

DISPATCH

2011 COMMUNITY EDITION



A MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

Among the many blessings I count, both personally and professionally, is the caliber of the men and women who serve this community as members of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. They work hard every day, to deliver the promise of keeping our families and our property safe by solving crimes that have occurred and helping you learn how to prevent crime from happening.

I was excited to report to you, in early 2010, that our 2009 crime numbers were down in double digits. Crime declined 15.7% for violent crime (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated battery, aggravated assault), and 10.5% overall UCR Part 1 in 2009. This was a historic occurrence.

As we begin 2011, and prepare this document – it looks like we will be reporting double digit declines in both violent crime (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, aggravated battery) and overall crime to the state (FDLE) and federal (FBI) authorities again, for 2010. (Violent crime reductions and a decline in overall Part I crime.)

As, I have shared with you all before, I attribute the decline in crime to three things: First, we are an effective law enforcement agency and we run with great efficiency. Outside experts, such as the Matrix Auditing Group, the Lean Consortium, and respected crime experts have made these assertions.

I've worked very hard, along with my management team and the men and women of the JSO, to stay focused on what matters most: ensuring that we are men and women of character; properly deployed; well equipped; and skillfully managed. Like many of you we are continually striving to use our assets and resources in ways that will affect the best outcome, despite very tight budgets. Working closely with the Mayor and City Council, we have added 128 greatly needed new police positions in recent years, helping us have a greater impact in the community. The numbers tell the

story. In 2009 there were 24,000 fewer reported crimes than in 1989.

Secondly, we have effective prosecution. And folks, it is working. Under the leadership of State Attorney Angela Corey fewer felony cases are dropped. They are prosecuting more cases, and asking for stiffer sentences in state prison for those offenders who present a danger to this community. Especially in cases involving gun crimes and convicted felons using guns. The cumulative effect is fewer suspects are out on the street committing more crime because charges were reduced or the case dropped altogether.

And finally, but every bit as important as an effective criminal justice system, is citizen involvement. We know that tips are up. We know this because of how many crimes we solve as we follow up on information YOU have given us. Our JSOCrimeTips@jaxsheriff.org email address, along with First Coast Crime Stoppers* are valuable, ANONYMOUS tools anyone can use to provide information about crime. Membership in our Sheriff's Advisory Councils is up AND we have 976 active neighborhood watch groups.

In 2011, I'd like to ask you to CONTINUE to support our efforts to dramatically lower Jacksonville's crime rate by considering the following:

#1 – Get involved with us. If you want to come to a meeting and work with people who are passionate about assisting the Sheriff's Office in our mission, consider joining a Sheriff's Advisory Council.

#2 – If monthly meetings aren't for you, but you still want to assist by being "eyes and ears" in the neighborhood – and interact a bit more with your neighbors – consider joining (or starting) a Neighborhood Watch group. We also have River Watch if you live on the waterways and Business Watch, if your business wants to band together with other nearby businesses.



#3 – Volunteer with us. We have several programs that may appeal to you: School Crossing Guards (great for retirees with flexible schedules); Reserve Officers (who are volunteers with essentially the same training and rigorous standards as our sworn officers); Seniors versus Crime (a partnership with the Attorney General, these trained seniors are assisting other elders in stopping scams and crimes targeting the elderly); and more. Please call 904-630-2160 to learn more about joining us in the Good Fight in 2011.

Again, my most heartfelt thanks for your support and as always, we'd love to hear from you!*

John H. Rutherford, Sheriff
Duval County, Florida

* To remain anonymous and receive a possible reward, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-866-845-TIPS or email them at rewards@fccrimestoppers.com

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CRIME DECLINES in the COMMUNITY PREVENTION EFFORTS

Sheriff's CRIME PREVENTION Walks



Throughout 2010, Sheriff John Rutherford participated in neighborhood walks in the six zones that comprise JSO's jurisdiction. And he plans to continue those efforts throughout 2011. Each walk is viewed by Sheriff Rutherford as an opportunity to further educate citizens about their important roll in the fight against crime and solicit their feedback and tips.

Neighborhoods Come Together for National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 3, 2010, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office participated in the 27th annual National Night Out, a nationwide crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and national sponsor, Target Corporation.

More than 135 local groups took part in JSO's National Night Out by celebrating with events such as cookouts, ice cream socials and youth programs.

Sheriff John Rutherford along with his staff and officers, blanketed the city joining citizens at various gatherings, and thanking them for their commitment to keeping Jacksonville safe.

For more information on National Night Out, please go to: <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/>



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ShAdCo

- 2,851 members
- 19 locations



PAL

- Six locations
- Structured afterschool educational and athletic programs
- Serving almost 3,000 children
- For more information go to www.jaxpal.com



Business Watch/Neighborhood Watch/River Watch

- 852 merchants are a part of Business Watch
- 976 communities are involved in Neighborhood Watch
- River Watch has 7 active participants
- For more information call (904) 630-2160

*Information provided by JSO's Community Affairs Division and PAL. Statistics are 2010 year end numbers.

CRIME TIPS

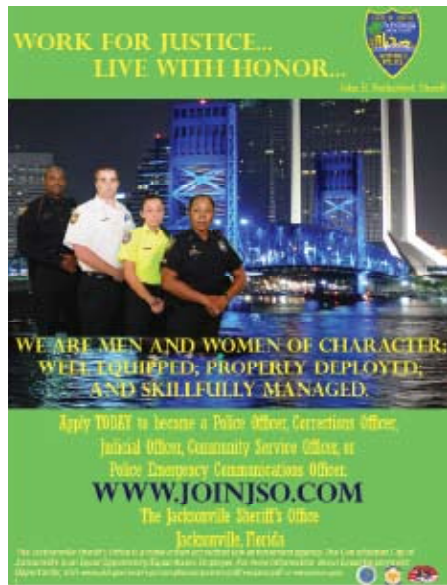
Citizens may go to www.jaxsheriff.org to access the Crime Tips section on the homepage. This section allows you to submit a crime tip or report junk/abandoned vehicles and traffic complaints.

www.JoinJSO.com

WORK FOR JUSTICE ... LIVE WITH HONOR

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office continues its recruitment campaign for police officers, corrections officers, judicial officers, community service officers, civilians, and police emergency communications officers, to fill vacancies.

Being chosen to join JSO means that you believe as we do: law enforcement is a calling for ethical and honorable individuals. We encourage you to visit www.JoinJSO.com and if the principal of "Working for Justice, Living with Honor" calls to you, then WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE ...



Stay Up-to-Date with the Latest News



The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office has a pro-active policy of making timely and accurate information available to the public through our Public Information Office. In addition, view live and taped news conferences and information about wanted individuals at www.jaxsheriff.org. Citizens can view events and news on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/JacksonvilleSheriffsOffice

Twitter: @JSOPIO

YouTube: www.youtube.com/JaxSheriff

Don't forget to check out the JSO's weekly cable television show, Signal 94, which discusses information on wanted individuals, crime prevention tips and much more.

It is broadcast on Comcast Channel 29.

Citizens can also receive periodic e-mails from Sheriff Rutherford. To enroll, send an e-mail to JSOnews@jaxsheriff.org and type "subscribe" in the subject line.

First Coast Crime Stoppers is the local arm of a nationwide program that is designed to pay rewards for the anonymous tips that lead to arrests.



Crime Stoppers partners with enforcement agencies, the media, and the community in solving crimes and getting criminals off the street.

The toll-free tip line is 1-866-845-8477. All calls are anonymous, and payouts are made without the use of a name.

For more information visit www.fccrimestoppers.com.



Concerned about CRIME IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Become involved with the JSO.

Whether you want to become a member of the Sheriff's Advisory Council (ShAdCo) or a Community Posse member, or participate in a Neighborhood Watch program, the JSO has crime prevention programs designed to help citizens get involved. The programs guide citizens through the steps to create a better community, at a level of participation each citizen is comfortable with.

To learn more, or to enroll in one of our programs, please visit www.jaxsheriff.org or call the Community Affairs Division at (904) 630-2160.

The JSO's Citizen's Academy

This programs provides citizens an opportunity to learn the inner workings of a major city law enforcement agency. For more information, please go to: www.jaxsheriff.org and use the SEARCH engine to locate the Citizen's Academy page and apply.

JSO Website

Our website, www.jaxsheriff.org, incorporates the latest technology to provide information such as streaming video, breaking news, JSO reports, financials, tapes of news conferences, and information on how to contact all divisions and units. Using the SEARCH TOOL you will find information about the following topics and services:



Hello JSO – Use this tab as a quick reference tool to locate the following: Citizen's Online Crime Reporting System, Crime Tips and Nuisance Complaints, Employee/Service Compliments, Employee/Service Complaints, General Feedback and Questions, News, and "Where do I go?"



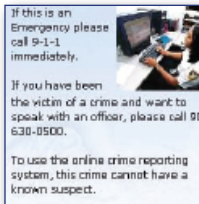
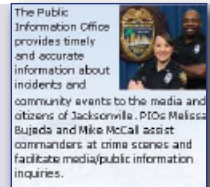
Sheriff – Find out more about Sheriff John H. Rutherford and his initiatives, vision for the JSO, and information about important issues. Links available on this page also provide information about notable events and community education on important issues, and an opportunity to sign up for periodic e-mails from Sheriff Rutherford.

Crime Tips – The Citizen's Online Crime Tip and Nuisance Complaint Reporting System allows you to submit a crime tip, or report junk/abandoned vehicles and traffic complaints.



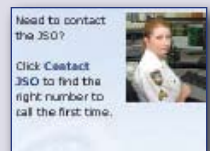
News – including "The Whole Truth" page

This newsroom contains press clips, recent press conferences, or taped events (in their entirety), instructions on how to make public records requests, information on doing business with the City of Jacksonville, and much more. And don't forget, you can follow us on Facebook at Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, on Twitter at "JSOPIO" and on YouTube at www.youtube.com/JaxSheriff.



Online Crime Reporting – The Citizen's Online Crime Reporting System allows you to quickly and efficiently submit information for an official police report for certain crimes or incidents, in the privacy of your own home, office or by smartphone. When you complete this report (and after it is reviewed and approved by a police officer), you will be able to print a free copy of your official police report. To use this program the crime cannot have a known suspect.

Contact JSO – Need to contact the JSO? In addition to citizens being able to call 9-1-1 for emergencies and 630-0500 for non-emergencies, the JSO is also committed to providing communication opportunities for the deaf and hearing impaired community. 9-1-1 can be accessed using a TTY phone system. DEAF LINK assists police officers in communicating with members of the deaf and hearing impaired community when they are out in the field or at any JSO location.



JoinJSO.com – Work for Justice. Live with Honor. We are men and women of character, well equipped, properly deployed, and skillfully managed. Visit JoinJSO.com, our recruitment website, to learn more about applying for a position with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Wanted – JSO needs your help to capture these wanted fugitives. Anyone with information about the individuals listed on this page are asked to contact the JSO at 630-0500 or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-866-845-TIPS for a possible reward.



Crime Statistics – As a service to the public, JSO provides crime statistics, information with a mapping program, and links to the Uniform Crime Reports statistics. The service shows the number of incidents reported to police in any area selected by you.



Offender Watch – The JSO maintains "Offender Watch," a free sex offender/predator registry and email notification system, as a public service. Individuals interested in being notified when a sexual offender/predator moves into a specific area of Duval County can subscribe to this service at no charge. This registry is also designed to increase community education, safety and awareness.