

LAW ENFORCEMENT

RESPONSIBILITY: The Johnson County Sheriff's Office is responsible for coordinating law enforcement activities during a multi-jurisdictional emergency or disaster. Local police chiefs retain responsibility for law enforcement within their respective jurisdictions. The Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) maintains a daily presence in Johnson County and will support local law enforcement, as required. When the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated, the Law Enforcement Group will provide support to the Incident Commander through the city EOC (if any).

COVERAGE: The Sheriff's Department provides law enforcement in the unincorporated sections of the county. Fifteen municipal police departments provide law enforcement in the incorporated areas. Geographic areas of coverage are shown in Figure G-1. Of note, the City of Bonner Springs, most of which is located in Wyandotte County, provides its own law enforcement to that small section of the city situated in Johnson County.

COORDINATION: The National Incident Management System (NIMS) is utilized throughout the county for coordinating activities among local law enforcement agencies and other first responders. As a standardized management plan that unifies federal, state, and local governments for incident response, NIMS establishes a consistent nationwide template for incident management processes, protocols, and procedures that all responders use

SPECIALIZED CAPABILITIES: Law enforcement agencies have a number of specialized capabilities for search & rescue, explosive ordinance disposal, tactical response, etc. (See also Annex F: Fire Suppression / Search & Rescue) The following are local and/or regional agencies with specialized capabilities related to law enforcement:

- **Search & Rescue Dogs:**

- Leawood Police Department (patrol dogs)
- Lenexa Police Department (patrol dogs)
- Olathe Police Department (patrol dogs)
- Overland Park Police Department (patrol dogs)
- Shawnee Police Department (patrol dogs)
- Kansas Highway Patrol (patrol dogs)
- Leavenworth Penitentiary (bloodhounds - tracking only)
- Kansas Search & Rescue Dog Association (Topeka, KS)
- Missouri Search & Rescue K-9 (Jackson County, MO)

- **Aerial Search/Surveillance:**
 - LifeNet - helicopter ambulance (surveillance only)
 - Life Flight Eagle - helicopter ambulance (surveillance only)
 - Kansas Highway Patrol
 - Fixed-wing aircraft (Topeka)
 - Helicopter with forward-looking infrared (Topeka)

- **Underwater Rescue:**
 - Overland Park Police Department Underwater Rescue and Recovery
 - Lees Summit Underwater Rescue & Recovery Unit

- **Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD):**
 - Olathe Fire Department (EOD and Explosive Canine)
 - Overland Park Police Department (EOD and Explosive Canine)
 - Kansas Highway Patrol (Explosive Canine Only)
 - Kansas – Missouri Working Bomb Group

- **Tactical Response Teams:**
 - Lenexa Police Department
 - Merriam Police Department
 - Olathe Police Department
 - Overland Park Police Department
 - Shawnee Police Department
 - Johnson County Sheriff's Office
 - Kansas City Metro Disaster Tactical Response Team (MDTRT) (WMD)
 - Kansas Highway Patrol
 - Kansas Bureau of Investigation

- **Tactical Medical Team:** Med-Act

- **Investigative Resources:**
 - Overland Park Crime Lab (computer forensics, fingerprint analysis, and photography)
 - Johnson County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab
 - Metro Squad – Major Case Squad
 - Kansas Bureau of Investigation Crime Labs

RESOURCES: Most resource requirements beyond the capability of a local department can be supplied through existing mutual support agreements. (See also Annex P: Resource Management)

STAFFING PATTERNS: The county has nearly 1400 personnel in law enforcement, the vast majority of whom are full-time employees. More than 435 of those personnel work in the Sheriff's Office.

SECURITY:

- **Perimeter:** The Incident Commander will direct law enforcement agencies in establishing perimeter security at the scene of an emergency or disaster.
- **Evacuated Areas:** The Incident Commander will direct law enforcement agencies in establishing security for evacuated areas.
- **Emergency Operations Center (EOC):** The Sheriff's Office will automatically provide security and personnel registration/check-in support at the EOC for full-scale activations. Similar types of support for partial EOC activations will be provided upon request of the EOC Director. Local police departments will be responsible for providing security support for city EOCs.
- **Staging/Reception Areas:** The Incident Commander will direct law enforcement agencies in establishing security for staging/reception areas.
- **Morgues:** The County Coroner will direct law enforcement agencies in providing security for existing and/or temporary morgues, and for the personal effects of those killed or injured. (See also Annex H: Mass Fatality)
- **Emergency Facilities:** Local law enforcement may be asked to provide security at facilities used for emergency purposes (emergency shelters, family assistance centers, neighborhood distribution sites, etc.).
- **Hospitals/Emergency Centers:** Providing routine security will normally be the responsibility of the hospital/emergency center. In the event of an actual or threatened criminal act, or whenever facility security forces are deemed insufficient to ensure safety, the Incident Commander will direct law enforcement agencies in providing necessary security.
- **Correctional Facilities:** Providing security will be the responsibility of the correctional facility staff. In the event the facility staff must be augmented to ensure safety, the Incident Commander will direct law enforcement agencies in providing necessary support.
- **Protection of Responders:** The Incident Commander is responsible for ensuring the safety and well-being of responders.

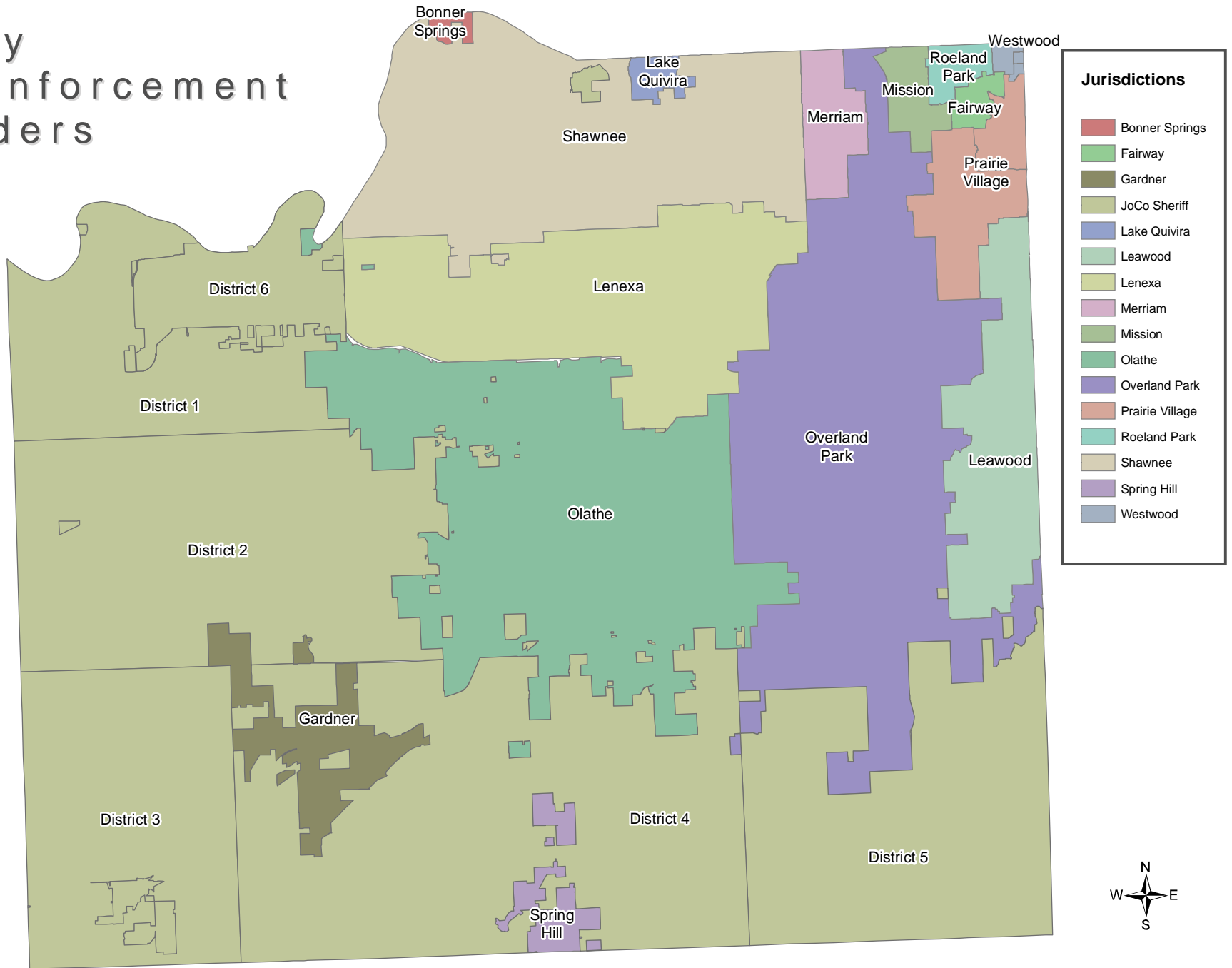
TRAFFIC CONTROL: Law enforcement agencies have the major responsibility for providing traffic control. The KHP will assist local law enforcement if requested. Rerouting of traffic on state or interstate highways will be in accordance with the KDOT/MoDOT Kansas City Area Incident Management Program Manual. Public works departments (city & county) will provide materials for closing streets and signage for rerouting traffic.

DISSEMINATION OF WARNING: Local law enforcement will provide mobile units to assist with warning the public. (See also Annex B: Communications)

JURISDICTION: Local law enforcement will coordinate its support in incidents on state or federal property as local law enforcement has limited jurisdiction at these incidents.

RESPONDER CERTIFICATION: Most law enforcement personnel are trained to at least the *first responder awareness level* in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.120.

County Law Enforcement Providers



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Figure G-1