

# A CALL FOR SERVICE

Q1 REVIEW WITH THE POLICE FOUNDATION OF KANSAS CITY



A Call For BackUp 2024



Honoring Don and Jean Wagner for their service to the Police Foundation of Kansas City.



Chief Stacey Graves was welcomed to the podium with a standing ovation.

Dear Foundation Supporters,

Our mission to make Kansas City safer could not be a more important one. The Founders of the Police Foundation (PFKC) were featured at this year's A Call For BackUp [sharing why they believed](#) the Police Foundation was worth the expense of their time and philanthropic investment. Because of their leadership, PFKC has been able to assist the dedicated women and men of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department to invest in innovative projects, including community outreach, technology advancements, personnel, K-9 partners and training. You can find a [full list here](#) of the initiatives KCPD has requested your support for over the last ten years.

I truly believe Kansas City is a much healthier community because of the work led by our distinguished Board. I have worked for and with KCPD for over 30 years. I could not imagine where Kansas City would be without the philanthropic investments made by each of you, and their use as determined by our dedicated Directors.

Together, we are leading innovation and change. Together, we are making a difference. Everyone wants to feel safe. I believe if we work together, we can lead our community to imagine this as a reality. I am excited about our chances.

President & CEO



## OUR **BIGGEST** YEAR YET!

We are incredibly grateful to our attendees and individual donors for their generous support of the Police Foundation of Kansas City during A Call For BackUp. Thanks to your contributions, we were able to raise a staggering \$1.9 million. We'd especially like to thank the Wylie Foundation and the City of Kansas City for providing generous donation matches. Your investment in public safety doesn't go unnoticed. By supporting the Police Foundation, you're directly helping the KCPD and making our city a safer place for everyone.

### BY THE NUMBERS

**\$1.9**

Million Raised

**149**

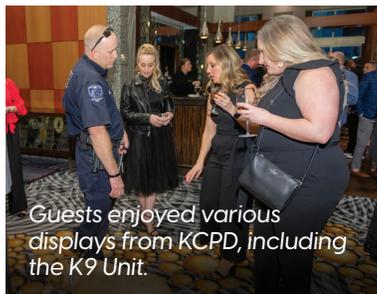
Sponsors

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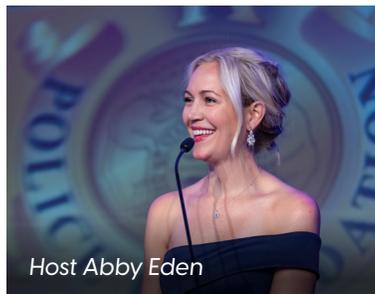
Attendees

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Bids for BackUp



Guests enjoyed various displays from KCPD, including the K9 Unit.



Host Abby Eden



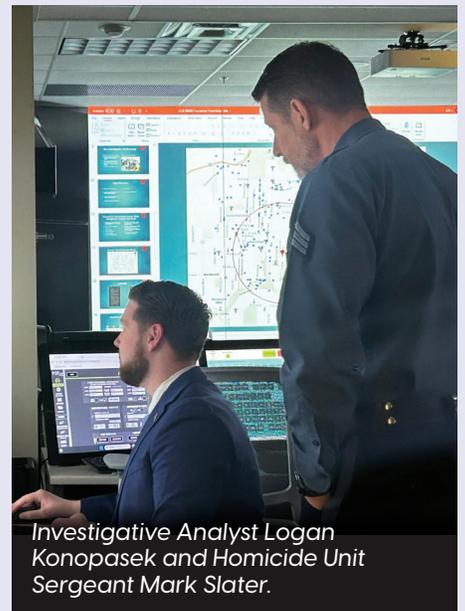
Thank you to our incredible chairs, Lindsey and Terry Anderson, Jo Anne and Eric Bradley, Ali and Tim Dunn.

## BID FOR BACKUP: INVESTIGATIVE ANALYSTS

Solving violent crimes like homicides, assaults and robberies requires both detectives and investigative analysts. Analysts use technology to examine digital evidence like videos and social media to find clues that might be missed. Technology is constantly collecting data that can be crucial for investigations. By investing in technology and analysts, the Police Foundation of Kansas City aims to make the city safer.

To **learn more** about KCPD's investigative analysts and the importance of their work, [watch this video](#). Donate today to support the Police Foundation and help keep Kansas City safe.

**DONATE NOW**



Investigative Analyst Logan Konopasek and Homicide Unit Sergeant Mark Slater.

## BUILDING BRIDGES IN THE COMMUNITY

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This month, we shine a light on the Kansas City Police Department's Community Engagement Division, led by the dedicated Major Kari Thompson. This vital unit fosters positive relationships between officers and the community through innovative programs.

The Police Foundation is proud to support the Community Engagement Division through initiatives such as community block parties, the development of the KCPD Social Services Specialists program, and other community outreach opportunities. Through your generosity, and in partnership with Walmart, KCPD hosted a "Cocoa and Coats" outreach event where over 375 coats were handed out to those in need in the community. Together, we're building a warmer, safer Kansas City.



Major Kari Thompson and Social Services Specialist Tamara McIntosh at CFBU.

## BEYOND THE BADGE: A CANDID CONVERSATION WITH ROB RIGGLE

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This year, A Call For BackUp was honored to have Rob Riggle, a former Marine Corps officer, Kansas City native, and comedian, as our keynote speaker. His unique blend of humor, real-life experiences and leadership had the audience both laughing and reflecting. We are incredibly grateful to Rob for lending his voice to such an important cause. His dedication to service, both in the Marines and through comedy, is truly inspiring. **Thank you, Rob!**



Laughs were plentiful!



Rob Riggle was our keynote speaker.



The crowd couldn't get enough!



## CHIEF STACEY GRAVES **ANNOUNCES** **NEW KCPD CRIME PLAN**

In an exciting development, the Kansas City Police Department, under the leadership of Chief Stacey Graves, has released a new comprehensive crime plan. This plan outlines a data-driven approach to reducing violent crime in Kansas City and focuses on the following strategies:

- Data-Informed Community Engagement (DICE)
- Data-Driven Deployment
- Focused Deterrence

The KCPD's crime plan emphasizes collaboration between KCPD and the community, highlighting the importance of working together to build a safer Kansas City. The plan also details the use of data analysis to inform crime-fighting strategies. [Read the full crime plan here.](#)

The Police Foundation of Kansas City is appreciative of Chief Graves' leadership to put the plan together. We are excited to work with her to ensure she has the resources to make it a success. As we wrote in our International Women's Day blog last month, we continue to be grateful for Chief Graves and her commitment to, "implementing innovative strategies that address the root causes of crime, promote community engagement, and build partnerships with local organizations and stakeholders."

## **STEPPING INTO THE LINE OF DUTY: HOW VR IS TRANSFORMING KCPD TRAINING IN KANSAS CITY**

The KCPD is taking a big step forward in officer training with the APEX Training Simulator, recently purchased by the Foundation through your generosity. This VR system is used extensively for both recruits and seasoned officers, allowing them to experience realistic scenarios in a safe, controlled environment. Once APEX is up and running, the KCPD will give the community a glimpse into this innovative program by inviting members of the media to test it out firsthand. This "day in the life" experience puts participants in the shoes of officers, forcing them to make split-second decisions. After the simulation, there's a crucial debriefing session where participants can discuss their choices and analyze the situation in detail. It's this post-training discussion that truly sets APEX apart, as officers learn from each other and refine their decision-making skills at the speed of life.



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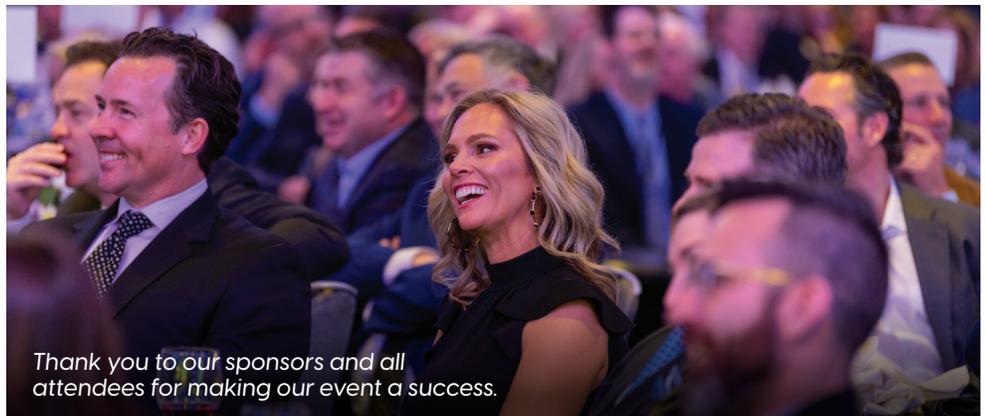
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