

Priority Area:

Crime Reduction

Goal/Objective:

Reduce property and violent crime within the city limits of Joplin

Strategy 10 – Increased Drug Enforcement: Refocus efforts on enforcement and prosecution of narcotic offenses.**Action Steps:**

- a. Reassign two investigators back the Ozark Drug Enforcement Team.
- b. Utilize federal partnerships and task force officers to adopt federal cases against narcotic offenders.
- c. Lease two undercover vehicles.

Resources Required:

1. Adequate staffing levels
2. 2 Lease vehicles.

Total Plan Cost:

Total Additional FTE: Existing staff time.

One-Time Costs: \$0.00

Staffing Annual Costs: \$0.00

Program Annual Costs: \$13,200

Desired Benefit/Outcome:

- Focus resources on those individuals transporting and distributing narcotics within the community.
- Reduce the number of offenders by arrest and prosecution.

*“Drug use is rampant and property crimes such as petty thefts are out of control.” – Listening
Tour Respondent*