



Law Enforcement Authority

2011 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT

SMART Jeffco | QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

SMART Jeffco is a problem-solving model that places responsibility to identify problems and solutions at the deputy level. Law enforcement commanders are accountable for their geographic areas of responsibility. Since 2004, SMART (Strategic Management and Accurate Response Tactics) has used Sheriff's Office and other county resources to solve crime and quality-of-life problems in the community.

- **Identity thefts in multiple jurisdictions.** In the fall, two JCSO investigators started to realize that some of their cases appeared to be connected. Home Depot had several cases of forgery, with video surveillance, linked to a single woman. The woman's husband was in the Jefferson County Jail, and his recorded visits with her were studied by investigators, leading them to search her vehicle and two storage units. The case is ongoing, but as of November more than 250 forged checks had been identified. Agencies involved and affected by this case so far include Wheat Ridge, Westminster and Louisville. The suspect was arrested in October.
- **Riva Chase speeding issues resolved.** Residents of the Riva Chase subdivision in north Jeffco complained to the Sheriff's Office about speeding on their private HOA roadways. Although the Sheriff's Office is not responsible for traffic enforcement on private property, we agreed to work with the HOA to curtail the speeders. The Traffic Unit conducted a traffic study. While the signage and road design in the area is not ideal, two speed sentries revealed that over 94 percent of all cars were driving *under* 30 miles per hour. Deputies followed up with additional patrols in the area, observing few violations. Our Traffic Unit believes that pedestrians thought cars were traveling at higher speeds because the pedestrians are forced to walk on the road (there is no sidewalk) and cars emerge suddenly from the many curves in the road. The HOA board was pleased with the results of the study and the actions taken by the Sheriff's Office.

Patrol | QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

- **“Cable guy” arrested.** On October 12, a cable company employee arrived at a south Jeffco home to do some repairs. He was intoxicated and offered the homeowner an upgrade in exchange for sex. She called the JCSO and he was arrested for harassment.
- **Man goes missing in Lair O’ the Bear Park.** On October 13, the JCSO received a report regarding a hiker who had not returned home from a day hike in the Lair O’ The Bear Park near Kittridge. The 74-year-old man, an avid hiker and is a frequent visitor to the park, suffers from mild dementia. When he did not return home when expected, his wife went to the park and found that his car was still in the parking lot. The JCSO sent a reverse 911 to about 2,500 homes in the area regarding the missing hiker. The Alpine Rescue Team was called in, and they searched until after midnight with no success. The search resumed in the morning and the man was found, having fallen and suffered head injuries. He was expected to recover.
- **Man swings axe, bat at family.** On October 15, deputies were dispatched to a disturbance on Crystal Drive in the mountain precinct. There they saw a man being restrained by family members. The 28 year-old was swinging an axe and bat at two women. He was booked in on felony assault charges and jailed.
- **Silent burglars enter multiple homes/cars.** On November 15, multiple homes were hit by a burglar or burglars on Kilimanjaro Drive in the mountain precinct. The suspects entered vehicles, garages and homes via unlocked doors and dog doors. Multiple items were stolen.
- **Aggravated robbery outside King Soopers.** On November 24, a man approached a couple in the King Soopers parking lot and tapped on their car window. He showed them a note that said “I have a gun.” The victim led the suspect back inside the store to the ATM, where he withdrew \$20 and gave it to the suspect. The driver and his family then drove away and called 911. Deputies located the suspect, who provided false information and tried to run. He was arrested, and was found to have a felony warrant for escape from the Department of Corrections.
- **Boy trapped in mine shaft.** On November 24, a 17-year-old Golden High School student was rescued from a ledge inside an abandoned mine shaft on private property in north Golden. The boy went about 100 feet down the mine shaft at about 6 p.m. with a friend. One teen got out, but the other got stuck when the part of the ledge gave way. The Colorado School of Mines rescue team pulled the boy out at about 8:30 p.m. He was unhurt.
- **Family gets lost on Christmas tree hunt.** Around 2:30 p.m. on November 27, a family called 911 to say that they had become lost in Pike National Forest in the Buffalo Creek area while looking for a Christmas tree to cut. A command post was set up at the trailhead. Reserve deputies and the Alpine Rescue Team were called out to help with the search. Around 6 p.m., the rescuers heard yelling from the family. The family was soon located and escorted back to the trailhead.

- **House fire kills man.** On December 7, deputies responded to a fully engulfed house fire on Kingsbury Road in the mountain precinct. A woman at the scene said her husband was still inside the house. Deputies entered the home and tried to reach the area where the man was believed to be, but the smoke and heat were overwhelming. Evergreen Fire rescue arrived and extinguished the fire, and the body of the homeowner was found inside.
- **Elderly woman goes missing again.** An 80-year-old woman was expected home from her cleaning job at 3 p.m. on November 28th. When she did not return, her husband reported her missing. The woman has a recent history of forgetting where she is going while driving, and during the past year became lost on three separate occasions. Once she was found as far away as Wyoming. She was missing for more than a day; a Clear Creek County deputy located her following a “BOLO” sent out by the JCSO. She declines to enroll in the Colorado LifeTrak program, which may not be much help due to the great distances she tends to travel.
- **Deputies rescue naked, delirious man in snowstorm.** On the morning of December 22, a woman in the area of 17000 W. Belleview called regarding a shirtless man walking in a field during a snowstorm. She said the man was howling and talking nonsense. Deputies responded and found a ½-mile-long driveway that had not been cleared of the snow, and their patrol cars became stuck. They searched for the man on foot and found him in a ravine, curled into a ball and wrapped around a tree. He was now fully naked, red, and shaking from the cold, with cuts all over. Deputies struggled with the man to get him to a nearby house, often carrying him. They carried him up the ravine, all the while attempting to get medical personnel to understand their location in the deep and still-falling snow. Friends of the man stood by but refused to help. Eventually, they got the man to medical personnel staged nearby.

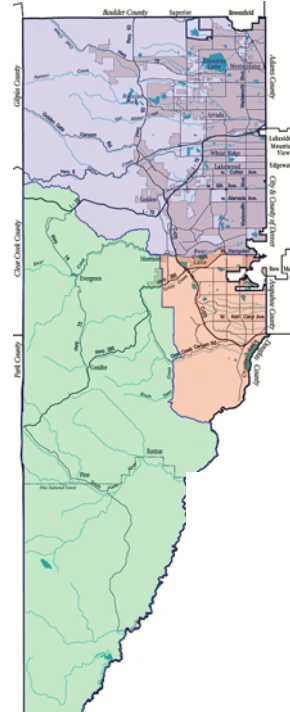
Patrol Watch Activity

Patrol watch activity is measured by two criteria — reports and service calls.

- A **report** has a case number and is documented with a written report.
- A **service call** occurs when a deputy is dispatched to a call that does not require a written report.

Reports and service calls are broken down by precincts: north, south and mountains.

- **North.** The north area of Jeffco is considered to be the area north of Alameda Avenue to the county line, and east of the foothills (mainly unincorporated Golden and Arvada, Clear Creek, Golden Gate and Coal Creek canyons).
- **South.** The south area is considered to be Alameda south to Chatfield Reservoir, and east of the foothills (unincorporated Littleton and Lakewood).
- **Mountains.** The mountain area is considered to be south of I-70, and west of the foothills (Evergreen, Conifer, Idledale, Kittredge and the south mountains).



2011 FOURTH QUARTER REPORTS

| REPORTS | North | South | Mountains | TOTAL |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| October | 751 | 1411 | 554 | 2,716 |
| November | 780 | 1290 | 451 | 2,521 |
| December | 638 | 1215 | 398 | 2,251 |
| Total | 2,169 | 3,916 | 1,403 | 7,488 |

2011 FOURTH QUARTER SERVICE CALLS

| SERVICE CALLS | North | South | Mountains | TOTAL |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| October | 725 | 1329 | 639 | 2,693 |
| November | 639 | 1234 | 612 | 2,485 |
| December | 660 | 913 | 590 | 2,163 |
| Total | 2,024 | 3,476 | 1,841 | 7,341 |

2010-2011 QUARTERLY COMPARISON: REPORTS

| REPORTS | 2010 | 2011 | % Change |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| October | 2,809 | 2,716 | -3% |
| November | 2,438 | 2,521 | -3% |
| December | 2,513 | 2,251 | -10% |
| Total | 7,760 | 7,488 | -4% |

2010-2011 QUARTERLY COMPARISON: SERVICE CALLS

| SERVICE CALLS | 2010 | 2011 | % Change |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| October | 2,873 | 2,693 | -6% |
| November | 2,402 | 2,485 | +3% |
| December | 2,415 | 2,163 | -10% |
| Total | 7,690 | 7,341 | -5% |

Traffic Enforcement

The primary goal of JCSO traffic enforcement is to reduce unsafe driving in the county. Salaries for the traffic clerks and equipment are funded through the revenue generated from the Model Traffic Code (MTC).

Below is the number of tickets issued during the quarter, as well as a comparison from the same time period last year:

| MTC | Parking Tickets Issued | Traffic Tickets Issued |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Fourth Quarter 2010 | 108 | 2,638 |
| Fourth Quarter 2011 | 154 | 2,406 |

Of the 2,406 traffic tickets issued in the quarter, 76 percent were written in high-accident areas, as identified through accident statistics.

Criminal Investigation | QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Community meeting regarding SVP.** The Sheriff's Office hosted a community meeting on November 2 regarding sexually violent predator Larry I. Finell. Finell was released from custody on November 9th after serving a two year sentence for a parole violation associated with a previous sexual assault. The meeting was held to educate the public and enhance public safety. About 100 residents attended; the JCSO also sends e-mail updates when appropriate to area residents.
- **Friendly Hills vehicle trespasses.** On November 4, several residents in the Friendly Hills area realized their vehicles had been trespassed overnight. There were 10 reported vehicle trespasses in the area; all of the vehicles had been left unlocked. Electronics, credit cards, and personal items were stolen. A pair of black gloves were found in one vehicle; they were sent to CBI to be analyzed for DNA.
- **Seeking tips on Highway 6 arson.** On November 27, deputies responded to a vehicle fire on U.S. Hwy 6 just west of Tunnel 3. The 1998 red Acura Integra was fully engulfed and there were no occupants in or near it. The arson has been linked to a homicide in Denver. Investigators are still looking for tips.
- **Drug arrest leads to \$1 million in marijuana.** On December 7, Dimitry Genzer, the owner of dispensary "Cannabis and Co.," and a co-defendant, Joseph Daniel Alejo, were arrested by the West Metro Drug Task Force. The task force seized 150 pounds of high-grade marijuana. The task force, with the help of Denver Police, began the investigation in November when it was learned that Genzer was involved in the illegal sales of large quantities of high-grade marijuana. Further investigation led to a search of a storage locker in Lakewood which produced another 23 pounds of high-grade marijuana. A total of approximately 175 pounds of high grade marijuana was seized in this case, with a street value of approximately \$1 million.
- **Man steals purse; can't find reverse.** On December 20, a woman exited the Conoco store at 5899 S. Alkire St. and was approached by a man with a gun. The man demanded the woman's purse and car keys, which she handed to him. He got into her car, a 2004 black Audi with a manual transmission, and started it up. Fortunately for the victim, the suspect was unable to operate the stick-shift, and was unsuccessful at getting the car into gear. He fled on foot, taking the purse with him.
- **Grand jury indicts three in 2003 DeWild murder.** A grand jury indicted the victim's ex-husband and two others in the 2003 death of 30-year-old Heather DeWild. On September 4, 2003 the badly decomposed body of Heather DeWild was found in a shallow grave just off of westbound Highway 6, near mile marker 262.5, in unincorporated Jeffco. Recently a multi-jurisdictional team of investigators, including a JCSO homicide investigator, had renewed the investigation into the case.
- **Man convicted for sex assaults on sons.** Crimes Against Children staff investigated an aggravated incest case in which a man sexually assaulted his two sons. He was found guilty on all counts. Sentencing is scheduled for January 27th.
- **Criminal mischief/domestic violence.** In November a man went to his pregnant girlfriend's house on West 53rd Avenue to see her. When she refused to open the door, he took a baseball bat to her car, causing over \$1000 in damage. Two witnesses from the Women in Crisis shelter nearby witnessed the event.

Crime Statistics

Below is a five-year synopsis of reported major crime (Part 1) in this quarter of each year and a five-year synopsis of minor crime (Part 2) in this quarter of each year.

| | CRIME CATEGORIES | 4Q07 | 4Q08 | 4Q09 | 4Q10 | 4Q11 |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| PART 1 | ARSON | 8 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| | ASSAULT | 187 | 192 | 216 | 182 | 149 |
| | BURGLARY | 171 | 129 | 150 | 132 | 112 |
| | HOMICIDE* | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| | KIDNAP | 4 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 7 |
| | MVT | 59 | 45 | 40 | 33 | 32 |
| | ROBBERY | 4 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 8 |
| | THEFT | 351 | 358 | 351 | 398 | 361 |
| | UNLAWFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOR | 41 | 56 | 62 | 41 | 29 |
| | Total | 826 | 806 | 832 | 801 | 702 |
| PART 2 | DRUGS | 143 | 127 | 140 | 148 | 168 |
| | FAMILY | 74 | 77 | 81 | 95 | 88 |
| | FORGERY | 20 | 10 | 19 | 17 | 4 |
| | FRAUD | 146 | 123 | 131 | 136 | 141 |
| | GOVERNMENT | 67 | 44 | 36 | 46 | 34 |
| | MISCHIEF | 193 | 216 | 229 | 146 | 130 |
| | MORALS | 9 | 8 | 12 | 8 | 8 |
| | PEACE | 267 | 287 | 244 | 256 | 217 |
| | PROPERTY | 133 | 212 | 122 | 149 | 106 |
| | TRESPASS-D | 18 | 13 | 12 | 15 | 6 |
| | TRESPASS-V | 202 | 283 | 197 | 201 | 152 |
| | WEAPONS | 10 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 10 |
| | Total | 1,282 | 1,412 | 1,234 | 1,226 | 1,064 |
| Grand Total | | 2,108 | 2,218 | 2,066 | 2,027 | 1,766 |

* Includes homicides and attempted homicides.

Community Relations | QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Drug Takeback Day.** On October 29th, the Jefferson County Sheriff's joined law enforcement agencies nationwide to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. The DEA's National Prescription Take-Back Day provided an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction. Sheriff's representatives were set up at drop-off locations in Evergreen, north Jeffco and south Jeffco from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Citizens turned in over 400 pounds of medicines, which were destroyed.
- **South precinct makes its move.** In November, the Sheriff's Office south precinct in the Ken Caryl area moved from its location on Shaffer Parkway to 11139 Bradford Road -- just around the corner. The new south office houses the Sheriff's Office south precinct and the Jefferson County Clerk & Recorder's south Jeffco motor vehicle office. The move fits two county government service providers into one south Jeffco site -- allowing us to provide a more convenient setup for citizens while saving on rental costs.
- **Christmas Crusade.** Again this year, about 400 children from Jefferson County received holiday gifts from deputies via the KYGO Christmas Crusade for Children. Through the program, deputies nominate needy children and KYGO listeners donate gifts. Deputies then deliver the gifts on or before Christmas day.
- **Survey results.** We mail a quarterly survey to 250 recipients who have recently had contact with our agency; it's one of several tools we use to gather feedback from the public. Possible survey recipients are witnesses, victims, drivers, passengers or reporting parties. Speeding in residential neighborhoods is the most frequently cited safety concern. Below are some free-form comments from our third quarter 2011 survey:
 - ✓ *Thanks for assigning a deputy for our neighborhood to handle situations as they arise and to address our concerns*
 - ✓ *My contact with employees has always been polite, positive & respectful thank you!*
 - ✓ *Maybe more visible drive thru neighborhood for visibility/security (recommendation for improved service)*
 - ✓ *TY [thank you] for cracking down on speeding on Hwy 74. I recently call in a "tip" about a young man from Wisc & the officer was very polite & helpful. The young man was found.*