

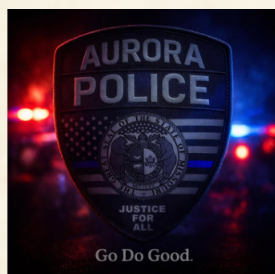


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OFFICER CONDUCT CARD - DRAFT



WES COATNEY CHIEF OF POLICE

AURORA, MO | REVIEW: JAN. 1, 2025 - OCT. 6, 2026

TCF SCORE	EVIDENCE COVERAGE	LICENSE STATUS
NR Assigned by TCF Reviewed evidence only No assessable points	0% 0 of 20 checks assessed 20 checks remain NR LOW COVERAGE	NR Current POST status Not independently confirmed VERIFICATION NEEDED
LIMITED RECORD - OVERALL OFFICER GRADE: NR Allegations are not findings. Grade withheld for insufficient evidence.		

OFFICER PROFILE	PUBLIC RECORD STATUS
Role: Chief of Police [S01] Agency: Aurora PD, Missouri [S01] Start announced: Aug. 23, 2021 [S02] Prior work: State DOC investigations [S02] Review scope: Named officer only	Bliss case: 26LW-CC00086 [S03] Maples suit: Reported March 17 [S04] Merits decisions: Not obtained Current dockets: Unverified [S15] Allegations: No conduct points assigned

CATEGORY / EVIDENCE STATUS		
CATEGORY	ASSESSED POINTS	CHECKS
Constitutional conduct	NR	0 of 4
Force and care in custody	NR	0 of 4
Truthfulness and evidence	NR	0 of 4
Professional treatment	NR	0 of 4
Accountability and correction	NR	0 of 4

NR = Not Rated. Missing evidence is not an automatic failure.

THE RECORD SO FAR	
1. CIVIL PETITION - JUNE 19, 2026 [S03] Bliss alleges a knife threat, harassment and retaliation. Filing reviewed; no merits ruling obtained.	2. REPORTED SUIT - MARCH 17, 2026 [S04] Maples alleges retaliatory firing by the city. Primary petition and current disposition not obtained.
3. HOUSE RECORD - FEB. 11, 2025 [S06] HB 915 record contains his statement seeking release notifications for warrant checks. Policy advocacy only.	4. TRAINING REPORT - AUG. 12, 2025 [S07] City manager reported tactical training attendance and planned SWAT certification. Completion not verified.

OFFICER / AGENCY RESPONSE
Not requested for this draft. Direct response and current defense filings not obtained; see source notes.

Wes Coatney: officer record review

DRAFT - REVIEW PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2025 TO OCTOBER 6, 2026

Subject: **Wes Coatney**, identified as chief on Aurora, Missouri's official police page. Historical city material uses **Wesley Coatney**; a House record uses **Wes B. Coatney**. This review concerns the named officer and the cited public records. [S01, S02, S06]

Reviewed score	Assessable coverage	Current license status
NR	0 of 20 checks (0%)	Unverified

What NR means here: none of the twenty conduct checks has enough qualifying evidence for points. NR is neither a finding of misconduct nor an endorsement. Research located records, but records about allegations, employment, advocacy or planned training do not automatically establish conduct compliance.

Established record and unresolved questions

- The city currently identifies him as chief; its 2021 announcement specified an August 23, 2021 start. [S01, S02]
- One filed civil petition was reviewed and another related lawsuit was located through reporting. Final merits outcomes and current defense filings were not obtained. [S03, S04, S15]
- Official records document legislative participation and reported tactical training attendance; completion and operational outcomes remain outside the verified record. [S06, S07]
- The reviewed POST revoked/surrendered list contains no Coatney surname entry. That result does not establish an active or unrestricted license. [S05, S10]

Scope and editorial limits

Sources were retrieved on October 6, 2026 in America/Chicago (October 7 UTC). Historical career records are labeled separately. Current website text is a published role statement, not an independently verified employment personnel record. Court, agency, and individual responsibility are kept distinct.

This pilot uses **TCF Officer Method 1.0 draft**. It does not apply the agency rubric to an individual. An officer-wide letter requires 12 assessed checks across four categories, three distinct qualifying incidents, and a balanced evidence review. These editorial thresholds are not statistical validation.

Civil matters and response status

Bliss civil petition

Classification: civil allegation; filed petition reviewed.

Krissa Sue Bliss filed case 26LW-CC00086 against Aurora, Marionville and Coatney individually. Her petition alleges a February 26, 2025 knife and sexual threat, subsequent harassment and retaliation. The filing establishes that these claims were made; it does not establish their truth. Current case disposition is unverified. [S03]

Maples whistleblower suit against the city

Classification: reported civil allegation; original filing inaccessible.

The Turner Report describes Tatum Maples suing the City of Aurora over alleged retaliatory termination after reporting alleged conduct by Coatney. The linked original petition was inaccessible. Coatney's status as a named defendant in that suit is not established here. This is a reported related matter, not a second proven misconduct incident. [S04, S08, S15]

Conflicts and attribution preserved

The reported Maples account places the central alleged encounter in mid-March 2025; the Bliss pleading gives February 26, 2025. This discrepancy is unresolved. Overlapping accounts are not treated as separate, independently proven incidents. [S03, S04, S08]

The Lawrence County Record opening refers to a gun, while its own narrative and the reviewed petition describe a knife. The opening wording was excluded from the card. [S03, S16]

Officer and agency response

Not requested by TCF for this draft. No direct response or current defense filing was independently obtained. A June 20 news report said its outlet had not received comment by publication; this is not an October response status. Statements attributed to Coatney inside the plaintiff's pleading remain plaintiff-attributed statements. [S03, S08, S15]

The Bliss pleading itself attributes denials or alternative explanations to Coatney. Those are not independently authenticated defense statements. A complete review needs the actual answer, any supporting evidence, later orders and any appeal disposition. [S03, S15]

Rating consequence

The existence of a filed allegation is reportable. It does not establish a failure under a conduct check. No adverse points were assigned. No incident score is issued because the evidence necessary to assess the actions is not complete.

Background and public activity

Appointment and prior career | 2021-07-30

The appointment release announced an August 23, 2021 start and described prior municipal policing and state corrections investigative management. The announcement is historical context outside the rating period, not a finding about subsequent performance. [S02]

Legislative policy advocacy | 2025-02-11

The House record contains a statement submitted under Chief of Police Wes B. Coatney's name advocating release notifications related to mental-health holds and warrant checks. The record supports public participation, not a finding that an individual detention or release decision was lawful. [S06]

Tactical training attendance reported | 2025-08-12

The city manager's report states that Coatney was attending tactical association training and expected to obtain SWAT commander certification. The document is prospective about certification; no certificate, course completion record or reassessment was obtained. [S07]

Records management upgrade | 2025-10-10

KY3 reported that the joint department introduced mobile laptops and a new records system, quoting Coatney on expected efficiency. This is agency-level context and does not establish the accuracy of his individual reports. [S09]

Agency identification artwork

The left-hand slot contains the Missouri agency's public Facebook profile artwork, used intact. It identifies the agency and includes the Missouri seal. The image is not represented as an independently authenticated issued uniform patch. [S14]

Why these records do not produce an automatic positive grade

Career experience, an appointment, a policy position, a planned credential, and a technology purchase measure different things from an officer's conduct. Positive points require affirmative evidence that the particular conduct standard was met. The same standard applies to favorable and adverse records.

Officer scoring rules

Result	Evidence rule
5	Affirmative, sufficient evidence that the specified conduct standard was met within an identified incident or defined sample.
2.5	Documented partial compliance under an explicit check-specific anchor fixed before scoring. It is never a substitute for missing or disputed evidence. No partial anchor is applied in this draft.
0	Sufficient evidence establishes a specific failure of the standard. A lawsuit, charge, rumor, unverified admission or unavailable record alone does not qualify.
NR	Evidence is missing, inconclusive, outside the period or insufficiently attributable. It is excluded from the assessed-point denominator.

Reviewed score: $100 \times \text{earned points} / \text{possible points on assessed checks}$. Each assessed check has five possible points. If no checks are assessed, the score is NR. **Coverage:** $\text{assessed checks} / 20$. A rounded score never creates additional coverage.

Letter gate: at least 12 checks across at least four categories, three distinct sufficiently documented incidents, and a declared balanced selection of routine, favorable and adverse material. Repeated coverage of one allegation is not additional evidence of distinct incidents. A convenience sample of controversies cannot support a career-wide rating.

Display bands after the gate: A 90-100; B 80-89; C 70-79; D 60-69; F below 60. Below the gate, the officer-wide letter is NR. Serious verified findings remain prominent regardless of averages. This draft has no assessed points and no qualifying incident sample.

Source handling: confirm identity, act, date, applicable standard, finding scope and later disposition. An official statement about a policy is not proof of implementation. Administrative findings, criminal outcomes, civil holdings and license actions retain their own labels. Unresolved material contradictions cause withholding, not speculative averaging.

Public sentiment: excluded from officer conduct points. The social lane looks for attributable original evidence and responses. Comments, reactions, views and popularity are not treated as misconduct proof or a resident poll.

Draft limitation: this is a research pilot rather than a finalized comparative grading product. Additional rules for partial anchors and combining multiple incidents must be fixed before numerical comparisons are published.

Twenty-check evidence register

Every check is NR. Sources listed beside an NR explain the unresolved issue or access limit; they do not support a numerical finding. Applicable period: January 1, 2025 through October 6, 2026. Each category has four checks and twenty potential points.

Constitutional conduct | 0 of 4 assessed

ID	Check and affirmative evidence needed	Result	Why it remains unassessed
CC1	Stops and detention Documented facts support the stop and its duration.	NR	No sufficiently complete stop record identifying his actions was obtained.
CC2	Arrest authority Documented facts support arrest authority and required procedures.	NR	No officer-specific arrest file with adequate outcome/context was obtained.
CC3	Search authority Authority and scope of a search are demonstrated by an adequate record.	NR	No complete search record or merits finding assessing his own search was obtained.
CC4	Protected activity A reviewed encounter demonstrates respect for protected expression or complaint activity.	NR	No independently resolved encounter or finding supports a conduct rating; workplace retaliation allegations remain adjudicated in the reviewed material. [S03, S04, S15]

Force and care in custody | 0 of 4 assessed

ID	Check and affirmative evidence needed	Result	Why it remains unassessed
FC1	Necessity of force An adequate incident record establishes whether force was necessary.	NR	No complete operational force incident attributable to him was obtained. Workplace allegations are not treated as an adjudicated custody-force case.
FC2	Proportionality An adequate record establishes whether force matched the circumstances.	NR	No complete operational force record or reasoned final finding was obtained.
FC3	Feasible de-escalation The record establishes available opportunities and the response to them.	NR	No contextual recording or completed review permits assessment.
FC4	Medical aid and custody care The record establishes needs, response and applicable responsibilities.	NR	No officer-specific custody-care or medical-response record was obtained.

Truthfulness and evidence | 0 of 4 assessed

ID	Check and affirmative evidence needed	Result	Why it remains unassessed
TE1	Report accuracy Material report statements are checked against independent evidence.	NR	No signed incident report and corroborating evidence set were obtained.
TE2	Testimony accuracy A transcript and reliable comparison record support a finding about material accuracy.	NR	No judicial credibility finding or adequate testimony comparison was obtained. Policy advocacy is not a testimony-accuracy audit.
TE3	Evidence integrity A documented chain of custody and handling record establish compliance.	NR	No evidence-handling file attributable to him was obtained.
TE4	Required recordings A known recording duty and complete relevant record establish compliance.	NR	No incident-linked recording requirement and corresponding recording log were obtained.

Professional treatment | 0 of 4 assessed

ID	Check and affirmative evidence needed	Result	Why it remains unassessed
PT1	Equal treatment A sufficient record establishes compliance or a specific discriminatory act.	NR	The reviewed civil pleading contains allegations, not a resolved finding supporting points. [S03, S04, S15]
PT2	Threats and coercion An adequate record establishes professional interaction or a specific improper threat.	NR	A filed allegation is documented, but no sufficiently corroborated incident record or merits finding was obtained. [S03, S04, S15]
PT3	Use of authority A sufficient record establishes legitimate authority use or specific retaliation/abuse.	NR	Retaliation is alleged in the reviewed material; current defense and disposition records were not obtained. [S03, S04, S15]
PT4	Treatment of vulnerable people A sufficiently complete incident record establishes the officer's actions and responsibilities.	NR	Public statements and agency publicity do not establish his conduct in a reviewable individual encounter.

Accountability and correction | 0 of 4 assessed

ID	Check and affirmative evidence needed	Result	Why it remains unassessed
AC1	Required incident reporting A known personal reporting duty and dated records establish compliance.	NR	The applicable duty and complete reporting record were not obtained.
AC2	Investigation integrity A completed record establishes the officer's cooperation or a specific obstruction finding.	NR	No completed independent investigation or adjudicated obstruction finding was obtained. [S03, S04, S15]
AC3	Compliance with corrective orders An identified final corrective requirement and follow-up establish compliance.	NR	No verified corrective order and compliance record were obtained; lack of an order is not a passing score.
AC4	Remediation and reassessment Required remediation is completed and reassessment checks its result.	NR	No established deficiency, completed remediation and reassessment record were obtained.

Current calculation

Assessed checks: 0. Earned points: none assessable. Assessed possible points: 0. Coverage: 0%. Reviewed score: NR. Officer-wide letter: NR. Missing checks: 20. No 0/100 score is calculated or implied.

Records needed to finish the review

These are draft retrieval priorities. No records requests, messages or requests for comment have been sent.

1. Lawrence County Circuit Clerk: current docket, answer, amendments and dispositive orders for 26LW-CC00086; identify and obtain the March 17, 2026 Tatum Maples city lawsuit and its current disposition.
2. Missouri POST: individualized confirmation of the officer's name, current licensure status and employing/commissioning agency under section 590.180.2.
3. Aurora City Clerk: lawfully open final findings, public votes, settlement records, policies in effect, and documented corrective actions concerning the reported matters. Request the precise statutory basis for any withheld portion.
4. Agency/city: completed training records for the August 2025 tactical course and any public completion/certification documentation.
5. Agency/city: a defined set of attributable incident reports, recordings and completed reviews sufficient to assess routine as well as disputed conduct.
6. Officer/city: a direct response and any public records correcting, explaining or resolving the allegations. No contact has been made.

Missouri access rules relevant to this chief

Section 590.180.2 makes an officer's name, licensure status and employing agency open, while generally protecting other POST-held files. An individualized status confirmation is more useful than treating omission from a limited public list as a clean record. [S10]

Section 590.502 protects covered administrative investigation records, but its definition excludes the highest-ranking officer in an agency. Its blanket confidentiality rule should not automatically be applied to this chief. Other personnel or litigation exemptions, including section 610.021, may still apply; request open portions and the specific basis for any closure. [S11, S12]

Aurora identifies City Clerk Kamy Kulow as its records custodian and publishes auroracityclerk@auroramo.gov. A request should identify the period, records sought, electronic format and any fee limit, while allowing lawful redaction. [S13]

Research access and coverage log

The companion CSV preserves the actual query families, outcomes and next actions. A no-indexed-result entry describes this search session, not the existence of every record on a platform.

Lane	Status	Observed outcome
Identity	Reviewed	Current published chief role verified; historical announcement distinguishes Wesley and Wes. S01-S02.
Badge / emblem	Reviewed	Official public Facebook profile artwork retrieved and visually checked. No uniform-specification claim. S14.
Policies	Partial	Official mission statement located; no complete dated operational manual was obtained. Colorado and Illinois agency results excluded.
Internal affairs / discipline	Partial	Civil claims and attributed references found; final administrative findings and full investigation records not obtained.
Licensing / oversight	Partial	All 31 pages of Sep. 30 list searched; no Coatney entry. No individualized current POST confirmation obtained.
Courts / current disposition	Access blocked	Bliss filed petition reviewed from media-hosted copy. Case.net retrieval failed; linked Maples PDF returned HTTP 403. No current docket or defense filings obtained.
Credibility / evidence	No usable result	No matching officer-specific judicial credibility finding was located. Other people named Coatney excluded.
Balanced media / public activity	Partial	Adverse reporting checked alongside House statement, city training report and records-system reporting. S03-S09.
Favorable lead - Mercy story	Partial	A foundation story mentions contacting him about storm needs, but does not establish his individual aid delivery. Geographic wording was inconsistent. Not used for points or card findings.
Staffing / budget / FBI UCR	Outside scope	Department totals are not measures of this officer's conduct and are intentionally omitted from the officer card.
Facebook	Partial	Exact-name discovery yielded no usable discussion. Profile metadata/image accessible by ordinary public HTTP; search-service opening failed. No complete comment sample collected.
Instagram	No usable result	No usable matching original discussion was returned. Irrelevant results were excluded; this is a discovery gap, not proof no posts exist.
YouTube	No usable result	No usable matching original discussion was returned. Irrelevant results were excluded; this is a discovery gap, not proof no posts exist.
Threads	No usable result	No usable matching original discussion was returned. Irrelevant results were excluded; this is a discovery gap, not proof no posts exist.

Lane	Status	Observed outcome
X / Twitter	No usable result	No usable matching original discussion was returned. Irrelevant results were excluded; this is a discovery gap, not proof no posts exist.
Rumble	No usable result	No usable matching original discussion was returned. Irrelevant results were excluded; this is a discovery gap, not proof no posts exist.
TikTok	Access blocked	Search service reported robots.txt restriction; no comments or videos reviewed.
Local article comments	Partial	Anonymous comments were visible but not treated as proof, identifiable people, or a scored sentiment sample. No commenter identities retained.
Officer / agency response	Partial	No direct response to TCF requested. No independently obtained current response or defense filing located. S08 response report is June-only.

Remaining limitations

- This is an on-demand public-record review, not a comprehensive employment investigation or a finding of guilt or innocence.
- No check has evidence sufficient for numerical scoring. Zero percent coverage means zero of twenty checks are assessable, not that zero research was completed.
- Current court status and defense filings remain unverified. Reported allegations are not converted into misconduct points.
- Two civil matters may describe overlapping events. Differing dates are preserved; they are not counted as two independent proven incidents.
- The absence of a name from a revoked/surrendered list does not confirm an active, unrestricted license.
- Agency resources, publicity, a job title, legislative participation and announced training do not earn individual conduct points.
- The agency profile artwork is used intact as identification; no claim is made that it is an issued uniform patch.
- Research is limited to the cited public record.
- The officer rubric is an editorial pilot, not validated, accredited, or interchangeable with TCF department scores.

Source register

All sources retrieved October 6, 2026 (America/Chicago). Source titles below are clickable. The source register distinguishes the original court filing from its third-party host and from news summaries. No court outcome is inferred from a filing.

S01 - Aurora Police Department: Message from the Chief

City of Aurora, Missouri | undated | primary | reviewed

Locator: Message signature: Wes Coatney, Chief of Police

The current official page identifies Wes Coatney as chief. It establishes the published role, not license status or individual conduct compliance.

S02 - New Chief of Police for the City of Aurora Announced

City of Aurora, Missouri | 2021-07-30 | primary | reviewed

Locator: Pages 1-2; final substantive paragraph on page 2

The city selected Wesley Coatney and announced an August 23, 2021 start. Its biography describes prior municipal policing and Missouri Department of Corrections investigative management. Historical background only.

S03 - Bliss v. City of Marionville, City of Aurora and Wes Coatney: Petition

Lawrence County Circuit Court filing; copy hosted by Missouri Free Press | 2026-06-19 | primary filing; third-party host | reviewed

Locator: 36-page PDF; filing stamp and case 26LW-CC00086 on page 1; paras. 31-39, pages 10-15; counts thereafter

Filed pleading naming Coatney individually. Allegations are the plaintiff's assertions, not adjudicated facts. No answer, amended pleading, or current merits order was obtained.

S04 - Lawsuit claim: Aurora Police Chief held knife to female officer's throat

The Turner Report / Randy Turner | 2026-03-17 | secondary | reviewed

Locator: Opening paragraphs and attributed petition excerpts before comments

Reports a Tatum Maples whistleblower suit against the city. The linked court PDF returned HTTP 403. This report is used as attributed reporting, not as a reviewed original petition.

S05 - Revoked and Surrendered Peace Officer Licenses

Missouri Department of Public Safety / POST | 2026-09-30 | primary | reviewed

Locator: All 31 pages; surname search and review of C entries

No Coatney surname entry was located in this particular list. It is not a roster of active licenses and does not establish an absence of suspensions, probation or investigations.

S06 - HB 915 Witness Appearance Forms

Missouri House of Representatives | 2025-02-11 | primary | reviewed

Locator: Page 2 of 4; Chief of Police Wes B. Coatney; submitted February 10, 2025

Contains his written statement advocating law-enforcement notification when certain people leave mental-health holds so warrants can be checked. Advocacy is documented; no operational outcome is established.

S07 - August 12, 2025 City Council packet: City Manager Report

City of Aurora / Carrie Howlett | 2025-08-12 | primary | reviewed

Locator: PDF page 5 of 7, Police bullet 3; inspected as image after OCR

Reports that Chief Coatney was attending tactical association training and expected to earn SWAT commander certification. It does not certify completion or demonstrate operational performance.

S08 - Second lawsuit filed over claims Aurora police chief made knife, rape threat

KOLR / OzarksFirst, Kathryn Skopec; syndicated on AOL | 2026-06-20 | secondary | reviewed

Locator: Paragraph comparing incident dates; final paragraph on request for comment

Reports that Maples and Bliss accounts give different incident dates. As of its June report, the outlet said it had not received comment from Coatney or Aurora. This does not establish their response status in October.

S09 - Aurora-Marionville PD updates report system

KY3 Staff | 2025-10-10 | secondary | reviewed

Locator: Article paragraphs on laptops and records management, including attributed chief comment

Reports an agency records-system upgrade and quotes Coatney about expected efficiency. An agency investment does not prove his individual report accuracy or conduct.

S10 - Licensure status and open records of peace officers

Missouri Revisor of Statutes | effective 2001-08-28 | primary | reviewed

Locator: Section 590.180.2

Names, licensure status and employing agencies are open records; other director-retained applicant/licensee records are generally confidential, subject to stated exceptions.

S11 - Administrative investigations of law enforcement officers

Missouri Revisor of Statutes | effective 2021-08-28 | primary | reviewed

Locator: Sections 590.502.1(5), .2(14), .3(6)

The statute protects covered administrative records but excludes the highest-ranking agency officer from its definition of law enforcement officer. Do not automatically apply its confidentiality provisions to a chief.

S12 - Closed meetings and records: authorized exceptions

Missouri Revisor of Statutes | effective 2025-08-28 | primary | reviewed

Locator: Subdivisions (1), (3), (13)

Other personnel/litigation exemptions may apply. The statute also addresses public final votes and settlements, and exempts employment identity, position, salary and service length from the personnel-record exception.

S13 - Missouri Sunshine Law: City records custodian

City of Aurora, Missouri | undated | primary | reviewed

Locator: Custodian of Records and Kamy Kulow contact block

Identifies the city clerk as custodian and publishes auroracityclerk@auroramo.gov. No request was sent.

S14 - Aurora Missouri Police Department: public profile emblem

Aurora Missouri Police Department, Facebook | undated; retrieved 2026-10-06 | primary | reviewed

Locator: Public HTML og:title and og:image; downloaded profile image

Public page title identifies the Missouri agency. Its profile artwork shows an Aurora Police emblem with the Missouri seal. Used intact as agency identification; not verification of current uniform specifications.

S15 - Case.net and linked Maples petition access attempts

Missouri Courts | retrieved 2026-10-06 | access record | blocked

Locator: Court PDF linked from S04; Case.net welcome also attempted

Direct PDF retrieval returned HTTP 403. Current docket, defense filings, and disposition could not be checked through this route.

S16 - Aurora Chief of Police Coatney sued, second this year

Lawrence County Record / Ethan Gray | 2026-06-25 | secondary | reviewed

Locator: Opening sentence compared with subsequent narrative and S03

Secondary account reviewed for corroboration. Its opening says gunpoint but its narrative and the primary petition describe a knife. The inconsistent opening was not adopted.