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40.

Please share any comments you have about the Paris Police Department.

34 responses

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	I think the new Chief will do a great job and make a positive change.
2	anonymous	Now that command has changed
3	anonymous	Might get better with the new chief
4	anonymous	Not a fan of the leadership staff, although that appears to be in the process of changing.
5	anonymous	The lack of honest and transparent Leadership has been lacking for many years now. Officers slack in doing what they've been hired to do. Most do not even live in our community and truth be known, they're only here for a paycheck.
6	anonymous	City had a chance to turn the PD around after the retirement of Myron Thomas. However, they chose to just replace him with a guy of similar morals and "good ol' boy systems". Both Myron and Mark Burden have both said they will not work with other LE agencies (Bourbon Sheriff's Office, Millersburg PD, and State Police). The two captains (Harmon and Toadvine) have been caught lying and stealing from the city as well as actively deleting police reports and records. Lt. Boyer and Det. Austin Short have bragged about and been seen doing off-duty work in Lexington and Georgetown while on the clock and being paid by Paris PD. The PD as a whole is corrupt and the chief is only going to make it worse.
7	anonymous	Good for the size. Would be nice to see more patrols on Fithian. Down here on dead end side

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8	anonymous	They appear to be starting over now after the department was ran into the ground.
9	anonymous	You never see them out after midnight only good thing that's happened lately is the chief of police has been removed and a good man has took that place. Hopefully he can get rid of a bunch of the laziness and the ones that did stuff that they shouldn't have done and been involved in with the former chief.
10	anonymous	Severely understaffed Police department with low morale. Pretty good people work there. But with only a patrolman with 10 supervisors the last time I checked it's a little top heavy especially to be so understaffed
11	anonymous	We shared child abuse from a ring camera, after the arrest the police told the family who turned in the footage, when questioned, they play dumb
12	anonymous	No issues with the officers, but taking so long to get a police report back for anything shouldn't take as long as it does.
13	anonymous	No support from city council or city Manager, looks like the department is doing the best they can with what they have
14	anonymous	My limited interactions have all been positive.
15	anonymous	I'm afraid we have some corrupt
16	anonymous	I am in the county
17	anonymous	Same as everything else. Power gets to people's heads
18	anonymous	Heard too many bad things about them. Never see them out in the community doing anything positive.

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19	anonymous	Again I am looking forward to the upcoming changes that Mr. Burden will make. We need to get the open line of communication back & a strong leader who leads rather than tells. Practicing what he preaches.
20	anonymous	except our chief has used resources NOT meant for him at his bar on Main Street.
21	anonymous	They're lazy.
22	anonymous	I wonder if this survey has anything to do with the nasty rumors around here. Paris PD is infamous for all the wrong reasons. People have made podcasts about it. Not a good look. At least they made former Chief Myron Thomas "retire". That's a start. I did look at your consulting firm's website, and you specialize in criminal investigations and medical malpractice. Wonder who hired you? Well, if you are really trying to clear up the mess around here, I wish you good luck.
23	anonymous	Why rehire a bad cop. I get everyone makes mistakes but it'll happen again in another post so why make an issue when there shouldn't be one again
24	anonymous	Fresh, new leadership
25	anonymous	Better now that there is a new police chief.
26	anonymous	Over spending on equipment.
27	anonymous	Like the fact that they keep us abreast of what is happening via social media.
28	anonymous	Seem to be over staffed. Why does it take 3 or 4 police cars to respond to one traffic vallation? Too many officers with nothing to do.

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29	anonymous	Look forward to working with the new chief
30	anonymous	I Have always heard that The Paris police department has had internal issues. It would be great to resolve those internal issues to have an upstanding, Strong, cohesive police department. Hiring Mark Burden is the first time I think this could happen. Strong leadership will bring changes needed.
31	anonymous	We have a fine PD
32	anonymous	I have always supported law enforcement and the few times I met law enforcement they were nice and they seemed smart and good people.
33	anonymous	It is short handed due to not enough financial backing. Pay for officers is minimal, at best. Too much politics in an profession that should be politically neutral.
34	anonymous	Great new police chief, very good hire.

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Please share any comments you have about the Paris Fire / EMS Department.

17 responses

<b>ID</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Responses</b>
1	anonymous	Our Emergency Services I feel are not adequately staffed. My reason for stating this is, we've never been able to "keep good qualified EMS/Fire staff". They come here to get trained and put in time, until they find/get a much better paying job in another County/City.
2	anonymous	Good folks
3	anonymous	It needs another station and another ambulance and fire truck staffed.
4	anonymous	Good group
5	anonymous	Needed them recently. They responded quickly and were very helpful, handled my spouse with great care
6	anonymous	All the guys amd girls at all stations are great. Can honestly say they are all helpful whenever they are needed.
7	anonymous	Na
8	anonymous	Limited interactions have all been positive
9	anonymous	Haven't had any issues with them.
10	anonymous	The staff at the fire and EMS are some of the best people I have ever met.
11	anonymous	More paramedics than anytime before now

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12	anonymous	Not aware of any issues with them
13	anonymous	Not informed I don't hear of complaints. All the departments within the city need strong reputable moral people in leadership positions
14	anonymous	Need to pay more, seems there is a revolving door, they come to get certified, and leave for a better paying job.
15	anonymous	When my husband had cancer and I called them to help me when we could not get him into the SUV they came extremely fast, were very nice and helpful in a bad time.
16	anonymous	They are professionals working in difficult situations.
17	anonymous	I can poke holes in anything thing but they are doing a good job. Always room for improvement

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Please share any comments you have about the Bourbon County Sheriff's Department.

24 responses

<b>ID</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Responses</b>
1	anonymous	Do not lime use of special deputies that are not real cops
2	anonymous	Not a fan of the leadership and frankly never see any deputies to comment on what they are providing to the county.
3	anonymous	We need a Sheriff, a Sheriff's Office (LEO's) who are here to serve our community, not a political party and not to be here for photo ops.....This Office needs to be transparent.
4	anonymous	Sheriff is a bully. Won the office and then did nothing but take pictures of their new vehicle. Will make a horrible county judge
5	anonymous	They need more staff
6	anonymous	Since sheriff Asbury took over it has come far long way theirs always 24 hour coverage. They always respond. They look professional, and it appears that workers are very happy being there and doing their job. you see them everywhere throughout the county even helping in the city.
7	anonymous	For the first time as far as I know in my lifetime the sheriff's office offers 24-hour coverage. Newer equipment and excellent group of employees.
8	anonymous	We need to be able to pay property taxes online.
9	anonymous	I like all the people there. They are upfront about everything.
10	anonymous	Na

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11	anonymous	Limited interactions have all been positive
12	anonymous	Same.
13	anonymous	Don't even know who the sheriff is. Haven't seen him or heard from him.
14	anonymous	The changes that have been made by the current administration to have 24/7 coverages have meant the world to the folks of the county. I also feel like the current Sheriff & his team lead by example. As I stated early when the leaders practice what they preach it makes a huge difference.
15	anonymous	Can't say, I have never interacted with them.
16	anonymous	Good ppl/equipment/training
17	anonymous	Over spending on fancy Tahoe vehicles.
18	anonymous	I'm not aware of anything negative coming out of this department.
19	anonymous	Same as previous question
20	anonymous	I had a major burglary, case was never handled, no arrests made, and they knew who did it.
21	anonymous	I have not had many encounters with them, but the few I have had were good. I generally support law enforcement.
22	anonymous	Very responsive
23	anonymous	Would like more police presence in the county

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24	anonymous	This department works hard to provide what bourbon countians need to feel safe.

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Please share any comments you have about the Bourbon County Fire Department.

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ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Our County Fire Department is a great asset to our community. I also believe they may not be able to keep qualified Fire Fighters due to pay. The County must have the revenue to support the Fire Department, and again, the revenue vs costs are only going to decline.
2	anonymous	They need to staff more stations
3	anonymous	Do a great job and appear to be very professional
4	anonymous	Better equipment that works in conjunction with both City and County departments
5	anonymous	Same as other fire and ems. Nothing negative at all.
6	anonymous	Na
7	anonymous	Never had an issue. They are responsive.
8	anonymous	Good ppl/equipment/training
9	anonymous	Overspending.
10	anonymous	It would be nice to be more aware of where and when to have burn piles - especially during droughts.
11	anonymous	Same as previous question

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12	anonymous	I feel there is a lot of waste. Money spent on some equipment that is just not needed.
13	anonymous	They work hard to provide much needed services.
14	anonymous	We need to look at a 2nd station near Houston Oaks but the comes with money.

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Please share any comments you have about the Paris / Bourbon County 911 Call Center.

12 responses

<b>ID</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Responses</b>
1	anonymous	They are in violation after failing to comply with reporting requirements and were noncompliant on several audits. Simply unacceptable.
2	anonymous	Our 911 center is vital to our community and Law Enforcement. Keeping qualified staff is critical, but once again, you must have the revenue to support this joint service.
3	anonymous	Ernie Lucky and Scott Toadvine are running that place into the ground. The dispatchers don't care about first responders and are not trained at all. There are two good dispatchers working for the center now but all of the other dispatchers are dumb and do not care. The hiring process for dispatchers is not thorough and they are not selecting people who are worthwhile.
4	anonymous	Na
5	anonymous	I recently had to call 911 from Lexington for a situation at our house in Bourbon Co and got transferred to Paris. They were efficient, professional and very helpful in saving a life.
6	anonymous	Never had to deal with them before.
7	anonymous	I don't know how anyone do that job long term, it's extremely difficult. God bless them.
8	anonymous	Well trained/top notch, modern
9	anonymous	Have never used.

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10	anonymous	Same as previous question
11	anonymous	Again more pay, they too are getting trained and leave for more pay elsewhere.
12	anonymous	They are professional in what they do.