Chief Joe Mabin at  
KCPD Community Engagement Division's Block Party

# YOUR INVESTMENT AT WORK

## New Crime Lab Technology Reduces Backlog

Through your generosity, one Hamilton Robot and three EZ2 Connect Extraction Robots were purchased for the Crime Lab. These “robots” made the process of extracting and testing DNA samples more efficient with updated science and technology. This investment resulted in a 55% reduction of the backlog and a 50% reduction in the turnaround time in only a few months of operation.

Not only is the Crime Lab meeting their daily goal of processing DNA cases, but many days they are exceeding it thanks to the new equipment provided by you!



KCPD Crime Lab | DNA Section Assistant Supervisor Jarrah Kennedy

## New Bomb and Arson Response Vehicle

The KCPD Bomb and Arson Section is responsible for protecting Kansas City, and 41 other cities and counties in Missouri through mutual agreements. If a critical incident occurs, or a special event is being planned, our detectives from the Bomb and Arson Section are some of the first to be called. Even though they are among the most highly trained personnel in the

Police Department, the job is constantly changing with technology, equipment and current events. In order for them to be able to complete the job we ask of them, to ensure our community's investments are safe, to ensure we are safe, investments were necessary to update their equipment.

KCPD asked for your help and you answered their Call For BackUp. Because of your generosity, to include a \$50,000 leadership contribution from the Jack F. and Glenna Y. Wylie

Charitable Foundation and another from an anonymous donor, a three-quarter of a million-dollar order for a new response vehicle was completed this Spring.

## Police Training

Not only does the Foundation provide cutting-edge technology to help KCPD do their job, we also recently provided training for KCPD members to continually learn how best to serve our community. ICAT is a training program that provides officers with the tools, skills, and options for successfully and safely defusing a wide range of critical incidents. Another training the Foundation provided funding for is titled Constitutional Policing. Topics covered in this training will be response to resistance, communications skills, community policing, ethics, decision making and risk management. Both training sessions are an investment in KCPD personnel as well as our community.



Current KCPD Bomb and Arson Vehicle and Squad Detectives



# TECHNOLOGY IMPROVES INVESTIGATIVE EFFICIENCY AND OPPORTUNITIES

## 3D Investigative Mapping Drones

Current KCPD drones used for investigative purposes would soon be deemed obsolete/ unable to fly in December of this year due to FAA regulations. The Foundation recently purchased two new drones to allow KCPD to use new 3D technology to take aerial photos of crime and crash scenes. The drones have the ability to create To-Scale diagrams using the 3D scanning technology. This will greatly impact scenes that span long-distances and will take a fraction of the time to gather and memorialize the needed information. The KCPD drone operators are FAA Certified Remote Pilots and are covered under KCPD's FAA Certificate of Waiver or Authorization for all law enforcement job functions.



## Investigative Software

KCPD Analysts researched and requested new investigative software to enhance the ability to locate and analyze prospective sources of evidence. When testing the software, analysts were able to complete investigations in 20 minutes that previously took 2 days to manually examine. The software also has the ability to generate additional leads for detectives and provide critical intelligence for investigations.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INVESTMENTS



With a leadership contribution by WalMart, we have been assisting with the newly formed Community Engagement Division of KCPD. We are looking forward to further investments with KCPD in this area.

KCPD Academy Recruits and Community Members Playing at a Recent Block Party Hosted by KCPD's Community Engagement Division.

# LOOKING FOR A JOB IN KCMO

KCPD has many job openings, everything from Calltakers to Fleet Technicians to Computer Services to Police Officers. They asked for our assistance to improve their recruiting efforts. The best police department requires finding the best people. The project began this spring with months of research to determine better methods to market these opportunities to a larger audience. Interested? Apply Now!

## KCPD'S NEWEST K9S

Meet **K9 Rocco** (left), handled by Officer Tim Trost and **K9 Tex** (right), handled by Officer Yale Acton. They were recently purchased by the Police Foundation in partnership with the Deramus Foundation.



**Robin Houston**, a retired Major for KCPD, has been the backbone of the Police Foundation for the past 7 years. She is now fully retired and looking forward to traveling with her husband and taking her dogs on all the adventures. Thank you, Robin, you will be missed!

**Beth Phelps** is joining our team to fill the big shoes Robin is leaving behind. Beth has a work and family history with KCPD as well. Welcome aboard, Beth!

# A LETTER FROM CHIEF STACEY GRAVES



It is an honor to lead the men and women of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department who are invested in our city and dedicated to making it safer. As Chief of Police, I am committed to making Kansas City safer for everyone.

I was sworn in as Kansas City's 48th Chief of Police on Dec. 15, 2022, but my service to Kansas City started in 1997 when I began as a records clerk on the 1st floor of Police Headquarters. Over the years and through many experiences, my love for the department and my City intertwined more than I could have imagined. I am thankful to serve my hometown, even more so in this new position.

As Chief of Police, words can't express my thankfulness for the Police Foundation of Kansas City. Support for our police department, from the most influential people in Kansas City, is a gratefulness that is hard to describe. When I took this position, I knew combating violent crime would be the top priority. There is too much violent crime in Kansas City. For decades, violence has harmed all of us. Regardless of where violence occurs, its effect is wide-reaching and harmful even to those not directly in its path. As Chief, I am doing everything possible to reduce violent crime. Our communities deserve that.

Under my leadership, KCPD is extensively working with community partners to tackle this community problem. This strategy

brings together a collective of people invested in Kansas City's well-being – its leaders and community members – to ensure there is unity in fixing decades-long harm. With city partners, for example, we are helping remove blight and improving quality of life issues connected to crime.

Violence that has afflicted generations of Kansas Citians will not go away easy. Be assured, however, that KCPD is unbent in its dedication to doing the work necessary to minimize it. Our department is present, attune to our community, and responding – and the Police Foundation of Kansas City is supporting our efforts.

Over the years, the Foundation has given its time and goodwill to fund needs outside our police budget. The Police Foundation has provided millions of dollars in equipment, technology, and training for our department. With your support, we have been able to better respond, prevent and solve violent crimes. We have also been able to provide additional training to assist us with keeping everyone safe and improving community relations.

The success stories at KCPD are countless. Without the bravery and selflessness of our members, Kansas City would not be the home we know and love. I am grateful to witness, work with, and lead this police department. Our success, however, would not be possible without the Police Foundation of Kansas City.

I am grateful for the support of the Foundation and forever appreciative of everyone involved.

Thank you for always backing us up.

## REST IN PEACE, KCPD Officer James Muhlbauer and K9 Champ

The Kansas City Missouri Police Department lost two of their own on February 15, 2023. The partners were killed in the line of duty when a vehicle struck them while they were on patrol.

Officer James Muhlbauer, 42, was a 20-year veteran of KCPD, serving his entire career as a patrol officer, including the last three years in the K9 Unit. Champ, a Dutch Shepherd, was 3-years-old and joined KCPD as Officer Muhlbauer's partner, one year ago.

Officer Muhlbauer was married and a father. K9 Champ lived with his family.

The sacrifice they made while serving our city will never be forgotten. Thank you to all of the KCPD family for all you do for us.





# A CALL FOR BACKUP 2-24-2023

You generously supported the 9th Annual A Call For BackUp event on February 24, 2023 by giving \$1.8 million. We are grateful that YOU answered the Call! With special gratitude to our Honorary Chairs, Linda and Paul DeBruce and Co-Chairs Sherry and Gary Forsee & Pam and Buzz Willard.





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