STRAY BULLETS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF JOHNSON COUNTY
Summary of Reports

- Striking trees, signs, residences, outbuildings, vehicles, and equipment.
  - 8/2/2019 to 6/13/2021 - 22 complaints, 19 addresses

- Public Comments regarding stray shootings
  - March 5, 2020 - Stray bullet hitting an SUV on 169 Highway (in the Spring Hill area) and barely missing a child sitting in the vehicle
  - September 3, 2020 - Matt & Katie Keys - PowerPoint Presentation
Keys’ Presentation
Keys’ Presentation (Cont.)
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Resolution No. 069-20 adopted 9/3/2020

- Urging and promoting the safe and responsible use and discharge of firearms in the unincorporated area of Johnson County
  - Development of guidance for establishment of outdoor gun ranges used for target practice on private property - Brochure created by CMO/Sheriff; Regulations for Public Ranges.
  - Provide notice of resolution to residents by website and patrol officers passed out brochure when responding to firearm calls.
  - Support Sheriff’s efforts for legislative changes -HB No. 2454
  - Sheriff & DA made investigations of stray bullet shootings a priority
HB No. 2454 - KS Session of 2021 introduced 5/5/2021. Referred to Committee & No Action

• Proposed additional violations for criminal discharge of firearm
  ➢ When a projectile travels beyond the boundaries of the property from which any authorized discharge of a firearm occurred; or
  ➢ Outside the corporate limits of a city and within two miles of any school property or grounds upon which is located a building or structure used by a unified school district or an accredited nonpublic school for student instruction or attendance or extracurricular activities of pupils enrolled in kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12.
Proposed Code Violation- Discharge of Firearm Across Property Boundaries

- It shall be, and hereby is unlawful for a person to discharge a firearm so that the projectile from the firearm leaves the boundaries of real property upon which the discharge or shooting occurs. It shall be, and hereby is a defense if the person:
  - owns the real property on which the firearm is discharged and all other property onto or over which the projectile travels; or
  - has the prior consent of the owner of the real property on which the firearm is discharged and the owners of all other real property onto or over which the projectile travels.
• Unlawful discharge of a firearm in Section A, above, shall not include:
  ➢ discharging a firearm in lawful defense of life; or
  ➢ any law enforcement officer discharging his or her firearm while in the line of duty.
Frequently Asked Questions Summary

• Only a person shooting the firearm can be charged.
• Any person who is convicted of this Code violation may be fined a minimum of $500 and up to a maximum of $1000.
• It is not a violation of this Code provision when your bullet crosses a property line if you are discharging the firearm is in lawful defense of life.
• The investigation of a violation of this Code provision will be by the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office.
Questions