



ABOUT LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Lawrence is the county seat of Douglas County and is located in the northeastern corner of Kansas - 30 minutes from the Kansas City Metro area. The city of 97,000 is spread amongst a diverse demographic and economic landscape of students and permanent residents. The city is home to two universities - The University of Kansas and Haskell Indian Nations University.

Lawrence is known for its downtown shops and restaurants, festivals and a vibrant nightlife along with numerous parks, recreation facilities, bike trails and nature preserves.

“The Sheriff’s Office has a culture based in communication, community, pride and family, and we’ve nurtured it for decades.”

Jay Armbrister



ABOUT JAY & STACY

Jay Armbrister was born and raised in Lawrence-Douglas County. He graduated from Baldwin High School in 1994 and then attended Pittsburg State University.

Stacy Simmons grew up in Manhattan, KS and graduated from Manhattan High School in 1991. She later went on to Baker University for Business Administration, before returning to Kansas to begin her career in Criminal Justice.

Law Enforcement Center

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Correctional Facility

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ABOUT DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office is located in Lawrence, KS and was founded in 1855, which predates the admission of Kansas into the Union. The Sheriff's Office has primary responsibility for public safety in the unincorporated areas of Douglas County and shares jurisdiction in the cities of Lawrence, Eudora, Baldwin City and three university campuses within the county. The Sheriff's Office is also responsible for secure detention for all arrestees in Douglas County. The current Sheriff is Jay Armbrister, a native of Douglas County and a 26+ year veteran of the agency. He was elected to office in 2020. The current Undersheriff is Stacy Simmons.

The Sheriff's Office is divided into two divisions - Corrections and Operations.

CORRECTIONS DIVISION

The Corrections Division is responsible for operating the Corrections Facility. The facility is a modern, direct supervision facility where officers supervise day-to-day activities of detainees and manage behaviors at the lowest level effectively. The facility is divided into five separate housing units and detainees are classified and housed according to a number of factors. The Sheriff's Office Reentry program is based out of the facility and the facility provides medical care, mental health care and programs for detainees.

Corrections Officer recruits receive 16 weeks of basic training, consisting of classroom instruction, practical exercises, and scenario-based exercises followed by field training with a specially trained senior officer.

Specialty assignments in the Corrections Division include:

- Behavior Management Unit
- Booking
- Agency Instructor
- Transports
- Disturbance Control Team
- Jail Training Officer
- Classification
- Honor Guard

At the end of their first year, Corrections Officers are eligible to apply for promotion to Deputy.



OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Operations Division is the enforcement and security arm of the Sheriff's Office. Deputies assigned to the division are responsible for the patrol function of the Sheriff's Office and security within county offices. Operations personnel includes Patrol, Warrants, Court Security, Detectives and the Nexus Unit.

Specialty assignments in the Operations Division include:

- Directed Patrol Unit
- Underwater Search & Recovery
- Accident Investigation
- Firearms Instructor
- Lake Patrol
- K9
- Drone Operator
- Crisis Response Team
- Field Training Officer

