



Springfield POLICE

Quarterly Public Safety Report

First Quarter 2018 (Jan. - March)



Family Justice Center to open in Springfield

It is easy for a person on the outside looking in to question why victims wouldn't just leave their abusers. Why don't they just pack their things and walk out? Why don't they prosecute? Why would they keep their kids living in that environment? For many victims, the decisions and processes are much more complicated than they may initially seem. The systems in place to help victims and bring abusers to justice are siloed and complex.

The Family Justice Center marries those systems managed in both the public and private sectors to give the victims the types of support they need, where they need it – in one consolidated location. Police, prosecutors, advocates, medical professionals, counselors, legal services providers and more, are all working together to break the cycle of violence and make it a more viable option for the victims to start on a new path.

Thanks to the voters of Greene County who passed the sales tax in 2017, the Greene County Commission was able to earmark \$500,000 toward the planning and implementation of the Greene County Family Justice Center, the first of its kind in Missouri.

Organizers are working with the Family Justice Center Alliance, a program of Alliance for HOPE International, to lay the foundation of this program. The Alliance has helped build successful Family Justice Centers, which are bettering thousands of lives every year, all across the country.

“Our vision of a Family Justice Center, sorely needed to make a significant impact on the amount of domestic violence that plagues our area, is close to becoming a reality due to the collaborative nature of our community, and specifically the close working relationship between the City and County,” said Police Chief Paul Williams.

In early April, over 100 local stakeholders gathered for two days of strategic planning—a crucial element to launching the Center. “I look forward to implementing the Family Justice Center framework of multi-agency, co-located, and coordinated services, that will change the way the system works – rather than unintentionally working against victims,” said Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson. “Instead, the system, by design, will create coordinated pathways of hope more effectively serving survivors and children in their time of need.”

The FJC Steering Committee has secured temporary space on the 2nd floor of the Greene County Courthouse and anticipates beginning operations on July 1, 2018. Look for more information soon.

Community Engagement

Springfield Police Department offers a variety of programs and services that engage citizens in public safety initiatives.

- Police Area Representative (PAR) Officers
- Crime Prevention
 - Neighborhood Watch
 - Business Watch
 - Night Watch
 - CPTED
 - Apartment Watch
 - Citizens Alert Patrol
- Targeted awareness campaigns
- Crime Stoppers
- Citizens Police Academy
- Coffee with the Chief
- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Police Engagement

Springfield Police Department is organized to maximize effective deployment and utilization of resources.

- Highly trained and specialized teams
- Targeted enforcement efforts
 - people - places - crime
- Annual beat surveys
- Spirit of service
- Commitment to transparency
- Crime trend analysis
- Daily officer deployment based on crime data

See Something. Say Something.

There's no information that's insignificant. Don't hesitate. Call 911.

Report criminal activity anonymously to Crime Stoppers.

(417) 869-TIPS

www.p3tips.com

Headquarters:

321 E. Chestnut Expressway
Springfield, MO 65802

South District Station:

2620 W. Battlefield Rd.
Springfield, MO 65807

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Springfield Crime Statistics

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↓ **22%**

**Overall decrease
in crime in 1st Qtr.**

(Compared to 1st Qtr. 2017)

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

January - March	2017	2018
Homicide	5	3
Rape	82	84
Robbery	92	63
Aggravated Assault	318	296
Total Against Persons	497	446

THERE WAS A **10% TOTAL DECREASE** IN CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2017.

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

January - March	2017	2018
Burglary	525	418
Larceny/theft	2,574	1,976
Stolen Vehicle	472	336
Total Against Property	3,571	2,730

THERE WAS A **24% TOTAL DECREASE** IN CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2017.

Hide it, lock it, **KEEP IT!**



Thefts from inside vehicles dropped this quarter by 37%.

Help us continue this trend by **hiding** your valuables, **locking** your vehicle or **keeping** your property with you.

Robberies, including commercial and residential robberies, dropped by 32%.



Do you know what you would do if ever faced with a robber? Visit the SPD's website to learn several lifesaving tips.

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