

CITY OF CLEVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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Chief's Message

It is my pleasure to present the City of Clever Police Department's 2019 Annual Report. The purpose of this report is to provide our community a snapshot of information and statistics impacting our city and the department including crime, traffic, staffing levels, and what's new in our department.

Thanks to the outstanding effort of the men and women who work at the City of Clever Police Department, in partnership with our community, in 2019 we saw many categories stay somewhat level overall, observing a decrease in motor vehicle crashes, theft and property damage, we saw an uptick in narcotics, domestic violence, harassment/threats, and civil issues. We still have a lot of work to do as a community to ensure crime trending in the right direction. We have improved and upgraded Officer ability by installing Surface Pro mobile data terminals in patrol vehicles, acquisition of Tasers, tint meters, oleoresin capicum spray, and more.

The City of Clever Police Department continues to enjoy an incredibly supportive community. Many of our community members come out for events such as Car Shows, Special Olympics, Easter Egg Drop, and Christmas Parade. As a city, we have challenges, however standing together we will continue to improve our area. We are extremely grateful for all of the support shown by our community.

***“Choose to achieve perfection. We won’t achieve it because perfection is impossible.
But by pursuing perfection, we will achieve excellence.”
– Vince Lombardi***

The City of Clever Police Department is invested in our community. Together with the citizens of Clever, we can honestly say “it gets better every day”.

It has been a rewarding and challenging year. We will continue to strengthen our ties with the community and look for ways to improve our service and efficiency.



MISSION STATEMENT

The Police Department, in serving the people of the City of Clever, strives to reduce crime and provide a safe city by:

- Recognizing that its goal is to help people and provide assistance at every opportunity;
- Providing preventive, investigative, and enforcement services;
- Increasing citizen satisfaction with public safety and obtaining community cooperation through the Department's training, skills, and efforts; and
- Realizing that the Police Department alone cannot control crime, but must act in concert with the community and the rest of the Criminal Justice System.

In achieving this mission, the men and women of the City of Clever Police Department will conduct themselves in an ethical manner. They will:

- Respect and protect the rights of citizens as determined by the law;
- Treat citizens and their fellow employees courteously and with the same amount of dignity with which they expect to be treated themselves;
- Be examples of honesty and integrity in their professional and personal lives, thereby earning the public trust;
- Perform their duties with the knowledge that protection of the lives and property of all citizens is their primary duty; and
- Comply with the spirit and letter of the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics.

VISION STATEMENT

The City of Clever Police Department believes in the principals of community policing and works in partnership with the citizens and local businesses to promote, encourage, and enact ways to maintain a low crime rate, increase public safety, and enhance our quality of life.

CORE VALUES

Integrity – We are committed to candor, honest, and ethical behavior with each other and to those we serve.

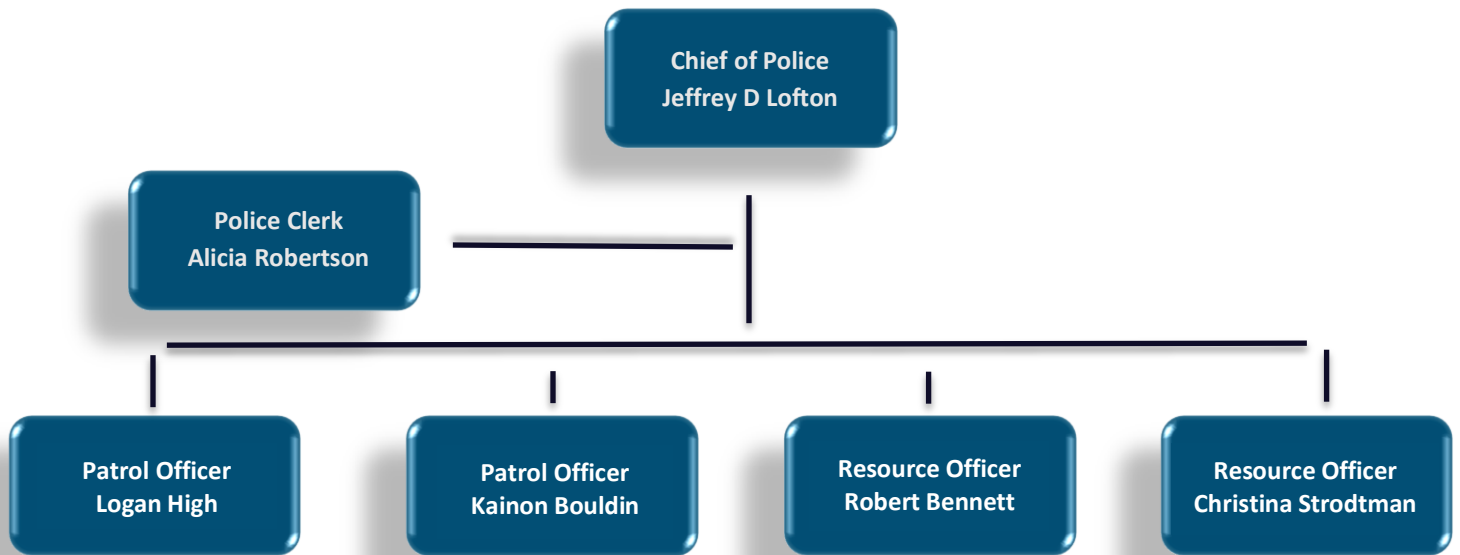
Public Service – We deliver to the public, high quality service, which is fair, impartial, courteous, responsive and efficient. We recognize the need to involve the community in creating a secure and safe environment.

Competence – We maintain high standards of training and expertise and keep abreast of new trends and standards in the field of law enforcement.

Responsibility and Accountability – We make effective use of our resources and provide a spirit of open communication within our community. We are responsible for our actions. We admit our mistakes and strive to earn the trust and support of our community.

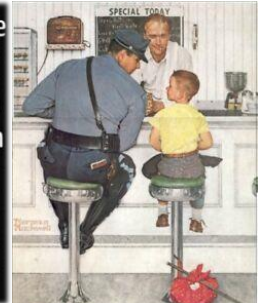
Respect for Co-Workers – We maintain a workplace environment based on mutual respect, which reflects an appreciation of the unique qualities of each individual who contributes to the overall good of our team.

COMMAND STRUCTURE



The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.

(Robert Peel)





The City of Clever is located in the panhandle of the County of Christian spanning 1.26 square miles at an elevation of 1,398 feet. The city was established in 1896, with the City of Clever Police Department starting law enforcement activity in 1972. The Police Department is dedicated to partnerships with local allied agencies and first responders in order to provide the most efficient and effective services to our community.

Demographics:

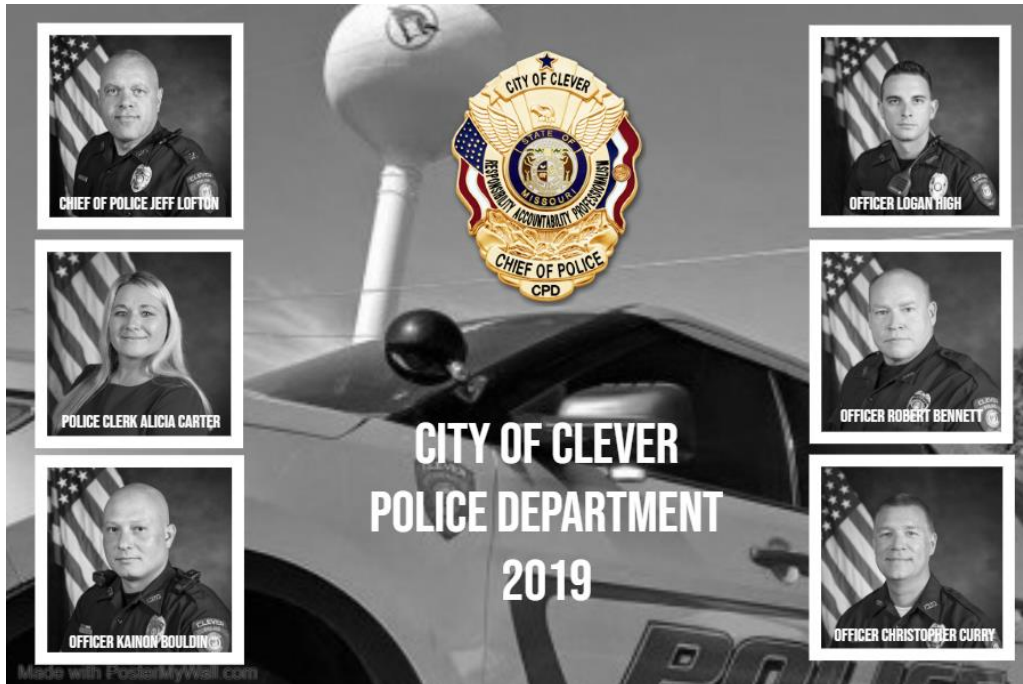
Total Population 2,139 (2010 Census)
 2018 Estimated Population 2,714

Total Median Age 31.6
 Male Median Age 32.3
 Female Median Age 30.9

Married:	Homeowner 72.0%	Renter 28.0%
Non-Family:	Homeowner 67.2%	Renter 32.8%
Average Size of Married Households	3.09	
Average Size of Non-Family Households	1.36	

Educational Attainment 90.0% (High School graduate or higher)
 Median Household Income \$50,327.00
 Labor Force Participation 67.3%
 Unemployment Rate 3.9%
 Veterans 182 (from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and Gulf Wars)





CHIEF OF POLICE

Jeffrey D. Lofton

POLICE OFFICERS

Robert Bennett

Kainon Bouldin

Logan High

Christina Strodtman

POLICE CLERK

Alicia Robertson

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Mark Amtower

POLICE CHAPLAINS

Dan Updegrave

Kirby Holbrook

Travis Sanders

Brian Jump

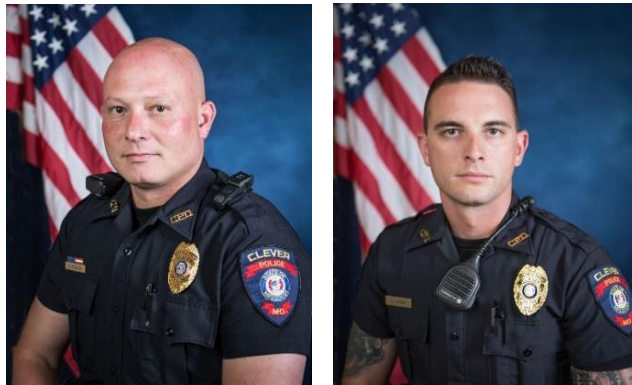
Tim Shepard

Daniel Dorey

PATROL DIVISION

Uniform police patrol is the backbone of every municipal law enforcement agency and the City of Clever Police Department is no different. Our enforcement techniques are evaluated daily and thoroughly analyzed annually so we may better respond to the rapidly changing needs of our citizens. Our mission is accomplished through a highly adaptable approach to mobile patrols, utilizing specialized equipment and trained personnel.

The City of Clever Police Department continues to acquire grant funding to increase speed enforcement and engage in preventative alcohol violation programs. While enforcement is an essential component of our peace-keeping efforts, it is equally important that we join with the community to serve other needs as well.



Total Calls for Service: 2,179

Total Arrests:	52
Warrant Arrests:	25
Domestic Violence Arrests:	2
Drug Arrests:	6
Driving While Suspended/Revoked Arrests:	16
Driving While Intoxicated Arrests:	3
Traffic Stop Contacts:	551
Traffic Citations:	274
Traffic Stop Warnings:	277
Motor Vehicle Crashes:	29
Theft:	23
Motor Vehicle Theft:	0
Burglary:	5
Assault:	15
Homicide:	0
Rape:	0

Municipal Charges Forwarded:	265
State Charges Forwarded:	36
911 Misdeal/Hang-up	114
Animal	70
Check Area/Building/Person/Vehicle	233
Follow Up Investigations	180
Harassment/Threats	41
Medical	31
Disturbance	26
Trespassing	8
Suicide Attempt/Threat	7
Civil	30
Property/Evidence Intake	33
Crime Lab Analysis	19

SCHOOL RESOURCE DIVISION

The City of Clever Police Department maintains a partnership with the Clever School District, working closely with school administrators, teachers, and other staff to enhance the overall educational environment. A Missouri POST certified law enforcement officer works at each of the Clever School District facilities to provide immediate access to all law enforcement services and to assist in maintaining a high level of safety, order, and discipline. The program operates through a contract with the Clever School District which provides two qualified and trained officers to serve as School Resource Officers.

School Resource Officers are, first and foremost, Law Enforcement Officers and are responsible for addressing any criminal complaints or incidents that arise on school property, or during school sponsored events. School Resource Officers also provide classroom instructional programs on drug and alcohol awareness, laws, narcotics, computer crimes, personal safety, and the role of the police, along with brochures on numerous topics of concern to students and parents.



POLICE CLERK DIVISION

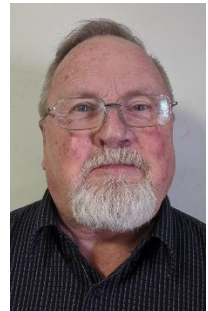
The Record's Unit handles all reports generated by the City of Clever Police Department and is the depository for all original police reports. These include citations, offense reports, vehicular accident reports, tow reports, and all additional reports completed by Officers. These reports are processed, indexed, and archived for permanent storage. The Police Clerk is also responsible for entering, updating, validating, and cancellation of all reported statistical and criminal history information provided to City, State, and Federal Criminal History Record Information databases.

The Clerk's mission is to maintain accurate records of arrests, reported crimes, and traffic related incidents and to ensure the security and integrity of these records in accordance with statutes, policies, and regulations.



POLICE CHAPLAINS DIVISION

The City of Clever Police Department has six Police Chaplains; Pastor Brian Jump, Pastor Dan Updegrave, Pastor Tim Shepard, Pastor Travis Sanders, Pastor Daniel Dorey and Pastor Kirby Holbrook. Chaplains work with law enforcement personnel on a professional level by making themselves immediately available as trained and caring professionals who can assist people in crisis situations or in times of loss, confusion, depression, or grief. The Chaplains provide this service not only to the community, but also to all Department employees and their families as well. This program was started in June, 2019, with these six outstanding cornerstone members.



DEPARTMENT GRANTS

Annually, the City of Clever Police Department applies for grant monies to fund selective enforcement activities. The grants are submitted to sponsoring agencies for approval and issuance of funds. 2019 Grants Awarded:



NRA School Shield Grant - \$6,210.00



Missouri Police Chiefs Association/V-Academy/MoDOT

Training Grant - \$600.00



MoDOT Traffic Engineering Assistance Program - \$7,972.54

(80/20 Grant on School Safety Study)

TRAINING

The City of Clever Police Department is responsible for ongoing education of civilian employees as well as sworn peace officers as required by the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

The Peace Officer Standards and Training Program (POST) requires sworn officers licensed prior to 01/01/2018 must obtain 24 hours of Continuing Law Enforcement Education (CLEE) by 12/31/2018, with at least 8 of the 24 hours coming from an approved provider of training. Of these 24 hours, officers must obtain a minimum of:

- Two hours Legal Studies – training that focuses on updates or familiarization of federal or state criminal law, case law updates or any type of legal issues.
- Two hours Technical Studies – training that focuses on specialized studies or activities which directly relate to the job description and performance, such as crash investigation, traffic stops, and agency policy updates.
- Two hours Interpersonal Perspectives – training that focuses on interpersonal or communication skills, such as implicit bias, racial profiling, cultural diversity, ethics, fair and impartial policing practices, conflict management, victim sensitivity, critical thinking and social intelligence, mental health awareness, and stress management training.
- Two hours Skill Development – training that focuses on activities that develop physical skill proficiency and demonstrative tasks such as defensive tactics, driver training, first aid, and CPR training.
- Two hours Skill Development/Firearms – training that focuses on activities that develop physical skill proficiency and demonstrative tasks in firearms.
- 16 hours Electives – focusing on any core curricula area.
- One hour - Racial Profiling.

In addition to mandated hours, the City of Clever Police Department annually works to identify training that works in conjunction with the ongoing mission of the agency to operate the numerous pieces of equipment utilized by officers every day. During the 2019 calendar year, sworn officers received 88 hours of POST approved training and 20 hours of Inservice.

2019 Internal Affairs Facts

Use of Force Incidents: 0

Pursuits: 0

Personnel Complaints: 0

Unfounded: N/A

Exonerated: N/A

Sustained: N/A

What's New in 2019

Chaplain Program

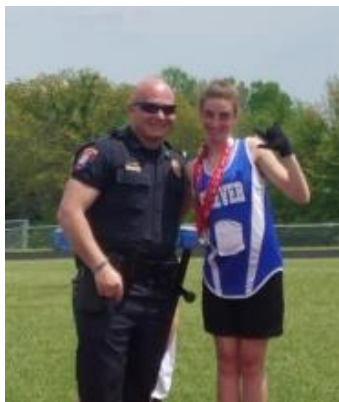


Window Alert Program



Photo Album



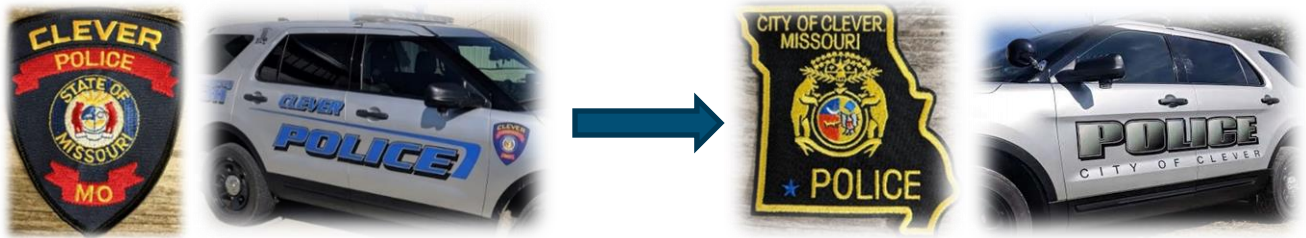








Re-Branding



Recognitions



Reaghan Hubert – Citizen Commendation
Sydnee Thrasher – Citizen Commendation



James King – Citizen Commendation

Officer Logan High

Meritorious Service Award



Officer Kainon Bouldin

Meritorious Service Award



Alicia Robertson

Exceptional Service Award



Officer Christina Strodman

Letter of Commendation

Officer Robert Bennett

Letter of Recognition



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

In 2019, the City of Clever Police Department moved forward through a restructure phase which took place from February through April.

Our agency is allocated seven positions for employment; six sworn police officers and one non-commissioned position. Recruitment takes place online through the Police Department website, through social media, agency affiliation sites, and local/regional law enforcement academy settings.

The City of Clever Police Department is always looking to hire highly motivated, professional, men and women who would like to excel in this career field. We continue to search for qualified candidates that meet our high standard of professionalism and are ready to take the challenge to work in an environment striving to make the City of Clever Police Department one of southwest Missouri's premier law enforcement agencies.

If you are looking for the opportunity to truly make a difference in your community, contact the Chief of Police at 417-743-5109 or email us at policechief@clevermo.com.



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