

KENNEWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER



James Zimmerman

KPDF Presidents Message

Foundation of Success!!

I have been involved with the Kennewick Police Department foundation for over 8 years. In that time I have been the secretary and vice president and have had the privilege to participate and attend many of the fundraisers and community events. Taking over this role was made super smooth and easy due to our prior president Craig Littrell who led our organization for 6 years. The foundation is in great health both financially and in participation of the board members. The transition in leadership with the board, and also within the department through the past few years has been amazingly smooth and positive. I believe that the communication with the department, board, and associated affiliates and consistent supporters has been great as reflected in the continued growth and success of the Kennewick Police Department Foundation. Please believe that all of the board members echo my sentiments of this being a uniquely wonderful foundation to be a part of due to the highly rewarding events and people that the department and board have had the ability to affect in a positive way while promoting the positive and caring relationship between the Kennewick Police and the Community at large. The command staff down to the officers and staff are wonderful to work with and are the best reason for the success of the board, and their great relationship and reputation in the community. If you ever have questions about who we are and what we do, please feel free to reach out to me or any board member. We love our community and our Police Department.



CONNECT



SUPPORT



EQUIP

BUILDING CONNECTIONS

Community Care Fund Usage

During the first quarter of 2025 our Kennewick Officers utilized the Community Care Fund 6 times, helping 11 individuals. A summary of some of these situations include:

- 4-night hotel stay for a victim of a child sex investigation and her mother
- Gas for a stranded individual passing through and needed help getting home
- Towing a vehicle for a homicide victim's family
- Hotel and gas for a stranded motorist
- Hotel stay for a family of 5 who were unhoused until their next check

Total expenditures of \$1,268.54. Thank you to our local businesses for "in kind" support!!!

Read More Detailed Information at www.kpdfoundation.org



SRO Pantries

The KPDF is a proud supporter of our School Resource Officer (SRO) pantries. This allows for each of our KPD SRO's to have a stock of food and snacks to supply those students in need as well as an opportunity for them to build connections. The Kennewick School District is a vital partner to our police department. The early relationship between our youth and our officers is equally as important.

1st Quarter Events

During the 1st quarter of 2025 our Foundation held its monthly board meetings. During these meetings we are provided Kennewick Police Department updates from KPDF Liaison Cmdr. Isaac Merkl and Kennewick Police Chief Chris Guerrero. We review all financial proposals and expenditures, and plan future events. Special thanks to Ranch and Home for hosting our meetings.

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus who, on March 29th, hosted a spaghetti feed. The donations received during this event would be donated to the KPDF Community Care Fund.



Supporting our Officers



The KPDF supports the Kennewick Police Department in many ways. Over the past couple of years, the Foundation has been instrumental in supporting our officers in the area of mental performance and resiliency. This has included financial support for specialized speakers to present to our officers and their families. In 2024 the Foundation supported the partnership with Sharp Performance. Sharp Performance's team includes former elite military operators (SEAL's, Green Berets, Army Rangers, and Marine Raiders) who deliver cognitive performance coaching to law enforcement professionals, now including KPD. "This relationship is becoming an important piece to our overall agencies health and resiliency program." Chief Guerrero



Retiring personnel spouses receive a handmade, one of a kind, vase as a thank you for their support. These vases are purchased by the KPDF and made by local artist Arlene Custer.



2nd Quarter – Upcoming Events

- April 17th - New Hire Officer Swearing In
- April 18th - KPDF Board Meeting
- April 23rd - Spring Coffee with a Cop
- May 8th - B5 Neighborhood BBQ
- May 9th - KPDF Board Meeting
- May 11th - National Police Week
- May 22nd - KPD Citizens Academy Graduation
- June 13th - KPDF Board Meeting
- June 26th - KPD Detective Retirement Celebration





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OUR MISSION

To enhance the positive relationship between the Kennewick Police Department and our community at large through supporting community and department related events and programs. While also providing support for our officers and staff of the Kennewick Police Department not currently supported through existing channels.

3 Easy Ways TO MAKE A DONATION

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