



City of Cherryvale 2019 Annual Report

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Honorable Mayor, City Council and Residents of Cherryvale: Allow me to present to you the 2019 Annual Report for the City of Cherryvale. It is under the direction of the Governing Body and through the implementation by city staff that the City was able to successfully provide services that many similar communities are unable to. This report will provide an overview of City functions and projects over the past year.



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Water and Wastewater

The biggest focus is in water and wastewater due to their critical nature. The city purchases water from Public wholesale #4 at Big Hill Lake and then provides care and maintenance of the distribution system. The system is tested and flushed daily for proper chlorine residuals throughout the City and two bacteria samples are taken each month and sent to KDHE for testing. There are also samples taken each quarter to test for disinfection by-products, THAA and HAA5's, to ensure the system is working properly. Wastewater is processed through a three cell lagoon system West of Cherryvale. The City's system consists of approximately 30 miles of sanitary sewer lines, over 300 manholes and 3 lift stations.

2019 year saw a large amount of rainfall causing a large burden on city crews and our storm sewers and lift stations. During the year we had approximately 110 inches of rainfall. This in turn caused our city crews to work long hours maintaining storm sewer drains and long hours working on our lift stations and maintaining them to keep up with the excess amount of water.

In the water area, crews repaired approximately 40 water leaks (between main lines and service lines) and flushed 100% of fire hydrants. Crews worked to update the valve and water line mapping system in order to ease locate times during an emergency. The meter crew spends an average of 3 days reading and repairing meters, pits and electronic read units due to damage by residents.

The City purchased 77,795,300 gallons of water, flushing 15,602,000 gallons. Flushing is done in order to keep acceptable levels of chlorine in our distribution system and keep top quality water to our

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residents. These numbers from 2019 also included the water flushed to maintain pressure while the water tower project was in process.

For 2019, there were 167,127,400 gallons of wastewater was processed through our main lift station and into our lagoons. This indicates that the City processes 60,000,000 more then we purchased. This is mainly due to infiltration and inflow into our sanitary sewer lines during rainy seasons. Now, this has been dropped by about 30,000,000 gallons in the last several years due to repairs to the system and a continuing operation to search and repair faults.

On the wastewater side, Public Works performed maintenance on 75% of our sanitary sewer lines. Inspected 100% of our manholes (over 300) and performed maintenance on all lift station at least quarterly and several more were as needed. Crews repaired or replaced manhole rings and lids thought the city and added several new storm sewers to our system.

Streets

The Street Department consisted of some curb and gutter repairs, putting down around 30 tons of asphalt cold patch and street sweeper operations. Late in the year we ran the leaf pickup schedule and picked up leaves the last 5 weeks of the year.

Streets department also consist of alleys and storm water drainage. 10 blocks of alleys were cleaned and straightened with tree trimming all around the City. Storm water drainage included installation new culverts and roughly a quarter mile of ditches cleaned.

Cemetery, Mowing, and Parks and Recreation

A large portion of Public Works time is devoted to Logan Park maintenance. Logan Park maintenance runs around 10 months out of each year with a large portion being around Cherry Blossom and the 4H Fair. The Cemetery utilizes part time seasonal help but is usually during the summer months and uses full time staff to mow three months.

Along with the mowing of the cemetery, the Public Works department performed 43 grave opening and closings, this is up from 20 in 2013.

The Cherryvale Public Works Department strives to accomplish as much as possible to make Cherryvale a great place to live within our budget and with the equipment at our disposal. We hope to continue with enthusiasm and hope each year will be our best.



City Clerk's Office



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The Clerk's Office staff performs customer utility billing, issues various licenses and permits, and processes all financial transactions of the City. In 2019, the department connected 133 new utility customers and performed utility billing for an average of 1,144 customers each month, totaling \$1,005,686.44 for the year; a decrease of \$28,923.44 compared to 2013. Staff sold twenty-two cemetery plots, rented out the Logan Park Community Building eighty-two times, and took in \$3,493.85 in swimming pool receipts.

Total revenues of \$3,859,439.77 were receipted in by staff in 2014 (an increase of \$42,340.03), and expenses of \$3,975,938.65 were paid (an increase of \$242,921.89), \$65,931.81 of which were funded through grants. In 2014, the City Clerk's office experienced a staffing change as Angela Barnett replaced Jayme Reedy as the Assistant City Clerk, City Treasurer, and Court Clerk. The Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. except on holidays.

Cherryvale Fire-Rescue

Cherryvale Fire-Rescue had a busy and productive 2014. I find it important for the governing body to be well informed of what Cherryvale Fire-Rescue has been involved with in the past year, 2014

was a year of big change for us all.

Responses

Despite the big changes, we remained busy on the ambulance. In 2014, Cherryvale Fire-Rescue responded 582 times, up from 535 in 2013, and transported 303 patients. As far as our response times for this busy year, we are almost mirroring 2013, 70% of the time our ambulance was en route to the call within 60 seconds of the page (71% 2013) and 95% of the time we were en route within 3 minutes of the page (95% 2013). Our response times were also short, as we were on scene within 5 minutes 82% of the time (84% 2013). This includes all calls inside and outside the city.



We have prided ourselves on having paramedics available a large portion of the time. Statistics in previous years has shown that we averaged a paramedic on the rig 88% of the time. In those same statistics, 99% of the time a medic was available for immediate response, if not already on the unit. We are proud to inform our citizens, that since call time was alleviated, we have had a paramedic on the first out rig 99% of the time, and advanced level care 100% of the time.

Our fire trucks were busy with 118 responses during 2014, down

slightly from 123 responses in 2013. We continue to recognize the need for prompt response by our fire apparatus.

Police Department



The Cherryvale Police Department is committed to providing quality police service to our community with the highest level of professionalism and integrity. We dedicate ourselves to proactively solving problems, preventing crime, and promoting a higher quality of life by working in partnership with the community.

Nuisances and Permits

As it relates to weeds and nuisance enforcement activities, staff sent 589 letters (284 in 2013) and issued 28 work orders (61 in 2013). We also issued 7 notices to appear complaints ordering property owners to appear in court (16 in 2013).

The Building Inspector office issued 24 building permits (including sign and fence) in 2014 totaling an estimated valuation of \$115,271.

Special Projects

We initiated a few new projects in 2014 and have had success in implementing them. The burn facility that we started building in 2014 will be an ongoing, long-term project, but the initial phase is almost complete and we will be able to offer a training ground that is not available in this area. We have also certified seven of our own in Firefighter 1 and Haz Mat Operations level.

Cherryvale Police Department

There have been many changes this past year and we have made great strides to provide the quality law enforcement the citizens of Cherryvale have grown to expect.

The Cherryvale Police Department continues on its path of excellence. It is the pulse of the community that drives the demand for integrity, accountability and professionalism within the Cherryvale Police

Cherryvale Fire-Rescue



Cherryvale Fire-Rescue proudly exists to protect the lives and properties of our neighbors, strive for excellence, and display professionalism, teamwork and a positive mental attitude!



Department. Our focus remains on maintaining and expanding relationships and partnerships within the community.

One of the many goals accomplished we have worked very hard at establishing better relationships between USD 447 and the Police Department. Officers have been very proactive in participating at school functions and making it a priority to interact with students at the schools.

Some of the department’s most notable accomplishments in 2014, was being awarded several grants. Deputy Police Chief Jimmy Holt and I have been very aggressive in obtaining grants for several needs within our department. The cooperation from city staff and city council has resulted in much of our success. We obtained a COPS grant which filled a full-time officer position, a USDA grant which funded the purchase of our patrol car cameras, and a grant from Embridge Pipeline which allowed us to purchase computers. Joe Shephard also donated almost \$6,000.00 for us to purchase additional replacement computers. Our sincerest thanks goes to Mr. Shephard for his contribution. Most importantly we received a bullet proof vest grant to keep our officers safe.

The Department will continue to follow well established best practices, while striving to be progressive, innovative, and on the cutting-edge in the field of law enforcement. As a transformational Department, we are always looking to the future. As we move forward, our focus will surround building a work force of well-trained, respectful, and accountable professionals.

Statistics

The department responded to 2144 calls to service in 2014. The call volume number has decreased over 2013 however, the number of cases Cherryvale Officers worked increased. Officers worked 379 criminal cases and issued 333 citations.

With Enterpol fully implemented since 2013, the Police Department has a much more efficient way of tracking calls to service and criminal activity. It has also opened an extensive database for our department and we are online with other area law enforcement agencies.

Offense	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Animal Cases	87	93	28	55	4	23
Warrants Cleared	50	18	15	30	22	32
Criminal Damage	16	19	24	38	32	30
Identity Theft	2	6	21	9	7	3
Criminal Traffic	33	12	11	23	26	50

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Traffic Misc Case	26	42	16	28	11	0
Theft	100	39	35	65	53	64
Burglary/Theft	43	16	21	29	23	34
Drug	15	19	26	23	23	9
Assault	3	4	3	3	2	2
Domestic Violence Battery	58	16	16	10	11	17
Harassment	35	35	8	1	8	1
Battery	4	9	8	30	20	7
Minor Possess/Consume	2	1	1	7	1	8
Disorderly Conduct	45	12	16	7	5	3
Transporting Open Container	4	1	0	0	0	4
Hosting Minor Consuming	0	0	0	1	0	1
CINC	5	19	8	17	5	3
Suicidal	26	13	1	1	0	0
Drug Overdose	4	4	1	3	2	2
Criminal Solicitation of Child	0	0	1	2	0	0
Criminal Possession of Firearm	0	0	0	1	0	0
Attempted Theft	12	2	0	1	0	2
Vandalism	9	7	2	2	0	1
Criminal Trespass	9	18	5	5	7	13
Interference with Parental Custody	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Deprivation of Property	3	2	2	2	2	6



Fraud	6	7	0	1	0	1
Arson	4	1	3	2	1	1
Attempted Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0
Custody Dispute	22	28	2	0	0	0
Minor Tobacco	1	0	1	1	0	0
Obstruction of Legal Process	12	8	7	6	2	4
Emergency Commitment	5	6	1	1	0	3
Assault/Battery LEO	4	3	0	4	3	0
Truant	0	0	0	0	0	3
Criminal Threat	17	6	9	8	3	6
Stalking	1	1	0	1	0	4
Information Reports	41	35	35	22	32	101
TOTAL CASES	379	332	346	412	356	444
Citations	333	285	292	300	157	378
TOTAL CALLS	2144	2483	1545	1817	1460	1849

Traffic

In 2014, officers responded to 69 traffic collisions. Twenty-four collisions resulted in injuries and 45 were reported to have minor injury, no injury or have occurred on private property.

The enforcement of traffic laws continued to be a priority for the police department. A total of 333 traffic related citations were issued in 2014. Citations are issued with the sole intention of reducing fatalities, injuries, and property loss. Cherryvale Police Officer's made 463 traffic stops for various violations in 2014. The Cherryvale Police Department also participated in the Click It or Ticket



Campaign and Over the Limit, Under Arrest. Participation in these programs increased enforcement, awareness, and paid for officer's overtime.

K-9 Program

Even in 2015 technology, the K-9 is the most effective olfactory (scenting) device available. No machine in the world can match a K-9's olfactory capabilities. One documented study in the State of Michigan showed that K-9's are significantly more effective than human searchers. As such, The K-9 is an asset finding contraband and persons that human officers may have missed.

The K-9 reduces officer/suspect confrontations. Most officers have heard stories of the most resistive suspect being made compliant by the mere presence of a K-9. Studies show that over 95% of suspects are fearful of a K-9 and their mere presence results in surrender and compliance.

It is much safer for officers to use a K-9 to search for a suspect. The intent of using a K-9 is to transfer as much risk onto the dog as possible, minimizing risk to human officers. The K-9 will save the agency search time. K-9's are so effective; they are typically equated to ten human officers. This is a tremendous search time savings, freeing up patrol officers for other calls for service etc. One documented study from the State of Michigan showed significant manpower hours savings utilizing a K-9.

On March 14th , 2012 Lt. Michael Pena took over the K9 program for the Cherryvale Police Department. Lt. Pena went through two dogs before he was able to rescue a Chocolate Labrador from TLC in Independence, Kansas. Lt. Pena trained "Niko" for 3 months until he was able to be certified. During this 3 months of training, Lt. Pena had to teach Niko obedience (ie.. sit, stay, down, here, heal), and narcotics identification. Lt. Pena and K9 Niko certified in obedience and narcotic detection on May 21st , 2013 from Canine Unlimited of Tulsa, INC. In August of 2013, Pena and Niko achieved the high standards set forth by and to the satisfaction of the police service dog course. Lt. Pena and Niko successfully completed the 80 hour K-9 Narcotic Detection and Police Patrol Handlers Course. While at the course, Lt. Pena and K-9 Niko had to pass four obedience tests.

Test 1– sit, stay, and down while on a 6' lead without tension while making several direction changes. Test 2 – sit, stay, and down with distractions without a lead. Test 3 - Heeling and halt with 6' lead. Test 4– Heeling and halts while on the move without lead. Test 5 all pervious st off lead with a recall and sit. The narcotics test consisted of Lt Pena and K-9 Niko searching vehicles and buildings for narcotics placed by the instructor. Test 5 all pervious test off lead with a recall and sit. The narcotics test consisted of Lt Pena and K-9 Niko searching vehicles and buildings for narcotics placed by the instructor.

Since August of 2013 K-9 Niko has been called upon for use during 18 traffic stops. Niko had positive indications on ten out of the six stops. Niko was also used on a Montgomery County sheriff's Deputy's



traffic stop as well with positive indication. On two of the traffic stops which Niko indicated, officers found drug paraphernalia with arrest made. Niko was able to indicate on a spoon with residual on it during one stop. When officers began to search the vehicle they missed the spoon because it just looked like a rusted spoon, however Niko was able to smell the narcotic odor. The other four indications the persons had past drug offenses; however nothing was found in the vehicle. Niko will indicate even if no narcotics are present. If there were narcotics on the person or in the vehicle at one time Niko will indicate if there is still an odor.

Niko has also been used to search the school lockers for the Cherryvale High School. Niko has searched the Cherryvale High School on numerous occasions. Niko has indicated on school lockers during the searches. Niko has been used to check luggage when students go on school trips also. Niko has also been asked by teachers at Lincoln Central to visit with the students. Niko showed the students his abilities as Lt. Pena explained Niko's job to them. Niko has now become a fixture at Lincoln Central Elementary School with the students.

Lt. Pena and K-9 Niko must continue to train in obedience and narcotics odor to maintain Niko's ability. Lt. Pena and Niko train an average of an hour a day on these tasks. Lt. Pena and K-9 Niko play hide – n- seek with narcotics. Lt. Pena or someone else will hide different odors for Niko to find and train with other K-9's in the surrounding areas. Lt. Pena and Niko are subject to being called when needed so they must maintain their certification. Together, they must certify every year on obedience and narcotic detection.

Department Highlights

The Cherryvale Police Department executed 7 search warrants for various offenses, mostly narcotics in 2014.

On February 7th, 2014 at approximately 6:50 A.M., Officer John Cunningham of the Cherryvale Police Department observed a suspicious vehicle at Casey's General Store located at 325 W. 6th Street in Cherryvale. Based upon Officer Cunningham's observations, the vehicle was stopped. Officer Cunningham discovered the driver, Richard Richardson, did not have a valid license and the vehicle he was operating, had expired registration. A search of the vehicle yielded several items of contraband and was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamine.

On February 11th, 2014 at approximately 8:01 P.M., Cherryvale Police Officers were dispatched to the report of a reckless driver approaching the city from South Liberty Street. Cherryvale Sergeant Shannon Plumley observed the vehicle pull into Casey's General Store located at 325 E. 6th Street. After observing abnormal behavior of the occupants, the vehicle left and was stopped. During the traffic stop Cherryvale Police Chief Perry Lambert had the passenger exit the vehicle. During this encounter, the passenger was searched and methamphetamine was located on Cristofer Holland. The driver, Steven Henshall, was also arrested. Both subjects were arrested after locating several items of contraband and



were charged with possessing drug paraphernalia with the intent to distribute within a 1000' of a school, possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute within a 1000' of a school, possession with the intent to sell prescription drugs, and other traffic offenses.

On October 25th, 2014 at approximately 2:05 A.M. Cherryvale Police Sergeant Shannon Plumley was dispatched to the 400 block of May Street to a burglary in progress. It was discovered a subject had entered an occupied dwelling and due to the actions of the homeowner and Sgt. Plumley, Matthew Rau was arrested and faced charges of aggravated burglary, terroristic threats, and battery.

On October 28, 2014 at approximately 6:36 P.M. the Cherryvale Police Department along with Cherryvale Fire and EMS were dispatched to a possible drug overdose in the 400 block of W. 1st Street. Upon arrival Officer John Cunningham made contact with the occupants. During this encounter, it was discovered there was apparent contraband inside the residence. A search warrant was executed for the residence and Ashley Melia faced charges of interfering with a law enforcement officer in a felony case, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of methamphetamine.

On December 18th, 2014 at approximately 12:58 A.M. Officer John Cunningham was on patrol and noticed a suspicious vehicle at the Cherryvale Library located in the 300 block of E. Main Street. Officer Cunningham removed the occupants from the vehicle and when doing so, a knife fell out of the pocket of Stevie Velasquez. Officer Cunningham was able to secure Velasquez. The other occupant Michelle Ernzen was also detained. Further investigation lead to the discovery of methamphetamine, paraphernalia, and additional weapons. Both subjects faced charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and the vehicle was seized.

On December 23rd, 2014 at approximately 12:58 P.M. Cherryvale Police Officers received information of drug activity that was occurring at a mobile home in the 600 block of W. 2nd Street. After an initial investigation, a search warrant was obtained due to evidence presented. Cherryvale Police Officer's obtained a search warrant for the residence. Although several occupants were located in the residence, Clay Vincen was arrested and was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.