

# A CALL FOR SERVICE

Q2 REVIEW WITH THE POLICE FOUNDATION OF KANSAS CITY

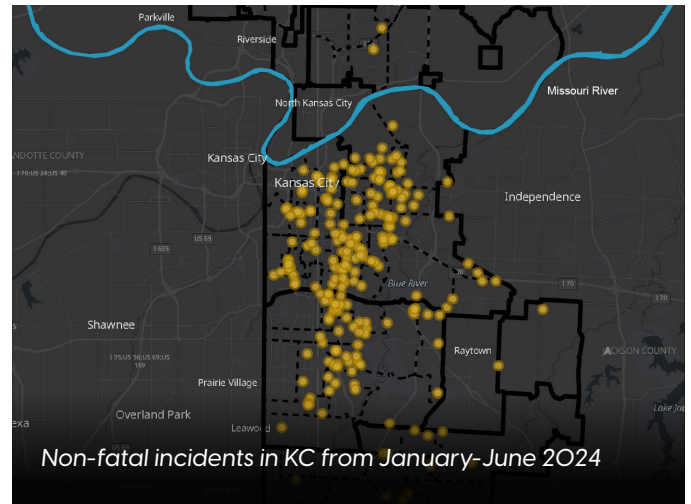


President Tye Grant and Chair Ned O'Connor represent the Foundation at KCPD's Soft Interview Room opening alongside Project Beloved's Tracy Matheson and KCPD's Sgt. Davis and Sgt. Oldham.

Dear Foundation Supporters,

We still have work to do in Kansas City. According to reports released daily by KCPD, homicides in Kansas City have seen an approximate 26% decrease as of the end of June when compared to the same time last year. This sounds like a big step forward. It is. However, this does not provide the entire story. During this same time frame, non-fatal shootings have shown an increase when compared to the same time frame in prior years. According to the data KCPD has had 291 reported living victims of shootings this calendar year. A 30% increase from last year. The data also shows where these shootings most commonly occur. The use of data assists KCPD, and the rest of our community, to determine where the crime is occurring, where it persists and where, most efficiently, limited resources can be utilized to prevent and intervene.

With improved use of technology, we hope to facilitate improvements in KCPD's ability to identify neighborhoods, groups and individuals who have found themselves in difficult situations and provide them resources and choices to improve those circumstances. The [Chief's Crime Plan](#), released this spring, provides much more detail as to how this use of data is fundamental to feed the front end of a focused deterrence model. We are very fortunate to have found a local partner to assist with the funding of a one-million-dollar portion of this plan. We are still looking for more partners for other large technology acquisitions. These will not only assist



KCPD but also other community partners to be able to dive deeper into data and to do more with less... to facilitate steps to make Kansas City safer. As I noted at the beginning of this dialogue, we may still have more work to do but with your partnership, we are going to ensure KCPD has the resources they need to be successful at what they do for us because everyone wants to feel safe.

*Tye Grant*

President & CEO

# Everyone Wants to Feel SAFE.

POLICE FOUNDATION OF KANSAS CITY

## YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Safety is a commitment woven into the fabric of Kansas City, and the KCPD tirelessly works to ensure the safety of all residents and visitors. The PFKC plays a crucial role in supporting these efforts through donor contributions that fund essential projects beyond the department's public budget. From providing protective gear and body cameras to funding mental health initiatives and social services, your support of the PFKC enhances the KCPD's capabilities. Your donations also foster a culture of trust and collaboration within the community, helping to make everyone in our community feel safe. Learn more about how your support makes a difference by [visiting our website](#).



KCPD officers at the 2024 Chiefs parade.

## PAWS FOR APPLAUSE! K9 CARLO JOINS THE KCPD FORCE

We're thrilled to announce the newest member of the KCPD team – K9 Carlo! Thanks to the generosity of a funding partner, the Police Foundation of Kansas City was able to acquire Carlo, who officially joined the force in April. K9 Carlo is a valuable asset and partner to the KCPD, bringing his furry expertise to keep our community safe.



WOOF! K9 Carlo is doing valuable work to help keep our city safe.

# SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS WITHIN KCPD AND OUR COMMUNITY

The Police Foundation of Kansas City is proud to support the KCPD in its innovative mental health and trauma-informed policing initiatives. This includes funding the Crisis Intervention Team to help officers handle mental health crises and supporting the creation of a new soft interview room, providing a comforting space for trauma survivors. Additionally, KCPD's Wellness Unit, established in 2017, focuses on the holistic well-being of officers. Learn more about these transformative efforts and how they are making a difference in the community by [visiting our website](#).



KCPD's Soft Interview Room, spearheaded by Sgt. Tiffany Davis and funded by PFKC, is now ready for use.



The primary goal of the Police Foundation of Kansas City is to make Kansas City safer. This soft interview room is going to assist KCPD detectives in solving crimes, especially since the current environment in which they interview victims is substandard. Solving crimes is going to make Kansas City a safer place, and PFKC is proud to support that.

**- Ned O'Connor**

Chairperson of the Board of Directors



## ENHANCING PFKC'S FUNDRAISING STRATEGIES

Beth Phelps, executive administrator of PFKC, attended the Public Safety Foundation Network Conference in April 2024. The conference, which has become North America's premier gathering for police and public safety foundations, provided a unique opportunity for professionals to learn from expert presentations and engage in insightful panel discussions and break-out sessions. In addition, the conference offered insight and a chance to learn about innovative ideas from other communities and their respective foundations. Beth found the sessions on securing grants, maximizing corporate philanthropy support and optimizing social media particularly valuable. She plans to implement these strategies to enhance the Police Foundation's fundraising efforts and community engagement initiatives. The knowledge and connections she gained from the conference will be instrumental in addressing current challenges and positioning the Foundation for future success.



An example of the many break-out sessions Beth attended.



Beth Phelps



We are grateful to say that PFKC was one of the most sought-after foundations at the event, which would not be possible without your support!

## TRANSFORMING TRAINING

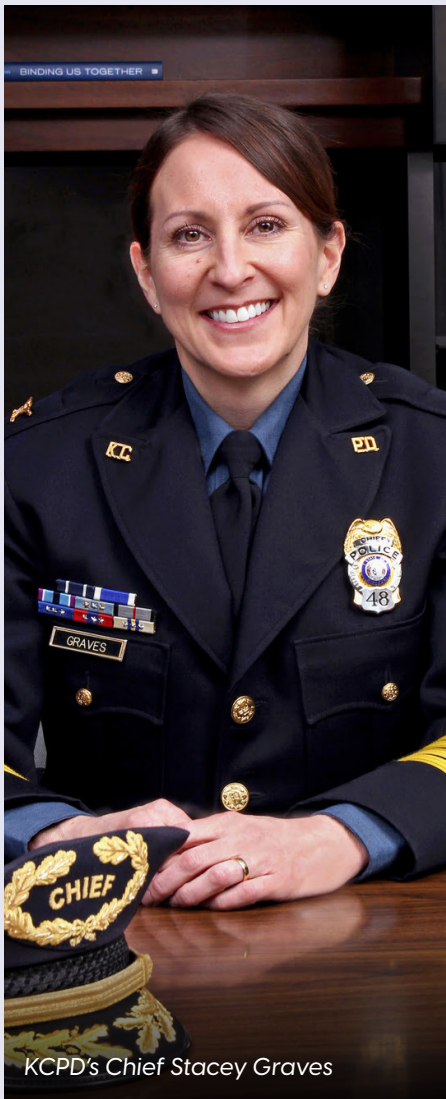
The KCPD's new APEX Simulation VR system, funded by the Foundation in February and praised for its groundbreaking capabilities, is now operational, with installation completed and initial training courses beginning on June 18. Scheduled for integration into recruit training immediately, APEX immerses officers and recruits in realistic scenarios within a safe, controlled environment. Each simulation is followed by a critical debriefing session, fostering collaborative learning and rapid refinement of decision-making and deconfliction skills among participants. As noted by KCPD, APEX will be integral to enhancing de-escalation training, ensuring seamless integration of immersive scenarios that directly translate into real-world effectiveness. Your support of this transformational training system is deeply appreciated.



KCPD staff is already training with the new system.

## FUNDING THE CHIEF'S CRIME PLAN

This quarter, we received support from a local organization totaling \$1 million over the next two years to fund a portion of the Chief's crime plan. We are very appreciative of the generous support! We are still working to secure new partners to support KCPD and other portions of the [Chief's crime plan](#).



KCPD's Chief Stacey Graves

## PFKC APPLAUDS KCMO BUDGET INCREASES

The Police Foundation of Kansas City is thrilled to see the recent budget increase for the KCPD, which emphasizes the community's commitment to hiring and retaining top-tier officers. The salary hike, raising starting pay from \$50,000 to \$65,000, underscores the community's appreciation for the dedication and service these officers provide every day to make our city safer. These increased wages will help the KCPD attract and retain talented officers, ensuring the department continues to serve Kansas City with excellence. The Foundation has long advocated for such initiatives, and we're pleased to see community leaders taking concrete steps to support and value the vital role these officers play in the city's well-being.



# BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

## Congrats to Ed and Madeline!

Two former Directors of our Board, Ed Elder and Madeline Rominous, were recently appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners. Ed and Madeline could not be better candidates to serve Kansas City in this new capacity, and the Foundation is proud of their dedication to our city.

## Thank You For Your Service

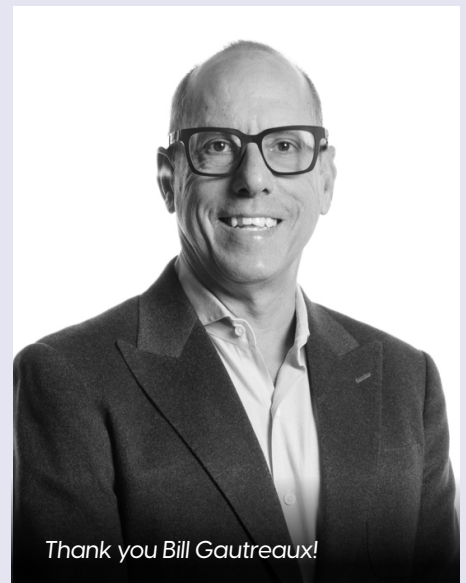
Congratulations to William (Bill) Gautreaux on being nominated and voted in as Director Emeritus at our Annual Board Meeting in June 2024. We are thankful for his leadership and lasting legacy in developing the Foundation from its beginning days. Thank you for your years of service and significant impact on the mission to the Foundation and our community.

## Welcome New Members with Us!

We are pleased to announce that we've added two new Directors to our board - [Beto Lopez](#) and [Eric Bradley](#). We are grateful for these impactful leaders in Kansas City who have accepted our invitation to join the Foundation.



Madeline Rominous being sworn into the Board of Police Commissioners.



Thank you Bill Gautreaux!



J. Beto Lopez, President & CEO of the Guadalupe Centers



Eric Bradley, EVP of Business Development at BERKS Group



Ed Elder being sworn into the Board of Police Commissioners.

# WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE ENDLESS SUPPORT OF OUR **BOARD MEMBERS!**

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*Pictured are family of KCPD Officer James Muhlbauer, who was killed in the line of duty on February 15, 2023. Surrounding them are officers from the KCPD Canine Unit while attending the National Police Week in May in Washington D.C. The Police Foundation was honored to supplement the cost for his family to attend the National Memorial Service honoring him and his K-9 partner, Champ, who was also killed in the line of duty.*



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The Police Foundation of Kansas City, Missouri, formed by citizens, focuses on engaging communities and assisting in reducing crime. We do so by generating funds for Kansas City, Missouri Police Department initiatives not fully supported by existing public funding. A 501c3.

Have you ever thought about remembering the Police Foundation of Kansas City with a gift in your estate plan? Call Tye Grant for further discussion at 816-389-9436.

