

A CALL FOR SERVICE

Q1 REVIEW WITH THE POLICE FOUNDATION OF KANSAS CITY



A Call For BackUp 2025



Keynote Speaker Cathy Lanier, NFL Senior Vice President of Security and former Chief of Police of Washington, D.C., during A Call for BackUp 2025.

Dear Foundation Supporters,

As we close out the first quarter, working together, we have already made many impactful strides. Supporting the Kansas City Police Department and, by extension, the safety and well-being of our city, we are achieving results. Projects funded by you are showing a return within our community.

This quarter, we've focused on building stronger partnerships with local organizations, enhancing community outreach programs and providing our officers with the essential tools and resources needed to serve with excellence. Projects this quarter included partnering with Truman Road Community Improvement District (CID) to fund more cameras and license plate readers to strengthen police services and make residential neighborhoods and areas of commerce safer.



A sold-out crowd at A Call for BackUp 2025.

Through the leadership of many of you, we have also begun the initial stages of two large technology projects, Peregrine and Drones as First Responders. These two projects are expected to decrease response times, make many responses to calls for service safer for all, and exponentially improve efficiencies within the daily work of the PD. A direct result of our partnership and collaboration with KCPD and other groups is shown in KCPD's clearance rate, which is currently one of the highest in the nation - higher than I can recall in my 30+ years in policing. There are many factors which impact this but better quality and quicker investigations conducted in real time are able to be achieved because of your support.

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From new safety equipment to community engagement efforts, we've made important strides in our shared mission. None of this would be possible without you - our dedicated supporters. Your commitment to ensuring the success of the Police Foundation of Kansas City continues to make a real difference, and for that, we are incredibly grateful.

As we look ahead, quarter two holds even more promise with exciting new projects and initiatives already in the works. Together, we will continue to build a safer, stronger Kansas City for all.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support. We are honored to have you as part of our community and we look forward to further announcements in the months ahead.



Chief Stacey Graves with A Call for BackUp co-chairs Mark Garrett and Dr. Diego and Ginna Gutierrez.

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President & CEO

RECOGNIZING OUR SPONSORS & EVENT CHAIRS

This year's A Call for BackUp was made possible by the unwavering support of our sponsors and leadership team. Their contributions not only funded essential safety initiatives but also reinforced a shared commitment to making Kansas City a safer place to live, work and thrive. As we look ahead, the support from this event serves as a powerful reminder that when a community comes together, we can achieve meaningful change. Thank you to the Jack F. and Glenna Y. Wylie Charitable Foundation for matching the \$50,000 paddle raise and amplifying our impact.

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Honorary Event Chairs Clark and Tavia Hunt with event co-chair, Mark Garrett, and President and CEO, Tye Grant.



A CALL FOR BACKUP 2025: UNITING FOR A SAFER KANSAS CITY

RECORD-BREAKING SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

On February 28, 2025, the Police Foundation of Kansas City hosted its annual benefit, A Call for BackUp, at the Muehlebach Tower, Kansas City Marriott Downtown. The event brought together community leaders, law enforcement and supporters to strengthen public safety initiatives across Kansas City. Thanks to the generosity of attendees and sponsors, the event raised over **\$1.8 million**—a record-breaking amount that will fund a fleet of high-tech police drones equipped with state-of-the-art operating software. These advancements will empower the Kansas City Missouri Police Department with enhanced surveillance and faster response capabilities, directly addressing the city’s ongoing fight against violent crime.

The evening featured powerful speeches from Chief Stacey Graves, Cathy Lanier (NFL Senior Vice President of Security and former Chief of Police of Washington, D.C.), Tye Grant (President of the Police Foundation), and Kansas City native Rob Riggle, who delivered both humor and heartfelt support for the city’s law enforcement efforts. Their collective messages emphasized the urgent need for advanced technology and community involvement to build a safer Kansas City.

WHY THIS MATTERS: ADDRESSING THE STATE OF CRIME IN KANSAS CITY

In 2024, Kansas City saw a 20% decrease in homicides—the lowest in six years—but a nearly 12% rise in nonfatal shootings emphasized the work still needed. The funds raised at A Call for BackUp will play a vital role in bridging the gap by providing officers with innovative tools to respond swiftly and effectively to criminal activity. The investment in drones as first responders is particularly significant, offering real-time intelligence to officers and helping prevent violent incidents before they escalate.

**\$1.8 MILLION
RAISED**



Guest Speaker Rob Riggle.



Chief Stacey Graves listening in the audience of A Call for BackUp 2025.



Drones are the future of policing, as they provide a "bird's eye view" into crowds, events, and crime scenes - making Kansas City a safer place.

DRONES AS FIRST RESPONDERS AND DATA ANALYSIS WITH PEREGRINE

Every day, the brave women and men of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department put their lives on the line to ensure the safety of our community. But, as crime evolves, the tools and technologies that our police officers use must as well. KCPD has identified two crucial instruments: Drones as First Responders and Peregrine, to enhance safety and efficiency on a multitude of levels.



KCPD officer operating drone.

DRONE TECHNOLOGY: A NEW FRONTIER IN PUBLIC SAFETY

Drones have already begun transforming industries across the globe, and now, they're poised to revolutionize public safety. This year, the KCPD aims to fund a fleet of advanced drones, Drones as First Responders (DFR) which will be deployed to emergency calls within minutes allowing eyes on the scene sooner for officers to assess dangerous situations from a distance. DFR can identify potential threats more efficiently and provide invaluable aerial perspectives often before officers arrive on scene, improving their decision-making and helping them safely navigate complex situations.

PEREGRINE TECHNOLOGY: STRATEGIZE, PRIORITIZE AND ALLOCATE

Another major piece of this year's fundraising goal is the introduction of Peregrine technology - an advanced tool allowing investigations to occur in real time by adding efficiencies to the data analysis process. The system more efficiently allows officers to track suspects, analyze crime patterns, and interrupt cycles of violence. This allows the department and community partners to offer assistance quicker and more methodically.

YOUR DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

With your support, you can ensure that our first responders are equipped with the best technology available. By investing in the future of law enforcement technology, you are not just supporting the KCPD, you are investing in the safety of OUR community **because everyone wants to feel safe.**

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SECURING THE FUTURE

THE IMPORTANCE OF RENEWING THE PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

On April 8, 2025, Kansas City voters will decide on the renewal of the one-quarter cent Public Safety Sales Tax for an additional 20 years. This tax is crucial for funding essential services, including the construction of a new municipal rehabilitation and detention center, and supporting law enforcement and emergency services. A safe and secure environment is fundamental to the economic health and quality of life in our community.

Renewing this tax is not an introduction of a new tax but a continuation of an existing commitment to public safety. The funds generated have been instrumental in supporting essential services that protect our community, our workforce and our businesses.

We encourage everyone to participate in the upcoming election. An affirmative vote is a direct investment for the safety of our community.

The KCPD continues to operate 140 Ford Crown Victorias from 2008-2009. Utilizing the Public Safety Sales Tax could help fund their much-needed replacement.

KCPD HOMICIDE CLEARANCE RATES

As of March 13, 2025, Kansas City has set a groundbreaking record with an impressive 96% homicide clearance rate – far surpassing the national average of 58%!

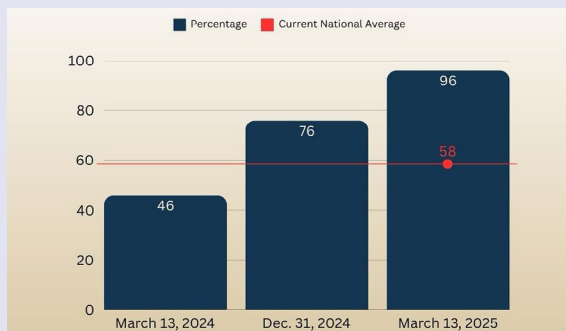
This incredible success is made possible by the support of our donors. Thanks to their contributions, we have been able to provide funding for investigative analysts.



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