POLICE FOUNDATION OF Kansas City

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Friends of the Police Foundation of Kansas City,

This summer, Kansas City welcomed the world, and our community rose to the occasion.

FIFA brought thousands of visitors, families and fans to our city. From packed gathering spaces to busy neighborhoods and major events, the Kansas City Missouri Police Department worked around the clock to help everyone feel safe, supported and welcome.

That success did not happen by accident.

It was the result of careful planning, strong partnerships and strategic investments in the tools and resources officers needed to respond quickly and effectively. Advanced technology, real-time information, expanded operational support and close coordination across agencies helped create a safe environment for residents and visitors alike.

Your support of the Police Foundation of Kansas City helped make this possible.

Because of your generosity, the Foundation is able to invest in resources that strengthen public safety during major moments like FIFA and throughout the year. These investments help officers communicate more efficiently, monitor activity in real time, respond with greater speed and protect our community with confidence.

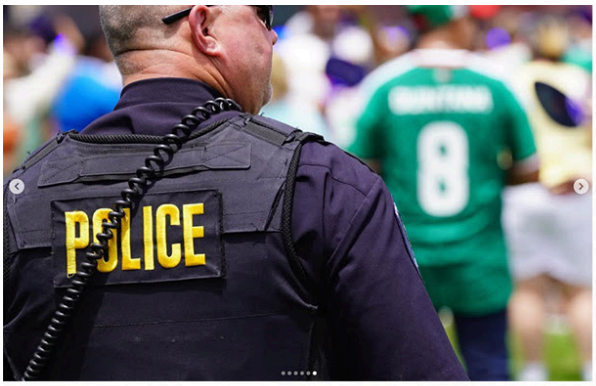
Kansas City had an opportunity to show the world who we are. We welcomed visitors with energy, hospitality and pride, while ensuring safety remained a top priority.

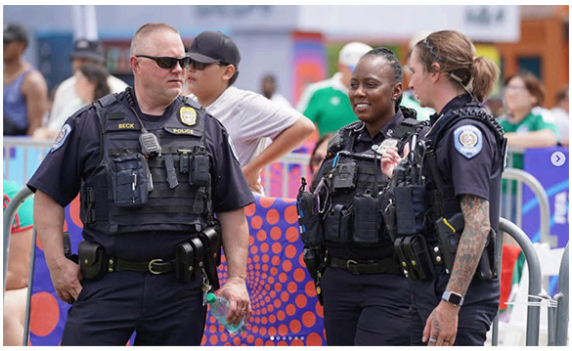
We are grateful to the officers, first responders, community partners and supporters who helped make FIFA a successful and memorable experience for our city.

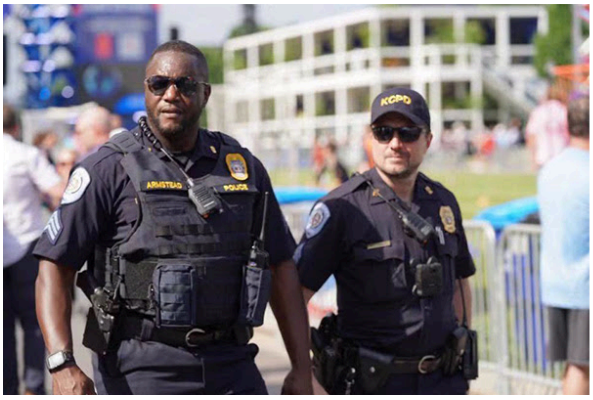
Thank you for standing with the Police Foundation of Kansas City and believing in this mission.

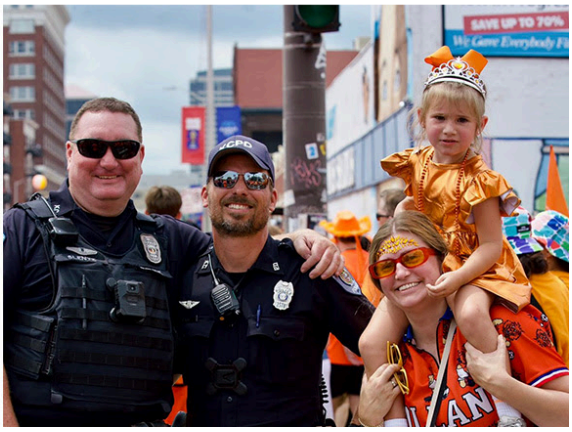
Together, we helped Kansas City welcome the world safely.

Tye Grant
President & CEO









Kansas City Earns Global Recognition

Kansas City proved it was ready for the world.

As one of the 2026 FIFA World Cup host cities, Kansas City welcomed hundreds of thousands of visitors from over 175 countries while demonstrating the coordination and professionalism required to host one of the world's largest sporting events. Behind every successful match day and 19 days of Fan Fest Festival, were years of planning and layers of preparation led by KCPD alongside local, regional and national partners.

That preparation included strategic investments in equipment, technology, training and operational resources designed to strengthen KCPD's readiness long before visitors arrived. The results did not go unnoticed.

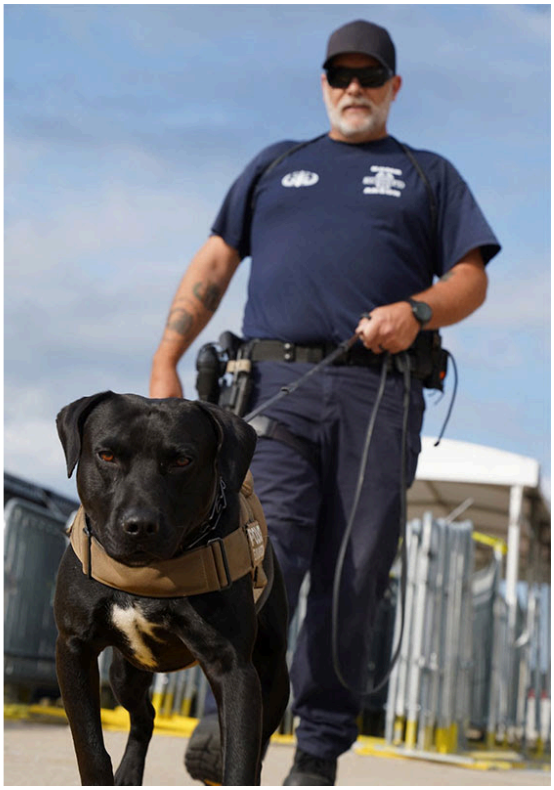
KCPD received widespread recognition from national and international leaders for its exceptional coordination, operational excellence and commitment to creating a safe experience for Kansas City residents and visitors.

The Police Foundation of Kansas City was proud to help make that success possible. With support from QuikTrip Corporation and other community partners, the Foundation funded six armored vehicles for secure dignitary and VIP transport, medical kits for every officer deployed throughout the city, specialized cold fire extinguishers for

fireworks and pyrotechnic-related incidents, and two Utility Task Vehicles to support KCPD during major events.

Kansas City's success was not the result of last-minute preparation. It reflected years of intentional planning, strong public-private partnerships and strategic investments that strengthened KCPD's ability to serve the city during the World Cup and well into the future.





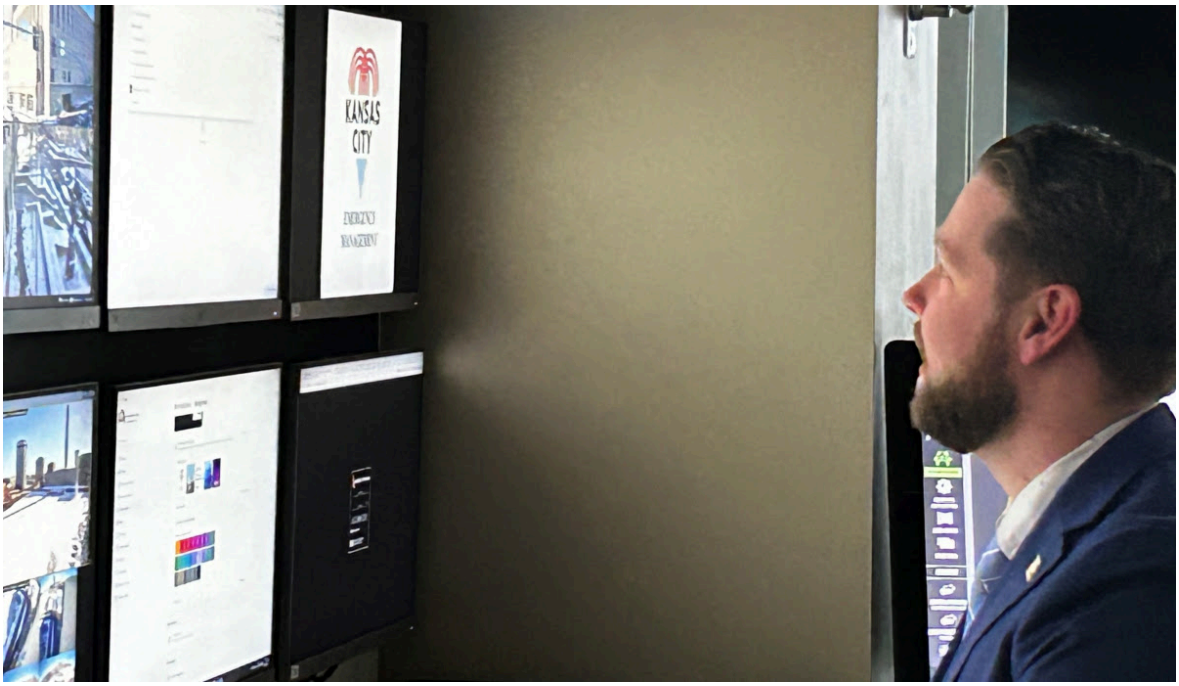
Supporting the Canines Behind the Badge

An anonymous donor is helping protect the health, safety, and well-being of KCPD's canine officers.

KCPD's canine officers do extraordinary work alongside their handlers, but their health, safety, and quality of life require specialized care.

Recently, an anonymous donor made a generous donation to support canine welfare, providing resources that will directly benefit these four-legged members of the department. From protective equipment and medical care to training and everyday needs, like vehicle upgraded heat alarms. This investment helps ensure canine officers receive the support and care they deserve throughout their service.

The donor chose to remain unnamed, but the impact of their generosity will be seen for years to come. Because of donors like this, the Police Foundation of Kansas City can respond to needs beyond the department's annual budget and help care for every member of the KCPD team, including those who serve on four paws.



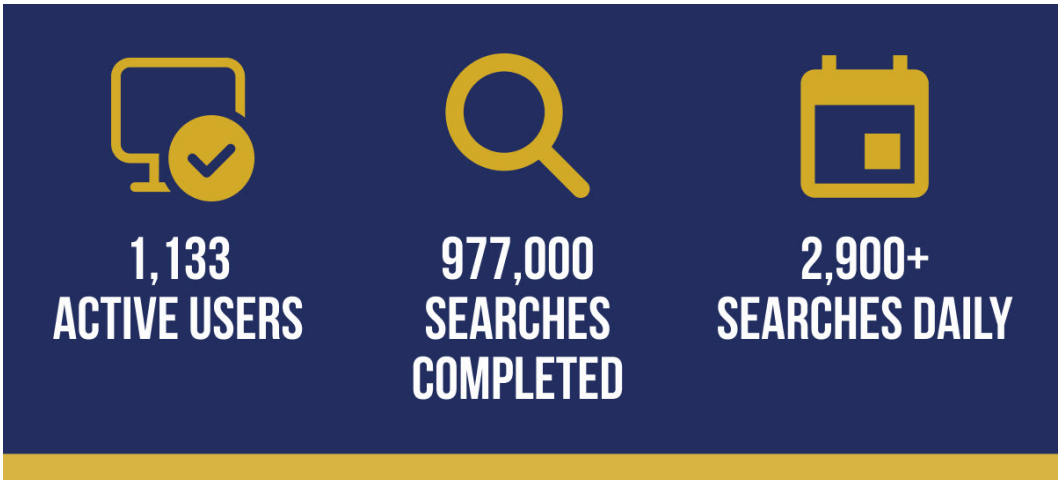
One Year of Peregrine. Measurable Results.

A year after its launch, donor-funded technology is helping KCPD access information faster, improve coordination, and move investigations forward.

This month marks one year since Peregrine was implemented at KCPD.

The platform brings critical, real-time department information together in one place, helping officers and investigators spend less time searching across disconnected systems and more time acting on the information in front of them.

In its first year, Peregrine has delivered measurable results:



One year in, the impact is clear. Peregrine is helping KCPD work more efficiently, strengthen coordination, and reduce the time it takes to move cases forward.

Made possible through the generosity of Police Foundation donors and business partners, Peregrine demonstrates how private dollars can fund practical tools that deliver measurable results for Kansas City.



Learning from National Leaders

Bringing new ideas, stronger partnerships, and proven strategies back to Kansas City.

In June, Police Foundation of Kansas City Director of Operations Beth Phelps and Board Chair Carolyn Watley attended the inaugural Brave United Conference, a national gathering created for law enforcement and public safety foundation leaders.

“Carolyn and I learned so much at the inaugural Brave United Conference and valued the opportunity to connect with police foundation leaders from across the country. Our conversations reinforced the strong reputation PFKC has built among its peers for bringing innovative, state-of-the-art resources to KCPD. Learning what is working for other foundations, while sharing what has been successful in Kansas City, was invaluable. We returned home with new ideas, meaningful connections and renewed motivation to continue supporting the women and men who work every day to keep Kansas City safe.”

Beth Phelps, Director of Operations,
Police Foundation of Kansas City

By learning alongside national peers, the Foundation continues strengthening its work and bringing fresh ideas back to Kansas City.



Strong Leadership. Stronger Kansas City.

Foundation Vice Chair Mark Jorgensen helped shape Kansas City's World Cup experience.

As Board President of KC2026, Police Foundation of Kansas City Vice Chair **Mark Jorgensen** played an important role in creating a welcoming experience for the

hundreds of thousands of fans who visited Kansas City during the FIFA World Cup.

Mark's leadership reflects the same collaborative spirit he brings to the Foundation, where business and civic leaders work together to strengthen Kansas City through strategic partnerships and investments. From all of us at the PFKC - Thank you Mark!

We are also pleased to welcome **Jenny Housley**, President of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, to the Police Foundation of Kansas City Board of Directors. Her leadership and commitment to our community will be a tremendous asset as we continue advancing our mission.







Behind-the-Scenes of World Cup Readiness

A look at the planning, partnerships, and people who helped prepare Kansas City for the global stage.

Before the first fans arrived, the PFKC hosted community leaders, partners, and supporters gathered at the Cascade Hotel for a behind-the-scenes look at the extensive planning that helped prepare Kansas City to host the FIFA World Cup.

The event highlighted the collaboration between KCPD, regional partners, and the Police Foundation of Kansas City, showcasing the technology, equipment, and coordinated efforts that helped make one of the world's largest sporting events a success.



Thank You, Captain Colón

Celebrating a career dedicated to serving Kansas City.

Congratulations to Captain Lionel Colón on his retirement from KCPD after more than 29 years of distinguished service!

For more than eight years, he served as the Police Foundation of Kansas City's department liaison, providing invaluable insight, partnership and support to our work. Throughout his career, Captain Colón earned the respect and admiration of those who worked alongside him, building a legacy of character, leadership and service that will continue for years to come. For more than eight years, he also served as the Police Foundation of Kansas City's department liaison, providing invaluable insight, partnership and support to our work.

We are proud to celebrate Captain Colón's remarkable career and grateful for the lasting impact he has made on KCPD, the Foundation and Kansas City. We wish him and his family a joyful and well-deserved retirement.

Together, We Are Building a Safer Kansas City

Every investment makes a difference. Every partnership moves us forward. Every donor helps equip KCPD with the resources needed to better serve Kansas City. Whether it's funding innovative technology, supporting officer wellness and training, providing life-saving equipment, or investing in programs that strengthen trust and collaboration, your generosity creates lasting impact.

Your support helps provide the tools, technology, and resources that strengthen KCPD beyond the city's annual budget.

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