

SAFER JAMESTOWN N.O.W. (NEIGHBORS ON WATCH)

Over the last three years, Jamestown has made critical investments into public safety and outreach to the community. With Safer Jamestown N.O.W., Jamestown is committed to community-focused policing, with residents and police working together to make our neighborhoods safer. By empowering our community and giving them the resources to do more, we can make Jamestown a safer place now.

SOME ITEMS OF NOTE IN 2023:

- Gun related offenses have decreased by 45% and confirmed shootings have decreased by 4 incidents
- Domestic Violence cases have decreased by 9%

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE:

- Hiring more officers resulting in Jamestown Police Department's highest staffing level in decades.
- Creation of a Community Service Officer position to showcase the incredible work done by the JPD and connecting with residents who want to make their neighborhoods safer. The creation of the Quality-of-Life Officer position focused on nuisance and noise complaints. The creation of Violence Interruption Officers dedicated to combatting violent crime.
- More community-directed patrols and beat patrols across the city for increased public safety presence. A record number of narcotics and illegally possessed firearms taken off the streets.
- Brought back the Citizens Academy to allow residents and business owners to learn about policing in their community and to facilitate dialogue with residents.
- Partnering with the FBI, DEA and federal prosecutors to hold offenders accountable and share resources.

OUR PLAN FOR A SAFER JAMESTOWN:

- 1. Empower our community by dedicating additional resources to create & revitalize neighborhood watches, ensuring that our residents are not only protected by our police, but by our neighbors.
- 2. Partner with faith-based organizations, community groups, and Jamestown Public Schools to provide violence interruption programs, mentoring, and employment programs for our kids.
- 3. Secure additional funding for gun violence intervention programs, and create a diversion program focused on youth.
- 4. Engage our Human Rights Commission to hold community meetings to help us develop more responsive City-wide programs.
- 5. Invest in a City Public Information Officer to provide updates on initiatives, connect with community members about issues they are facing, and support our Police Department by using data to help inform city decision making regarding policing and community support operations.