

A CALL FOR SERVICE

Q4 REVIEW WITH THE POLICE FOUNDATION OF KANSAS CITY



Happy Holidays from the Police Foundation of KC!



BREAKING THE CYCLE: WHY JAILS ARE ESSENTIAL TO A SAFER KANSAS CITY

In its simplest form, a jail is a place of lawful confinement for individuals in custody. Cities and counties are responsible for providing such a facility, though not necessarily within their own jurisdiction. Some may not fully understand how city and county jails differ in terms of responsibilities and needs, but as Kansas City debates the future of its jails, it's important to first understand how these systems work within our community.

As outlined in Part 2 of my blog series, addressing these capacity issues is essential for the future of public safety in Kansas City.

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ANSWER THE CALL FOR BACKUP:

JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING WITH CATHY LANIER

Mark your calendars for February 28, 2025, and join us for a powerful night at A Call For BackUp, the Police Foundation of Kansas City's annual fundraiser, at the Muehlebach Tower Kansas City Marriott Downtown.

This year's keynote speaker is the incredible Cathy Lanier, NFL Senior Vice President of Security and former Chief of Police of the District of Columbia. With a groundbreaking career spanning over two decades, Lanier became the first female Chief of Police in D.C., overseeing the city's public safety during some of its most high-stakes moments, including presidential inaugurations, national emergencies and large-scale events. Now leading security operations for the NFL, she continues to set the gold standard for managing complex security challenges.

Lanier's inspiring story of breaking barriers and her unique insights into leadership, crisis management and community safety make her a must-hear speaker. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the most influential voices in public safety today.

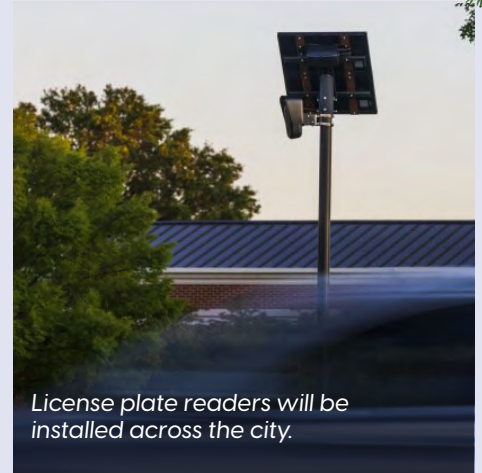
The funds raised during A Call For BackUp will directly benefit safety initiatives for the Kansas City Missouri Police Department, ensuring our officers have the resources they need to keep our community safe.

Contact us to learn more about sponsorship opportunities and demonstrate your commitment to supporting Kansas City's safety and success.

Answer the Call for BackUp. **Together, we can make Kansas City stronger and safer.**



We can't wait to hear Cathy speak to her experience in large-scale events. It will be a night to remember!



License plate readers will be installed across the city.

ENHANCING SAFETY WITH MOBILE TECHNOLOGY

The Police Foundation of Kansas City (PFKC) is proud to announce the receipt of grant from the Missouri Department of Public Safety. This funding will equip the Kansas City Missouri Police Department with advanced license plate readers and mobile cameras, providing critical tools to enhance public safety and reduce violent crime.

These mobile cameras offer a unique advantage, allowing the Department to adapt quickly to emerging needs across the city. As Kansas City prepares to host large-scale, high-profile events in the future, these resources will play a pivotal role in protecting residents and visitors alike. This investment underscores the commitment to making Kansas City safer and more secure for everyone.

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Technology is a huge part of policing today.

INVESTING IN SAFETY:

HOW ARPA FUNDS WILL TRANSFORM KANSAS CITY POLICING

The Police Foundation of Kansas City is proud to announce a pivotal \$4 million investment in public safety through ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding. These tax dollars, granted to the Kansas City Missouri Police Department, will address urgent technology and equipment needs that directly enhance their ability to combat violent crime and ensure community safety.

This funding will enable major upgrades to the Department's IT infrastructure, replacing outdated network systems to boost reliability and support critical tools like body cameras, in-car video systems, and automatic license plate readers. Additionally, enhanced cybersecurity measures, including next-generation firewall technology, will safeguard sensitive data and bolster the Department's digital defenses.

These investments are a testament to the Police Foundation's commitment to building a safer Kansas City. By addressing the essential needs of our police force, we're creating a stronger foundation for public safety and reinforcing our city's future.

Learn more about how you can support these efforts by visiting policefoundationkc.org. Together, we can continue to make Kansas City a safe and thriving community.

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YOUR SUPPORT MAKES KANSAS CITY SAFER

As we approach the end of the year, we're reminded of how vital your contributions are to our mission. Recent efforts like providing additional investigative analysts with state-of-the-art technology are made possible by the Police Foundation of Kansas City's commitment to equipping KCPD with the tools they need to protect our community.

When you donate to PFKC, your dollars directly fund impactful safety initiatives that reduce crime and keep Kansas City safe. With your support, we can continue to invest in cutting-edge technology, equipment and programs that make a real difference. Join us in creating a safer future for Kansas City—[donate today](#).



Assistant DNA Supervisor of the KCPD Crime Laboratory uses Hamilton DNA robot purchased with Police Foundation funds.

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION:

CHIEF GRAVES ON SAFETY AND SERVICE

In her role as Kansas City's Chief of Police, Chief Stacey Graves shares her unwavering dedication to creating a safer community and inspiring future leaders in law enforcement. Through two heartfelt video messages, she highlights her **commitment to public safety** and **her journey within the Kansas City Missouri Police Department (KCPD)**.



Chief Stacey Graves with new recruits.



Chief Stacey Graves on her first day as Police Chief.



PFKC is honored to support and promote our Kansas City Missouri Police Department.

A COMMITMENT TO SAFETY AND COMMUNITY

Chief Stacey Graves emphasizes the critical importance of safety for both officers and the Kansas City community at large. "What keeps me up at night is the safety of our officers... and the safety of everyone in Kansas City," she explains. Her focus on public safety goals is central to KCPD's Kansas City Crime Plan, a strategy designed not only to reduce violence but also to strengthen community outreach and problem-solving together. For Graves, this mission is deeply personal. "Kansas City is my home. I've raised my family here... I want to make Kansas City better."

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ANSWERING THE CALL TO SERVE

Reflecting on her journey, Chief Stacey Graves recounts her unexpected rise from records clerk to Chief of Police, underscoring her belief in the power of opportunity and purpose. She advocates for diversity in law enforcement, noting, "Women are needed... it takes a collective of different people to serve all people." For those considering a career in law enforcement, she offers encouragement: "If you are courageous, compassionate and empathetic... this is a job for you. This is a noble profession."

Chief Graves' words reflect a profound commitment to fostering a safer, stronger Kansas City while inspiring the next generation to step forward and serve.

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HONORED TO TRAIN AMONG THE BEST:

KCPD SWAT ATTENDS ELITE TRAINING

Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) teams are a critical component of modern law enforcement, originally developed to provide advanced training and specialized tools for handling complex and high-risk situations. These elite units are designed to give law enforcement agencies more options when responding to challenging scenarios that require exceptional skills and preparation. The Police Foundation is proud to have recently funded training expenses for the team to accept an invitation for specialized training in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The advanced training focused on developing sophisticated tactical approaches that minimize risk and maximize safety for everyone to include citizens, officers, and subjects/suspects during critical incidents. According to department leadership, these specialized skills have significantly improved the team's ability to respond effectively and safely in extraordinary circumstances, demonstrating the commitment to safety for everyone.



KCPD's SWAT Team at an elite training in Virginia Beach.



Thank you to our donors for making this happen!



More than 700 citizens of our KC community received brand new coats at KCPD's "Coats & Cocoa" event on December 5. We are grateful to co-sponsor this event with Walmart and KCPD's Community Engagement Division!



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