

# **CITY OF CLEVER POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2020**



**City of Clever Police Department**

12/31/2020

Chief of Police Jeffrey D Lofton

**RESPONSIBILITY – ACCOUNTABILITY - PROFESSIONALISM**

## Message from the Chief:

The City of Clever Police Department appreciates your interest in the 2020 Annual Report. The Department is comprised of people dedicated and diligently working for the community they serve. This year was unorthodox and difficult to navigate at times, but closed out seeing completion of goals which had been set prior. The Police Department implemented access to a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS), as well as improving safety throughout the jurisdiction with the addition of items like Stop Stix tire deflation device, expanded school zones, and gaining access to Missouri Department of Transportation mini-grant opportunities for traffic enforcement, among other things.

In regards to personnel, one Police Officer was hired in February to fill a vacant Patrol position, and we parted ways with that same individual in October. Two Officers were promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and the new City-created Animal Control/Code Enforcement/Building Inspector position was filled as well. One Officer was sent away on military deployment, and upon his return, another gets ready to go in 2021. In addition, a new School Resource Officer was hired in for the Clever High School assignment.

The Department continued to put an emphasis on training and took advantage of various opportunities for its members. This will continue to be a point of emphasis in the future. The members of the City of Clever Police Department worked hard and are proud to serve and protect, and will continue to look for ways to improve upon our mission and our service to the community.





## **Safewise #6 Safest City in Missouri for 2020**

The City of Clever was identified as one of the top safest cities in Missouri through FBI crime reporting statistics and population data, with rankings based on both violent and property crime numbers. Calculations came from the rate of crimes per 1,000 people, so comparisons could be made with differing populations.



## 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.

**In 1829, Sir Robert Peel established the London Metropolitan Police Force. He became known as the “Father of Modern Policing,” and his commissioners established a list of policing principles that remain as crucial and urgent today as they were two centuries ago.**

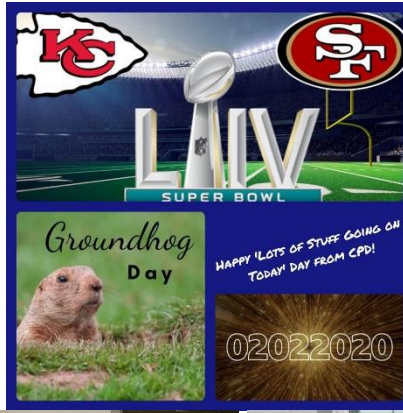
## 9 Policing Principles

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1. To prevent crime and disorder, as an alternative to their repression by military force and severity of legal punishment.
  2. To recognize always that the power of the police to fulfill their functions and duties is dependent on public approval of their existence, actions and behavior, and on their ability to secure and maintain public respect.
  3. To recognize always that to secure and maintain the respect and approval of the public means also the securing of the willing cooperation of the public in the task of securing observance of laws.
  4. To recognize always that the extent to which the cooperation of the public can be secured diminishes proportionately the necessity of the use of physical force and compulsion for achieving police objectives.
  5. To seek and preserve public favor, not by pandering to public opinion, but by constantly demonstrating absolute impartial service to law, in complete independence of policy, and without regard to the justice or injustice of the substance of individual laws, by ready offering of individual service and friendship to all members of the public without regard to their wealth or social standing, by ready exercise of courtesy and friendly good humor, and by ready offering of individual sacrifice in protecting and preserving life.
  6. To use physical force only when the exercise of persuasion, advice and warning is found to be insufficient to obtain public cooperation to an extent necessary to secure observance of law or to restore order, and to use only the minimum degree of physical force which is necessary on any particular occasion for achieving a police objective.
  7. To maintain at all times a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and that 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.
  8. To recognize always the need for strict adherence to police-executive functions, and to refrain from even seeming to usurp the powers of the judiciary of avenging individuals or the State, and of authoritatively judging guilt and punishing the guilty.
  9. To recognize always that the test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, and not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with them.
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POLICE-TER  
BUNNY

MADE  
A VISIT!

**THE CITY  
OF CLEVER  
ROCKS!**

FIND ONE OF  
THE PAINTED ROCKS  
AROUND TOWN...  
TRADE IT IN  
AT THE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT FOR  
AN EASTER BASKET!



The  
Police-ter  
Bunny  
strikes the  
City of  
Clever




See if you can find  
one of these 10  
rocks!



Trade that painted  
rock in at the  
Police Department  
for an Easter  
basket with candy,  
gift card and other  
goodies!











Safe Driver



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AWESOME  
SUPER POWER  
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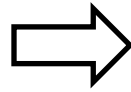












## City of Clever Police Department Roster:

<b>DILLON PETERSEN</b> Patrol Officer 804	Patrol Officer 805	<b>BARNEY MUNHOLLON</b> School Resource - HS 810	<b>CHRISTINA STRODTMAN</b> School Resource – ES/MS 811	<b>ROBERT BENNETT</b> Code / Animal / Inspection 815
<b>KAINON BOULDIN</b> Sergeant - Quartermaster 802	<b>LOGAN HIGH</b> Sergeant - Evidence 803	<b>ALICIA ROBERTSON</b> Records/Clerk/PA Assistant 820	<b>JEFFREY D LOFTON</b> Chief of Police 801	

## Chaplain Division:

DanUpdegrave – Dan Dorey – Travis Sanders – Brian Jump – Kirby Holbrook



## Department Grants

Annually, the City of Clever Police Department applies for grant funds for selective enforcement activities. The grants are submitted to sponsoring agencies for approval and issuance. 2020 Grants Awarded:



Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety - \$3,500.00  
Funds utilized for purchase of new portable breath test equipment.



Missouri Department of Transportation / Missouri Safety Center - \$2,000.00

Click It or Ticket	-	\$300.00
Youth Alcohol Enforcement	-	\$500.00
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	-	\$600.00
July DWI Enforcement	-	\$600.00



## Calls for Service Data 2020

(2019 totals in parenthesis)

911 Hang Up / Misdialed	97	(114)
Animal	71	(70)
Burglary	7	(5)
Check Area/Building/Person/Vehicle	181	(233)
Civil	39	(30)
Disturbance	14	(26)
Follow Up	237	(180)
Harass / Threats	24	(41)
Medical / Overdose	15	(31)
MVC Injury / Non-Injury	31	(20)
Suicide Attempt / Threat	8	(7)
Theft	35	(23)
Trespassing	5	(8)

Total Arrests:	62	(52)	Traffic Stops:	1071	(551)
Drug Arrests:	12	(6)	Warnings:	561	(277)
DWRS Arrests:	18	(16)	Citations:	484	(274)
Warrant Arrests:	19	(25)			
DWI Arrests:	8	(2)	Property/Evidence Intake:	195	(33)
Other Arrests:	5	(3)	Crime Lab Analysis:	53	(19)

**TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE                      2457    (2179)**





## 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.

### 2020 Internal Affairs Facts:

Use of Force Incidents	-	1
Firearm	-	1
Other	-	0
Pursuits	-	8
Incident Investigation	-	1
Unfounded	-	0
Exonerated	-	1
Sustained	-	0
Personnel Complaints	-	4
Unfounded	-	0
Exonerated	-	3
Sustained	-	1



## Recognitions:



**The Stockpile** - Citizen Commendation



**Peggy Ruble** – Citizen Commendation

**Sergeant Logan High**  
Life Saving Award



**Sergeant Logan High**  
Distinguished Medal of Valor



Additional Note: In reference to the actions by Sergeant Logan High, earning award recognition from the City of Clever Police Department, he was also presented the Police Medal of Honor from the Missouri Police Chiefs Association, and the Silver Star for Bravery award from the National Awards Program of the American Police Hall of Fame through the National Association of Chiefs of Police.

**Alicia Robertson**  
Meritorious Service Award



**Barney Munhollon**  
Meritorious Service Award



**Officer Christina Strodtman**  
Exceptional Service Award



**Officer Robert Bennett**  
Letter of Recognition





## Survey – October 2020

1 – To what extent does the City of Clever Police Department develop relationships with community members, residents, organizations, and groups?

20.51% - A Great Extent  
43.59% - A lot  
17.95% - Somewhat  
12.82% - A little  
5.13% - Not at all

2 – To what extent does the City of Clever Police Department make it easy for community members to provide input, comments, suggestions, concerns, file reports, etc?

7.69% - A Great Extent  
46.15% - A lot  
28.21% - Somewhat  
17.95% - A little  
0.00% - Not at all

3 – Top three issues you believe are the greatest problems within the community.

71.05% - Traffic Issues  
47.37% - Burglaries/Theft Residential  
39.47% - School Safety

4 – To what extent do you feel safe in your community when you are outside alone during the day?

57.50% - A Great Extent  
40.00% - A lot  
2.50% - Somewhat  
0.00% - A little  
0.00% - Not at all

5 – To what extent do you feel safe in your community when you are outside alone at night?

32.50% - A Great Extent  
45.00% - A lot  
22.50% - Somewhat  
0.00% - A little  
0.00% - Not at all

6 – Over the last 12 months, have your feelings of safety in your community increased, decreased or stayed the same?

80.00% - Stayed the same  
12.50% - Increased  
7.50% - Decreased

7 – To what extent do officers in the City of Clever Police Department treat people fairly?

27.50% - A Great Extent  
55.00% - A lot  
12.50% - Somewhat  
5.00% - A little  
0.00% - Not at all

8 – To what extent do you trust the City of Clever Police Department?

35.00% - A Great Extent  
47.50% - A lot  
10.00% - Somewhat  
7.50% - A little  
0.00% - Not at all

9 – To what extent are you satisfied with the overall performance of the City of Clever Police Department

20.00% - A Great Extent  
60.00% - A lot  
12.50% - Somewhat  
7.50% - A little  
0.00% - Not at all

10 – How many times in the last 12 months have you had contact with the City of Clever Police Department?

40.00% - 0  
37.50% - 1-2  
15.00% - 3-4  
7.50% - 5-6  
0.00% - 7+



## **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

The City of Clever Police Department is allocated eight positions for employment; seven sworn peace 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, complete an application posted on the City of Clever Police Department webpage, contact the Chief of Police at 417-743-5109, or email us at [policechief@clevermo.com](mailto:policechief@clevermo.com).





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