

Strong 2019 marks for Atchison Police

**(KAIR)--Crime was down last year in Atchison, according to the annual report issued by the Atchison Police Department.**

**According to a release from the City that accompanied the release of report, overall crime was down 8-percent in 2019, which is a continuation of the trend from the previous year when overall crime was down 19-percent.**

**The report indicates a successful clearance rate for crime, with 1,079 of the 1,271 criminal cases cleared in 2019, meaning an 85-percent clearance rate. The rate in 2018 was 78-percent.**

**Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson presented the report to the Atchison City Commission when they met Monday. “If you had other [police chiefs] from other communities, urban or rural, they would tell that’s just, not necessarily unheard of, but very, very unusual to have that high of a clearance rate,” Wilson told the Commission. “It’s because of our commitment to address every crime that comes across, and try to resolve it.”**

**Atchison incurred no homicides in 2019, but two shooting investigations led to arrests.**

**Vehicle thefts were down 33-percent from 2018, criminal damage to property was down 11-percent, and injury wrecks were down 28-percent.**

**According to the release, burglaries held steady, near the all-time record low rate of 2018.**

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