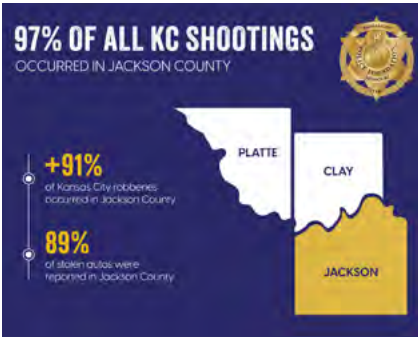


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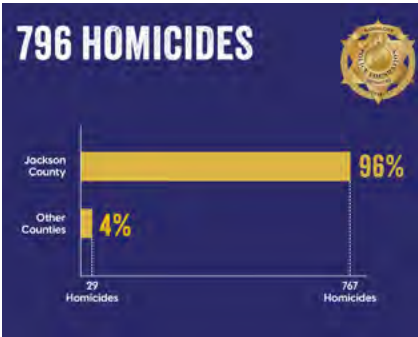
Q3 REVIEW WITH THE POLICE FOUNDATION OF KANSAS CITY



As Kansas City shines brighter in the spotlight, our public safety efforts are more important than ever.



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UNDERSTANDING CRIME IN KANSAS CITY

I want to give you a closer look at Kansas City's crime landscape—especially in Jackson County, where we see the majority of violent crime. The data tells a story of significant disparities between our counties, making it clear that we need targeted efforts in the areas hit hardest by criminal activity.

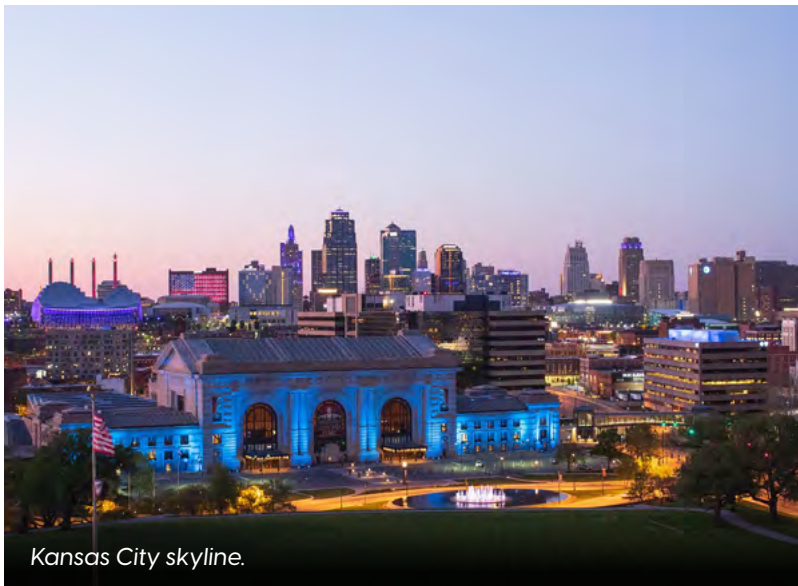
This is the **first of a three-part series** where I share data on the current state of crime in KC and the work that lies ahead. I break down the challenges of how crime is managed across different counties—because understanding the complexities is the first step toward finding solutions.

In the next installment, I will take a deeper dive into how each county handles those detained for crimes and the role of our jails. I look forward to continuing this conversation with you. Stay tuned.

Tye Cravitt

President & CEO

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Kansas City skyline.

EVERYONE WANTS TO FEEL SAFE:

HERE'S HOW WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN IN KANSAS CITY

Kansas City stands at a crossroads. While our community continues to grow and thrive in many ways, we're confronting serious challenges with violent crime, gun violence, and property crime. The situation is particularly centered in Jackson County, where many of our families and businesses bear the heaviest burden of these safety concerns. We don't have to accept crime as an inevitable part of life in our city. Together, we can turn the tide to be a city where a business owner is not worried of the threat of theft, where children can play safely at the local park and residents can build a future in a neighborhood they are proud of. These aren't just dreams – they're achievable goals when we work together.

The Police Foundation of Kansas City is dedicated to funding safety initiatives for KCPD to provide intervention, accountability and prevention, but we need your partnership. Your support enables us to provide our law enforcement with essential resources and training, while funding vital rehabilitation programs that prevent repeat offenses. Together we're able to support community outreach initiatives that stop crime before it starts and build crucial bridges between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Will you join us? **Donate today** to help build the safer Kansas City we all deserve because everyone wants to feel safe.

TRAINING & RECRUITMENT

The Police Foundation of Kansas City (PFKC) is dedicated to enhancing the safety of our community by supporting critical training, leadership development and retention initiatives for KCPD officers. In September, PFKC funded advanced homicide investigation training, equipping detectives with the specialized skills needed to solve complex cases. "This training is invaluable—it sharpens our ability to connect the dots, secure justice and bring closure to families," said Sgt. Mark Slater.

In addition to the homicide training, initiatives like the APEX VR training system ensure officers are prepared for real-world challenges. These investments not only enhance recruitment efforts but also help retain experienced officers committed to serving with the highest standards. Learn more about how PFKC supports KCPD's efforts [here](#).



KCPD recruits take an oath promising to serve Kansas City to the best of their abilities throughout their entire tenure.

K9 SPOTLIGHTS

Our K9 units have been busy this quarter, helping solve cases and making Kansas City safer. From therapy dogs to crimefighters, these amazing dogs play a vital role in the KCPD.

One of the standouts this quarter is Rowdy, a therapy dog working with the KCPD Wellness Unit. Rowdy provides critical emotional support to officers, helping reduce stress and improve mental health during difficult times. On the other side of the spectrum, our Interdiction Squad K9s continue to play a crucial role in detecting narcotics and assisting in high-stakes investigations, while the K9 Section crimefighting dogs help track down suspects and locate key evidence.

These dedicated K9 teams are vital in ensuring the safety of our community, and their work wouldn't be possible without the support of the Police Foundation and generous donors.

Want to learn more about the dogs that keep KC safe? Check out our latest spotlight!



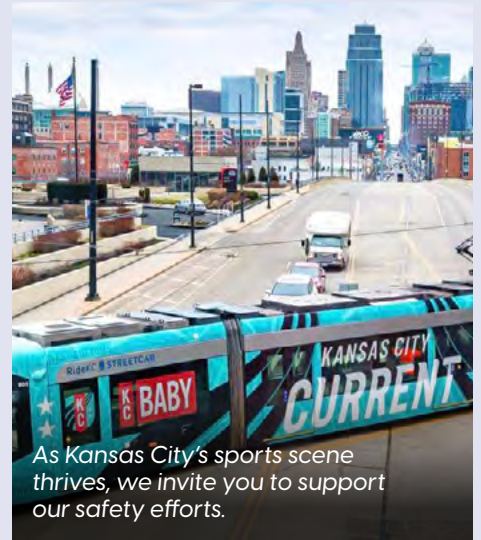
K9 Neville in ballistic vest provided by PFKC.



K9 Carlos.



Detective Kimberly Shirley-Williams and Rowdy, a 4-year-old Dutch Shepherd and KCPD's beloved peer support dog.



As Kansas City's sports scene thrives, we invite you to support our safety efforts.



Kansas City Streetcar.

KC STREETCAR AUTHORITY PARTNERSHIP

PFKC is proud to collaborate with the Kansas City Missouri Police Department and the KC Streetcar Authority to enhance safety along the KCMO streetcar route. Officers will be working full-time on the route. This partnership has brought new tools and resources, making public transportation safer for everyone.

Q3 RECAP

This quarter, with the support of our donors, the Police Foundation supported numerous initiatives focusing on improving the safety and well-being of Kansas City residents. From enhancing officer training to supporting the KCPD K9 units, your contributions are making a tangible difference in keeping our community safe. Help us continue funding vital programs like these by [donating today!](#)



K9 training in the field.



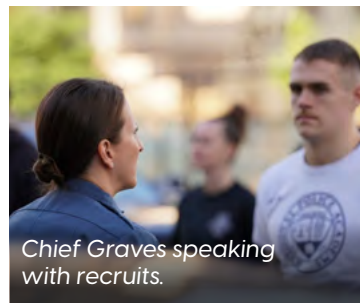
KCPD's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) comprehensive training session.

KCUR PODCAST

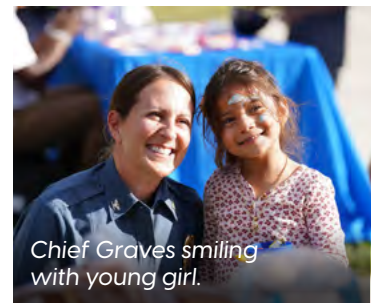
Listen to Chief Stacey Graves as she discusses community safety and partnerships in a new episode of the KCUR podcast. Hear her insights into the future of policing in KC and how your support makes a difference. Listen to the episode [here.](#)



Kansas City Police Chief Stacey Graves talks on KCUR's Up To Date.



Chief Graves speaking with recruits.



Chief Graves smiling with young girl.

“ We’re going to have to start sitting down and talking to each other... We really have to get moving on a positive policing movement here. And I think it all starts by just talking. ”

- Chief Stacey Graves

Kansas City Missouri Police Chief

SECURE YOUR SPONSORSHIP NOW! A CALL FOR BACKUP

Mark your calendars for February 28, 2025, as we gather for A Call For Backup, the Police Foundation of Kansas City's annual fundraiser, at the Muehlebach Tower Kansas City Marriott Downtown. This year, we are honored to welcome keynote speaker Cathy Lanier, NFL Senior Vice President of Security and former Chief of Police of the District of Columbia, who will share her insights on public safety and leadership.

Have you considered the immense planning and effort required by the Kansas City Missouri Police Department to make large events safe for everyone? As Kansas City prepares to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup, ensuring public safety during large-scale events has never been more critical. The 11th Annual A Call For Backup aims to generate funds for KCPD safety initiatives not fully supported by existing public funding. As Kansas City steps onto the world stage, bringing thousands of visitors and millions of viewers, we must equip our police to keep everyone safe.

Join us in answering this Call for Backup to invest in not just our police department's success, but that of our entire community as we are viewed internationally.

Find out more about the event and available sponsorship opportunities [here](#).



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This year's Honorary Chairs are owners of the Kansas City Chiefs, Clark and Tavia Hunt.

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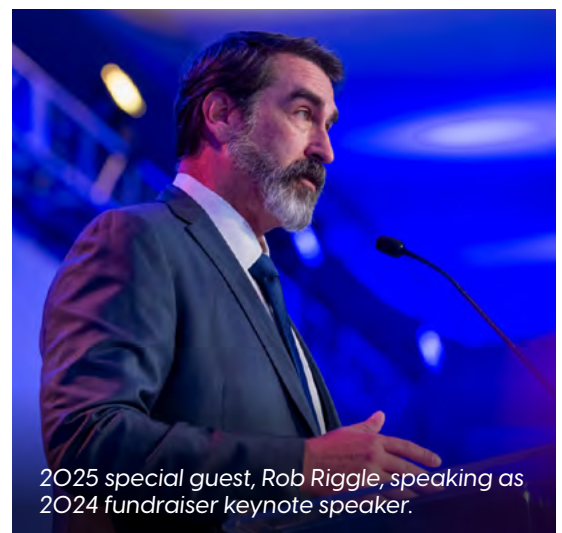
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With Special Guest **ROB RIGGLE**



2025 special guest, Rob Riggle, speaking as 2024 fundraiser keynote speaker.

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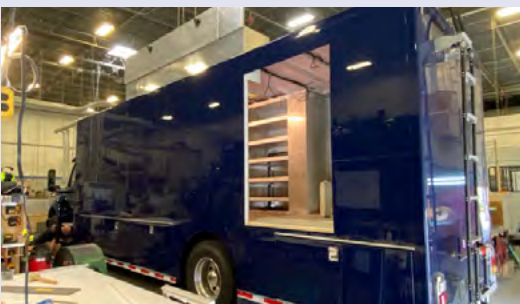
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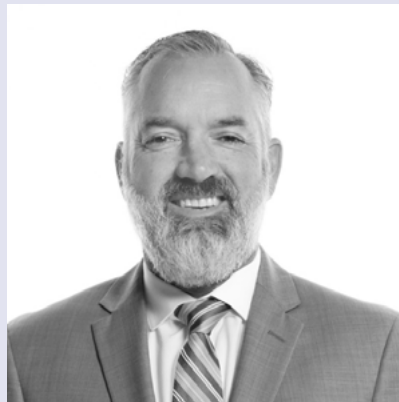
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We're thrilled to share an update on our 2023 A Call for BackUp Bid-for-BackUp project! The new, state-of-the-art KCPD Bomb & Arson truck is nearing completion. This incredible achievement was made possible by the generous support of our donors. Your support directly impacts public safety in our community.



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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.

