**Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas**

# Public Works & Safety Standing Committee

Fifth Floor Conference Room
701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101

***Chair Commissioner Andrew Kump***
*Commissione, District 2- Bill Burns, Commissioner District 3- Christian Ramirez*
*Commissioner District 4 - Evelyn Hill, Commissioner District 6 - Phil Lopez*
*BPU Board Member Gary Bradley-Lopez*

# AGENDA

## Monday, September 14, 2026
## 5:00 PM

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

**2. Revisions to Agenda**

**3. Approval of standing committee minutes**

3.1 **MINUTES**

Synopsis: Minutes from the special meeting on August 11, 2026, and the regular meeting on August 17, 2026.

Tracking #: MINUTES

**4. Committee Agenda**

4.1 **RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2026 KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ADULT CASE PLAN REPORT**

Synopsis: Adoption of a resolution approving the annual case plan report to the Kansas Department of Corrections for the Adult Services program.

Tracking #: 21809

4.2 **RESOLUTION: KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY GRANT APPLICATION FOR SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Synopsis: Adoption of a resolution requesting approval to apply for a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) grant in the amount of up to $1,000,000 to upgrade signal equipment and signs. This is a one-time cost for a grant match at 25% of the total. We are currently planning on dedicating some of our annual signal maintenance debt funds to this match.

Tracking #: 21861

4.3 **RESOLUTION: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPS TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC ALERTS AND MESSAGING**

Synopsis: Adoption of a resolution to apply for a grant to help cover the subscription costs of both the Everbridge public alert messaging system and Web-based Emergency Operations Center (WebEOC), the platform used for incident coordination and situational awareness. The grant would cover the subscription costs of both platforms for two years in the amount of $225,000. There is no local match required for this submission,

Tracking #: 21779

4.4 **UPDATE: POLICE DEPARTMENT – REAL-TIME INTELLIGENCE CRIME CENTER (RTICC), LICENSE PLATE READERS (LPR) & DRONE**

Synopsis: This update will provide an overview of the continued development and operational use of the Real-Time Intelligence Crime Center (RTICC), License Plate Readers (LPR) technology, and Drones as first responders.

A link is provided for an informational video:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P6ype_VAq4r1VRsuY8z384I02LuoKnPm/view?usp=sharing

*For Information Only*

Tracking #: 21625

4.5 **UPDATE: FOURTH OF JULY 2026 INCIDENTS REVIEW**

Synopsis: Update providing a report of incidents occurring during the Fourth of July weekend.

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Tracking #: 21743

**5. Public Agenda**

**6. Adjourn**

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# MINUTES
# SPECIAL MEETING
**Tuesday, August 11, 2026**
**4:00 PM-6:12 PM**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members Present:**

- Commissioner Kump (Chair)
- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Ramirez
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Lopez

**Committee Members Absent:**

- BPU Board Member Bradley-Lopez

**Staff Present:**

- Mayor/CEO Christal E. Watson
- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- Alan Howze (Interim County Administrator)
- Casey Meyer (Deputy Chief Counsel/Interim Assistant County Administrator)
- Angela Lawson (Acting Chief Counsel)
- Reginald Lindsey (Budget Director)
- Michael Peterson (Deputy Budget Director)

- David Kelly (Senior Budget Analyst)
- Daniel Soptic (Sheriff)
- Christal E. Watson (Mayor)
- Karl Oakman (Chief of Police)
- Laura Cromell (Fiscal Manager for Police Department)
- Samuel Her (Lead Analyst)
- Bojan Lugonja (Management Analyst)
- Andrew Novak (Deputy Chief of Operations in Fire Department)
- Chad Womble (Deputy Fire Chief)
- Troy Shaw (Director of Public Works)
- Brandon Grover (Public Works Asset Coordination Manager)
- Chris Cooley (GIS Director)
- DeWayne Smith (Streets Division Manager)
- Jeff Miles (Director of Environmental Services)
- John Kelly (Director of Buildings and Logistics)

**<u>Call to Order</u>:**

Commissioner Kump called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

**<u>Notice and Consent to Meeting:</u>**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING** of the Public Works and Safety Standing Committee of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, is scheduled to be conducted in a hybrid format on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. for a budget workshop in the Fifth-floor conference room of the Municipal Office Building, 701 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

**CONSENT TO MEETING** of the governing body of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, accepting service of the foregoing notice, waiving all and any irregularities in such service and in such notice, and consent and agree that we, the governing body, shall meet at the time and place therein specified and for the purpose therein stated.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATION (Discussion Begins: 4:20)**

Senior Budget Analyst David Kelly presented the Sheriff's Department budget. The following key figures were presented:

**Sheriff's Department Budget Summary:**

| **Category** | **Amount / Percentage** |
|---|---|
| Total Budget | $46,330,000 |
| Total Funded FTE Count | 251.5 FTEs |
| Personnel | 76% of total budget |
| Contract | 2% of total budget |
| Contractual Services | 21% of total budget |
| Commodities | 2% of total budget |
| Capital Outlay | 1% of total budget |
| Transfers/Other | 1% of total budget |
| Share of County Tax Levy Budget | 35% |
| Share of County General Fund | 45% |

Senior Budget Analyst David Kelly noted that the Sheriff's Department is organized into five divisions: (1) Sheriff Administration; (2) Detention Bureau of Adults; (3) Detention Bureau of Juveniles; (4) Field Bureau of Community and Support Services; and (5) Field Bureau of Operations.

Key notes presented included:

- The largest expenses of operations are the adult and juvenile detention facilities.
- Of the contractual and commodities budget, jail food, medical, and housing make up 82% of the budget.
- The next largest expense is fleet maintenance and operations, at approximately 4% of the budget.

**2027 Budget Impacts identified:**

| Item | Amount |
|---|---|
| Inmate Medical | $226,000 |
| Jail Food Services | $65,000 |
| Rent and Lease Software | $82,000 |

**2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Requests:**

| Item | Amount |
|---|---|
| Replacement Vehicles | $440,000 (combined 2026 original and amended) |
| Jail Door Feeder | $163,000 |
| Workplace Rehabilitation and Modernization for Sworn Officers | $150,000 |
| Detention Center Camera System Update | $100,000 |
| Technical Updates | $110,000 |

Deputy Budget Director Michael Peterson presented the Sheriff's Department budget phases, a new feature introduced this year to provide transparency regarding the budget process. The four-phase breakdown was presented as follows:

| Budget Phase | Amount | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| Base Budget | $44,200,000 | Based on 2026 original budget with approximately 3% personnel increase |
| Requested Budget | $50,000,000 (approximately) | Includes budgeting for 20 positions above 2026 original budget, plus operational and capital requests |
| 2027 Proposed/Funded Budget | $46,000,000 | Includes $34.1M personnel, $11.6M operations, $730K capital |

| Budget Phase | Amount | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| Fully Funded Estimate | $50,500,000 (approximately) | Represents all positions not budgeted; restores position inventory to pre-freeze levels; includes full operating and capital requests |

Sheriff Daniel Soptic provided remarks, emphasizing the following points:

- He acknowledged that the Sheriff's Office is a constitutional office and that much of what the office does is outside of its direct control, specifically citing detention as a cost-driven area.
- Sheriff Soptic noted that 82% of the contractual and commodities budget is consumed by jail food, medical, and housing costs, and that this cost is driven by law enforcement activity, not by the Sheriff's Office's administrative decisions.
- He referenced recent statute changes that may impact housing and the length of stay for individuals in detention.
- Sheriff Soptic stated that much of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) requests are not discretionary expenditures, but rather operational necessities required to continue operating efficiently and safely.
- He expressed his commitment to working collaboratively with county administration and the budget office as a good steward of tax dollars, while acknowledging that operations are expensive and becoming more expensive every year.

**Discussion:**

**Commissioner Hill** asked about the vehicle replacement program and the number of vehicles included in the $443,000 CIP line item.

Sheriff Soptic clarified that the figure represents a combination of the 2026 original and amended budget amounts, which is why it appears higher. He explained that the department evaluates vehicle replacement based on vehicle age, maintenance record, repair history, and intended use. He was unable to provide an exact number of vehicles at the time of the meeting.

Senior Budget Analyst David Kelly subsequently provided information that the vehicle replacement program replaces approximately four to eight vehicles per year, and that the CIP figure includes equipment costs associated with those replacements. The total fleet for the Sheriff's Department was identified as approximately 56 vehicles, which includes take-home vehicles.

**Commissioner Burns** asked about the percentage increase from the 2026 amended approved budget to the 2027 proposed budget.

Budget Director Reginald Lindsey provided an initial estimate of approximately $400,000 growth from the 2026 amended budget (approximately $6.5 million) to the 2027 proposed budget (approximately $6.9 million). Staff confirmed the growth percentage to be approximately 8%.

**Commissioner Ramirez** asked about the impact of previously approved parity pay on staffing levels.

Sheriff Soptic responded that parity pay has had the most significant positive impact on retention of personnel who had been underpaid, in some cases for decades. He noted an increase in the number of applicants on the recruitment side; however, the quality of applicants has presented challenges, and the department continues to be short-staffed as a result of requiring qualified candidates.

**Commissioner Ramirez** also sought clarification on the tax levy percentage.

Budget Director Lindsey confirmed that 35% of the tax levy on the county side goes to the Sheriff's Department.

**Commissioner Burns** asked about the impact of the lifted residency requirement on recruitment.

Sheriff Soptic reported that at the first testing date immediately following the vote to lift the residency requirement, zero applicants appeared. Across two to three subsequent hiring events, only two to three individuals appeared, and only one or two were processed. Sheriff Soptic stated that the department has seen no positive impact from the lifting of the residency requirement to date.

**Mayor Watson** asked additional questions regarding the vehicle replacement program, specifically how the dollar amount was arrived at given uncertainty about the number of vehicles.

Sheriff Soptic clarified that staff estimated the amount based on trends in vehicle cost increases over recent years, and that the figure combines the 2026 amended and 2027 numbers.

**Mayor Watson** also asked about the frequency of vehicle replacement and how vehicles are cycled within the department.

Sheriff Soptic explained that replacement frequency depends on the vehicle's use — transport vans that travel out of state accumulate miles quickly and are replaced more often, while patrol vehicles that have aged out of field use may be reassigned to administrative use.

**Mayor Watson** asked where fuel and gas costs appear in the budget.

Budget Director Reginald Lindsey confirmed that fuel costs fall under the Commodities category and that there is a dedicated fuel line item within that category.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATION (Discussion Begins: 24:16)**

Senior Budget Analyst David Kelly presented the Police Department budget, noting that the department has two separate funds: the city-side funding and the county-side funding.

**Police Department — City Side Budget Summary:**

| **Category** | **Amount / Percentage** |
|---|---|
| Total Budget (City Side) | $70,000,900 (approximately $70M) |
| Total Funded FTE Count | 397.5 FTEs |
| Personnel | 85% of total budget |
| Contractual Services | 8% of total budget |
| Capital | 4% of total budget |
| Commodities | 2% of total budget |
| Other | 1% of total budget |
| Share of UG Tax Levy Budget | 25% |
| Share of City Side Tax Funds | 31% |

The Police Department's division hierarchy includes: (1) Police Administration; (2) Operations Bureau; (3) Investigations Bureau; and (4) Services Bureau.

Key notes presented included:

- Personnel, at 85%, represents the largest portion of the police budget.
- Of operational expenses: fleet and insurance represent 17%; communications represent 10%; software and systems maintenance represent 14%; and inmate housing costs represent 14%.
- Positions funded by COPS grants will be absorbed through vacancies as those grants expire.

**2027 Budget Impacts identified:**

| Item | Amount |
|---|---|
| Inmate Housing Fees (Increase) | $789,000 |
| Gasoline | $133,000 |
| Rent and Lease Software | $236,000 |

**2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Requests:**

| Item | Amount |
|---|---|
| Vehicle and Body-Worn Cameras (Direct Lease) | $400,000 |
| Taser Mandatory Carry Direct Lease | $139,000 |
| Server Infrastructure | $175,000 |
| SOU Tactical Robot | $100,000 |
| Equipment Vehicle Program | $1,860,000 |

**Police Department — County Side Budget Summary:**

| Category | Amount / Percentage |
|---|---|
| Total Budget (County Side) | $5,800,000 – $5,900,000 |
| Total Funded FTE Count | 57.95 FTEs |
| Personnel | 98% of total budget |
| Contractual Services | 1% of total budget |
| Commodities | 1% of total budget |
| Share of Tax Levy Budget (County Side) | 6% |

| Category | Amount / Percentage |
|---|---|
| Share of County General Fund | 4% |

Senior Budget Analyst Kelly noted that the county side of the police budget is primarily dedicated to building security and public safety dispatch. He noted that public safety dispatch accounts for 98% of the Police Department's county-side funding, and that public safety dispatch has a high turnover rate due to the nature of the job.

**Budget Phases Overview — Michael Peterson, Deputy Budget Director:**

| Budget Phase | Amount | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| Base Budget | $75,150,000 | Based on 2026 original budget |
| Requested Budget | $81,100,000 | As requested by Police Department for 2027 |
| 2027 Funded/Proposed Budget | $76,900,000 | Currently in budget document |
| Fully Funded Estimate | $84,600,000 | Includes all additional requests to best serve community operations |

Chief Karl Oakman provided the following remarks:

- He explained that the department had 12 positions funded through a COPS grant, which are expiring in phases: four positions had already dropped off, four more positions are dropping off in 2027, and four more will drop off in 2028. These positions are being absorbed through vacancies, which means existing personnel must fill those slots and the department cannot hire into those positions. This effectively reduces the sworn officer total from a budgeted 343 to 331.
- Chief Oakman noted that as of the date of the meeting, the department has 338 total sworn personnel when counting 318 active officers, 9 recruits, 8 Conditional Offers of Employment (COE) auxiliaries, and 3 additional COEs made for an upcoming class. He noted that several of the 318 active personnel are in the process of being separated from the department.
- Chief Oakman stated that in his five years as chief, the budget has been cut every year and the department has consistently been asked to do more with less. He expressed concern that there will come a point where officers can no longer sustain that effort.
- He noted that the department has obtained over $11 million in grants during his tenure to help offset budget shortfalls in personnel and technology.

- Chief Oakman raised the issue of inmate housing costs, noting that this line item has increased by approximately $700,000 (he referenced $789,000 as reflected in the budget impacts slide, and approximately $700,000 in his verbal remarks). He formally requested that inmate housing costs be moved from the Police Department's budget to the Municipal Court's budget, arguing that the Police Department has no control over judicial sentencing decisions that generate those housing costs. He estimated the daily cost of inmate housing at approximately $100 per day, charged by the county for individuals sentenced on municipal cases.
- Budget Director Reginald Lindsey clarified that inmate housing costs are charged by the Sheriff's Department on the county side, and that each city within Wyandotte County — including Edwardsville, Bonner Springs, and Kansas City, Kansas — pays this cost when they book an inmate into the jail. Budget Director Lindsey confirmed that the request to reallocate the line item to Municipal Court is being reviewed within the current budget process.

**Discussion:**

**Commissioner Kump** asked for clarification on the definition of inmate housing costs.

Chief Oakman explained that the costs apply to individuals charged on municipal or traffic cases who are sentenced by a judge to serve time in the county jail, at an estimated rate of approximately $100 per day, charged to the Police Department.

**Commissioner Ramirez** asked for examples of contractual services within the Police Department budget.

Fiscal Manager Laura Cromwell responded that contractual services for the Police Department include: Computer-Aided Dispatch/Records Management System (CAD/RMS) annual maintenance and licensing fees; traffic camera licensing fees; multi-factor authentication services; veterinary services at animal services; and Cisco telephone and cell phone services.

**Commissioner Ramirez** further requested that, for future budget cycles, the budget book include a breakdown of contractual services for each department — including the date the contract was first signed and the contract expiration date — to evaluate whether contracts should be rebid. Commissioner Ramirez also asked why inmate housing costs fall within the Police Department's budget rather than Municipal Court's budget and expressed support for relocating that cost to Municipal Court.

**Commissioner Hill** asked about public safety dispatch accounting for 98% of the Police Department's county-side funding and asked what it would take to reduce that percentage.

Chief Oakman explained that dispatch is set up as a county function funded through dedicated taxes, including federal, state, and local telecommunications taxes such as cell phone taxes. The KCK Police Department operates the P-SAP (Primary Safety Answering Point) for Wyandotte

County, and those dedicated funds channel through the county side of the budget, which is why such a high percentage of county-side funding is attributed to dispatch.

**Commissioner Burns** asked whether the Police Department had been reimbursed for costs associated with protecting the FIFA event.

Chief Oakman confirmed that the department is in the process of submitting all reimbursement claims and that every indication suggests they will be reimbursed 100% for overtime and other expenses incurred. He noted the allowable reimbursement cap was $1.25 million and that the department's actual costs were under that cap.

**Commissioner Burns** also asked about the impact of the lifted residency requirement on police recruitment.

Chief Oakman confirmed that the department has seen absolutely no recruiting benefit from the lifting of the residency requirement. He noted that beginning approximately in May, approximately two to three current employees per month have moved out of the county. He further stated that the number one recruitment incentive is starting salary, not residency, and that the department's starting salary is currently in the lower third of the metro area, with cities like Topeka and Independence having recently surpassed KCK's starting pay.

**Commissioner Burns** asked whether Chief Oakman anticipates officer retirements by year-end.

Chief Oakman confirmed retirements are anticipated but did not have an exact number. He noted that the department does not tolerate policy violations and that officers who commit criminal acts are referred to the District Attorney's office for potential criminal charges.

**Commissioner Lopez** noted awareness of concerns from officers about staffing and asked about the upcoming contract negotiations.

Chief Oakman confirmed that negotiations had been completed and that the contract would be coming before commissioners on August 20, 2026.

**Commissioner Kump** noted that animal services was mentioned as part of contractual services and asked whether the budget contemplates any increased funding for animal services.

Budget Director Reginald Lindsey confirmed that the Police Department did submit requests related to animal services; however, those requests were not built into the 2027 proposed budget.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATION (Discussion Begins: 47:56)**

Senior Budget Analyst Sam Her presented the Fire Department budget.

**Fire Department — Overall City Budget Summary:**

| Category | Amount / Percentage |
|---|---|
| Total City Budget | Just under $90,000,000 |
| Total Funded FTE Count | 474 FTEs |
| Personnel | 82% of total budget |
| Capital | 6% of total budget |
| Commodities | 4% of total budget |
| Contractual Services | 4% of total budget |
| Other | 4% of total budget |

**Notable 2027 Budget Items:**

| Item | Amount |
|---|---|
| Fire Station Improvements | $3,200,000 |
| Fuel Increase | $76,000 |
| Bunker Gear Increase | $50,000 |

**2027 Capital Items:**

| Item | Amount |
|---|---|
| Ambulances | $1,850,000 |
| Existing Apparatus and Pumper Payments | $3,200,000 |
| Transfer to Support Apparatus Payments | $2,660,000 |

| Item | Amount |
| --- | --- |
| Fire Station Remodel | Included in station improvements noted above |

Senior Budget Analyst Her noted that no new apparatus is planned or budgeted for 2027.

**Fire Department — City General Fund:**

| Category | Amount / Percentage |
| --- | --- |
| Total City General Fund Budget | $66,000,000 |
| Total Funded FTE Count | 382 FTEs |

The Fire Department's division hierarchy includes: Emergency Medical Services; Fire Administration; Fire Communications; Fire Equipment and Supplies; Fire Prevention; Fire Suppression; and Fire Training.

Senior Budget Analyst Her noted that the Fire Department accounts for approximately one-third of the City General Fund and that the department has aging facilities and aging vehicles as its highest priorities.

**Fire Department — County Side Budget:**

| Category | Amount / Percentage |
| --- | --- |
| Total County Budget | Just over $2,000,000 |
| Total FTE Count | 17 FTEs |
| Personnel | 99% of county-side budget |

The county-side positions are dedicated to fire dispatch.

Deputy Budget Director Peterson presented a detailed analysis of the impact of 17 SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant positions that are scheduled to come off federal funding in March 2027. He explained that the issue is more complex than what was presented for the Police Department's COPS grant, and presented the following information:

- The original budget estimate anticipated it would cost approximately $1.56 million to absorb all 17 positions in 2027, and approximately $1.87 million in 2028 to fully fund those positions for a full year.
- The original budget proposal funded six SAFER positions at an incremental cost of $433,000 above base, for a total SAFER-related allocation of $930,000 in 2027.
- Subsequent discussions with the Fire Department identified concerns with the six-position scenario, and staff identified a remaining SAFER grant balance of approximately

$495,000 attributable to vacancies in SAFER positions that can be used to extend funding.

**Shift Manning and Overtime Impact Table:**

Staff compiled data on fire shift staffing, noting that minimum manning is approximately 104 positions per shift, with a reduction allowed to 100 in emergencies, below which overtime must be called. The following overtime analysis was presented based on data from the first two quarters of 2026:

| Scenario | Overtime Shifts | Estimated Annual Overtime Cost |
|---|---|---|
| All 17 SAFER positions funded (current) | 24% of shifts (approximately 92 OT calls; ~0.5 OT calls per shift) | $320,000 |
| 12 SAFER positions funded | 39% of shifts | $720,000 |
| Original proposal (6 positions / $433K increase) | Over 50% of shifts | $1,400,000 |
| No SAFER positions funded | 73% of shifts | Not specified |

Deputy Budget Director Peterson noted that data reflects the lighter half of the year for staffing; the second half typically sees more absences and vacations.

**Two Alternative Scenarios Presented:**

| Scenario | Description | 2027 Incremental Cost | 2028 Impact |
|---|---|---|---|
| Scenario B | Fund all 17 SAFER positions | $130,000 above the $930,000 proposed budget (approximately $1,060,000 total) | Approximately $800,000 more would need to be identified in 2028 budget; no new capital |
| Scenario C | Fund 12 SAFER positions + allocate remaining funds to capital equipment (at least one additional apparatus) | $750,000 (within the $930,000 proposed budget envelope) | Approximately $400,000 less to identify in 2028 budget; allows for some apparatus acquisition |

**Budget Phases Overview:**

| Budget Phase | Amount | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| Base Budget | $91,400,000 | Based on 2026 original budget |

| Budget Phase | Amount | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| Requested Budget | $96,560,000 | Includes additional capital (fleet) and personnel not funded; includes full SAFER cost |
| 2027 Funded/Proposed Budget | $91,900,000 | Capital reduced to absorb operational needs; personnel increases for SAFER and minimum manning included |
| Fully Funded Estimate | $96,600,000 | Equivalent to the requested budget; no further requests identified at time of presentation |

Deputy Chief Andrew Novak highlighted the $3.2 million in fire station improvements, noting that the department operates 18 fire stations, ranging in age from three years to over 100 years old, all used 365 days per year, 24 hours per day. He noted that the repair work scheduled for 2027 includes, but is not limited to: fire station ramps; concrete work; kitchen remodels; flooring; HVAC systems; roofs; and the addition of bathrooms at three fire stations to meet state code requirements for female firefighters.

Deputy Chief Chad Womble addressed the 17 SAFER grant positions, explaining that when the grant was originally applied for — with Commission approval — the intent was to bring staffing closer to National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) standards, specifically the goal of staffing all pumpers and aerials with four personnel per day. He stated that the fire administration fully supports keeping all 17 SAFER positions funded, but acknowledged this appears to come at the cost of fire apparatus purchases.

Deputy Chief Womble noted that the department is currently borrowing a quint (a combination pumper and aerial apparatus) from the City of Edwardsville, and expressed concern that eliminating fire apparatus capital from the budget places the department on a path toward a future apparatus crisis, as it had experienced approximately three years prior.

**Discussion:**

**Commissioner Ramirez** acknowledged that the Commission and staff did not adequately plan for the long-term budget absorption of the COPS and SAFER grant positions, and stated that this is an issue that needs to be addressed collectively going forward. Commissioner Ramirez asked for clarification on Scenarios B and C.

Deputy Budget Director Peterson clarified that both scenarios compare only against the $930,000 SAFER-related increment already in the proposed budget, not the entire fire department budget.

Budget Director Reginald Lindsey further explained that Scenario B would require identifying $1.9 million in the 2028 budget, while Scenario C would require approximately $400,000 less in 2028 by funding 12 rather than 17 positions. Commissioner Ramirez asked whether the $130,000 above the proposed budget in Scenario B would come from fund balance.

Budget Director Lindsey and Interim County Administrator Howze stated that fund balance is one option, but that the recommendation would be to seek offsetting reductions, starting within the fire department's own budget, rather than use fund balance for ongoing operational expenses.

**Commissioner Ramirez** asked whether these scenarios would come back before the committee at a future workshop.

Budget Director Reginald Lindsey confirmed that the SAFER grant scenarios will be brought back at the next budget workshop scheduled for August 20, 2026.

**Commissioner Burns** asked about hazmat-trained personnel.

Deputy Chief Andrew Novak responded that the Fire Department has two hazmat stations: Station Three at Fifth and Kansas Avenue, and Station Two at 62nd and State. Both stations are fully staffed with hazmat technicians. The department also has two assistant chief-level hazmat coordinators and an incentive program providing special duty pay for members who obtain hazmat technician certification.

**Commissioner Burns** asked why the hazmat station is not located at headquarters.

Deputy Chief Novak responded that the lack of space at headquarters is the reason the hazmat station has not been relocated there.

**Commissioner Burns** asked about the impact of the lifted residency requirement on the Fire Department.

Deputy Chief Novak stated that approximately two to three members per month have been observed moving out of the county based on address changes.

Deputy Chief Womble clarified that the most recent hiring process — with an academy class beginning July 23, 2026 — had a closed application period predating the lifting of the residency requirement, so no applicants from outside the county had been accepted through that process. However, he noted anecdotally that the volume of interest registered through the department's website increased significantly after the residency requirement was lifted. He expressed cautious optimism that the lifting of the requirement may expand the candidate pool in future hiring cycles, noting interest from individuals who obtained EMT licensure through Johnson County Community College and the Central Jackson County Fire Protection District in Blue Springs.

**Commissioner Burns** asked about the current academy class size.

Deputy Chief Womble confirmed that the academy class has 11 recruits, despite having been authorized to hire 14. He explained that the department would not hire individuals who did not meet qualifications, and that the EMT licensure requirement as a prerequisite for application reduces the available applicant pool.

**Commissioner Burns** expressed skepticism about the inability to fill the authorized 14 positions and asked the department to be attentive to this issue in future hiring cycles, emphasizing that Wyandotte County residents should be prioritized when equally qualified.

**Commissioner Burns** also asked how many retirements are anticipated by year-end.

Deputy Chief Novak projected a couple more retirements by year-end, noting that the DROP program makes it difficult to forecast precise timing.

**Commissioner Lopez** expressed concern about firefighter safety as it relates to staffing levels and referenced contact he had received from firefighters with concerns. He noted that the operating budget is increasing by approximately $6 million over two years while front-line staffing appears to be at a low point. Commissioner Lopez asked what is being done in the budget to reduce the impact that low staffing is having on service and firefighter safety.

**Commissioner Lopez** also asked whether the department has too many chief-level officers relative to the number of frontline firefighters.

Deputy Chief Novak responded that the department has nine divisions, each with a chief, and outlined recent actions taken to reduce the number of chief-level positions: (1) abolishing one deputy fire chief position; (2) converting a battalion chief of EMS transportation to a managerial (non-chief) position; and (3) moving a battalion chief from fire investigations into the field, with fire investigators to be returned to rank-and-file through attrition.

**Commissioner Lopez** asked how the department plans to get fire apparatuses staffed back to pre-2025 levels.

Deputy Chief Novak responded that this is a contractual item to be addressed through negotiations.

**Commissioner Burns** stated that when the full Commission convenes to decide on the budget, it would be important for the Fire Chief himself to speak directly to the Commission on these matters.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATION (Discussion Begins: 1:25:10)**

Senior Budget Analyst Bojan Lugonja presented the Public Works Department budget.

**Public Works Department — Overall Certified Budget Funds Summary:**

| Category | Amount / Percentage |
|---|---|
| Total Budget (Certified Funds) | $115,485,000 |
| Total Funded FTE Count | 219.5 FTEs |
| Share of UG Tax Levy Budget | 1.5% |
| Share of UG General Fund | Less than 1% |
| Largest Budget Component: Transfers | 24% |
| Personnel | 22% |
| Capital | 22% |
| Contractual Services | 18% |
| Commodities | 7% |
| Grants and Claims | 7% |

The Public Works Department is organized into seven divisions: (1) CMIP Engineering; (2) Design Services; (3) Environmental Services; (4) Fleet Services; (5) Geospatial Services; (6) Public Service Operations; and (7) Solid Waste Management and Street Maintenance.

**Division Breakdowns:**

**Public Service Operations Division:**

| Category | Amount / Percentage |
|---|---|
| Total Budget | $4,900,000 (approximately) |
| Total Funded FTE Count | 5.75 FTEs |
| Share of UG Tax Levy Budget | Less than 1% |
| Largest Component: Other Financing Uses | 49% (for storm fund debt payments) |

| Category | Amount / Percentage |
|---|---|
| Personnel | 17% |
| Contractual Services | 11% (software lease and engineering services) |
| Grants and Claims | 19% (pilot assessments) |

Senior Budget Analyst Lugonja noted that Public Service Operations does not have a CIP in 2027 (noting there was a typographical error in the budget document related to this point).

**CMIP Engineering Division:**

| Category | Amount / Percentage |
|---|---|
| Total Budget | $19,400,000 |
| Total Funded FTE Count | 17 FTEs |
| Capital | 80% |
| Personnel | 14% |
| Contractual Services | 6% (professional engineering services) |

**2027 CIP for Engineering:**

| Project | Amount |
|---|---|
| Annual Pavement Preservation Program | $5,000,000 |
| Storm Sewer Replacement | $3,000,000 |
| Wastewater Management Compliance | $2,300,000 |
| Turkey Creek Flood Control | $1,600,000 |
| Annual Reactive Street Repair | $500,000 |
| Annual Alley Program | $500,000 |

| Project | Amount |
|---|---|
| Sidewalk Repair Program | $500,000 |

**Street Division:**

| Category | Amount / Percentage |
|---|---|
| Total Budget | $9,900,000 |
| Total Funded FTE Count | 54.75 FTEs |
| Personnel | 56% |
| Commodities | 15% (construction materials) |
| Contractual Services | 14% (vehicle repair and maintenance) |
| Other Financing Uses | 10% (VERP – Vehicle Equipment Replacement Program) |
| Capital Outlay | 5% |

**2027 Street Division CIP/Lease Items:**

| Item | Amount |
|---|---|
| Lease Finance Program (existing leases only — no new leases) | $475,000 |
| Computer Equipment Replacement | $50,000 |

**Fleet Services Division:**

| Category | Amount / Percentage |
|---|---|
| Total Budget | $7,800,000 |
| Total Funded FTE Count | 27 FTEs |
| Personnel | 38% |

| Category | Amount / Percentage |
|---|---|
| Operating | 58% (repair costs and fleet supplies = 93% of operating budget) |

Senior Budget Analyst Lugonja noted that Fleet Services is an internal services fund funded through the department budgets.

**Geospatial Services Division (GSS):**

| Category | Amount / Percentage |
|---|---|
| Total Budget | $1,000,000 |
| Total Funded FTE Count | 7 FTEs |
| Personnel | 82% |
| Contractual Services | 70%+ (aerial photography $12,000; oblique aerial photography $53,000; cloud computing services $60,000) |
| Commodities | Less than 1% |

Senior Budget Analyst Lugonja noted that GSS does not have a CIP in 2027.

**Budget Phases Overview — Michael Peterson, Deputy Budget Director:**

| Budget Phase | Amount | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| Base Budget | $101,360,000 | Includes enterprise funds; rates adopted previously impacted this number upward |
| Requested Budget | $143,400,000 | Capital is the largest driver of the increase due to the backlog of deferred infrastructure maintenance |
| 2027 Funded/Proposed Budget | $115,500,000 (approximately) | Includes sewer, stormwater, and solid waste enterprise funds across all divisions |
| Fully Funded Estimate | $151,600,000 | Starting point only; gaps remain in the number; based on requests and identified capital needs |

Public Works Director Troy Shaw offered to answer questions from any division, noting that representatives from every division were present.

**Discussion:**

**Commissioner Ramirez** asked about the backlog of deferred maintenance across the infrastructure network.

Roads and Bridge Program Manager Brandon Grover responded with the following information:

- The department uses Pavement Condition Index (PCI) scoring to evaluate road conditions. The industry standard for the percentage of road network below a PCI of 35 (the threshold at which roads require full reconstruction rather than preservation treatments) is approximately 11–12%.
- The Unified Government's road network currently has approximately 27% of the network below a PCI of 35, more than double the national average.
- To address the backlog and raise the average network PCI score to approximately 65 with an appropriate level of remaining backlog, the department estimates needing approximately $32–36 million per year for 10 consecutive years, after which the annual funding requirement could be reduced to a maintenance level.
- Roads and Bridge Program Manager Grover noted that this figure is for roads alone and acknowledged the number is very high relative to current budget constraints.

**Commissioner Ramirez** expressed concern that only 1.5% of the tax levy budget goes to Public Works despite the department serving as the operational backbone of the city — roads, bridges, sewers, and stormwater infrastructure. Commissioner Ramirez acknowledged that public safety is critical but stated that drivable roads and functional infrastructure are equally essential.

Roads and Bridge Program Manager Brandon Grover clarified that the 1.5% tax levy share is not the department's total funding, as Public Works also receives funding from the Special Street and Highway Fund (gas tax), the dedicated sales tax (Public Works' share of the three eight-cent sales tax), and enterprise rate funds for stormwater, sanitary, and solid waste. He noted, however, that the gas tax fund has been declining at approximately 6% per year for the last seven years due to fuel-efficient and electric vehicles and reduced driving, and that this trend mirrors a national challenge.

**Commissioner Ramirez** also asked about the status of the previously approved Outcomes and Strategies document.

Public Works Director Troy Shaw responded that very little of that document has been implemented. He noted that prior to COVID-19, the Commission had approved 25% increases over two years for pavement preservation, bringing the figure to approximately $13 million at its peak. Post-COVID budget constraints reduced that figure significantly, and the 2027 proposed budget includes approximately $6 million for pavement preservation. Director Shaw noted that last year's budget included approximately $19 million for pavement preservation, producing significant visible results, but that $19 million is still slightly over half of the $32–36 million annual need.

Director Shaw also reported that the department received a grant to begin a bridge management study to plan proactively for bridge replacement rather than reactive emergency closures, and that work is now underway.

**Commissioner Hill** asked about contractual services across the Public Works budget, questioning how often vendors and contractors are rotated and whether any contracts are outdated.

Public Works Director Shaw explained:

- For on-call consulting (design/planning) services, the department rebids its on-call consulting list every five years, working across all city departments to identify needs and soliciting proposals from which it maintains a list of approximately 70+ qualified firms.
- For construction services, the department bids out 99% of construction work, with limited exceptions for emergency situations or small projects below the procurement threshold.
- Software and service contracts are evaluated whenever they approach renewal, and the department regularly considers competitive alternatives when contracts expire.
- Roads and Bridge Program Manager Grover clarified that contractual services as a budget line item for Public Works primarily includes items such as software licensing, phone bills, technology subscriptions, legal fees associated with the consent decree, and similar recurring service costs — not construction contracts or design services, which are captured in capital project budgets.

Director Shaw confirmed that no contracts are known to have gone unreviewed for 10 years or more without evaluation.

**Commissioner Burns** raised several issues during the Public Works presentation:

1. **Commissioner Burns** asked whether any engineers work from home.

   Director Shaw confirmed that some staff follow the UG's remote work policy.

   Interim County Administrator Howze clarified that the policy allows for up to two days per week of remote work with department head approval and further approval through county administration.

2. **Commissioner Burns** raised concern about the maintenance of medians and rights-of-way throughout the city, citing specific locations including K-32 and 38th Street, areas along State Avenue to 18th Street, and areas along 38th Street heading north. He noted that some medians have become so overgrown that trees are growing in them.

   DeWayne Smith, Streets Division Manager, explained that responsibility for median mowing is shared between the department's own crews, contracted services through Parks, and the Kansas Department of Transportation for state-maintained rights-of-way. Director Shaw acknowledged that both the state and the UG could do better in certain areas.

3. **Commissioner Burns** asked about the impact of the lifted residency requirement on Public Works retention and recruitment.

Director Shaw stated that he is not aware of a significant number of current employees who have relocated out of the county. He noted that recent job postings have yielded significantly higher application volumes, with many applicants from outside the community — including over 20 applications for an IT-type position in Environmental Services and approximately 20 applications for an entry-level administrative position. Director Shaw characterized the change as a positive development for recruitment.

DeWayne Smith confirmed that one or two employees in the Street Department have moved out of the county, but that the department has seen increased interest in entry-level positions from applicants outside the community.

Director of Environmental Services Jeff Miles confirmed that all employees hired since the lifting of the residency requirement in Environmental Services have been Wyandotte County residents, and noted that one position attracted interest specifically from a federal government employee in Washington, D.C., who applied after learning that the residency requirement had been lifted.

4. **Commissioner Burns** asked that hiring priority be given to equally qualified Wyandotte County residents.

   Director of Environmental Services Miles agreed, confirming that the department's entry-level recruitment efforts remain focused within Wyandotte County.

5. **Commissioner Burns** asked about anticipated retirements.

   Director Shaw estimated approximately five to ten retirements per year across all Public Works divisions, and that this trend is expected to continue.

   Director of Environmental Services Miles noted that in the union structure, retirements create promotions from within, which in turn opens entry-level positions to be filled from the local community.

**Commissioner Lopez** commended the Public Works staff, specifically acknowledging Troy Shaw, DeWayne Smith, Jeff Miles, and Brandon Grover. Commissioner Lopez expressed his view that the department is performing its work to the best of its ability despite resource constraints, and apologized for past instances where he may have been overly critical of the department. Commissioner Lopez stated his concern that budget resources are not being directed appropriately to support the department's needs. He also mentioned awareness of a new equipment dealer in Wyandotte County and suggested the department consider exploring that relationship for equipment purchases.

Director Shaw noted the obligation to follow the procurement code in any purchasing decisions.

**Commissioner Ramirez** asked whether the proposed budget helps the Unified Government achieve compliance with its consent decree.

Director Shaw confirmed that the consent decree compliance work is primarily funded through the enterprise rate funds that were approved by the Commission earlier in the year, and that those funds are incorporated into the 2027 proposed budget. He noted that staff will return in early 2028 with a multi-year plan and additional rate discussions.

Commissioner Kump asked two questions:

1. Commissioner Kump asked for a ballpark estimate of the annual cost of illegal dumping to the community, including employee time and disposal fees.

   Streets Division Manager DeWayne Smith stated that from the Street Division alone, the department has spent upward of $45,000 in addressing illegal dumping since the blight program began in November 2025.

   Director of Buildings and Logistics John Kelly noted that a full presentation on illegal dumping across multiple departments is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2026, and that a comprehensive figure — estimated at over $100,000 across three departments — will be presented at that time.

2. He asked about the potential use of stormwater enterprise funds to support curb maintenance and repair, referencing prior discussions at a Public Works and Safety Committee meeting.

   Roads and Bridge Program Manager Brandon Grover and Director Shaw provided the following response:

   - The department has already made progress on this front by transitioning Environmental Services crews, which are funded through enterprise stormwater and sanitary funds, to perform some curb and gutter work previously done by Street Division concrete crews, whose positions had been frozen.
   - This arrangement has allowed Street Division personnel to focus on other priorities such as pothole repair, mowing, and sign striping.
   - Any expanded use of stormwater rate funds for curb work beyond what is already occurring would require rate increases and would need to be incorporated into the next multi-year rate plan presentation anticipated for 2028.
   - Mr. Grover cautioned that expanding stormwater rate fund obligations to general curb and gutter work, without corresponding rate increases, could negatively impact the department's ability to meet consent decree obligations.
   - Director of Environmental Services Jeff Miles confirmed that Environmental Services has three construction crews performing sanitary, stormwater, and curb work, and that five FTE positions funded from stormwater or wastewater funds are embedded in the Street Department to operate street sweepers, providing dual benefit to both the stormwater program and street department snow removal operations.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. Comments were received from the following:

- **Olivia Moore (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comment Begins 2:04:22)**

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

This item was for information only, and no action was required.

**Adjournment (Discussion Begins: 2:10:14)**

Commissioner Burns made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 5/0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Lopez, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: Bradley-Lopez

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.

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**Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas**

# Public Works and Safety Meeting

5th Floor Conference Room
701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101

***Chair Andrew Kump***
*Commissioner, District 2, Bill Burns - Commissioner, District 3, Christian Ramirez*
*Commissioner, District 4, Evelyn Hill - Commissioner, District 6, Phil Lopez*
*BPU Board Member Gary Bradley-Lopez*

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# MINUTES

## Monday, August 17, 2026
## 5:00 PM – 6:45 PM

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members Present:**

- Commissioner Kump (Chair)
- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Ramirez
- Commissioner Burns

**Committee Members Absent:**

- Commissioner Lopez
- BPU Board Member Bradley Lopez

**Staff Present:**

- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- Casey Meyer (Interim Assistant County Administrator)
- Daniel Kuhn (Senior Attorney)
- Laura Cromwell (Fiscal Manager for Police Department)
- Shane Turner (Assistant Police Chief)
- Maya Banks (Victim Services Program Supervisor)
- Dilini Lankachandra (Legal Department)
- Phil Lockman (Director of Community Corrections)
- Deasiray Bush (Director of Transportation)

- John Kelly (Director of Buildings and Logistics)
- Rocki Mayes (Buildings and Logistics Management Analyst)
- Kelsey Saunders (Attorney)
- Dr. Shelley Kneuvean (Chief Financial Officer)
- Troy Shaw (Director of Public Works)
- Dave Reno (Public Works Community Engagement Officer
- Officer Joseph Caiharr (Kansas City, Kansas, Police Officer)

**Call to Order**

Commissioner Kump called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**Revisions to Agenda: (Discussion Begins 01:29)**

The Clerk reported there was an agenda update issued, removing Item Nos. 4.7 and 4.8 from the Committee Agenda.

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**Approval of Previous Minutes: (Discussion Begins 1:39)**

Commissioner Burns moved to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: Lopez, Bradley-Lopez

**Committee Agenda:**

**Item 4.1: RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 26 COPS HIRING PROGRAM (Discussion Begins 2:00)**

Laura Cromwell, Fiscal Manager for the Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department (KCKPD), presented a request for approval to accept an award under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 COPS Hiring Program, should the department be selected. Ms. Cromwell stated that KCKPD submitted an application for funding to hire twelve (12) additional patrol officers under the program.

- Purpose of 12 new patrol officers
    A. Increase officer visibility and proactive patrols in high-crime areas
    B. Improve response to calls for service
    C. Support targeted enforcement against:
        a) Violent offenders
        b) Drug trafficking networks
        c) Gang activity
    D. Strengthen partnerships with residents, businesses, schools, and community organizations
    E. Allow more community engagement, intelligence gathering, and crime deterrence
    F. Relieve workload on current patrol officers, who have been "stretched pretty thin" for several years
- COPS Hiring Program basics
    A. Competitive federal grant for entry-level patrol officer positions
    B. Funding period: 3 years
    C. KCKPD previously received similar awards in 2020 and 2022
    D. Standard cost share in solicitation:
        a) Federal share: $125,000 per position over 3 years (~35% of salary & benefits)
        b) Local (Unified Government) share: remaining 65%
- Match waiver request
    A. KCKPD requested a full match waiver again (as in 2020 and 2022).
    B. If granted, federal funding would total $4,000,392 for 12 officers over 3 years.
    C. If no waiver is offered, the award terms will be brought back to the Commission for review and approval before accepting.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Burns moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: Lopez, Bradley-Lopez

**Item 4.2: RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2026 MODEL CITIES INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM (Discussion Begins 6:13)**

Shane Turner, Assistant Chief of the Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department, presented on the Department of Justice (DOJ) Fiscal Year 2026 Model Cities Initiative Grant Program. Item is requested to be fast-tracked for approval to the August 20, 2026, Board of Commissioners' meeting.

Assistant Chief Turner explained that the Model Cities grant is provided by the federal government to model certain select cities, using Washington D.C. as an example. The specific purpose of the grant, as described by Turner, is to surge substantial targeted federal funding into select cities to implement comprehensive and innovative approaches and produce measurable outcomes in the following areas:

- Reduction of violent crime
- Improvements in public safety
- Greater protection for the nation's citizens

Turner outlined the goals of the grant program as follows:

- Expand crime fighting, investigative, and prosecution capacity
- Improve and modernize crime data collection, intelligence gathering, incident response, and analytics capabilities to drive evidence-based policing
- Develop innovative, nation-leading approaches to policing and violent crime reduction
- Enhance law enforcement readiness and support for frontline officers
- Expand services for American victims of crime
- Reduce recidivism and support community reintegration
- Expand behavioral health treatment and recovery services that improve public safety outcomes

Turner stated that eligible expenditures under the grant include:

- Hiring and retaining personnel

- Purchase and lease of equipment, tools, or technology
- Training and professional development
- Facility costs
- Mental health and substance use services
- Reentry, transitional support, and recidivism reduction program services
- Victim services
- Youth crime prevention and intervention services

Turner stated that the department was in the planning process, forming small micro teams within the police department based on function and assignment of senior command to develop a comprehensive plan. The plan must be submitted by September 1st at 11:59 P.M. This is not the final application process; after the initial application, the department would have an interview with the Department of Justice (DOJ). A requirement that the DOJ partner with the department, necessitating a signed signature prior to the application process. Turner further noted a caveat related to USC Code 1373, which he described as a current code that would apply to all plans and partners involved in achieving the grant's goals. No match is required.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Burns moved to adopt the resolution with a fast-track to the August 20, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: Lopez, Bradley-Lopez

**Item 4.3: RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2027 KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT (Discussion Begins 11:12)**

Laura Cromwell, Fiscal Manager for the Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department, returned to present the Fiscal Year 2027 Special Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant. The police department was requesting approval to accept an award under the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Special Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) in the amount of $167,392.

The STEP Grant Program provides funding to local law enforcement agencies to conduct high visibility enforcement during coordinated periods to address specific driver behaviors contributing to injury and fatality crashes in Kansas. The police department has been receiving funding through the STEP Program for many years. In prior years, funding was provided only for select enforcement campaigns and primarily funded overtime hours, with annual totals historically less than $50,000.

The FY2027 STEP Program has been enhanced to include additional funding for equipment items, training opportunities, and educational events to be hosted by traffic support officers. The department's application includes:

- Approximately $100,000 in overtime for officers to work enforcement operations specifically focused on aggressive driving and DUI-related violations
- Approximately $60,000 to fund various equipment items such as radars, stop sticks, and traffic cones, as well as instructor schooling for traffic officers and overtime for officers to host educational events such as car seat checks

The department would have one year to expend the funding and that there is no match required from the UG for this grant program.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. The following comments were received:

- **Eva Garcia Meza (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comments begin at 13:26)**

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Kump moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: Lopez, Bradley-Lopez

**Item 4.4: RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2027 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT PROGRAM (Discussion Begins 15:05)**

Laura Cromwell introduced Maya Banks, Program Supervisor for the Victim Services Unit of the Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department, to present this item.

Maya Banks requested approval to accept funding under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant program for Fiscal Year 2027 to support the Victim Services Unit (VSU). VOCA has funded the Victim Services Unit at the police department since its initiation in 1999. The police department's budget has already identified the funds for the required match.

Ms. Banks outlined the current staffing supported by the VOCA grant:

- Three (3) full-time personnel currently funded by the VOCA grant at 75%
- Two (2) full-time positions at the Order of Protection Office funded at 100%

Ms. Banks stated that the proposed budget for FY2027 includes:

- $429,019 in federal VOCA funds
- A required 20% match from the UG in the amount of $106,505
- Total overall project amount: $532,524
- Match funding structure
    - A. The required 20% match will come from:
        - a) UG cash match:
            1. 100% of the salary of the existing program aide
            2. 25% of the salaries of two existing advocates
        - b) In-kind contributions: dedicated hours from interns and volunteers
        - c) The cash match is already in the general fund budget; no new local dollars are being requested.
- Scope of services provided (2025 data)
    - A. In 2025, the VSU provided:
        - a) 3,445 services
        - b) To 2,477 victims in Wyandotte County
- What VOCA funds support
    - A. Continued direct services to victims, including:
        - a) Emergency shelter and emergency transportation
        - b) Crisis intervention supplies (meals, clothing, replacement cell hpones)
        - c) Broken door/window repair
        - d) Crime scene cleanup
        - e) Lock replacement
    - B. Also supports:
        - a) Office and communication supplies

b) Training and travel for victim services staff

c) Case management software

- Risk if VOCA funding is lost

A. The unit would be reduced to one advocate, which would severely limit services for:

a) Victims of domestic violence

b) Sexual assault

c) Child abuse

d) Survivors of homicide

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Ramirez moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: Lopez, Bradley-Lopez

**Item 4.5: RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2027 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT – KANSAS GOVERNOR'S GRANTS PROGRAM (Discussion Begins 19:27)**

Laura Cromwell, Fiscal Manager for the Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department, presented the final grant item for the evening on behalf of the police department. She stated that KCKPD submitted an application for funding through the Fiscal Year 2027 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program, which is a competitive grant program overseen by the Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. The request was for approval to accept an award if selected. If selected for an award, the department would have one year to expend the funding and that there is no match required from the UG for this grant program.

JAG funds are intended to support criminal justice systems and partners in their efforts to address crime and improve public safety. In the department's application for the FY2027 grant, KCKPD requested $76,535 in grant funding to procure and implement a Long Range Acoustic

Device (LRAD) communication system. The LRAD would allow KCKPD the ability to deliver clear, intelligible messages over extended distances during critical incidents, special events, and emergency situations, thereby enhancing public safety, emergency response, and critical incident management capabilities.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Kump moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: Lopez, Bradley-Lopez

**Item 4.6: RESOLUTION: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL (Discussion Begins 21:24)**

Dilini Lankachandra of the UG Legal Department presented this item. She stated that this is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Fire Department and the State Office of the Fire Marshal. The MOU discusses the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to urban search and rescue operations. There is no cost associated with this MOU but that it requires an enabling resolution from the governing body.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Ramirez moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: Lopez, Bradley-Lopez

**Item 4.7: RESOLUTION: RESIDENTIAL CARTS PROGRAM (REMOVED PER AGENDA UPDATE)**

**Item 4.8: RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2026 KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ADULT CASE PLAN REPORT (REMOVED PER AGENDA UPDATE)**

**Item 4.9: RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2026 KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS JUVENILE CASE PLAN REPORT (Discussion Begins 23:04)**

Phil Lockman, Director of the Department of Community Corrections, presented this item. He stated that the report is an annual report required by the Kansas Department of Corrections (DOC) that the department submits on its progress toward goals and objectives. Mr. Lockman described the requirement as "kind of unusual" in that it goes through the Commission. It is a straightforward report covering overall case management and the juvenile intake and assessment center.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Kump moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: Lopez, Bradley-Lopez

**Item 4.10: PRESENTATION: TRANSIT – LOCAL & REGIONAL TRANSIT APPROACHES (Discussion Begins 24:38)**

Deasiray Bush, Director of the Unified Government Transportation Department, presented an overview of the department's regional initiatives and top priorities for Wyandotte County. The presentation covered current transportation services, regional efforts, capital investment needs, funding opportunities, and strategic priorities.

Why Transit Matters for Wyandotte County:

Transit is more than just mobility — it is a catalyst for economic development, investment, redevelopment, and access to opportunity. Transportation connects residents to employment, education, healthcare, housing, and grocery networks, and that transit plays a role in supporting residents for employment opportunities as businesses come into the county.

Current Services:

- Fixed Routes (FIS Routes): Regional RideKC network along main corridors
- IRIS Program: Shared ride service (similar to Uber or Lyft); serves portions of Edwardsville to cover the industrial park area; not fully county-wide
- RideKC Freedom: ADA Paratransit service for seniors and those with disabilities; curb-to-curb service; requires pre-approval application

Regional Partnerships:

Partnerships with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA), JO Transit, and MARC. She stated that the UG receives Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding through KCATA as a subrecipient, and can apply state-level funds directly to KDOT.

Regional Plans and Vision:

- Connected KC 2025: Greater Kansas City Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan for all municipalities, focused on increased transit reliability, first and last mile connections, and transit-oriented developments. The UG's role is to strengthen east-to-west connectivity on the 101 State Avenue and 107 Seventh Street corridors, with internal services focused within the Kansas City, Kansas, geographic area.
- Coordinated Human Services Transportation: Investment in ADA and senior paratransit; all vehicles are ADA accessible with lifts. Programs include IRIS (launched 2023), reduced fare program (administered by United Way), and workforce transportation.
- East-West High Capacity Transit Study: Initiated in 2022; MARC held public engagement in 2023; 73% of respondents preferred a streetcar solution. The study evaluated transit from Truman Complex to KU Medical Center. Director Bush noted that Wyandotte County has not yet bought in, and that participation in the streetcar plan would cost approximately $10 million. Active partners include KCATA, MARC, Kansas City, Missouri, Jackson County, Kansas City Streetcar Authority, and KU Health System. Benefits include connecting major employment centers and healthcare destinations, improving access to existing streetcar and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) (MAX Line).
- Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor: A 24-mile regional initiative led by MARC to coordinate transportation infrastructure, housing, and economic development across Kansas City, Kansas, Kansas City, Missouri, Sugar Creek, Missouri, and Independence, Missouri. Supports BRT with better frequency and headways.

Local Transit Priorities:

1. Preserve Existing Transit Service: Maintain safe, reliable fixed routes and ADA services; improve route frequency. Director Bush noted the best headway in the network is 30 minutes on the 101 State Avenue route, while the other seven routes have roughly 60-minute headways. Approximately two years ago, the department sustained a $2.5 million budget cut and went from nine fixed routes to seven.

2. Invest and Maintain Route Infrastructure: All bus shelters in the county were replaced using UG American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds (approximately $1.3 million), featuring new bus shelters, receptacles, benches, and solar lighting.
3. Continue the IRIS Program: The program was launched in 2023 and has received four rounds of grant funding. Grant funds will end toward the end of 2026. The cost of current IRIS operations is $620,000, which funds three dedicated drivers, seven days a week, from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. (4,296 annual service hours). The Northeast Zone (Levy Road, First Street to 47th Street) was launched in February 2025. Prior to launch, average ridership was approximately 400 rides per month; after launch, ridership exceeded 2,000 rides per month. Top destinations include Amazon (Riverview Avenue), Associated Wholesale Grocers, 47th Street Transit Center, Great Wolf Lodge, Kansas City, Kansas, Community College, Price Chopper, and Walmart Supercenter.
4. Aging Fleet: The department submitted its transit asset management plan to FTA and found 13 vehicles over age. Continued use of aging vehicles increases maintenance costs and service interruptions. The plan is to replace 13 revenue vehicles and one trash compactor using FTA Section 5307 funds ($1.5 million), CMAT capital funds ($456,000), and a required match of $389,000 already met.
5. Secure Federal Funding: The department is working to maximize grants while minimizing local costs, and has reinstated fare to offset local costs.

IRIS Ridership Data:

- 2024: 5,719 riders served
- 2025: 20,322 riders served (approximately 255% increase over 2024)
- 2026 (as of June): 18,888 riders served, reaching 93% of total 2025 annual ridership
- June 2026: 6,072 riders; July 2026 (World Cup operations, countywide launch with FTA and KDOT funding): approximately 8,000 riders

Funding Strategy:

Director Bush outlined several pending grant applications:

- MARC Sub-Allocation Call for Projects (Fast and Frequent 101 State Avenue): Federal request of $3.07 million; local match of $767,000 (requesting American Royal funds); MARC fee of approximately $38,000 (requesting American Royal funds); submitted by KCATA on behalf of UG
- Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility: Annual application; opportunity to replace at least one ADA vehicle and upgrade lifts from 800-pound to 1,000-pound capacity; application pending
- FTA Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Grant: Requesting $800,000; match of $200,000 (requesting American Royal funds); submitted by KCATA on behalf of UG; application pending

Future Opportunities:

- Increase IRIS hours beyond 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. to support shift workers
- Launch additional IRIS zones to cover Turner and Argentine areas

- Bus stop accessibility improvements
- TOD policy development

The Chairman opened the public hearing.  No comments were received.  The Chairman closed the public hearing.

This item was for information only, and no action was required.

**Item 4.11:  PRESENTATION:  ILLEGAL DUMPING (Discussion Begins 49:54)**

John Kelly, Director of Building and Logistics, introduced the presentation and noted that he would turn over to Rocki Mayes to present the slides, with legal staff.

Rocki Mayes, Manager in Buildings and Logistics, provided an update on the illegal dumping cleanup initiative.  The goal of the program is to improve the quality and appearance of the community through targeted cleanup efforts, reflecting community pride and establishing sustainable maintenance practices.  The Monday cleanup initiative began in September 2025 at the direction of the County Administrator, who came to John Kelly's department and asked to get illegal dumping under control.  The initiative is a collaborative effort involving Parks and Recreation, Public Works, the Street Department, the Buildings and Logistics Abatement Team, and shop staff.  Weekly reports are submitted to the Administrator's Office and shared with commissioners.

Cleanup Progress (September 2025 – July 2026):

- 32 cleanup days conducted
- 138+ illegal dumping locations addressed
- 14 of those 138 locations have been visited five or more times, with some locations addressed nearly 30 times
- Cleanup costs:
    A. Total cleanup cost:  $103,000
    B. Waste management dumping fees:  $25,500
    C. Tire disposal:  $7,600
    D. Labor:  $670,000

District Breakdown of Illegal Dumping Locations Cleaned:

- District 1:  40 locations (highest)
- District 2 (Commissioner Burns):  20 locations

- District 3 (Commissioner Ramirez):  23 locations
- District 4 (Commissioner Hill):  20 locations
- District 5:  10 locations
- District 6:  12 locations
- District 7 (Kansas City, Kansas, area; city-funded only):  3 locations
- District 8:  10 locations

Implementation and Enforcement:

- Cameras:  A pilot program of cameras has been installed and confirmed operational as of approximately two weeks prior to the meeting.  The camera system feeds to the real-time crime lab within the police department and has already resulted in license plate identification of perpetrators.  Mr. Kelly noted that the Commission previously approved $100,000 for camera installation.  Phase Two of the camera program was referenced as being planned, with locations deliberately not disclosed in the public meeting to avoid perpetrators shifting locations.
- Signage/Message Boards:  Five message boards were recently deployed in the five worst-affected districts (funded through American Royal Funds approved by the Commission). The boards communicate anti-dumping messaging and the non-emergency police line: 913-596-3000.
- Monthly Stakeholder Meetings:  Monthly meetings include representatives from Livable Neighborhoods, Community Development, Buildings and Logistics, Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC), Police Department, Public Works, and Kansas State University, focused on developing ideas to prevent and stop illegal dumping.
- Community Collaboration:  Strong community engagement, with residents actively reporting illegal dumping concerns directly to her via email.  Neighborhood organizations are hosting community cleanup days, with the Buildings and Logistics team picking up debris after community-organized cleanups.

Kelsey Saunders, UG Legal, presented information on current fines and ordinances:

Current UG Fines for Illegal Dumping:

- General:  $500 to $2,500, plus up to six months in jail
- Garbage (food preparation and consumption waste):  Starting at $1,000, up to $2,500
- Each day conditions continue constitutes a separate offense
- Residents who witness and report illegal dumping that results in prosecution receive a $250 reward; same applies to graffiti

Comparison to Neighboring Jurisdictions:

- Topeka:  $1 to $499
- Shawnee:  Starting at $100

- Overland Park:  Not more than $500
- Wichita:  $1,000 to $2,500; $1,500 to $2,500 for repeat offenses (amended in 2025)
- Lenexa:  Up to $2,500
- Olathe:  Up to $500
- Kansas City, Missouri:  $1 to $1,000

All neighboring jurisdictions also include the possibility of jail time and separate offense provisions.  Since 2021, 317 total tickets have been issued in municipal court for illegal dumping, with total fine amounts of $33,835.

Annual Ticket History:

- 2021:  63 tickets
- 2022:  82 tickets
- 2023:  89 tickets (highest year)
- 2024:  33 tickets
- 2025:  9 tickets
- 2026 (to date):  4 tickets

KDHE Illegal Dumping Cleanup Program:

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has an illegal dumping cleanup program available to local governments, in which KDHE contributes 75% of total cleanup costs (up to $10,000 per site) and the city or county contributes 25% in-kind services (typically met through employee labor and equipment).

Casey Meyer, UG Legal, presented potential ordinance changes currently under consideration, stating they were for information only and that formal ordinance amendments would likely be brought forward in October.  Proposed changes include:

1. Prohibition of transporting more than five waste tires without a waste tire hauler permit
2. Amending fines to be more commensurate with Wichita's ordinance (the most aggressive among neighboring jurisdictions), including language to assist with enforcement
3. Aggravated/aggregated sentencing:  e.g., first conviction at the lower fine range ($500); second conviction required to be $1,000
4. Judge-ordered cleanup assistance for convicted defendants, particularly as a compromise for indigent defendants
5. KDHE application for cleanup cost assistance (subject to application process and conditions)
6. KDHE education outreach to tire businesses, reminding them of existing regulations

Multiple departments are involved in combating illegal dumping: Police, NRC, Public Works, and the Health Department (SHD).

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

This item was for information only, and no action was required.

**Item 4.12: PRESENTATION: COUNTY INITIATIVE FOR FUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE (CIFI) – REVIEW OF COUNTY ROAD PROGRAMS (Discussion Begins 1:20:07)**

Dr. Shelley Kneuvean, CFO of the Unified Government, stated that this item was requested in response to questions raised by the Commission at a previous session regarding how the Shared County-City Infrastructure Funding Initiative (CIFI) program was funded and how funds were distributed, with the aim of informing future decisions on fund allocation during the current budget cycle.

Program Background:

Dr. Kneuvean explained that the CIFI program is enabled by Kansas State statute KSA 19-120 but is not required to be funded. Eligible uses of funds include capital construction and major maintenance (not routine maintenance) of public infrastructure, including design, right-of-way, utilities, and construction. Salaries, administrative fees, equipment, and debt service are not eligible.

Funding History:

- Funded for a number of years prior to 2009
- Suspended in 2009 due to revenue constraints
- Partially restored in 2023 at $500,000
- Budgeted at $1,980,000 in 2024
- Not included in the 2025 or 2026 budget due to funding constraints

Funding Mechanism:

The program was funded by setting aside one property tax mill, with distributions made based on actual tax collections.

Distribution Formula History:

In 2024, the Public Works Department recommended a pro-rata formula based on population, land area, and lane miles. The original pre-2009 formula was based on land area and lane miles. The Commission instead approved an alternative formula:

- Kansas City, Kansas: 50%
- Bonner Springs: 25%
- Edwardsville: 25%

How Funds Were Used:

- Kansas City, Kansas, (Public Works): Funds were added to the pavement preservation/overlay program, specifically within the Kansas City, Kansas, city limits.
- City of Bonner Springs (Amber Vogan, City Manager): In 2006–2009, funds were used to catch up on deferred maintenance and street repairs. In 2023, funds were used for culvert improvements on Kansas Avenue. In 2024, funds supported a significant sidewalk project on West Morse and Second Street, creating safer routes to the middle school, elementary school, and two parks. Remaining 2024 funds are being used to complete the sidewalk gap on West Morse to ensure continuous sidewalk coverage.
- City of Edwardsville: Dr. Kneuvean noted that Edwardsville used funds similarly and would follow up with the Commission via email, as Edwardsville had experienced staff turnover and was working to retrieve historical records.

Dr. Kneuvean presented data for the committee's consideration in determining a future distribution formula:

- Land area breakdown among Kansas City, Bonner Springs, Edwardsville, and Lake Quivira
- Population as of July 1, 2025
- Assessed value (since the funding mechanism is a property tax levy)

The Chairman opened the public hearing. The following comments were received:

- **James Bain (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comments begin at 1:31:59)**
- **Kelly White (Kansas City, Kansas ) (Comments begin at 1:33:28)**
- **Matt Kleinman (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comments begin at 1:33:55)**

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

This item was for information only, and no action was required.

**Item 4.13: PRESENTATION: PUBLIC WORKS CITIZENS ACADEMY (Discussion Begins 1:34:34)**

Dave Reno, Community Engagement Officer for the Public Works Department, presented on the proposed Public Works Citizens Academy. Citizens Academies are not new — the KCK Unified Government already has successful ones operated by the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office. Citizens Academies are becoming more popular, with programs in Topeka, Olathe, and Wichita.

The Citizens Academy is designed to help community members better understand what Public Works does — beyond the visible daily services — including behind-the-scenes operations they would not otherwise have access to.

Program Details:

- Sessions:  Six (6) evening sessions
- Time:  5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.
- Participants:  Limited to 25 participants (consistent with similar programs nationally and locally for more intimate discussions)
- Format:  Multiple locations, including field tours and on-site demonstrations (e.g., patching potholes), expert presentations, and a budget simulation exercise
- Eligibility:  Open to Kansas City, Kansas, residents; minors (age 17, in high school) may apply but must participate with a parent or guardian

Topics to be Covered:

- Wastewater and Environmental Services
- Solid Waste Management
- Fleet Services
- Asset Management and Geospatial Services
- Stormwater Management and Green Infrastructure
- Street Maintenance and Traffic (including pavement prioritization)
- Engineering and Project Management
- Budget

Key Dates:

- Applications open:  August 31, 2026
- Applications close:  September 30, 2026
- Academy runs:  October 14 – November 18, 2026
- Commission recognition:  Planned for a November Commission meeting (pending discussion with the Commission)

How to Apply:

- Online:  wycokck.org/pwacademy
- Phone:  Call 311 and ask for Dave Reno in Public Works for a paper application (for residents without internet access)

The Chairman opened the public hearing.  No comments were received.  The Chairman closed the public hearing.

This item was for information only, and no action was required.

**Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 1:41:00)**

Commissioner Burns moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0

- Ayes: Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: Lopez, Bradley-Lopez

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM

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Report to
# Public Works & Safety Standing Committee

| MEETING DATE | PRESENTER | DEPARTMENT |
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| | Phillip Lockman, Director<br><br>plockman@wycokck.org<br>x8099 | Community Corrections |

| AGENDA ITEM #4.1. |
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| RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2026 KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ADULT CASE PLAN REPORT |

| BACKGROUND |
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| Approval of the annual report for our adult Kansas Department of Corrections program. |

| RECOMMENDATION |
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| Approve<br><br>Approve and recommend for full commission. |

| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS |
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| None |

| LEGAL/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS |
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| None |

| ATTACHMENTS |
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| Resolution - FY26 Community Corrections Adult Case Plan, FY2026 Adult Case Plan - End of Year Report |

Approved by Mayor/Administrator to add to agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. _______________**

**A RESOLUTION** approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Corrections Adult Case Plan.

**WHEREAS,** the agency director of the 29th Judicial District of Wyandotte County Community Corrections assisted in the compilation and analysis of data from which the Fiscal Year 2026 Adult Case Plan was generated;

**WHEREAS,** in August of 2026 the Community Corrections Advisory Board/Governing Board for the 29th Judicial District of Wyandotte County reviewed the aforementioned report and agreed with the findings and discussion therein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/ KANSAS CITY, KANSAS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Unified Government Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Corrections Adult Case Plan attached hereto.

**Section 2.** The County Administrator and/or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to take such actions to execute any other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately after its adoption by the Governing Body of the Unified Government.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, THIS _____DAY OF____________________, 2026.**

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**Christal E. Watson, Mayor/CEO**

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**Unified Government Clerk**

**Approved As To Form:**

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**Angela J. Lawson**
**Chief Counsel**

## AISP FY26 AGENCY CASE PLAN

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| Agency Name: | 29th Judicial District - Adult Case Plan |
| Principle #8: | **Provide measurement feedback.** |

| GOAL #1 | BARRIERS | SUPPORT ENTITIES |
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| This agency will create and implement a structured, individualized coaching and feedback method for all Intensive Supervision Officers in FY 2026. | Staff buy-in | Crystal Sprague, UG Open Forms Administrator |
| **ACTION STEPS** | **PERSON RESPONSIBLE** | **TARGET DATE** |
| 1. **Standardize Report Prompts:** Supervisory staff will collaboratively develop and finalize a single, standardized set of prompts for the 5/15 weekly report template. | Admin. Lockamy<br>Supervisor Zeigel<br>Supervisor Gomez | 08/30/2025 |
| 2. **Create Digital Template:** The approved questions and prompts will be integrated into a standardized electronic template via an open forms system. | Admin Lockamy | 08/30/2025 |
| 3. **Supervisor Training:** Supervisors will complete a comprehensive training session on the new coaching and feedback framework, covering the purpose, application, and technical operation of the electronic 5/15 weekly report | Admin. Lockamy<br>Supervisor Zeigel<br>Supervisor Gomez | 09/30/2025 |
| 4. **Staff Training and Rollout:** Supervisors will conduct staff training to introduce the new coaching framework and provide clear instructions on the purpose and utilization of the electronic 5/15 weekly report. | Admin. Lockamy<br>Supervisor Zeigel<br>Supervisor Gomez | 09/30/2025 |
| 5. **Full Implementation:** By the close of the first quarter, the new coaching and feedback report will be fully operational. Implementation success will be verified by the initial submission and return of the 5/15 reports. | Admin Lockamy | 09/30/2025 |
| 6. **Monthly Staff Check-ins:** Staff will be engaged for feedback and progress updates during monthly staff meetings. | Admin. Lockamy<br>Supervisor Zeigel<br>Supervisor Gomez | On-Going |
| **1ST QUARTER PROGRESS** | **CHALLENGES** | **MODIFICATIONS** |
| The primary objective for the first quarter was to fully implement the new, electronic 5/15 weekly report as an individualized coaching tool.<br><br>This agency successfully completed all initial action steps (1-5) by the target dates of 09/30/2025, achieving full implementation of the new coaching and feedback method.<br><br>The electronic 5/15 report is now fully operational, and success was verified by the initial submission and return of the reports.<br><br>Supervisors collaboratively developed and finalized a single, standardized set of seven prompts. These questions are strategically designed to: | We were unable to integrate the functionality of uploading documents into the Open Forms system before the rollout. | None |

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| ○ Promote Case Plan Quality (Goal #3) by requiring officers to reflect on setting SMART goals and linking goals to a probationer's criminogenic needs.<br><br>○ Reinforce Training (Goal #2) by requiring officers to describe how they applied a skill from the most recent Briefcase Series module.<br><br>Comprehensive training sessions were completed for both supervisors and staff on the new coaching framework, its purpose, and the technical operation of the electronic report.<br><br>Supervisors will now begin the ongoing process of conducting Monthly Staff Check-ins to gather feedback and progress updates on the new 5/15 report. | | |
| KDOC FEEDBACK | | |
| Kudos to you for getting the 5/15 report up and running! I think this is such a creative way to initiate conversations with staff while also monitoring their understanding of skills discussed during the BriefCASE. I will be interested to hear over time how staff will respond to these reports and how supervisors/administration find them helpful, etc. Great job! | | |
| 2ND QUARTER PROGRESS | CHALLENGES | MODIFICATIONS |
| During the second quarter, the agency focused on normalizing use of the electronic 5/15 weekly report, now in full implementation. Supervisors monitored submission consistency, reviewed responses for coaching opportunities, and used the report to provide ongoing individualized feedback.<br><br>Supervisors also gathered staff feedback on the new process and identified opportunities to improve clarity and usability. Based on early feedback, supervisors/administration will make minor adjustments to expectations and select questions by adding examples to improve the quality of responses. For example, supervisors identified the need for clearer case planning questions to ensure staff consistently include a specific example of a goal developed with a probationer. | Maintaining consistent, on time completion of the weekly report from staff as the process becomes routine. | Adding brief examples to select questions and strengthening the case planning questions to require a specific example of a goal developed with a probationer. |
| KDOC FEEDBACK | | |
| Great idea adding examples to the report to help staff. | | |
| 3rd QUARTER PROGRESS | CHALLENGES | MODIFICATIONS |
| During the third quarter, the agency maintained full implementation of the electronic 5/15 weekly report. Supervisors continued to monitor staff submission consistency, review responses for coaching opportunities, and use the tool to provide ongoing individualized feedback. The process has become routine, and supervisors are effectively using the 5/15 responses to support staff development and reinforce expectations. No changes to the questions were made during the 3rd quarter. | Balancing supervisory review time with other operational demands. | Supervisors and administration will continue monitoring response quality and make minor clarifications or add examples to select prompts, as |
| KDOC FEEDBACK | | |
| I'm glad to hear this goal remains steady and effective. | | |

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| END OF YEAR PROGRESS | CHALLENGES | MODIFICATIONS |
| During the fourth quarter, we continued full implementation of the electronic 5/15 weekly report. Supervisors monitored staff submissions, reviewed responses for coaching opportunities, and used the report to provide individualized feedback and reinforce expectations. The process remained routine and continued to support staff development. The minor clarifications and examples proposed during the third quarter were not added to the report; however, the existing questions continued to meet the agency's coaching and feedback needs. Overall, Goal #1 was successfully implemented and sustained through the end of FY 2026. | None | None |
| KDOC FEEDBACK | | |
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| Principle #4: | **Skill train with directed practice (use cognitive behavioral methods).** | | |
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| GOAL #2 | | BARRIERS | SUPPORT ENTITIES |
| In FY 2026, all Intensive Supervision Officers will participate in modules from the Carey Group's Briefcase series to enhance their application of evidence-based practices. | | Scheduling Conflicts / Staff Turnover | Internal Admin. Staff |
| ACTION STEPS | | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | TARGET DATE |
| 1. Supervisors will create and distribute a comprehensive schedule for all staff to participate in the monthly Carey Group Briefcase Series throughout FY 2026. | | Admin. Lockamy<br>Supervisor Zeigel<br>Supervisor Gomez | 09/30/2025 |
| 2. A formal announcement will be sent to all Intensive Supervision staff detailing the FY 2026 Briefcase Series training plan. The communication will include a memo explaining the purpose of the training and a list of the monthly module topics. | | Admin. Lockamy | 09/30/2025 |
| 3. A prompt will be added to the 5/15 weekly report template. This section will require officers to briefly describe how they applied a specific skill learned from the most recent Briefcase Series module to encourage officers to move from learning to application and providing supervisors with valuable coaching insights. | | Admin Lockamy<br>Supervisor Zeigel<br>Supervisor Gomez | 06/30/2026 |
| 1ST QUARTER PROGRESS | | CHALLENGES | MODIFICATIONS |
| We have successfully completed the first two action steps for Goal #2, ensuring a structured rollout of the Briefcase Series training for all Intensive Supervision Officers.<br><br>Supervisors created a schedule for staff to participate in the Briefcase Series modules on a quarterly basis throughout FY 2026. A formal announcement detailing the FY 2026 Briefcase Series training plan, including a memo on the purpose of the training and a list of module topics, was sent to all Intensive Supervision staff prior to each training. | | None | None |

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| We have successfully integrated a coaching question into the new 5/15 weekly report template. This question is designed to check in with staff on how they introduced the skills they introduced in office visits by requiring officers to describe how they applied a specific skill from the most recent Briefcase Series module.<br><br>On 09/25/2025, staff participated in module 10, Understanding the Key Components of Effective Case Planning and Management. | | |
| KDOC FEEDBACK | | |
| Again, great idea incorporating a BriefCASE check-in with the 5/15 reports. It's great to see that your agency is continuing to make progress in the series. With the hiring of new staff, friendly remind to have them complete the first BriefCASE module with an instructor before folding into the series and schedule that all other ISOs are currently on. | | |
| 2ND QUARTER PROGRESS | CHALLENGES | MODIFICATIONS |
| During the second quarter, the agency continued efforts to implement the Carey Group BriefCASE training initiative; however, the agency was not able to roll out a BriefCASE module during this quarter. This was primarily due to the need to onboard three new staff members, along with scheduling conflicts impacting monthly staff meetings and the holiday schedule in November and December. Supervisors and administration focused supporting new staff onboarding and preparing to resume the BriefCASE rollout in the 3rd quarter.<br><br>In response to KDOC 1st quarter feedback regarding new staff onboarding, the agency will explore options to ensure newly hired staff complete prior BriefCASE modules. | Scheduling conflicts and staffing changes continued to impact full attendance. Resources and time from supervisors for new staff to participate in prior BriefCASE series. | None |
| KDOC FEEDBACK | | |
| These were things outside your control and pausing the Briefcase to allow for onboarding of new staff is more than appropriate.<br><br>To clarify my 1st Quarter Feedback, new hires only need to "make up" Module 1 BriefCASE before folding into the series with the rest of the agency is at.   They will have receive the missed modules when the agency starts the series over again. | | |
| 3rd QUARTER PROGRESS | CHALLENGES | MODIFICATIONS |
| During the third quarter, the agency made significant progress in advancing the BriefCASE trainings.<br><br>Staff completed three modules:<br>• *Writing SMART Case Plans* in January | Scheduling conflicts and staffing changes continued to impact full attendance. Resources | During the fourth quarter, the agency will introduce the BriefCase series to |

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| • *Structuring One-on-One Interactions and Using Skill Practice* in February<br>• *Addressing Skill Deficits* in March<br><br>The agency also prepared to expand the BriefCASE series to the Programs Division, including ISOs assigned to Drug Court and Behavioral Health Court. New staff members will be incorporated into the training initiative and will be expected to complete at least Module One before joining the full series with the rest of the team. | and time from supervisors for new staff to participate in prior BriefCASE series. | Program Division staff and incorporate new staff into the training process to ensure they are brought up to date. |
| KDOC FEEDBACK | | |
| The agency is making great progress through the series – kudos! I think it'll be very beneficial for the programs division to begin the BriefCASE series – great idea! To clarify, will newly hired ISOs go through the BriefCASE series with the programs division until they're "caught up" with where the other ISOs are at? If I'm correct in my understanding, I would suggest having the new hire ISO complete module one with Ryan or Monica and then jump in the series where the ISOs are at (this is line with the Carey Group's guidance). Reason being, once the ISO group has completed all 23 modules, they will start over with module 1 and the new hire will receive the previous modules they were not present for. Additionally, the new hire will never "catch up" to where the other group is at, and they will be spending all their BriefCASE time with the programs division and not their ISO peers. Having the new ISOs participate in the series with their ISO peers can provide so many benefits to include networking and learning opportunities. | | |
| END OF YEAR PROGRESS | CHALLENGES | MODIFICATIONS |
| During the fourth quarter, Adult Division staff continued participating in the Carey Group BriefCASE Series. In April, staff completed the module *Understanding the Carey Guides*. We also worked toward expanding the BriefCASE Series to the Programs Division. Jessica Dultmeier with the Kansas Department of Corrections provided the necessary training materials to Leavenworth County for delivery to our agency. However, the materials were not received from Leavenworth County in time to begin training the Programs Division staff during the fourth quarter. Although the planned expansion was not completed, the Adult Division continued making progress in the BriefCASE Series. | The agency did not receive the training materials from Leavenworth County in time to begin the BriefCASE Series with Programs Division staff during the fourth quarter. | The introduction of the BriefCASE Series to the Programs Division will start in the 1st quarter of FY 27. |
| KDOC FEEDBACK | | |
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| Principle #3: | **Target Interventions.** | |
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| GOAL #3 | BARRIERS | SUPPORT ENTITIES |
| In FY2026, this agency will enhance the quality of its case plans by conducting a formal review of at least 25% of all active moderate-to-high risk cases. | Supervisors having to carry a caseload | Internal Admin Staff |
| ACTION STEPS | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | TARGET DATE |
| 1. **Develop Standardized Review Tool:** Supervisors will create a standardized Case Plan Quality Review Checklist to ensure all reviews are objective and consistent. | Admin. Lockamy<br>Supervisor Zeigel<br>Supervisor Gomez | 09/30/2025 |

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| 2. **Establish Review Protocol:** Supervisors will define the protocol for randomly selecting 25% of active moderate-to-high risk cases for quarterly review. | Admin. Lockamy<br>Supervisor Zeigel<br>Supervisor Gomez | 09/30/2025 |
| 3. **Conduct Quarterly Reviews:** Supervisors will conduct the formal case plan reviews each quarter according to an established schedule. | Supervisor Gomez<br>Admin. Lockamy<br>Supervisor Zeigel | 09/30/2025 |
| 4. **Integrate Case Planning into Weekly Reporting:** A prompt will be added to the 5/15 weekly report requiring officers to reflect on a specific aspect of high-quality case planning. | Admin. Lockamy | 09/30/2025 |
| 5. **Utilize 5/15 Responses for Weekly Coaching:** Supervisors will review officer responses to the case planning prompt each week and use them as a basis for timely, informal coaching, | Admin. Lockamy | On-Going |
| 1ST QUARTER PROGRESS | CHALLENGES | MODIFICATIONS |
| This agency successfully completed the first four action steps under Goal #3 to enhance the quality of case plans.<br><br>Supervisors created and finalized a standardized Case Plan Quality Review Checklist to ensure all future case plan reviews are objective and consistent.<br><br>A clear protocol for the formal review process was defined. Supervisors will run a caseload report for each officer quarterly and randomly select 25% of all active moderate-to-high risk cases to audit for the quarterly review.<br><br>The initial formal case plan reviews were conducted according to the established schedule.<br><br>Case plan questions have been added to the new 5/15 weekly report template to require officers to reflect on a specific aspect of high-quality case planning, which allows supervisors to check in with staff.<br><br>Supervisors have begun the ongoing process of reviewing officer responses to the case planning prompts in the 5/15 report and utilizing them as a basis for timely, informal coaching. | None | None |
| KDOC FEEDBACK | | |
| I'm curious if supervisors have noticed any changes in the quality of case plans as a result of the case planning training staff received on 9/11/25. I would encourage supervisors to look for trends as they conduct reviews to determine what, if any areas need to be addressed as a whole, ranging from more formalized refresher training to simple reminders shared in staff meetings. | | |
| 2ND QUARTER PROGRESS | CHALLENGES | MODIFICATIONS |
| During the second quarter, supervisors planned to complete the quarterly case plan audits; however, case plan audits were not completed during this quarter. This was due to the need to onboard three new staff members and the impact of holiday schedules in November and December. During this period, supervisors prioritized supporting onboarding and training needs. | Onboarding demands for three new staff members reduced available supervisor | Incorporated KDOC feedback into the audits. |

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<tr><td>In addition, the agency received 1st quarter feedback from KDOC. Supervisors/administration will use KDOC's feedback in the third quarter to guide the next round of case plan reviews to improve case plan quality and consistency.</td><td rowspan="3">time for quarterly audits and follow-up coaching.</td><td rowspan="3"></td></tr>
<tr><td>KDOC FEEDBACK</td></tr>
<tr><td>I'm looking forward to reviewing your third quarter progress!</td></tr>
<tr><td>3rd QUARTER PROGRESS</td><td>CHALLENGES</td><td>MODIFICATIONS</td></tr>
<tr><td>During the third quarter, supervisors completed the scheduled case plan audits and continued using the standardized Case Plan Quality Review Checklist to ensure consistency across reviews. Case plans reflected clear connections between criminogenic needs and corresponding goals. Goals were written in a SMART format, and officers ensured that finalized case plans were printed and included in the physical file.<br><br>Supervisors noted that action steps were being updated and closed out as they were completed, demonstrating active case plan maintenance. While overall quality was strong, some officers were encouraged to provide more detailed and specific action steps (for example, breaking down how a client will develop new prosocial friendships). Supervisors reported that staff were receptive to feedback and showed improvement following coaching.</td><td rowspan="3">Supervisors continued balancing quarterly case plan audits and follow-up coaching with other supervisory responsibilities, including caseload oversight.</td><td rowspan="3">Supervisors will continue using quarterly reviews to identify trends in case plan quality, with additional emphasis on strengthening the specificity of action steps and reinforcing expectations through coaching and staff reminders.</td></tr>
<tr><td>KDOC FEEDBACK</td></tr>
<tr><td>It sounds as though the case plan audits are paying off and the key components are being addressed – that's great! I would encourage you to look at ways you can measure progress being made with the audits and reviewing scores to gauge the level of improvement and any reoccurring themes of issues.</td></tr>
<tr><td>END OF YEAR PROGRESS</td><td>CHALLENGES</td><td>MODIFICATIONS</td></tr>
<tr><td>During the fourth quarter, supervisors continued conducting formal case plan reviews using the Case Plan Quality Review Checklist. Case plan goals were guided by each probationers LSCMI or WRNA risk assessment and included specific action steps addressing identified criminogenic needs. Supervisors followed up on the reviews by observing office visits to evaluate how officers incorporated case plan goals and action steps into their interactions with probationers.</td><td rowspan="3">None</td><td rowspan="3">None</td></tr>
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Report to
# Public Works & Safety Standing Committee

| MEETING DATE | PRESENTER | DEPARTMENT |
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| | Troy Shaw, County Engineer/ Director of Public Works<br><br>tshaw@wycokck.org<br>x5416 | Public Works |

| AGENDA ITEM #4.2. |
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| RESOLUTION: KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY GRANT APPLICATION FOR SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS |
| **BACKGROUND** |
| Public Works Engineering is requesting permission to apply for a KDOT grant to upgrade signal equipment, signs, and associated equipment to add preemption to the 22 signals around the Legends area. We received a 2027 grant for preemption of ambulances along the 7th Street corridor, and this application will seek to expand that to the greater Legends area. |
| **RECOMMENDATION** |
| Approve<br><br>Request for Fast Track; Grant application due in October |
| **BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS** |
| This is a one-time cost for a grant match at 25% of the total. We are currently planning on dedicating some of our annual signal maintenance debt funds to this match. |
| **LEGAL/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS** |
| Legal review of agenda item – any issues to be aware of |
| **ATTACHMENTS** |
| Resolution - KDOT ITP, KDOT ITS Grant Locations, Signed Award Letter UG_KCK (1) |

Approved by Mayor/Administrator to add to agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. _________**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/ KANSAS CITY, KANSAS TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Kansas Department of Transportation ("KDOT") established the Innovative Technology Program to address rural and urban transportation safety, access, and mobility needs; and

**WHEREAS**, each year the Innovative Technology Program makes $2 million available, with a maximum award of $1 million to a recipient; and

**WHEREAS**, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/ Kansas City, Kansas ("Unified Government") has received a 2027 grant for preemption of ambulances along the 7th Street corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Department would like to expand that preemption to the 22 signals around the Legends area; and

**WHEREAS,** the KDOT Innovative Technology grant requires a 25% cash match that would be paid with funds allocated to Public Works annual signal maintenance; and

**WHEREAS,** this application does not obligate funds, the Public Works Department will bring any award back to the committee for recommendation of acceptance by the full commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Unified Government Board of Commissioners hereby approves application for the KDOT Innovative Technology grant.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, THIS _____ DAY OF _______________, 2026.**

___________________________________
**Cristal E. Watson, Mayor/CEO**

**Attest:**

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**Unified Government Clerk**

**Approved as to Form:**

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**Angela Lawson, Chief Counsel**

# KDOT Innovative Technologies: Traffic Signal Improvement Locations

Dwight D. Eisenhower State Office Building
700 S.W. Harrison Street
Topeka, KS 66603-3745
Calvin Reed, Secretary

Kansas
Department of Transportation
*Office of the Secretary*

Phone: 785-296-3461
Fax: 785-368-7415
kdot#publicinfo@ks.gov
http://www.ksdot.org
Laura Kelly, Governor

March 10, 2026

Kristofer Finger
City Traffic Engineer
Unified Government of Wyandotte County & Kansas City, KS
701 N 7th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

Dear Kristofer Finger,

I am pleased to inform you that your project has been selected to receive state funds and will be included in our state's 2027 Innovative Technology Program.

| Project Title | Award Amount | Fiscal Year |
|---|---|---|
| Emergency Vehicle Preemption I-70 to Ku Med | $158,660 | 2027 |

The project referenced above has been selected to receive 75% of project costs up to a maximum state award of **$158,660** which is expected to aid in the completion of the selected project as per your project application.

**We will begin the process of working on a city/state agreement to be signed. Once completed, the Notice to Proceed and Reimbursement Request form will be sent to you.**

Please remember that you are 100% financially responsible for the following items:
- **$59,010** local match
- Preliminary Engineering (PE) and Design
- Right-of-Way
- Utilities
- Non-participating items
- All costs that exceed the maximum state award
- On-going operations and maintenance

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Innovative Technologies Program Manager, Mike Flory, by email at michael.flory@ks.gov.

We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

William "Mitch" Sothers, P.E.
Chief, Bureau of Innovative Technologies

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Report to

# Public Works & Safety Standing Committee

| MEETING DATE | PRESENTER | DEPARTMENT |
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| | Jennifer Tarwater, Deputy Director<br>jtarwater@wycokck.gov<br>x6366 | Emergency Management |

## AGENDA ITEM #4.3.

RESOLUTION: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPS TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC ALERTS AND MESSAGING

## BACKGROUND

This application is to fund the Everbridge and WebEOC platforms, which provide emergency alerts and public safety warnings to the residents of Wyandotte County as well as situational awareness to first responder agencies.

Currently, Everbridge delivers urgent and life-saving notifications, such as evacuation or shelter-in-place orders and severe weather alerts to more than 94,000 subscribers living or working in Wyandotte County. We are hoping to increase the number of subscribers, which would increase the cost. Everbridge has the ability to push out notifications to those in the affected area via text, email, landline, cell or mobile app. It also serves as a required delivery mechanism for FEMA's Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) which provides a communication redundancy and can be geofenced to reach the impacted area only, preventing unnecessary disruptions to non-affected locations, such as with crime advisories.

WebEOC (Web-based Emergency Operations Center) is a web-enabled crisis information management system that captures and shares secure, real-time situational awareness to help incident managers make sound decisions quickly. It creates a common operating picture and prevents duplication of effort and resources. WebEOC allows for extensive information retrieval and reporting capability, which is beneficial when applying for funding reimbursement or historical documentation. WebEOC is also available as a backup platform to launch IPAWS messaging if Everbridge is not working.

Both platforms are pivotal to communicating emergency information to Wyandotte County residents and communicating with and on behalf of our public safety agencies. Funding for this grant would cover the cost of subscriptions to both platforms for two years.

## RECOMMENDATION

Approve

Approve grant submission and acceptance.

## BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is no local match required for this grant. If the application is unsuccessful, Emergency Management still has funding budgeted to cover the subscription expenses for both platforms.

| LEGAL/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS |
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| None. |
| ATTACHMENTS |
| Emergency Management COPS Technology Grant Application 2026 Resolution |

Approved by Mayor/Administrator to add to agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. __________________**

**A RESOLUTION** authorizing the Emergency Management Department through the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas to submit a grant application for the FY 2026 COPS Technology and Equipment Program and accept if awarded.

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Justice operates the Community Oriented Policing Services Technology and Equipment Program; and

**WHEREAS,** an application has been prepared to request funding for the Department of Emergency Management's Everbridge and WebEOC platforms; and

**WHEREAS,** the value of the grant request is $225,000.00, with no matching funds required.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/ KANSAS CITY, KANSAS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Emergency Management Department through the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas is authorized to submit a grant application for the FY 2026 COPS Technology and Equipment Program.

**Section 2**. The County Administrator and/or his designee is hereby authorized to accept such grant if awarded, on behalf of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and to take the steps necessary to fulfill the conditions of the grant and execute documents in furtherance of the of the grant.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, THIS _____DAY OF____________________, 2026.**

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**Christal E. Watson, Mayor/CEO**

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**Unified Government Clerk**

Report to
# Public Works & Safety Standing Committee

| MEETING DATE | PRESENTER | DEPARTMENT |
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| | | Police Department |

| AGENDA ITEM #4.4. |
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| UPDATE: POLICE DEPARTMENT - REAL-TIME INTELLIGENCE CRIME CENTER (RTICC), LICENSE PLATE READERS (LPR) & DRONE |
| **BACKGROUND** |
| This item was added at the request of Commissioner Kump. |
| **RECOMMENDATION** |
| For information only |
| **BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS** |
| N/A |
| **LEGAL/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS** |
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| **ATTACHMENTS** |
| RTICC update |

Approved by Mayor/Administrator to add to agenda.

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# REAL-TIME CRIME CENTER

- Real-Time Crime Centers have been an ongoing and relatively recent trend in law enforcement in different departments around the nation. The purpose of Real-Time Crime Center is to use technology to provide real-time information and analytics to support law enforcement and investigations.
- They use various systems such as cameras, license plate readers, drones, gun shot detection, computer-aided dispatch (CAD) systems, intelligence based and open-source systems to provide information fast to officers before they get to a scene or shortly after an incident has occurred.
- KCKPD's Real-Time Crime center is staffed by civilian analysts and sworn officers. It is combined with their intelligence unit.
- KCKPD started their Real-Time Crime center in 2022 but fully established in 2024. Was one of the first departments in the metro to have a Real-Time Crime Center.

# LICENSE PLATE READERS

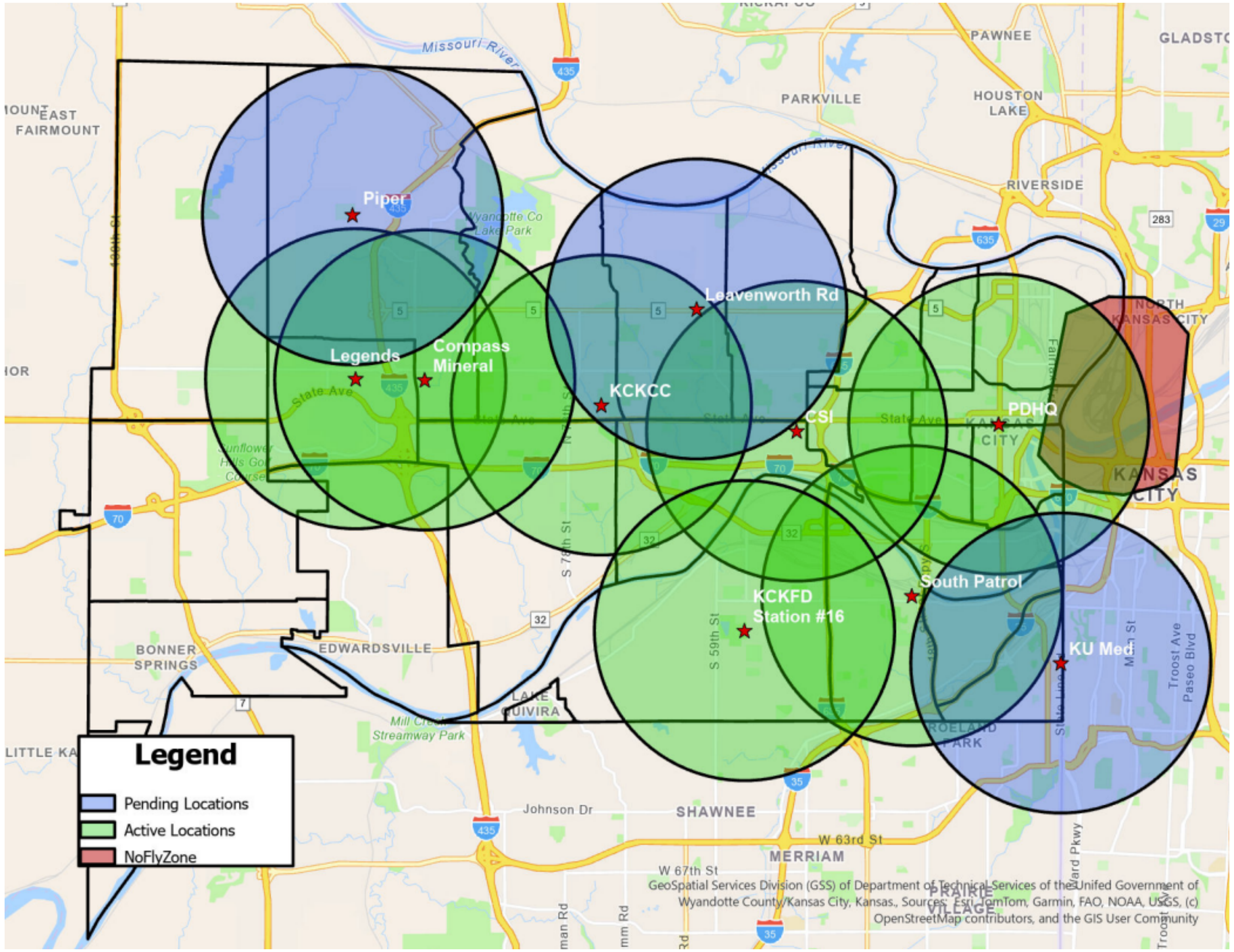
- License plate readers are automated cameras that capture vehicle license plates. Law enforcement can use LPR data to identify vehicle connected to investigations, locate wanted vehicles, and develop investigative leads.
- Began in 2020 with LPRs using Genetec with fixed cameras and mobile LPRs (mounted on patrol vehicles)
- Expanded in 2024 with the full launch of our RTICC and Flock contract funded by a federal grant.
- All searches have to have a purpose, are audited, and are deleted after 30 days.
- Types:
  - Fixed LPRs:
    - Genetec ALPR – 100
    - Flock - 52
  - Mobile LPRs on police cars using Axon Fleet

# CAMERAS

- Cameras provide law enforcement with real-time visibility and recorded video to improve situational awareness, support officer safety, and assist with investigations.
- UG owned Cameras - **550 Total**
  - Cameras that control lights on intersections
  - UG Buildings
  - UG Parks
  - Public areas like Azura Amphitheater (Sandstone) and Kansas Speedway
- KCKPD Owned Cameras - **215 Total**
  - KCKPD buildings
  - Street Cameras
- FUSUS Core boxes – **1193 Integrated Cameras**
  - Businesses in KCK who agree to KCKPD with access to their video footage.
  - Gas stations, apartment complexes, schools etc.
- Camera Registry – **3340 Registered Currently**
  - Allows investigators to identify cameras and request video in the area of an incident.
  - Can find more information at https://connectkck.org/

# DRONE AS FIRST RESPONDER (DFR)

- Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) or drones that are stationed through out the city to respond to calls for service to promote faster response time.
- They are in aid of helping out officers, EMS, and Firefighters with situational awareness for the calls for service.
- Drones can be at the scene in minutes and are often there before emergency personnel arrive to give them information prior to their arrival.
- 2026 Flights
  - 1,073 deployments
  - 257 hours airborne
  - Average 12 flights per day
- 2026 Top 5 Calls for service types using DFR:
  - Disturbances (Non-Domestic, Domestic, and armed), suspicious persons, and area checks.



# AUDIO AND GUN SHOT DETECTION

- Flock audio and gun detection are placed based on crime data where violent crime occurs in the city.
- Rolled out in 2024 and funded by a Federal grant.
- Currently KCK PD has 227 different audio detection devices.
- System does not record continuously, has no live audio feed, and does not capture human voices.
- It detects gunshots, crashes, fireworks, and sideshow activity to locate where these incidents occur.

# DIGITAL FORENSICS

- Cell Phone Forensics
  - KCKPD uses Cellbrite and Greykey to preserve evidence on phone by downloading the contents pending a warrant.
  - Using phone forensics we are able to download texts, phone calls, photos, app data, locations, and sometimes deleted information to aid in investigations by building a timeline and identifying connections.
  - So far this year KCKPD has taken in 253 phones and completed downloads/analysis in 173 phones.
- Video Forensics
  - Involves the collection, analysis, and enhancement of digital video and audio evidence to support criminal investigations and court proceedings.

# CRIME GUN INTELLIGENCE CENTER

- (Crime Gun Intelligence Center) KCKPD is one of 54 centers in the country
- Received a DOJ grant of $700,000 in 2022 to create the CGIC project joint effort between the National Public Safety Institute and the ATF
- Intelligence hubs and coordination centers for local, state and federal responses to mass shootings and other major crimes involving firearms.
- CGICs use data driven strategies, cutting-edge forensic science and crime gun evidence to support the investigation and prosecution of violent criminals.
- National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)

# PROGRAMS USED

- Axon
  - A public safety platform for managing body-warn camera footage, evidence, and other digital records.
- FUSUS
  - Owned by Axon.  A real-time video and intelligence platform that integrates CAD and public, private, and law-enforcement cameras feeds into one system that is mapped.
- Genetec
  - A security and video management platform that allows agencies to monitor multiple cameras in the city and manage ALPR data.
- Flock
  - A network of ALPRs that capture vehicle information. Connects with other agencies that have Flock to get a network of ALPR data upon request.
- Peregrine
  - An analytical platforms that brings together information from various data sources in our own system and other agencies to support investigations.
- DJI Flighthub 2
  - The platform to manage and fly DJI drones.
- Cellbrite and Graykey
  - Programs used for cellphone forensics and preserving evidence from phones.

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Report to

# Public Works & Safety Standing Committee

| MEETING DATE | PRESENTER | DEPARTMENT |
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| | Dennis Rubin, Fire Chief<br>John Droppelmann, Fire Marshal<br><br>drubin@kckfd.org,<br>jdroppelmann@kckfd.org<br>X5951, x5938 | Fire Department |

| AGENDA ITEM #4.5. |
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| UPDATE:  FOURTH OF JULY 2026 INCIDENTS REVIEW |

| BACKGROUND |
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| RECOMMENDATION |
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| For information only |

| BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS |
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| LEGAL/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS |
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| ATTACHMENTS |
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| 2026 FIREWORKS SUMMARY |

Approved by Mayor/Administrator to add to agenda.

# 2026 FIREWORKS SUMMARY

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

# BUSINESS LICENSING

- There were a total of 33 fireworks stands.  There are two different fee amounts based on the size of the stand.

  - **For stands under 3000 square feet (30)------------- $1060.00**
  - **For stands 3000 square feet or greater (3)---------- $1325.00**

  - **Total License Fee amount collected $35,775.00**

# PAST LICENSE FEES COLLECTED

| Year | # of Stands | Fee under 3000 sq. ft. | Fee over 3000 sq. ft. | Total Collected |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |
| 2016 | 47 | $1,060.00 | $1,325.00 | $51,940.00 |
| | | | | |
| 2021 | 35 | $1,060.00 | $1,325.00 | $39,220.00 |
| 2022 | 34 | $1,060.00 | $1,325.00 | $37,895.00 |
| 2023 | 33 | $1,060.00 | $1,325.00 | $35,775.00 |
| 2024 | 31 | $1,060.00 | $1,325.00 | $33,655.00 |
| 2025 | 31 | $1,060.00 | $1,325.00 | $33,655.00 |

Note: Both a Kansas City, KS sales tax (1.625%) and Wyandotte Co. sales tax (1.0%) is applied to the sale of fireworks. The Unified Govt. receives all sales taxes from the Kansas City, KS sales tax and approximately 94% of the Wyandotte Co. sales tax. The remaining 6% of the Wyandotte Co. sales tax is shared with Bonner Springs, Edwardsville and Lake Quivira. Data are derived from distributions (Jan. thru Dec.). Within this data some prior year sales taxes may exist as prior year(s) adjustments were made by some taxpayers.

# BUSINESS LICENSING cont.

- All Stands are also required to have a $1,000 cash bond (refundable), to ensure removal of stand, material, debris, signs, etc.
- All fireworks stands , debris and materials were removed by 7-7-2026.

# **BUSINESS LICENSING** (revenues)

- SALES TAXES
  - Revenues to the UNIFIED GOVERNMENT for years:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2023 | $30,169.00 | (33 stands) |
| 2024 | $32,721.00 | (31 stands) |
| 2025 | $51,163.00 | (30 stands) |

# UG INCOMING FUNDS FOR 2026

| | |
|---|---|
| Business Licensing fees (2026) | $35,775.00 |
| Sales Taxes (2025 figures) | $57,375.00 |
| Fire Department permitting | $8,660.00 |
| Public Works block party permits | $2,400.00 |
| | **$104,220.00** |

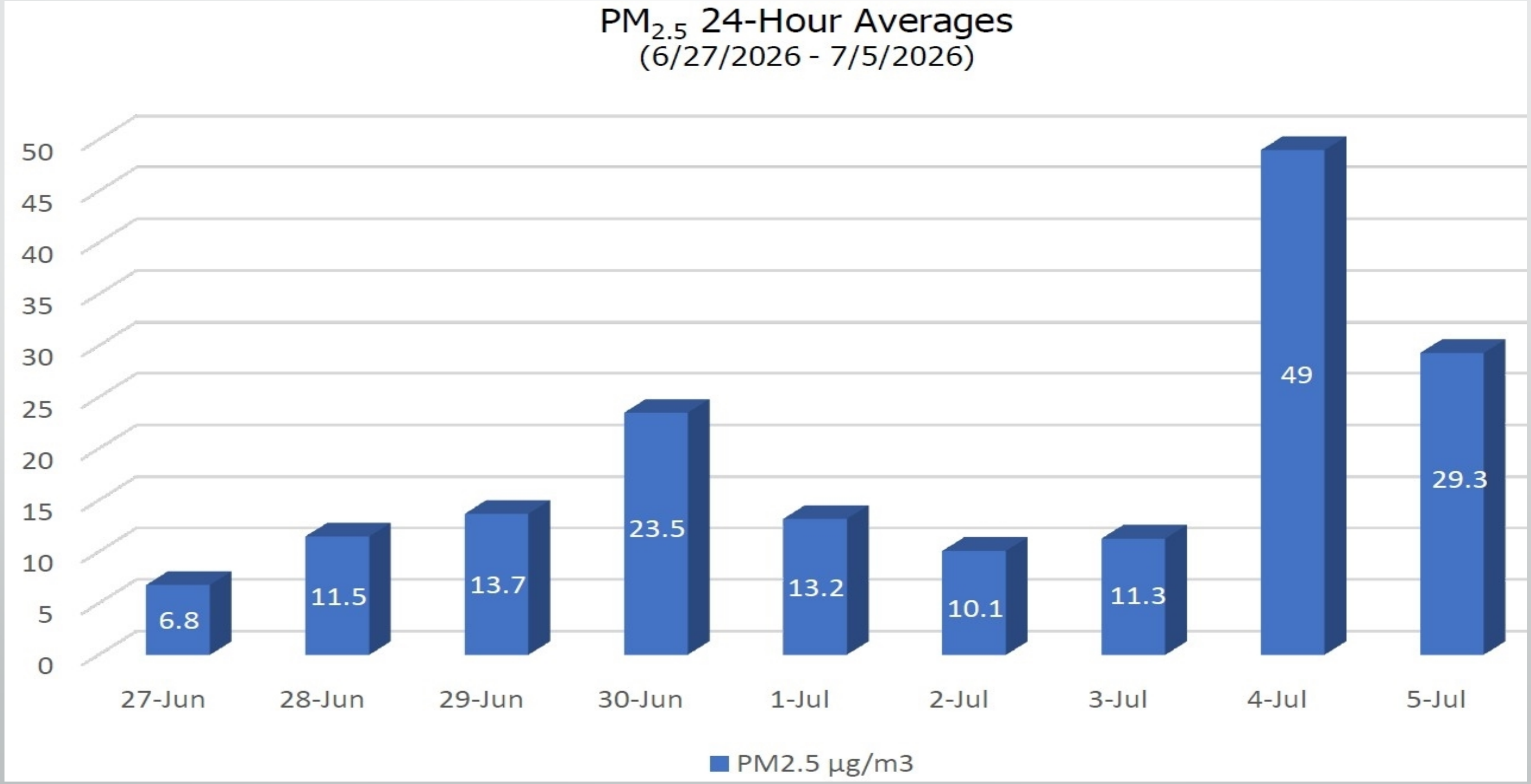
# UG DEPARTMENTAL COSTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Public Works (personnel) | | unknown |
| Parks & Rec damages | | $2,345.00 |
| Fire Department (personnel) | | $31,434.00 |
| | **TOTAL** | **$33,799.00** |

# DEPARTMENT OF AIR QUALITY

- Data is recorded by our continuous fine particulate matter monitor, located at the JFK Core monitoring site ($10^{th}$ and State Avenue).
- A 24-hour average for July 4th fireworks activity had a reading of **49 mg/m3** of fine particulates.
  - The single 'one-hour' average for particulate matter was not available for this report.

# DEPARTMENT OF AIR QUALITY cont.



# PARKS AND RECREATION

- **Preparation and Clean up**

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| 1. Posting and removal of 'No Fireworks' signs | (12 hours x 26.68) | **$320.16** |
| 2. Fireworks debris cleanup (4 hours x 60.00) | | **$240.00** |
| 3. Destruction of portable restroom | | **$1,500.00** |
| 4. Trash cans destroyed (3) | | **$285.00** |
| | | **$2,345.16** |

# PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works issued **16** neighborhood block party permits for street closures.
- 66 type II barricades were deployed

# PUBLIC WORKS (cont)

- Revenue Collected: $150 x 16 (block party permits) **$2,400.00**
- 2 Complaint calls received.

# LAW ENFORCEMENT INVOLVEMENT

The categories of incidents considered to have fireworks related implications were:

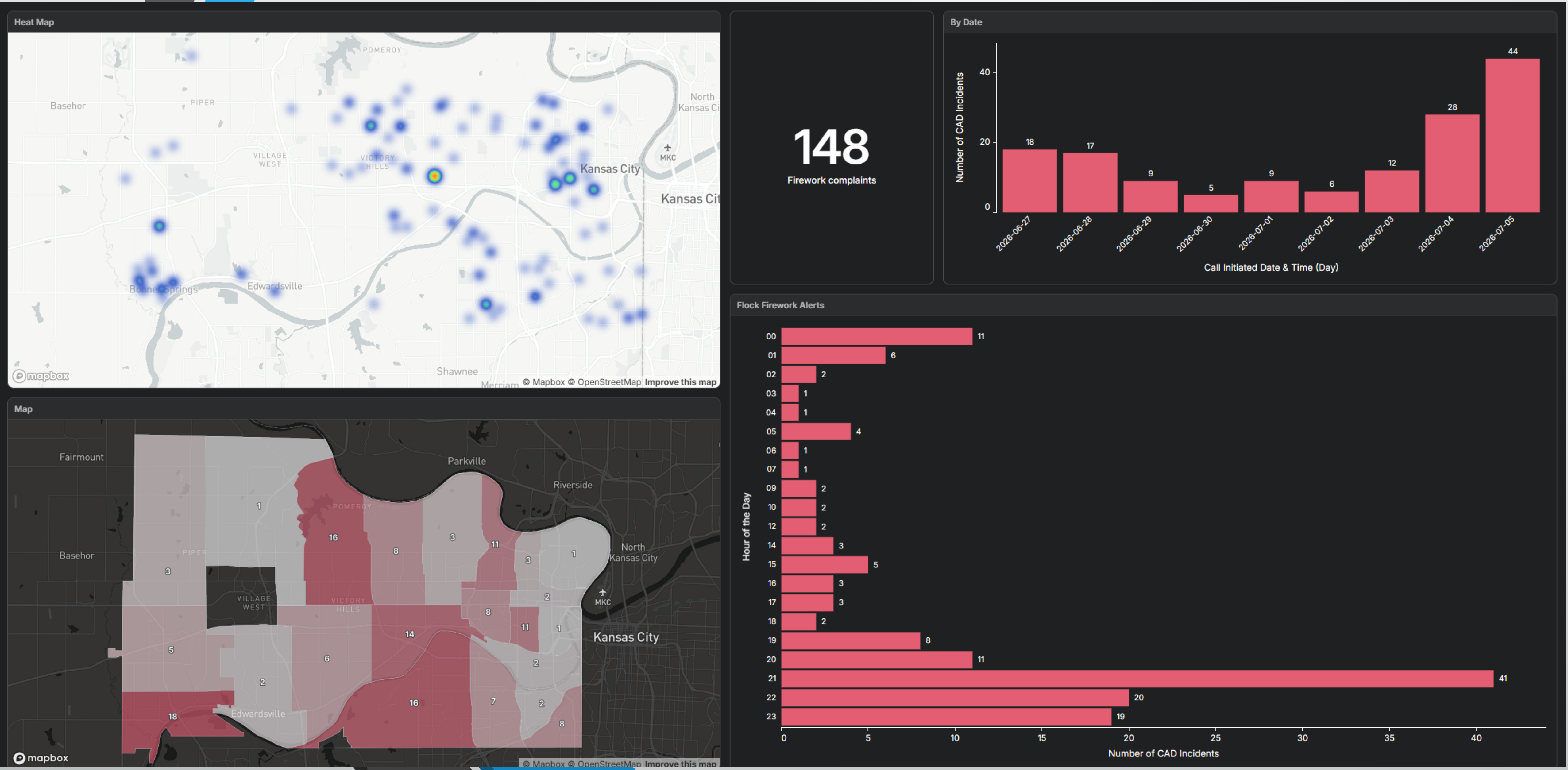
- Fireworks Complaint
- Loud Music/Noise Complaint
- Nature Unknown
- Shots Fired

# WYANDOTTE COUNTY SHERRIFF'S OFFICE

- No report received.

# KANSAS CITY KANSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 148 Calls for service from July 27- July 5
- 44 Calls for service on July 5
- 41 Calls for service during the 9pm hour
- 18 Calls for service in Bonner Springs
- 16 Calls for service in Bethel & Turner areas



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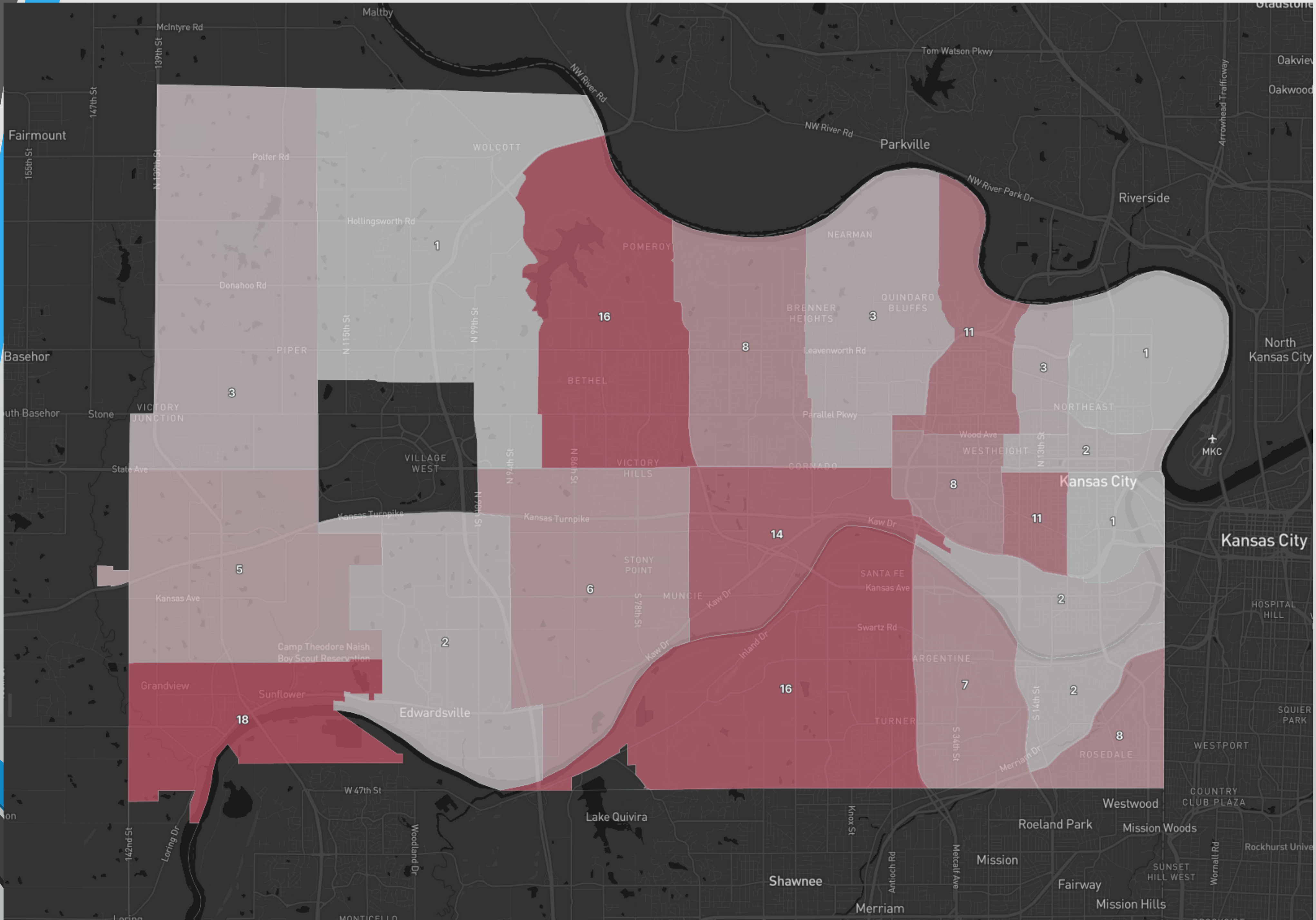
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BRENNER HEIGHTS
QUINDARO BLUFFS
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N 84th St
VICTORY HILLS
CORNADO
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Kansas City
Kansas Turnpike
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Kansas City
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STONY POINT
SANTA FE
Kansas Ave
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MUNCIE
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HOSPITAL HILL
Kansas Ave
S 78th St
Kaw Dr
Swartz Rd
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Camp Theodore Naish Boy Scout Reservation
Inland Dr
ARGENTINE
SQUIER PARK
Grandview
Sunflower
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Edwardsville
TURNER
S 14th St
S 34th St
8
WESTPORT
ROSEDALE
Merriam Dr
W 47th St
COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA
Westwood
Lake Quivira
Knox St
Roeland Park
Mission Woods
142nd St
Loring Dr
Woodland Dr
Mission
Antioch Rd
Metcalf Ave
Wornall Rd
Rockhurst Unive
SUNSET HILL WEST
Shawnee
Fairway
Mission Hills
Merriam

Timeline Heat grid

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| Wed | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| Thu | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Fri | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | 6 | 12 |
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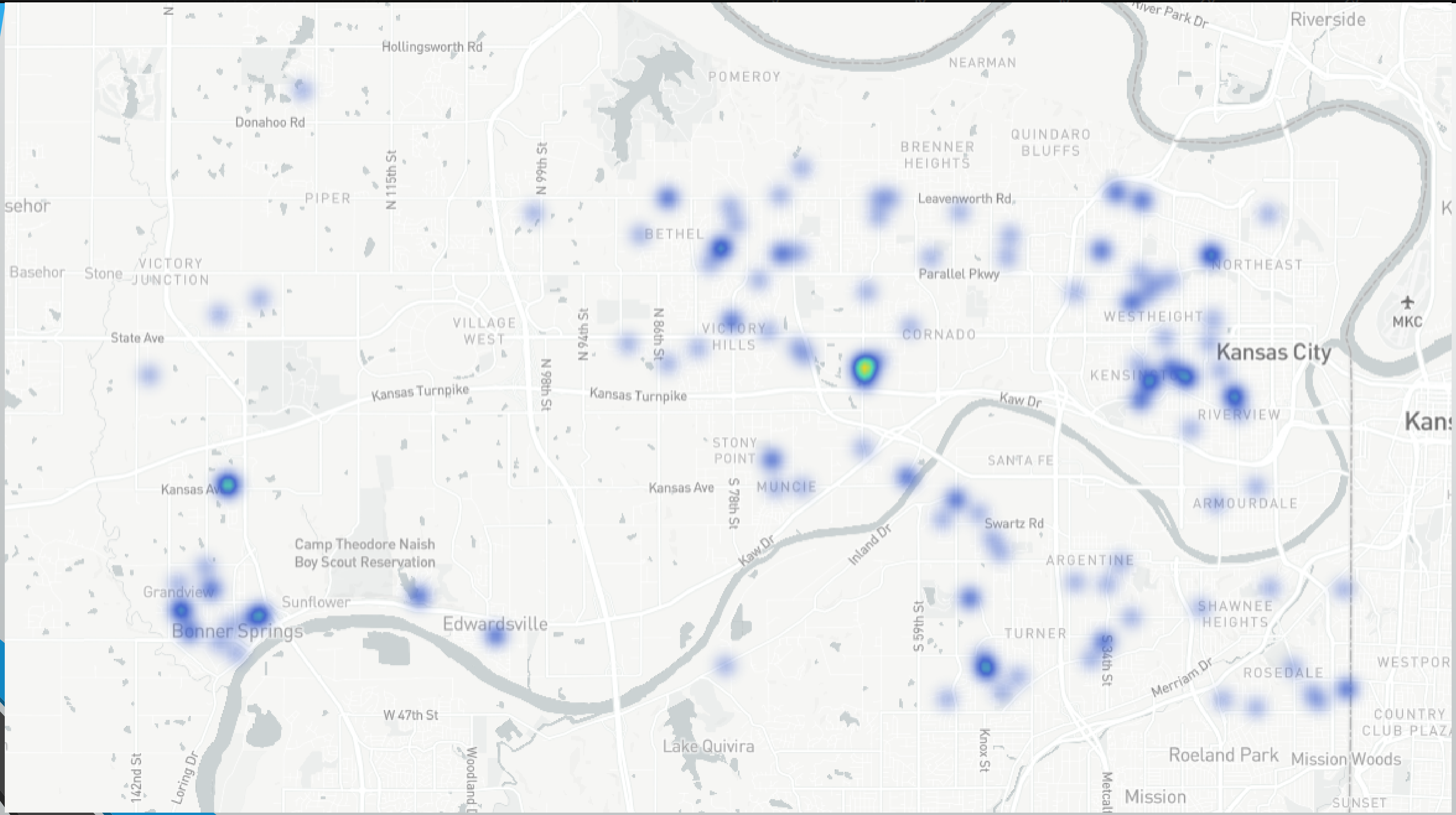

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

There were a total of 18 calls for service from June 27th to July 5th

- 5 – Tree/grass fires
- 7 – Trash fires
- 2 – Burns/explosion injuries (hand lost, fingers lost)
- 4 – Structure fires
- 4 – Miscellaneous calls (MVC, assist PD, Alarms)

# STRUCTURE FIRE 1

- SINGLE FAMILY HOME FIRE
  - Siding ignited from discharging fireworks
  - $2,500 in damages
  - House still livable

# STRUCTURE FIRE 2

- SINGLE FAMILY HOME FIRE
  - Side of house damaged from fireworks thrown in trash can up against house.
  - $25,000 - $30,000 in damages
  - House is NOT livable

# STRUCTURE FIRE 3

- SINGLE FAMILY HOME FIRE
  - Exterior of front porch damaged by discharging fireworks
  - $3,000 in damages
  - House still livable

# STRUCTURE FIRE 4

- SINGLE FAMILY HOME FIRE ***(7/8/2026)**
  - House completely destroyed by juvenile setting off fireworks near/on the porch.
  - $200,000 in damages
  - House is a total loss.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total approximate damage to property **$235,500**.

- The metro area had 11 total structure fires during this time (excluding KCMO)  KCK had 4 of the 11.

***This does not include medical cost to the patients of the EMS calls, either from Fire Department billing for transport or Hospital billing

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

Inspections activities related to fireworks **33** fireworks stands and **2** commercial fireworks displays

- **618** Fireworks stand inspections completed.
- Fire Inspectors: stand inspections and closings, commercial display standbys
  - **158.58** compensatory hours **(equates to $11,734)**
  - **266.33** overtime hours **(equates to $19,700)**
- **3,605** miles logged by Fire Prevention staff

# QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?