

SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION

JURHA had one eviction due to violations of criminal laws during FYE 2018. This supports success of our resident/security managers lease enforcement activity. We will continue to aggressively screen all applicants and keep vigilant watch through resident/security management and tenant patrol in an effort to maintain our family friendly atmosphere.

Progress: We have an excellent working relationship with Jonesboro Police Department. JPD officers send police reports to our Public Housing department that involves a Public Housing address, whether as a victim or otherwise involved in activity that requires police intervention. We are able to receive extra patrols from JPD if we have resident complaints or concerns regarding possible criminal activity. Our QL officer also helped design signs and suggested appropriate placement locations to keep non-residents off our playgrounds and allow the police to arrest any violators. An officer attends all informal hearings where JPD incidents were used as evidence by the PHA.

JURHA continues our cooperation with local law enforcement to continually assess and monitor resident activities, promptly investigate any reports of crime and take appropriate actions to insure a safe neighborhood. The new police administration is not utilizing the same crime tracking reports, however we receive reports provided by our Quality of Life Officer. Based on a review of the reports, crime in the developments continues to diminish.

All public housing applicants are pre-screened using Background Information Systems of Arkansas, Inc. The internet reporting has greatly reduced response time and provided a reduction in cost from previous screening methods.