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NEW DIVISION & DIVISION CHIEF

On June 18, Mike Prange was sworn in as a Division Chief for a newly established division within the Sheriff's Office. In addition to the Detentions, Patrol, Investigations and Support Services divisions, the JCSO now has the Strategic Services Division. It will encompass asset management, Business Office, grant procurement, Supply Operations, Fleet Maintenance, Building Maintenance, Research & Planning, and Accreditation. Chief Prange has more than 30 years of law enforcement experience, serving the Jefferson County community for most of that time. He has extensive managerial experience in detention and patrol operations, criminal investigations, recruitment, and training. As a manager in these areas, his experience extends to policy development, procedural effectiveness, training course development, internal investigations, business audits, the creation of accountability models, compliance with accreditation standards, and other laws and regulations affecting our county and state. A veteran of the United States Air Force, Chief Prange's leadership is grounded in integrity, collaboration, and transparency, and he is a passionate advocate for officer safety and overall well-being.



WELCOME GRADUATES!



On April 10, the JCSO Department Certified Academy graduated seven new detentions deputies. Recruits go through an intense 11-week training program and then field training. All trainees are now through training and working in their new assignments.



On June 6, the Combined Regional Academy graduated 44 new law enforcement officers, 12 of whom joined us at the JCSO. Recruits go through an extensive 21-week training program before being released to their home agency for field training. The spring academy had recruits from JCSO, Lakewood PD, Gilpin County SO, Golden PD, West Metro FD, Westminster PD and Wheat Ridge PD.



WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners and Jefferson County Sheriff Reggie Marinelli are excited to announce the launch of a new Wildland Fire Management Program that will help to address and mitigate extreme wildfire danger in Jeffco. With the approval of this program, the county will invest nearly \$7 million in wildfire mitigation and response. "This is an urgent need in our county, and the Board of Commissioners could not be more supportive of this comprehensive and well-thought-out plan," said Board Chair Lesley Dahlkemper.

"This initiative represents a significant step forward in our mission to better serve and protect Jefferson County," said JCSO Sheriff

Reggie Marinelli. "Wildfire risk is extremely high in our county, and this program will allow us to be more proactive and better equipped to respond to fire-related emergencies." The goal of the Wildland Fire Management Program is to take a holistic approach to protect the residents of Jefferson County from catastrophic wildfire threats. Jeffco residents can expect to see efforts to increase fire preparedness and fire response. These efforts will include 37 new staff positions, wildfire education and outreach, a homeowner assessment and certification program, micro-grants for defensible space and home hardening, increased county capacity for fire protection district support, and increased fire management resources. Read more about this in the Emergency Services section on the next page.



Sheriff Marinelli, Commissioner Dahlkemper, and Commissioner Kerr rode on our new brush truck in the Evergreen Parade in June as a way to thank voters for passing Ballot Initiative 1A. The brush truck is the first of many pieces of equipment and staff that will be added to wildfire management efforts.

COURAGE WALK

On April 12, our community showed up in a big way for the annual Courage Walk - and we couldn't be more inspired. The Courage Walk is a meaningful tradition to honor the strength and resilience of survivors in the aftermath of crime. It's also a time to raise our collective voice for crime victims' rights and services - now and in the future. This year's theme: Connecting, Kinship, and Healing for crime survivors. Thank you to everyone who joined us. Your presence matters, your voice matters, and together, we are stronger.



JAIL RESOURCE FAIR

On May 16, the JCSO Detention Facility held its very first Re-Entry Resource Fair - a chance for inmates who are nearing release to meet up with housing, job-training, mental-health, and addiction recovery partners who can help them succeed on the outside. One of the presenters was a woman who first came to our facility as an inmate. Now she is a successful mentor who came back to share her story and encouragement. This fair was just the beginning. Detentions staff plan to host similar events every month; because when returning neighbors have real support, everyone in Jefferson County benefits.



MISSION

Protect, Serve, Enforce

VISION

Our vision is for Jefferson County to be a safe place for all people to live, learn, work, and play.

VALUES

Honest
Accountable
Excellence
Honor
Respect

STAFFING THE JCSO


Sheriff	1
Undersheriff	1
Division Chief	5
Commander	21
Sergeant	55
Deputy Sheriff Investigator	46
Special Unit Leads	2
Deputy Sheriff (POST) & Department Certified	427
TOTAL FUNDED	558

As of June 30, the JCSO was considered 90% staffed with sworn personnel and 82% staffed with professional personnel. This includes 37 new Emergency Services full-time positions approved by the Board of County Commissioners in June and 30 previously approved full-time positions that were unfrozen and made available to fill in June. The annualized attrition rates in the second quarter were 5.9% for professional staff and 3.6% for sworn staff. Generally, an attrition rate between 5-10% is considered low and healthy. The vacancy rate for sworn personnel was 6%. The ideal vacancy rate is 5% or less. The table below illustrates staffing in the second quarter.


Staff	Sworn	Professional	Total
Funded	558	301	859
Actual	503	247	750
Total Unfilled	55	54	109

PRIORITY ONE CALLS


A priority one call is a “call for service which is critical or in-progress, where immediate intervention is required to avert personal injury, or where prompt arrival is necessary to affect criminal apprehension.” Response times can be very different for the three precincts, based on elements like staffing, geography, and weather.



Mountain Precinct	Apr	May	June
Priority One Calls	30	35	33
Average Response Time (Target Time: 10 min)	10:12	9:52	14:43



North Precinct	Apr	May	June
Priority One Calls	46	58	54
Average Response Time (Target Time: 7 min)	9:27	7:54	8:24



South Precinct	Apr	May	June
Priority One Calls	127	153	136
Average Response Time (Target Time: 5 min)	7:33	7:53	6:58

EMERGENCY SERVICES SECTION

In April, the ESS ran a full-scale, flood-related exercise in Evergreen with more than 150 participants from ten agencies. The drill put interagency coordination, communications, evacuation procedures, and public information strategies to the test. Citizen volunteers played evacuees to add realism, including one who demonstrated the need for our new Blue Envelope program. The event showcased strong community preparedness while also pinpointing key areas for ongoing improvement.

The approximate \$7 million designated for wildland fire management includes \$2.3 million in one-time capital for equipment and \$4.5 million in ongoing salaries and operations - joining fire-related requests from Jeffco Planning & Zoning, Open Space, and Road & Bridge. The County Commissioners consolidated these into a single 2025 supplemental, unanimously approving funding for 37 new JCSO positions—two fire management officers, two eight-person fuels crews, a Type 6 engine, a fire planner, GIS analyst, community engagement manager, grants specialists, and home-assessment/outreach staff. Recruitment is already underway, with offers out and full staffing expected by October. This investment boosts our fire preparedness and response in truly significant and meaningful ways - now and well into the future.



CRIME PREVENTION & EDUCATION

Community Resource Deputy Mark Bybee addresses citizen concerns and shares vital information with the public through on-site visits, public presentations, tours, special events, Nextdoor.com notifications, and other opportunities. Highlights from the second quarter:

- Presented at 10 HOA/community meetings to include two Neighborhood Watch programs for two new communities, and several scam and fraud presentations to businesses and senior citizens.
- Attended 12 community events to include Coffee with a Cop, Pizza with Patrol, Foothills Fire Annual Pancake Breakfast, and the Evergreen Parade and Rodeo (pictured).
- Managed 67 citizen inquiries.
- Conducted six Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) surveys.
- Conducted two tours of the JCSO headquarters for the Developmentally Disabled Resource Center.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Denver7 Everyday Hero uses crochet club to create safe space for students



A welcome and unexpected surprise for Manning Middle School SRO, Deputy Lewis. In May, she tearfully accepted the Denver 7 News Everyday Hero award! While it surprised her, it is no surprise to the rest of us who know the effort and care she puts toward the students. Deputy Lewis volunteers her time to do a weekly crochet club at Manning. Not only is she teaching them a skill, she is creating bonds between students and law enforcement that will last a lifetime. Last year, she made a quilt out of the squares her students created and auctioned it off at a PTA fundraiser, helping to raise money for new security cameras at the school. Congratulations, Deputy Lewis, for this well-deserved recognition.

School Resource Officers (SRO) are embedded within schools in Jefferson County for the duration of each school year to provide security, safety, resources, and guidance to students and staff. The table below reflects activities during the second quarter (including part of summer break):

Report Type	Apr	May	Jun
Felony	7	3	0
Misdemeanor	26	30	0
Incident	43	27	0
Supplemental	32	26	7
Total	108	86	7
School Presentations	3	4	0
Safe2Tell	153	150	34

DETENTION FACILITY

The Detentions Division provides housing, security, and physical and mental health services for inmates, as well as programs to reduce recidivism and set individuals up for success upon release. The jail houses offenders awaiting court appearances, being transported to another detention facility, or sentenced to serve their time at the county jail. Here are the jail statistics from the second quarter:

Detention Facility	Apr	May	Jun
Average Males Housed	637	655	665
Average Females Housed	132	132	134
Transgender-Specific Intake Totals*	9	3	3
ADA-Specific Intake Totals*	29	26	27
Narcan Incidents*	3	0	0
Total Intake	1,264	1,340	1,212
Total Released	1,252	1,313	1,203

*Transgender – People who self-identify as other than their biological sex during the intake process.

*ADA – We provide accommodations for all disabilities: hearing, vision, movement, etc.

*Narcan Incidents – Inmates who were unresponsive and given at least one dose of Narcan. Narcan has no negative side effects and does not cause any further harm to someone suffering from an unrelated medical emergency.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) investigates all felony crimes and some select misdemeanor crimes. CID then presents these cases to the 1st Judicial District Attorney's Office for prosecution. The units within the division include Crime Scene, Victim Services, Property Crimes, Special Investigations, and Child Sex Offender Internet Investigations (CHEEZ0). CID also works in conjunction with the Jefferson County Regional Crime Laboratory (JCRCL) which is housed within the JCSO headquarters.

NOTABLE INVESTIGATIONS

On April 3, deputies arrested Jonathan Gaudreau - a prolific car thief and member of the organized retail theft crew "The Swiper Gang". He drove off in a spray-painted camouflage Jeep Liberty after pointing a black handgun at employees during the July 21, 2023 aggravated robbery at Walmart (13420 W. Coal Mine Ave.). His partner, Evan McLemore, loaded up a cart full of stolen tools from the store before Gaudreau sped away. After nearly two years of investigation - using fingerprints, DNA evidence, and suspect interviews - Gaudreau pled guilty on June 2nd to aggravated robbery and menacing. He faces a mandatory 4-12 years in the Department of Corrections and is set for sentencing in August.

On June 26, investigators filed charges against career burglar Brandon March for numerous thefts across the Town of Morrison, including six incidents between May 3 - 24. The most notable was a May 24 break-in at a residence in the 6500 block of Ridgeview Drive, where March made himself at home - cooking, showering, and sleeping in the vacant house. After being trespassed from the Rocket Gas Station on April 11, surveillance footage from the station, along with video from Ridgeview Drive and his thumbprint on a coffee mug, tied him to the crimes. March was arrested on June 13 during a new petty shoplifting stop, at which time two Lakewood Police warrants were discovered. Because he committed these offenses while out on bond and has six prior burglary-related felonies dating back to 1999, he's ineligible for probation and faces 4-24 years in the Department of Corrections.

The Crimes Against Children Unit arrested 29-year-old Matthew Chavez on two separate warrants after a reporting party alleged he sent videos of himself engaging in sexual acts with four underage girls; an April 2025 warrant led to his first arrest on child-exploitation charges and a \$50,000 bond. Follow-up search warrants of his social media dating back two months uncovered nude imagery and sexual conversations with at least three more identified minors, prompting his June 4th arrest on a second warrant (another \$50,000 bond). Investigators continue efforts to identify all of his victims.

Two high-risk search warrants were served in south Jeffco by the Jefferson County Regional SWAT team on April 22 and May 14. These warrants were served in two connected cases, both related to guns. The warrants resulted in 10 arrests, 13 firearms seized (including two short barrel rifles and one suppressor), a stolen motorcycle, and drugs.

CID Cases

The table to the right is a breakdown of felony cases assigned to investigators in the JCSO Criminal Investigations Division in the second quarter. This is based on crime type and JCSO patrol precinct.

Felony Cases	North	South	Mtn
Property Crimes	31	80	13
Major Crimes	24	40	14
Financial Crimes	38	104	28
Crimes Against Children	14	46	7
Total Cases Assigned	107	270	62

Sex Offender Statistics

In the second quarter, the Records Unit maintained over 350 sex offender records and verified 134 addresses. Per HB 21-1064, juveniles meeting certain eligibility requirements are now automatically de-registered from the database.

New Registrations	53
Re-registrations	132
De-registrations	50

VICTIM SERVICES UNIT

The Victim Services Unit (VSU) provides respectful care to victims of crime and trauma. Specialized counselors and volunteer victim advocates respond to calls 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. In the second quarter, the VSU was assigned 713 cases and responded to 435 calls including: 156 in-person callouts; 279 immediate phone responses; 50 deaths (suicide and unattended deaths).



TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

The primary goal of the JCSO Traffic Unit is to reduce traffic accidents involving fatalities and injury. Each month, the Traffic Unit provides the Patrol Division with strategic deployment recommendations based on monthly crash analysis. In the second quarter, the Unit conducted a variety of enforcement operations including five Click It or Ticket events, DUI saturation, and six speed operations in partnership with Colorado State Patrol. The Traffic Unit also helped lead, instruct, or attend six motors trainings, including a week-long Advanced Motor School with 70 riders from 18 metro area agencies. All motorcycle deputies successfully completed their annual re-certification. The Traffic Unit also welcomed a new rider, Deputy Timothy Clarkson, who transferred from the Investigations Division. The Unit collectively attended eight events including Walking & Wheeling Enforcement for Bradford and Woodruff elementary schools.



SPEED MITIGATION GRANT

A federal speed mitigation grant allows for additional hours of enforcement along Highway 93 and Highway 285. The table illustrates second quarter results for the grant activity.

Speed Mitigation Grant	Apr	May	Jun
Time Dedicated (in hours)	25.5	76.5	33
Summonses	53	168	69

DUI ARRESTS

The JCSO receives federal grant funding for DUI enforcement to increase traffic safety. Efforts of regular patrol operations, along with specific DUI enforcement, resulted in 47 DUI arrests in the second quarter.

Quarter 2	Apr	May	Jun
Total DUI Arrests	17	14	16

CRASH DATA

The top three common causal factors for fatal and injury crashes in the second quarter remain speed, inattentive driving, and DUI.

Crash Type	Apr	May	Jun
Fatal	1	1	0
Injury	19	26	11
Property	138	134	74
Total	158	161	85

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

Summonses include those issued by the Traffic Unit and Patrol for Model Traffic Code violations or state violations.

Summonses	2nd Quarter
2024	2,128
2025	1,769

FOCUS CRIMES

In Jefferson County, property crimes such as residential and commercial burglaries, motor vehicle trespasses, and motor vehicle theft are crimes we categorize as “focus crimes.” Often, we find that the same person(s) commits more than one of these crimes, and when these crimes are studied, we learn patterns of behavior. Therefore, we expend considerable effort reviewing focus crimes that are of great concern and impact to the community.

The Patrol and Criminal Investigations Divisions research occurrences of focus crimes to determine if there are similarities that would indicate a spree or a crime series involving the same suspect or suspects. Studying these trends helps us to better anticipate and prepare for responses with the intent to apprehend suspects who may be responsible for multiple offenses.

Second Quarter	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Burglary	100	108	101	99	75
Theft from Motor Vehicle	223	270	166	110	51
Motor Vehicle Theft	159	171	147	80	66

NOTABLE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

SEARCH WARRANT LEADS TO MULTIPLE ARRESTS AND CONTRABAND SEIZURES

On April 22, JCSO and the Regional Anti-Violence Enforcement Network (RAVEN) executed a search warrant at a home in the 8000 block of West Star Avenue in south Jeffco. They were searching for drugs, firearms, and stolen property – but found even more: seven individuals with active warrants for their arrest. The operation, stemming from a long-term investigation into criminal activity at the residence, was carried out safely with assistance from West Metro Fire and without threat to the public. Neighbors expressed relief, grateful for the joint effort making their community safer.

K9 ASSISTED DRUG BUST

On April 28, Jeffco deputies stopped a speeding black Ford Explorer near I-70 and Harlan Street. A narcotics investigation followed, with K9 Anton alerting to the odor of drugs at the vehicle's rear hatch. (Good boy!) Deputies discovered and seized 4.9 kilograms of fentanyl, equivalent to about 50,000 M30 pills, with a street value of \$1 million. The suspect was taken into custody and turned over to federal authorities.

DRUG TAKE BACK A SUCCESS

On April 29 the JCSO, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) collected 613 POUNDS of prescription drugs during Drug Take Back Day.

A huge thank you to the 331 cars that came through - each one helping to safely dispose of unused medications that could otherwise end up in the wrong hands. We truly appreciate everyone who showed up. It takes all of us to keep our community safe.



THE NOSE KNOWS

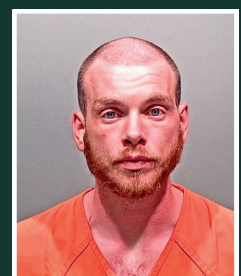
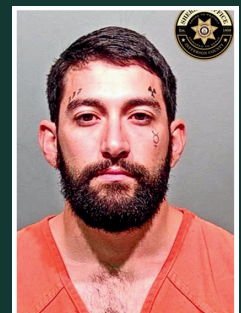
During a search in April for a known felon, K9 Ultimo led deputies to a shed in a backyard. Deputies did not see anyone, but trusted Ultimo's tracking skills. (Another good boy!) They found one person hiding under the floorboards of the shed, and another hiding in the rafters above. Both were taken into custody for a variety of charges.

SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER ARMED ASSAULT AT ROCK REST LODGE

A quick-thinking waitress and staff at Rock Rest Lodge displayed courage and teamwork when they stopped an armed suspect who assaulted a staff member. On May 21, 30-year-old Brandon Montano entered the bar at 16005 Mt. Vernon Rd., ordered food, and asked a waitress to check the women's restroom for an item that was supposedly left behind by his girlfriend. Once inside, he followed her, brandished a handgun, and began choking her. The waitress fought back, disarmed him, and alerted others. Staff detained Montano until Jefferson County deputies arrived. He was arrested on charges of second-degree kidnapping, assault by strangulation, menacing, false imprisonment, and prohibited use of a weapon.

JCSO ARRESTS SUSPECT FOR ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING OF 8-YEAR-OLD

On June 21, JCSO arrested 34-year-old Bradley Wilson for attempting to kidnap an 8-year-old girl at the Safeway on 5025 S. Kipling Parkway. Wilson put his hands on the child's shoulders, asking to "borrow" her and ushering her toward the exit, but she escaped and ran back to her grandmother. He returned and tried again but was confronted by store staff and fled. With the help of Flock cameras, deputies tracked the suspect to Hwy 285 and Willow Springs Road, where they placed him in custody and charged him with 2nd degree kidnapping. This is one of 12 cases in which Flock cameras assisted in identifying suspects, tracking and recovering stolen vehicles, and locating a missing at-risk adult.



CRIME STATISTICS

Second quarter crime statistics are reported in NIBRS, the National Incident Based Reporting System. This system is a more inclusive method for collecting and standardizing crime data from law enforcement agencies, and is used by most other agencies in Colorado. The data is accurate as of the release of this report, however numbers are subject to change.

CRIME TYPE			Breakouts	2Q21	2Q22	2Q23	2Q24	2Q25
Group A Offenses	Crimes Against Person	Murder		1	0	2	1	0
		Negligent Manslaughter		0	0	0	0	0
		Kidnapping		12	10	15	9	10
		Sex Offenses		35	35	29	42	34
		Assault	Aggravated	66	79	72	77	85
			Simple	241	245	263	258	235
			Intimidation	28	20	27	30	27
		Human Trafficking		0	0	0	0	2
	TOTAL			383	389	408	417	393
	Crimes Against Property	Arson		5	9	4	6	1
		Extortion		10	17	18	16	5
		Burglary		100	108	101	99	78
		Robbery		9	4	2	3	2
		Theft	Coin-Operated Machine	3	1	0	1	0
			From Motor Vehicle	223	270	166	110	55
			Vehicle Parts	140	134	73	31	34
			Other Larceny	142	224	150	214	174
		Motor Vehicle Theft		159	171	147	80	73
		Counterfeiting		25	17	26	16	20
		Fraud	False Pretenses	53	25	46	47	66
			ATM	65	54	34	27	14
			Impersonation	14	16	9	5	10
			Wire Fraud	59	49	26	19	21
		Bribery		0	0	0	0	0
		Identity Theft		170	91	122	76	67
		Vandalism		377	415	312	224	204
	TOTAL			1554	1605	1236	974	824
	Crimes Against Society	Drugs		94	92	107	107	61
		Pornography		25	25	14	22	7
		Prostitution		0	0	1	0	0
		Animal Cruelty		4	1	5	7	0
		Weapons Violations		6	11	9	9	18
	TOTAL			129	129	136	145	86
	GROUP A TOTAL			2066	2123	1780	1536	1303
Group B Offenses	Other	Bad Checks		0	0	0	0	0
		Disorderly Conduct		11	15	9	7	9
		DUI		50	27	33	54	38
		Family Offenses – Non-Violent		7	9	4	5	5
		Liquor Law Violation		5	13	11	14	8
		Trespass Real Property		5	13	26	26	25
		All Other Offenses		151	91	58	69	69
	GROUP B TOTAL			229	168	141	175	154
OVERALL TOTAL			2295	2291	1921	1711	1457	

- Vehicle Parts includes catalytic converters, license plates, etc.
- Group B—All Other Offenses include things like harassment, failure to register, contempt of court, indecent exposure, etc.