

Police Department

2026 Budget



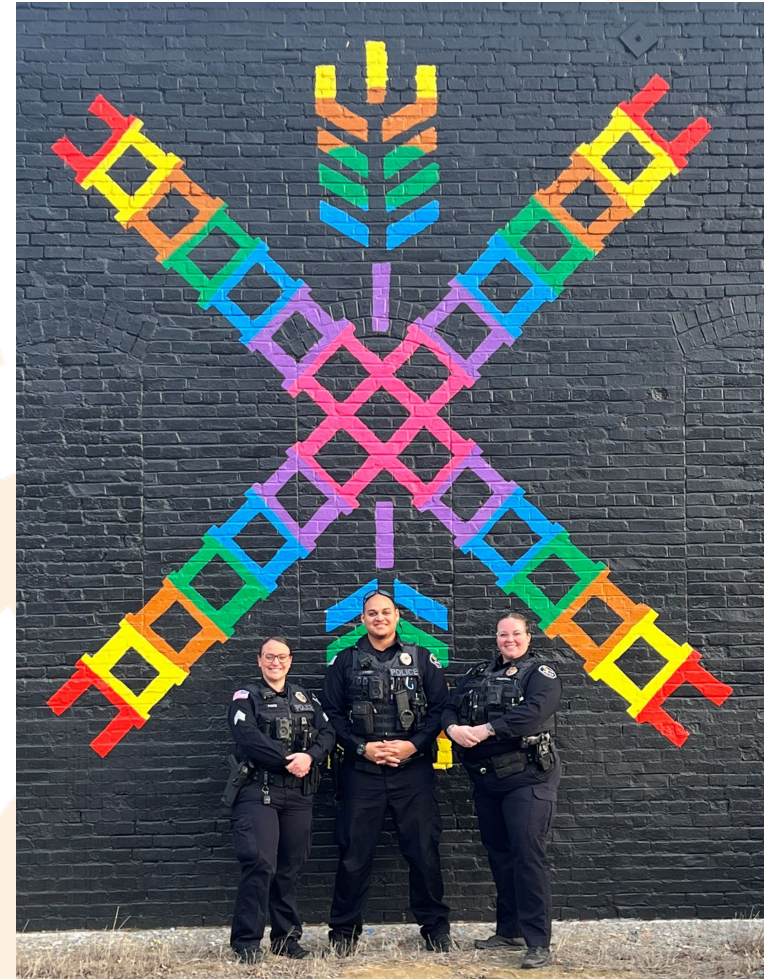
Our Mission

Our mission is to work in partnership with the community to provide prompt, professional police services that place an emphasis on enhancing the quality of life, while maintaining respect for individual rights and human dignity, building confidence and respect between the Citizens of Newton and their Police Department.



Major Responsibilities

- Crime Deterrence
 - Marked Police Vehicles
 - Traffic Enforcement – reduce traffic accidents – Impaired Driving
- Detection
 - Investigate Criminal Activity
- Apprehension
 - Arrest Criminals – Citations
- Education
 - School Resource Officers
 - ALICE Active Shooter Trainings
 - Personal Safety Trainings
 - Care of Animal Trainings
 - Domestic Violence Trainings



2024 Major Accomplishments

- Our calls for service are holding about steady with a slight decrease from 2023
- Our response times have improved
- Overall arrests are down
- We continue to see a steady decline in our overall crime rate

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Response Time	4:42	12:07	10:15	7:36	5:54
Calls for Service	22,063	23,152	21,886	25,413	23,471
Part-One Crimes	970	1,104	895	821	765
Criminal Offense	2,173	2,375	2,216	2,134	1,948
Motor Vehicle Accidents	346	391	451	359	395
Warrant Arrests	123	129	142	152	201
Adult Arrests	1,214	1,454	1,295	1,170	1,116
Juvenile Arrests	151	192	169	265	213

2024 Major Accomplishments

- Sgt. Deck - Outstanding Criminal Justice Victim Service Award at Kansas Crime Victims' Rights Conference.
- Lt. Thompson & Ziva - 1st place as K-9 Detector from Heart of America Police Dog Association
- Cpl. Sontag & Kilo - 3rd place as K-9 Patrol Dog from Heart of America Police Dog Association
- Det. Salmans instructed personal safety classes for the community
- SRO Garver conducted a coat drive for school kids
- ALICE instructors provided training to Newton, Burrton, St. Mary, & Newton Bible schools and Newton Rec Center



2025-26 Goals & Objectives

- Continue to reduce the crime rate
- Continue to lower response times
- Host regional trainings for law enforcement
- Provide safety and educational forums for citizens and City staff
- Increase community outreach events involving Police staff



Operational Challenges & Budgetary Changes

- Officer recruitment/retention.
Currently 1 open position.
Average 5 new hires a year.
 - Intense wage competition
- Unknown cost and timeline of essential equipment
 - Vehicles, body armor, technology
- Community resources (blessing and curse)
 - Mental health care, sober living, homeless shelters, juvenile facility



Operational Challenges & Budgetary Changes

- Equipment reserve is not keeping pace for 10-year replacement cycle
- In 2025, increased annual transfer by \$30,000, which extended our time up to 2031
- Need to increase transfers an additional \$30,000



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DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL 2022	ACTUAL 2023	ADOPTED 2024	PROPOSED 2025
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 4,520,888	\$ 4,677,713	\$ 5,086,954	\$ 5,501,935
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	330,724	360,433	396,705	397,204
COMMODITIES & SUPPLIES	96,770	93,830	95,600	96,100
VEHICLE OPERATING	181,839	185,114	165,000	175,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,271	1,068	1,000	1,200
TRANSFERS	310,034	410,034	320,034	350,034
	\$ 5,441,526	\$ 5,728,192	\$ 6,065,293	\$ 6,521,473