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1st Quarter 2025 Update

Incident Report Summary

Incident Type	First Quarter Totals
Jail Avg Daily Population	97
Prisoner Transports	73
Accidents	63
Erratic Drivers	27
Motor Assists	98
Traffic Stops	1047
Child Abuse/Endangerment	2
Citations Issued	377
Civil Papers Served	889
Assist Outside Agency	292
DUI	17
Suspicious Activity	14
Shots Fired	2
Drug Investigations	32
Welfare Checks	59
Battery/Assaults	13
Criminal Damage to Property	4
Larcenies/Burglaries	8
Domestic Incidents	21
Suicidal Subject Calls	4
Sex Offenses	2
Security Checks	107
Arrests	203
Miscellaneous Incidents	664
Total Incidents	4018



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Corrections Division

- Introduction of the latest programs offered to our Offender Population
 - The Restoration Center is providing Adult Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI), Kansas Client Placement Criteria Screening (KCPC) and Mental Health Screening. Individual/Group Sessions, peer Mentoring Services, Drug and Alcohol Prevention, Mental Health and Anger Management.
 - Street Prophets Ministry is providing Drug Treatment Programs, Life Skills Workshops, Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, Job Readiness, Mentoring/Discipleship, Chapel Services, and Bible Study.
 - The Gideon's Christian Organization is providing several sessions of Bible Study weekly.
- Continuation of Corrections Officer Training. Revisions to our new hire training program.
- KBI DNA Collection Training
- Firearms Training
 - The Corrections Staff completed training to carry firearms while serving outside of the facility during transports, medical details, etc.
- Selection and Training of new Field Training Officers
 - CO Lamberth
 - CO Hall
 - CO Mummert
 - CO Robles
 - CO Serafino
- Awards/Recognitions
 - CO Bartolome was awarded Crime Stoppers Correctional Officer of the Year for 2024.
 - Echo Padilla was awarded Crime Stoppers Correctional Administrative Assistant of the Year for 2024.
- New Hires on the Corrections side.
 - CO Bryson Miller
 - CO Vernelle Augustine
 - CO Vincent Rossi
- Promotions on the Corrections side.
 - CO David Stevenson promoted to Sergeant.
 - CO Daniel Alexander promoted to Sergeant.
 - CO Dominique Cole promoted to Sergeant.
 - Sergeant Joshua Ramos promoted to Lieutenant.



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- Inmate Worker Program
 - Volunteer Inmate Workers are being utilized to wash inmate laundry, clean and maintain communal areas in the jail to include stripping and waxing tile flooring. Recently we have started using Inmate Workers to hand wash the County Patrol Vehicles and invitations were extended to the Junction City Police Department and Grandview Plaza Police Department. This provides incentives and work ethic for inmates.
- Revision work continues updating outdated Jail Policies and Procedures.
- Inmate Medical Contract Proposals are being reviewed for selection.
- Budget review and revisions are being conducted for the Corrections Division's 2026 Annual Budget.
- We currently have 5 CO employment offers extended. If all pass the background process, would leave 1 vacant CO position. We currently have 2 COs that are onboarding and will tentatively start on 4/12/2025.
- Exploring a new food service jail contract to save money.

Operations Division

- Awards/Recognitions
 - Deputy Weeks, Deputy Huizar, and Deputy Umeck were awarded the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Director's Award for Investigative Work during the Summer of 2024
 - Deputy Shaw was awarded Crime Stoppers Deputy of the Year for 2024.
 - Lieutenant Parker received the FBI LEEDA Trilogy Award, which recognizes LEOs who have completed Supervisor Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute, and Executive Leadership Institute.
- Exploring Uniform Changes
 - Possible Color Change
 - Test & Evaluation of new uniform manufacturers to explore cost savings of up to 60 percent.
- Implemented Assigned Patrol Areas/Beats within the County.
 - Deputies assigned to each area/beat will provide more efficient response time and coverage throughout rural Geary County.
- A Deputy Sheriff was involved in a traffic accident while off-duty in Geary County. The Geary County Sheriff's Office asked the Kansas Highway Patrol to investigate the incident. Once the initial investigation was completed, a review of the allegations and findings was conducted and resulted in the termination of the Deputy Sheriff's employment.



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Administration Division

- Laura Rhoades was awarded Crime Stoppers Operations Administrative Assistant of the Year for 2024
 - Currently working to identify cost saving initiatives/reimbursement for Extraditions. There has been over \$300,000.00 in uncollected extradition fees over the last 5 years.
- John Helms retired as Court Deputy in January and recently came back to work as a Civil Process Server.
- Lieutenant Jones completed FTO Program Management Training in February and is overhauling the FTO program and the Hiring and Training Programs.
- Nick Walker and Brian Hagemeister concluded Civil Process training.
- Sergeant Clarke completed CALEA Accreditation Manager training with Certification. The Dive Team was restructured under Sergeant Clarke's command. Sergeant Clarke is now the Professional Standards Sergeant and assists with the training program.

Office Wide Changes/Updates

- Fully moved back into the remodeled Administrative Office area, after inmates clogged sewage lines in 2024.
 - Moved Lt. Office, Evidence Processing Area, and Equipment Rooms for increased operational efficiency.
- Stripped and waxed all floors, repainting worn areas in the facility for a more professional appearance.
- Will begin repainting jail cells that have been overtaken with graffiti by inmates.
- Updated tracking process for maintenance issues and working closely with Public Works to stay on top of maintenance of facility.
- Implemented the use of Frontline Software for both Operations and Corrections, which allows for better record keeping of personnel performance and documentation of high liability incidents.
- CALEA Accreditation - Revisions to patrol policy and procedures to reduce litigation and improve professional standards.
 - Web based assessment is scheduled for April 29, 2025, to May 2, 2025.
 - Onsite assessment is scheduled for June 9, 2025, to June 11, 2025.
 - Accreditation Certification is anticipated in November of 2025, with successful assessments.
- Facility Feasibility Study approved by Board of County Commissioners.
 - The collection of data and scheduling of interviews from various stakeholders are currently being organized.
 - Onsite assessment scheduled for April 29, 2025, to April 30, 2025.



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- Organizational Chart Changes
 - Dissolved the Special Operations Division, apart from the Interdiction Team.
 - K9s to Operations
 - Narcotics to Operations
 - Marine Unit/Dive Team to operations
 - Evidence to Admin Division
 - Consolidating Divisions for Operational and Financial Efficiency
- Community Involvement
 - Career Day at the Junction City High School, attended by 5th Grade Elementary students.
 - Safety Pup and Cop Talk at Sheridan Elementary School
 - Community Involvement Team Easter Egg Hunt with the community
 - Assisted with the Special Olympics Kansas Basketball Tournament at the Junction City High School
 - Greater involvement with primary school students through visits to USD 475 Elementary Schools
- Promotions and Movements
 - Captain Stopper was promoted to Undersheriff.
 - Undersheriff Gilbert was moved to Captain of Administration
- Interdiction
 - Memorandum of Understanding with JCPD was signed in January to reestablish the previous interdiction team, adding JCPD Officer Blake back to the Criminal Interdiction Team. The team's first quarter statistics are below:
 - Traffic Stop Seizures:
 - 115 pounds of Cocaine
 - 4.5 pounds of Fentanyl - OVER 1 MILLION LETHAL DOSES!!
 - 26 pounds of Methamphetamine
 - 228 pounds of Marijuana
 - 17 Gallons of PCP
 - \$32,000 worth of Stolen Property Recovered
 - \$64,677.00 in drug/criminal currency seized
 - 3 criminally possessed Firearms seized
 - These cases led to the arrests of 12 subjects
 - 2 of the above cases led to controlled deliveries of illegal drugs, which resulted in the seizure of an additional 130 pounds of Cocaine and numerous arrests.
- SRT/SWAT
 - Pursuing a Joint SWAT Team consisting of GCSO/JCPD/GVPPD



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- In the planning and preparation stages
- Geary County Dive Team (GCSO/JCFD)
 - Assisted in the 2025 Polar Plunge benefitting Special Olympics.
 - Conducted vehicle recovery for a passenger car submerged in Milford Lake.
- Investigations
 - Pursuing Joint Investigations Unit with JCPD and GVPPD
 - In the planning and preparation stages
- Collected on an outstanding debt from over a year ago, \$62,915.00. The debt was from a breach of contract in reference to a patrol vehicle the Sheriff Office purchased but did not receive.
- Implemented consistent working schedules for all command and administrative staff.
- Asset Forfeiture Reporting discrepancies were discovered while compiling the Annual Report. Discrepancies between audited local accounts did not correlate with reported balances to the State. This was found to be attributed to variations between requirements for the Annual Report and past reporting practices. New reporting procedures have been implemented to avoid future discrepancies. The audit revealed no malfeasance, and all prior Annual Reports were corrected, to reflect the actual balances to include all expenditures and receipts.
- Continued joint training, corroboration, and improved relationships with local first responders

This report was compiled to provide transparency and insight into the Geary County Sheriff's Office, and to highlight the accomplishments this amazing team has achieved. I look forward to what we can accomplish together in the next quarter, and in the coming years. Be watchful for the next coming Quarterly Report for the 2nd Quarter of 2025, which is anticipated to be available during the first part of July.

My key goals involve promoting trust and unity within our community, while providing the highest level of protection for our citizens. Please feel free to reach out to my office with any concerns or questions. Thank you for your time and consideration in reading this statement.

Nate Boeckman
Geary County Sheriff