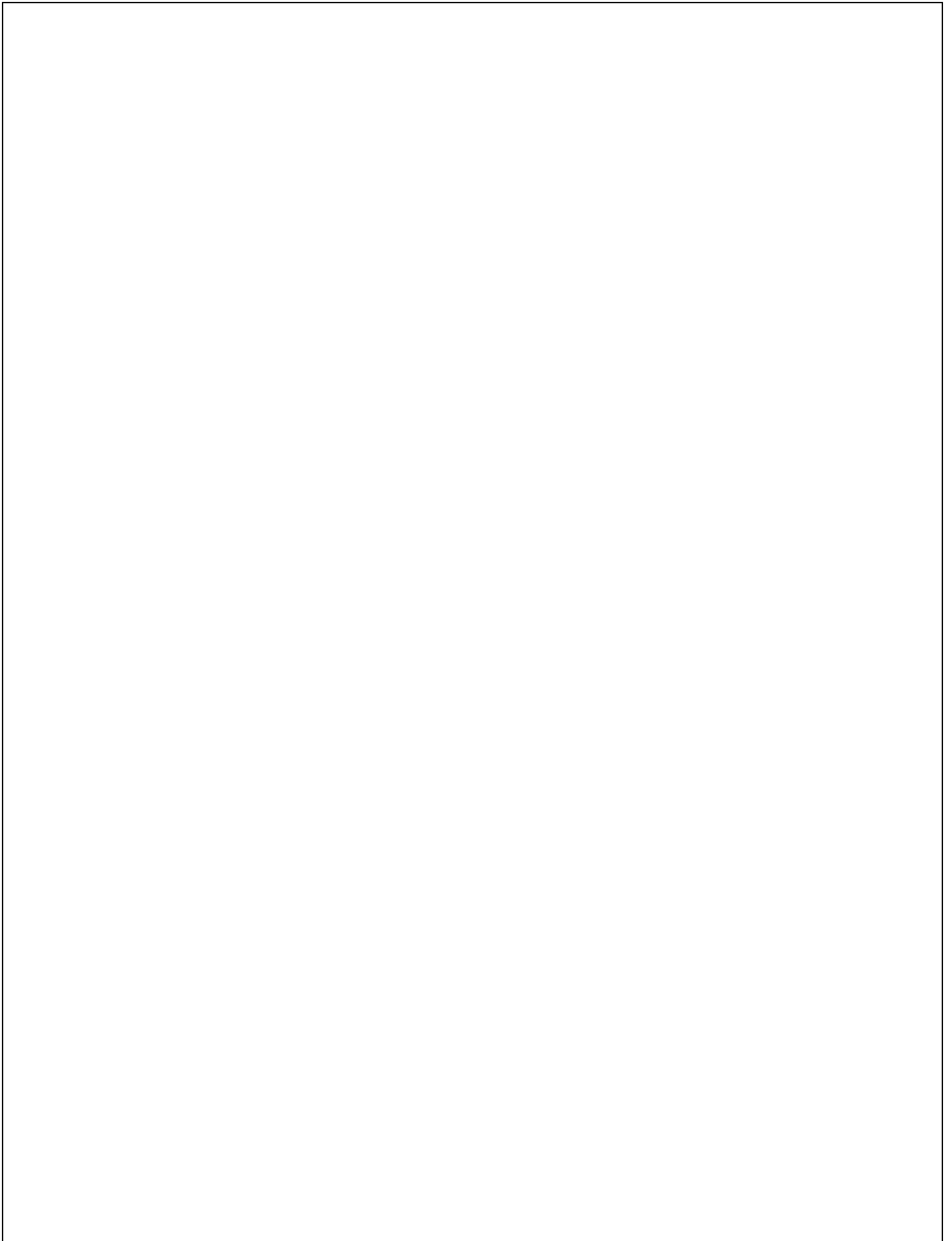


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THE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



On behalf of the Omaha Police Department, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the year 2008. This report recognizes many of our Department's current accomplishments, and highlights the growth and achievements of the past year. As you review this report you can easily see that our organization is dynamic and constantly evolving in our efforts to provide excellence in police services.

The Omaha Police Department was in a state of transition in 2008, with the retirements of Chief Thomas Warren in January and three Deputy Chiefs throughout the year. Community Policing continued to be a priority for the Department, and our commitment was shown through expanded Precinct Advisory Councils, door-to-door surveys conducted by patrol officers, and continuing programs such as Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.). Our School Resource Officer program in high schools and middle schools continues our partnership with city school districts, and our Truancy Abatement Program is a proactive effort to combat the problem of truancy by directing truant students toward appropriate social services. Our newly created "Response to Violence" meetings helped guide and adjust our overall anti-violence strategy, and our weekly CompStat meetings served as an opportunity to improve inter-Department communication and tactically respond to crime.

Omaha tragically experienced a record-high 44 homicides in 2008, but overall Part-I Uniform Crime Report numbers were at their lowest levels since 1978, and the actual Part-I crime rate was the lowest since 1972. In August, the Department rallied around Officer Paul Latscher and his family when he was critically wounded by a gunshot during a traffic stop. The shooter was subsequently arrested and pled guilty. Officer Latscher was promoted to Sergeant in September and has since made a full recovery.

Law enforcement agencies are faced with constant challenges. The men and women of the Omaha Police Department have gladly risen to these challenges and will continue to distinguish themselves by routinely demonstrating the highest levels of professionalism and resourcefulness as we move forward, providing outstanding service to the citizens of Omaha.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex N. Hayes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alexis N. Hayes
Chief of Police

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CITY OF OMAHA

Omaha was founded on the banks of the Missouri River in 1854 and is the largest city in the state of Nebraska. Omaha is the nation's 42nd largest city with a population of 424,482. The City of Omaha operates under a Mayor-Council form of government. The mayor and seven City Council members are elected to four-year terms.

Omaha has a strong and vibrant business community, and is home to four Fortune 500 companies. In 2008, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine named Omaha the nation's third best city in which to live, work and play.

Population..... 424,482*
 Area..... 119 square miles**
 Crime Rate.....5,829 per 100,000 Population***

Race/Ethnicity**

White76.7%
 Black/African-American13.2%
 Hispanic..... 11%
 Asian..... 2.2%
 American Indian 0.5%
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander..... 0.1%
 Some other race..... 4.7%
 Two or more races 2.5%

* U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 Population Estimate

** U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2007 American Community Survey

*** FBI: 2006 Crime in the United States

OPD PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT

Sworn	Total	White Male	White Female	Black Male	Black Female	Hispanic Male	Hispanic Female	Other Male	Other Female
Chief	1			1					
Deputy Chief	3	1	2						
Captain	7	4		1		1	1		
Lieutenant	29	16	5	1	2	4		1	
Sergeant	104	60	27	6	2	6	2	1	
Officer	588	391	90	42	7	36	7	12	3
Sworn TOTAL	732	472	124	51	11	47	10	14	3
Percentage	100	64.5	16.9	7	1.5	6.4	1.3	1.9	0.4
Non-Sworn	Total	White Male	White Female	Black Male	Black Female	Hispanic Male	Hispanic Female	Other Male	Other Female
Professional	29	12	14		1		1		1
Technicians	67	14	39	2	7	1	1	1	2
Protective Service	49	31	7	5	3	2	1		
Admin.Support	53	6	37		5		3		2
Skilled Craft	14	10	2	1				1	
Non-Sworn TOTAL	212	73	99	8	16	3	6	2	5
Percentage	100	34.4	46.7	3.8	7.5	1.4	2.8	0.9	2.4
TOTAL	Total	White Male	White Female	Black Male	Black Female	Hispanic Male	Hispanic Female	Other Male	Other Female
Employees	944	545	223	59	27	50	16	16	8
Percentage	100	57.7	23.6	6	2.9	5.3	1.7	1.7	0.8

Source: City of Omaha Human Resources Department

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Omaha/Douglas Victim Assistance Unit	19
Crime Lab	20
Special Operations Section	20
Emergency Response Unit	20
Gang Unit	22
Narcotics Unit	22
Police Services Bureau	24
Administrative Information Section	24
Fleet & Facilities	24
Records / Data Center	25
Customer Services Unit	25
Vehicle Impound Facility	26
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MISSION

The Omaha Police Department, in partnership with our community, provides impartial, ethical, and professional law enforcement service and protection. We strive to maintain the trust and confidence of our citizens while working to improve the quality of life.

VISION

To provide the environment for the Omaha Police Department that results in:

- Reduction of crime and fear of crime;
- Maximum efficiency;
- Enhanced customer service;
- Improved public confidence; and
- Personal and professional growth for employees

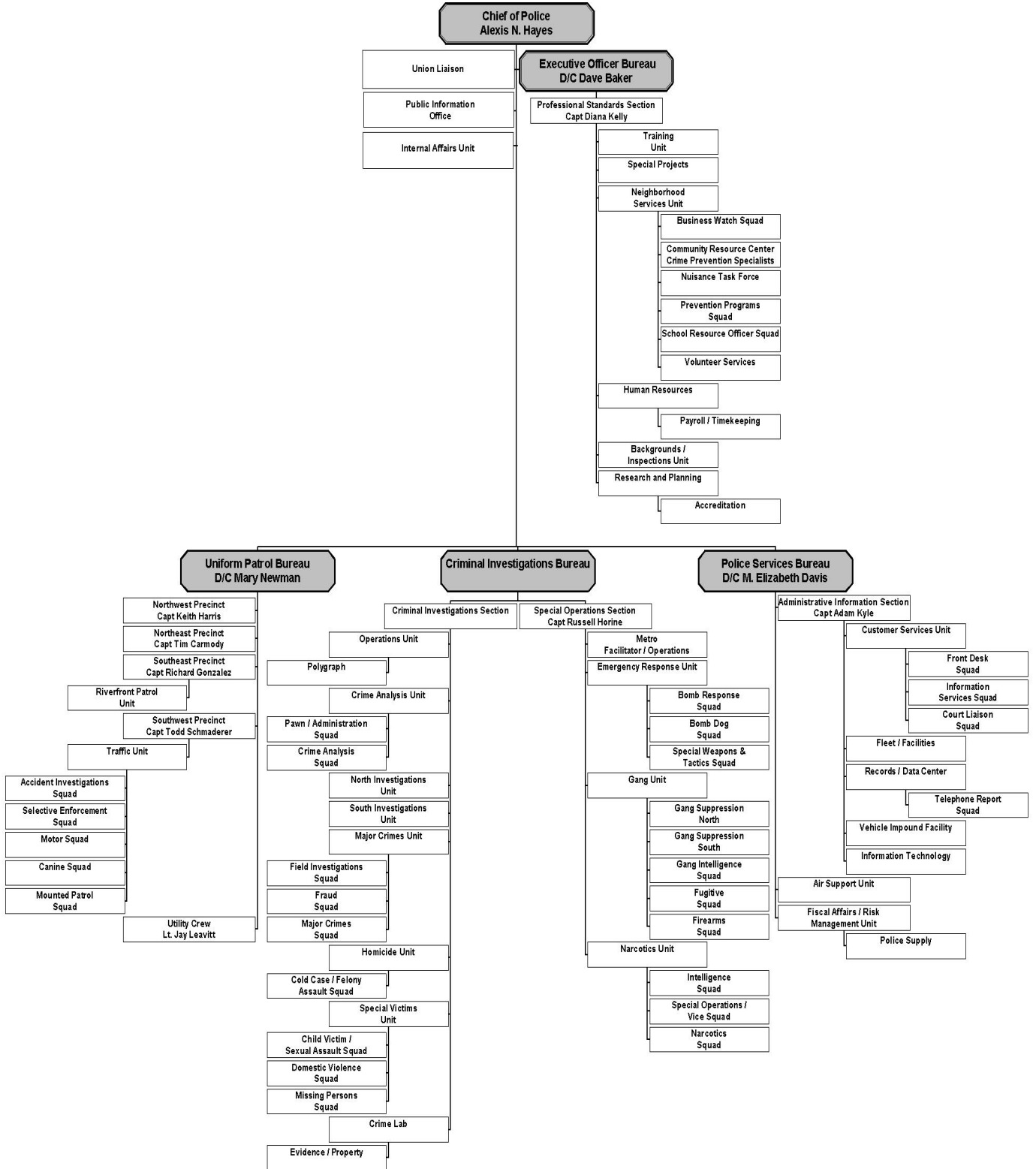
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Northeast Precinct

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Quick Reference Phone Listing:

*all numbers begin with area code (402)

POLICE HEADQUARTERS.....	444-5600
Air Support.....	444-3648
Assault/Homicide.....	444-5656
Backgrounds Investigations.....	444-3507
Bail/Bonds.....	444-5818
Bomb Response.....	444-5680
Business Watch.....	444-6518
Child Victim/Sexual Assault.....	444-5636
Closed Property.....	444-3954
Coordinator of Volunteers.....	444-3598
Crime Statistics.....	444-5690
Crime Lab.....	444-5845
Crime Prevention.....	444-5772
Crime Stoppers.....	444-7867
Criminal Investigations Bureau.....	444-5652
Domestic Violence.....	444-5825
Evidence/Property.....	444-5848
Field Investigations.....	444-3333
Firearms.....	444-5990
Front Desk (Central Headquarters).....	444-5818
Fugitive/Felony Warrants.....	444-4916
General Information.....	444-5888
Homicide/Assault.....	444-5656
Honor Guard.....	444-4163
Horse (Mounted) Patrol.....	444-4502
Internal Affairs.....	444-5629
K-9 Squad.....	444-6968
Major Crimes.....	444-5657
Narcotics.....	444-5681
North Investigations.....	444-5696
Nuisance Task Force/Parking Variances.....	444-5772
Organized Crime/Intelligence.....	444-5680
Pawn/Administrative Squad.....	444-5817
Public Information / Media Relations.....	444-5867
South Investigations.....	444-5590
Special Operations/Vice.....	444-5604
Telephone Report Squad.....	444-4877
Traffic Unit.....	444-5626
Training Academy.....	444-5601
Victim/Witness Squad.....	444-4916

CHIEF'S OFFICE

Interim Chief of Police Alexis N. Hayes commands Omaha Police Department (OPD) operations and reports to the Mayor of Omaha. The Internal Affairs Unit, Public Information Office, and Union Liaison report to the Chief. The Executive Officer supports the Chief's Office.

Personnel Allocation	Sworn	Non-Sworn
Chief's Office	10	2
Executive Officer	95	14
Uniform Patrol Bureau	459	7
Criminal Investigations Bureau	157	37
Police Services Bureau	30	110

INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT

The Internal Affairs Unit investigates citizen complaints and internal allegations involving OPD employees. Internal Affairs is staffed by a diverse team of command officers and civilian employees. The Internal Affairs Lieutenant commands five Investigative Sergeants, one Administrative Assistant, and one part-time Clerk-Typist.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY	2007	2008
Citizen Complaints		
Complaints Not Formalized	73	72
Complaints Formalized	50	58
Internal Investigations	47	47
Assigned Investigations	100	105
Dispositions*		
Not Sustained	110	102
Sustained	120	96
Exonerated	93	82
Unfounded	28	41
No Finding/Court	10	3
Total	361	324

*There may be multiple dispositions for a single Citizen Complaint or Internal Investigation.

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Internal Affairs works closely with the Chief of Police to ensure investigations are impartial and complete. Citizen Complaints are not considered formalized complaints unless citizens speak to an Internal Affairs Sergeant in person and sign a complaint form. The Chief of Police has discretion to order an Internal Investigation even if a citizen complaint is not formalized; however, we encourage citizens to formalize complaints. Internal Investigations can be authorized by the Chief of Police when information is brought to the attention of the Chief of Police that an employee may have acted in violation of Standard Operating Procedures, Union Contract, federal/state law or city ordinance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The Public Information Office (PIO) coordinates release of information to the media on issues related to criminal investigations, crime statistics, and incidents involving police personnel. PIO coordinates Omaha Crime Stoppers and the OPD website. In 2008, PIO participated in the following activities:

- Released information to local media regarding police events, operations, and critical investigations through daily emails.
- Issued 176 news releases and responded to daily inquiries from local and national media.
- Conducted on-camera interviews with local media and arranged interviews for OPD officers and officials.
- Coordinated seven news conferences and ten promotion and retirement ceremonies.
- Promoted police-community relations by advising media of events involving sworn and non-sworn OPD employees on and off duty.
- Received and managed over 800 Crime Stoppers' tips. Established Campus Crime Stoppers Program and new Crime Stopper's web site. Expanded Crime Stoppers services to include text tipping and on-line tips. Assisted Crime Stoppers Board by coordinating nominations for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Executive Officer manages the Professional Standards Section. Professional Standards includes the Training Unit, Special Projects, Neighborhood Services Unit, Human Resources, Backgrounds/Inspections Unit, and Research & Planning. Deputy Chief Dave Baker serves as the Executive Director.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SECTION

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES UNIT

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SQUAD

OPD has 27 School Resource Officers (SROs) working in middle and high schools in Omaha, Millard, Westside and Elkhorn school districts. Four substitute SROs fill-in when regular SROs cannot be at school. SROs focus on eliminating barriers between law enforcement, students, parents and the community.

The COPS & Kids program, focused on middle school students, was a huge success. SROs presented sessions at five middle schools. The Bellevue Police Department partnered with OPD to present COPS & Kids to Bellevue students.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER ACTIVITY	2007	2008
Incident Reports	6,512	3,109
Arrests – Felony	52	43
Arrests – Misdemeanor	757	651
Citations	58	62
Assists to Patrol/Detectives	854	636

OPD is committed to the Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program. OPD presented GREAT to seventh grade students through a thirteen-week curriculum focused on strategies to resist gang involvement and become productive citizens. GREAT reached over 3,400 students.

OPD has two officers assigned to a Truancy Program targeting Omaha Public High School students. The Truancy Program partners with the Boys & Girls Club of the Midlands.

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OPD volunteers saved OPD approximately \$427,600 by contributing over 21,900 work hours. Approximately 120 volunteers and 18 student interns assisted OPD. Volunteers and interns assist sworn and non-sworn employees with a variety of duties such as data entry, customer service, handicapped parking enforcement, completing crime reports by telephone, and reviewing police reports, among other tasks.

OPD is also fortunate to have volunteer Chaplains who offer spiritual support to citizens and officers. Much of the work volunteers perform is time consuming. The time and talent donated to OPD by volunteers and interns provides not only substantial savings to Omaha taxpayers, but improves worker morale and enhances public safety.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER/CRIME PREVENTION SPECIALIST SQUAD

Community Resource Center/Crime Prevention Specialists host the Recognition Banquet for Neighborhood Watch Captains and Citizen Patrollers, Salute to Safety Expo, National Night Out, and Crime Prevention People of the Year Awards.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER	2008
NUISANCE TASK FORCE	
Mayor's Hotline Complaints	1,231
Nuisance Notices Issued	578
Vehicle Tows	241
Complied Vehicle Checks	805
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS	834
BUSINESS WATCH CONTACTS/ FOLLOW-UPS	446
PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETINGS	894

The Recognition Banquet for Neighborhood Watch Captains and Citizen Patrollers was held in March. It was attended by over 370 people. The Salute to Safety Expo was held in April at the Westroads Mall. Area public safety agencies arranged more than 90 displays, including police emergency vehicles, fire trucks, ambulances,

helicopters, and a mini-robotic vehicle. Safety Expo attendance exceeded 77,000 people.

In early August, OPD participated in National Night Out. Former Police Chief Eric Buske and Fire Chief Mike McDonald, as well as Omaha City Council members, firefighters, police officers, and Community Resource Center employees visited neighborhood events throughout the evening.

OPD held the Crime Prevention People of the Year Awards luncheon in October. Former Police Chief Buske honored citizens and business representatives who made substantial impacts in crime prevention.

NUISANCE TASK FORCE

The Nuisance Task Force focuses on offenses reported to the Mayor's Hotline. The Task Force responded to 1,231 complaints and received compliance on 805 of those complaints.

PREVENTION PROGRAMS SQUAD

The Prevention Programs Squad presents to schools and community groups, providing safety patrol training, and conducts school safety audits. Officers renewed efforts to improve and strengthen the McGruff crime prevention program and focused aggressively on recruiting new members and weeding-out inactive members. The program registered over 560 participants.

The Squad initiated the Explorer Program with 52 members, and hosted a Scout Day at the Northwest Precinct that attracted more than 600 Boy Scouts and their family members.

BUSINESS WATCH SQUAD

The Business Watch Squad followed-up on business burglaries and robberies to prevent future incidents. Officers presented to businesses regarding Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, Robbery and Burglary Prevention, and Drugs in the Workplace. Officers encouraged landlords and apartment managers to attend quarterly Crime-Free Multi-Housing classes.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources (HR) coordinates OPD hiring and related personnel actions. HR interprets five labor contracts, the Municipal Code, and OPD Standard Operating Procedures in areas relevant to HR, ensuring adherence to guidelines and proper dissemination of confidential information.

PAYROLL / TIMEKEEPING

Payroll/Timekeeping managed timekeeping and other related policies and procedures. Accomplishments included continued forecasting of retirements and predicting future personnel needs, analysis of retirement trends, and automation of office functions to enhance efficiency and records retention capabilities.

BACKGROUNDS / INSPECTIONS UNIT

The Backgrounds/Inspections Unit completed a record number of background investigations, allowing them to successfully fill two recruit classes at the new Public Safety Training Center. Classes were comprised of approximately 105 new police recruits and nine Arson Investigators. Officers attended multiple career fairs and participated in local events to promote recruitment. With assistance of an outside advertising agency, Backgrounds launched an aggressive media campaign to recruit applicants. The campaign utilized billboards, bus wraps, fliers, posters, and testimonials from various officers. A locally-produced digital recruiting video featuring different aspects of the OPD Training Academy, and highlighting various Omaha landmarks will be utilized for years to come. Backgrounds distributed the video to applicants and organizations, upon request. The video helps inform applicants and organizations about OPD.

Backgrounds/Inspections assisted the City of Omaha Human Resources Department with the police officer testing process. Backgrounds/Inspections provided information at Candidate Testing Preparation Sessions; coordinated Physical Agility Orientations and Physical Agility Tests, assigned recruit advisors; and hosted a Women in Law Enforcement panel discussion. Backgrounds assisted with completion of a major audit of Evidence/Property in December, and

assisted other OPD units with audits, inventories, and property disposal.

TRAINING UNIT

The Training Unit transitioned to its new permanent site at the Public Safety Training Center (PSTC). This state-of-the-art, 20-million dollar facility features two indoor shooting ranges, a large driving track, and a main building with offices, classrooms, a defensive tactics mat room, a F.A.T.S. training room, and other key facilities. The PSTC represents OPD's first dedicated, department-owned training facility. The PSTC is a "joint-use" facility shared by OPD, the Omaha Fire Department, and Nebraska Army National Guard.

Training conducted two recruit classes. Recruit class 1-08 began at the end of June, and graduated 22-weeks later with 46 officers and four Arson Investigators. Recruit class 2-08 began in mid-December with 52 police recruits and four Arson Investigator candidates.

In March, Training completed a Department-wide in-service "Perimeter Training" program. In September, two alternating in-service training programs began; Uniform Patrol officers began an eight hour Emergency Vehicle Operation course and, at the same time, all non-uniformed sworn officers began a one hour F.A.T.S. firearms decision-making course. In addition, OPD's driving track received official State certification in October.

Firearms training operations continued at the Elkhorn Gun Range, providing a key training facility to several area agencies. Training conducted two Department-wide firearms shoots/qualifications – the State Qualification Course and the "training" shoot designed to teach officers new skills. In addition, Training hosted two HR-218 retired-officer concealed-carry qualification courses.

Training hosted a Citizen's Academy that provided 24 citizens with a nine-week overview of general OPD operations. Some of the topics presented were: Chaplain's Program, Proactive Policing, Defensive Tactics, Domestic Violence, Firearms Safety, Gang Unit, K-9 Patrol, Mounted

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Patrol, Crime Lab, Air Support, and officer safety, among others. Each participant completed a 'Ride-Along' with a working patrol officer, and participated in simulated police activities.

TRAINING UNIT	2007	2008
Training Classes		
Sworn/Non Sworn	198	227
Citizens / Guests	11	2
Training Hours		
Sworn/Non-Sworn	38,275	36,377
Citizens / Guests	2,584	11,946

RESEARCH & PLANNING

Research & Planning (R&P) is responsible for researching changes in City of Omaha ordinances, Nebraska State Statutes, and federal law, and recommending corresponding changes in police procedures. R&P also involves reviewing information concerning procedural changes obtained from sources such as General Orders, Information Orders, periodicals, surveys, and Standard Operating Procedure manuals from other cities. Work also includes maintaining OPD accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). R&P completed the following tasks:

- Maintained OPD's CALEA accreditation files in preparation for the Department's 2010 on-site assessment. Compliance with CALEA standards allows OPD to demonstrate its commitment to excellence in law enforcement. Major law enforcement associations, leading educational and training institutions, governmental agencies, and international law enforcement executives acknowledge CALEA's standards for law enforcement agencies and its accreditation program as benchmarks for today's law enforcement agencies.
- Coordinated and produced numerous grant applications and tracked on-going grant funds.
- Edited and coordinated publishing of the OPD Annual Report, updated the 2006-2008

Strategic Plan, and prepared numerous reports and data analyses for OPD's accreditation files.

- Prepared 35 General Orders and revised numerous OPD Forms.
- Completed surveys pertaining to grants by responding to requests from federal grant administrators and public agencies, and provided detailed OPD information in response to surveys requested by reciprocal, similar cities.
- Responded to requests from the Omaha City Attorney concerning OPD policies and procedures, and completed numerous requests to law.

UNIFORM PATROL BUREAU

The Uniform Patrol Bureau (UPB) responds to calls for service and provides preventative vehicle, foot, bicycle and horse patrols, and provides traffic control, accident investigation, and traffic enforcement.

UPB is divided into four geographic precincts, each commanded by a Captain, and a Utility Crew commanded by a Lieutenant. Deputy Chief Mary Newman commands UPB operations.

NORTHEAST PRECINCT

Northeast Precinct (NE) personnel work closely with community members, neighborhood associations, business partners, and civic leaders to prevent, mitigate and respond to criminal activity. The overarching goal is to develop and implement best practices to enhance overall quality of life for everyone in NE utilizing proven Community Policing principles. A secondary goal is to identify opportunities to deepen understanding between the community – to include our respective responsibilities and capabilities.

Precinct Advisory Council (PAC) – The PAC, comprised of community members and business/civic leaders, is key to achieving our stated goals. The PAC provides opportunities for members to clearly define issues within NE and

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to have a hand in building a plan to address those issues. Input from the PAC is communicated to sworn personnel by the NE Captain in an effort to refine and improve quality of services provided.

Weed & Seed – NE is in the second of a four year grant funded Weed & Seed program. The intent is to utilize funding, training, and other opportunities to develop, empower and strengthen community partnerships, and address community issues in and around the Weed & Seed area. A Weed & Seed Coordinator oversees the initiative, and the Omaha Steering Committee has strengthened community collaborations in an effort to accomplish goals of deterring crime, promoting economic growth, and enhancing quality of life in the target site.

Hot Spots – Through use of criminal intelligence and community input, NE has identified violent crime ‘hotspots’ and implemented intervention strategies, resulting in removal of 388 firearms from the streets. NE staff, working with other OPD employees, conducted Shift Extensions and Directed Patrol Operations. NE staff also worked with the U.S. Attorney’s Office to conduct Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) operations to address gang violence.

Outreach Programs – NE conducted the first Community Education Training Program (CETP), directed toward those living, working, worshipping or providing a service in the NE area. The program included four three-hour sessions covering topics including the Gang Unit, Narcotics, NE Weed & Seed, Crime Prevention and 911 Communications. Other outreach programs include the Police Athletic League (PAL) – basketball, Safe Night Out, Cops & Kids, and a chess tournament. In addition to outreach, NE personnel worked closely with the African American Empowerment Network in planning prevention, intervention and re-entry efforts for youth in the community.

Crime Reduction – Applied Community Oriented Policing principles and data mined using crime analysis allowed NE officers to identify crime trends involving index crimes as they developed.

NE utilized intelligence to develop plans to prevent, mitigate or more effectively respond to these types of criminal activities, and to maximize operational efficiency. As a result, crime decreased by 43% across NE. Information is examined weekly with senior administration and prosecutors at CompStat meetings.

NORTHWEST PRECINCT

Command staff and officers of the Northwest Precinct (NW) worked diligently to maintain high levels of service and public safety for citizens. The dedication and focus of NW officers and community partners helped NW achieve many of OPD’s 21st Century goals.

NW Command created an atmosphere that resulted in reduction of crime and fear of crime, maximized efficiency, enhanced customer service quality, and improved public confidence. NW continued using the CompStat model to focus on crime, collecting timely data and responding to calls in a rapid fashion. Various tactical principles were applied to specific issues in the precinct.

These approaches led to an overall crime reduction in NW. Crime in the 10-Area, a geographical area from Dodge Street north to Washington County and from 72nd Street west to encompass the old Elkhorn city limits, was reduced by 19%. The 20-Area, which extends from Dodge Street north to Washington County and from 42nd Street west to 72nd Street, had a 16% reduction in overall crime.

NW used community surveys to identify citizen needs and respond more effectively to violent crimes. More than 300 surveys were completed in various parts of NW. Only a small proportion of citizens surveyed (less than 30%) were concerned about violent or property crimes in their neighborhoods.

NW improved efficiency by strengthening focus on customer service. Determination was made to redistribute front desk staff, which allowed NW to serve 1,896 customers and provide 1,528 police reports to citizens.

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Focus on providing high level of service to NW neighborhoods was evidenced by the fact that 33 officers were recognized by citizens, who wrote letters of appreciation, for work well done. One NW officer received honorable mention from the National Association of Police Organization's Top Cops. Two other NW officers were recognized as June OPD Officers of the Month.

NW utilized various forums to enable citizen participation in an effort to reduce crime. NW maintained the highest number of active Neighborhood Watch groups of any precinct, with 281. NW is also home to a very active 32-member Precinct Advisory Council (PAC), which met monthly to exchange vital neighborhood and crime-related information. Frequent and constant interaction with these and other groups and committees helped NW make improvements in public confidence.

More than 120 sworn and civilian personnel are assigned to NW. More than 60 training opportunities were offered within the Precinct. Many officers took advantage of these training opportunities. Several employees were promoted, including multiple Sergeants and one Captain.

NW successfully reached its goals through focus on solving crime issues, making best use of resources, working with the community, increasing customer service, increasing public confidence, and offering continuous training to officers. Many faces within NW have changed, but the vision, mission and goals of OPD remain.

SOUTHEAST PRECINCT

Southeast Precinct (SE) personnel work with other OPD units, departments, and neighborhood/business associations to make it safer to live and work in Omaha. Community partnerships incorporated a broad strategy of prevention, intervention and enforcement, and led to overall crime reduction. SE continued to:

- Emphasize collective care through individual attention to districts.
- Team with Omaha Public School principals, area businesses, neighborhood associations,

Omaha Housing Authority, and Weed and Seed Steering Committee.

- Partner with the South Gang Suppression Squad. SE officers temporarily transferred to the South Gang Suppression Squad for two-week training intervals.
- Collaborate with Special Operations, Vice Squad, to combat prostitution.
- Target 'hot-spots' to address crime-series patterns identified by the Crime Analysis Unit and neighborhood associations.
- Conduct enforcement operations with the Nebraska State Patrol aimed at reducing cattle truck spills.
- Work with the City of Omaha Planning Department, Code Enforcement, to address neglected and crime-infested dwellings.

Special SE events included:

- Latino Peace Officers' Association Annual Easter Egg Hunt • Cinco de Mayo parade and carnival • College World Series • Summer Arts Festival • Taste of Omaha at ConAgra campus • SE Safe Neighborhood Day • Septemberfest • El Grito Independencia • Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival • SE Holiday Celebration • Holiday Lights and New Year's Eve fireworks event • July 4th Rosenblatt Stadium fireworks • Numerous protests at various locations •

Riverfront Patrol serves the riverfront district, including the Old Market, Heartland of America Park, and the Qwest Center Omaha. Riverfront Patrol utilizes foot, bike, mounted and cruiser patrols.

Crime Prevention Specialist Ofelia Robles was valuable to SE prevention and intervention efforts. She assisted the Front Desk with language translation, and communicated and worked with neighborhood associations to maintain participation. Ofelia organized SE Safe Neighborhood Day and the Holiday Celebration.

SE bilingual volunteers assisted with front desk communication, organized and participated in Safe

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Neighborhood Day and the Holiday Celebration, and helped with daily Precinct operations.

SOUTHWEST PRECINCT

The Southwest Precinct (SW) consists of 156 employees and is located at 9864 "M" Street, with sub-stations for the Traffic Unit at 136th and Millard Avenue, and Mounted Patrol Squad at 615 Leavenworth. SW Front Desk is open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is staffed by duty officers and a retired part-time officer.

SW Command implemented a Holiday Policing Plan that was instrumental in providing a safe atmosphere for shoppers at malls and retail locations. SW hosts the Precinct Advisory Council (PAC) every month. PAC is designed to bring SW Command, business and neighborhood associations together to address quality of life issues.

SW engaged in numerous activities in addition to regular patrol duties. Duties included patrolling area lakes and trails on bicycles, and assisting with local bike rodeos. Officers attended neighborhood gatherings on July 4th, National Night Out held in August, and October Halloween patrols.

SW conducted several "Response to Violence Surveys" designed to provide feedback on quality of police service, and as a mechanism to generate crime tips and deliver crime prevention information to citizens. SW Command routinely communicates with precinct businesses, neighborhood associations and schools to identify and address quality of life issues.

TRAFFIC UNIT

The Traffic Unit consists of 54 officers, and is comprised of an Accident Investigation Squad, Selective Enforcement Squad, Canine Squad, Motor Squad and Mounted Patrol Squad.

Canine Squad

The Canine Squad trained new dogs and handlers, and instructed more than 500 other personnel in perimeter containment, search cell tactics, search and seizure, and vehicle searches. The Squad also performed numerous

demonstrations for community and citizens' groups in the Omaha area.

The Squad added an additional dog and handler team to the ranks, bringing the total number assigned to seven officers, one sergeant, and eight dogs. The Squad retired three older dogs and brought in and trained a total of four new dogs, and assisted surrounding agencies in training their police service dogs.

2008 Canine Statistics	
Calls for service	1,080
Arrests	435
Area Searches	43
Evidence Searches	13
Cocaine Recovered	10.33 lbs
Methamphetamine Recovered	23.4 lbs
Marijuana Recovered	1,547.01 lbs
Currency Seized	\$110,410
In Service Training Hours	3,400
Building Searches	76

The Canine Squad obtained and installed six new cruiser cameras with grant funding, replaced two older cruisers, and relocated the Canine Squad office from 89th and Fort Streets to 13605 Millard Avenue.

Mounted Patrol Squad

The Mounted Patrol Squad continued its strong working relationships with the downtown community and provided service for the entire downtown area, including the Old Market Business Association, the Qwest Center, and the Holland Performing Arts Center.

Mounted Patrol personnel acted as ambassadors for OPD and the City of Omaha. The Squad provided traffic and crowd control, along with general public safety and police service, for events throughout the city. Mounted Patrol served tourists, business travelers and citizens attending events, patronizing businesses, and enjoying activities around the downtown area.

Mounted Patrol's high standard of training excellence continued, as the Squad retained a riding instructor and horse trainer with 25 years

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of horse training experience. This trainer is certified to instruct riders, owns his own horse training and equine riding instruction business, and has attended the prestigious Royal Canadian Mounted Police Equitation Seminar. The Squad conducted monthly training for its full-time officers and completed initial training for four new Mounted Patrol officers. A veteran officer completed most of his training to become a certified riding instructor, and several new horses successfully completed their first year of training to become fully-trained Mounted Patrol horses.

Mounted Patrol was proud to be instrumental in the success of several annual events. Mounted Patrol was active and highly visible during the College World Series, Cinco de Mayo, Septemberfest, both Memorial Park summer concerts, the July 4th fireworks display at Rosenblatt Stadium, Con Agra's New Year's Eve event, and the summer fireworks show at Memorial Park. The Squad provided horse patrol coverage during all spring, summer and fall festivals at Lewis and Clark Landing along the riverfront, and participated in the annual Holiday Lights Festival with 'Downtown Omaha Inc.'

Mounted Patrol patrolled numerous 'beats,' including Leavenworth Street, Park Avenue, and South 24th Street. Officers patrolled and remained highly visible in the Old Market, Gene Leahy Mall, riverfront area, and Heartland of America Park.

Selective Enforcement Squad

The Selective Enforcement Squad administered several traffic enforcement mini-grants sponsored by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety (NOHS), resulting in 3,800 DUI arrests – up 5% from 2007. Selective Enforcement made 6,896 traffic stops, issued 8,039 violations, and made 1,128 misdemeanor arrests. Officers participated in 92 events at the Qwest Center Omaha, and an additional 200 events throughout the Omaha metro-area.

Overall, Selective Enforcement officers conducted 20,851 traffic stops, issued 20,981 traffic citations, 1,786 Misdemeanor Arrests, 87 Felony Arrests, answered 2,269 radio calls, and

made 12,607 police reports. Collectively, the Traffic Unit planned and facilitated hundreds of special events, including:

- Traffic control for the 58th Annual College World Series. Attendance exceeded 300,000
- Presidential Motorcades: Barack Obama – Hillary Clinton – John McCain and Sarah Palin

Fourth of July:

- Bank of the West "Celebrates America" at Memorial Park. Over 50,000 attended
- Rosenblatt Stadium, "Omaha World Herald Fireworks Show." Over 100,000 attended

Qwest Center:

- Auto Show • Home Show • Pheasant Fest • Berkshire Hathaway annual shareholders meeting • Concerts: Eagles, Van Halen, Bruce Springsteen, Keith Urban, Santana, Bon Jovi, Dave Matthews, Jonas Brothers - Over 17,000 attended each
- Creighton Basketball Games • NCAA Volleyball Tournament • State High School Wrestling Tournament • UNO Hockey • Mutual of Omaha Swim Event • United States Olympic Swim Trials

Festivals / Special Events / Parades:

- Corporate Cup Run • Corporate Bicycling Challenge • Omaha Marathon • Race for the Cure • Walk for Life • Cinco de Mayo • Celebration Fireworks Event • Holiday Lights Festival • Holland Center Shows and Events • Juneteenth Celebration • Nebraska State Track Meet (2nd largest in United States) • Orpheum Theatre Shows and Events • River City Roundup • Santa Lucia • Septemberfest Parade • St. Patrick's Day Parade • Taste of Omaha • Several outdoor, downtown concerts ranging from 5,000 to 18,000 people in attendance

Motor Squad

The Motor Squad provided motorcade services and escorts for Presidential Candidates Barack Obama, John McCain and Hillary Clinton, and Vice Presidential Candidate Sarah Palin. The Squad conducted numerous escorts for dignitary funerals and fallen soldiers, the Law Enforcement Torch run, the Nebraska State games, and the Special Olympics. The Squad is

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routinely asked to attend fundraisers and escort participants during charitable events.

Three Motor Squad members were certified by Northwestern University to teach motorcycle training. Instructors hold training throughout Nebraska. Officers attended monthly training sessions and a yearly motorcycle qualification. The Squad utilized sixteen leased 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycles for parades, selective traffic enforcement and motorcades. Motorcycles were also used for community presentations.

Accident Investigations Squad

The Accident Investigations Squad investigated 2,023 hit and run crashes with a clearance rate over 75%. Accident Investigators handled 171 city-owned vehicle accidents, 87 crashes involving serious, debilitating or life-threatening injuries, and fourteen traffic fatalities. Several mini-grant operations focused on accident-causing driving behavior. In total, officers issued 1,220 citations and made 100 arrests. These efforts resulted in a 50% reduction in traffic crash fatalities from the previous year.

The squad was recognized for their reduction in fatality crashes by receiving the '2008 Governor's Transportation Challenge Special Recognition Award' for assisting the State of Nebraska in reducing annual traffic fatality rates.

Project Night Life Grant

The Traffic Unit requested and received a three-year Project Night Life (PNL) grant expansion, which will take the Project into 2010. PNL received federal funding in the amount of \$124,000, allowing the Traffic Unit to obtain an additional full-time officer, a fully equipped police cruiser, \$40,000 for Selective Enforcement operations, and \$3,500 for equipment needs.

PNL successfully accomplishes all strategies set forth in the grant objectives, providing 45 in-service sessions to current Uniform Patrol Bureau officers and newly-hired recruit officers. The in-service training sessions provided updates on Provisional Operator's Permit legislation, including new restrictions. PNL provided many presentations to schools and local support groups focusing on teens and

parents of teen drivers. Information was disseminated to increase awareness of dangers associated with teen driving.

Officers reached out to surrounding law enforcement agencies, such as the Blair and La Vista Police Departments, and the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office, to provide information on PNL and its goals and strategies. By contacting surrounding agencies, PNL impacted other local jurisdictions facing similar issues involving young, teen drivers. These efforts increase enforcement and have potential to reduce fatal and injury-related crashes that occur in this age group.

Funding provided overtime for officers to conduct 39 selective enforcement operations, focusing on prime times and areas where enhanced teen driving could be detected. Operations resulted in more than 1,700 traffic citations issued, including: 68 DUI arrests, 36 DUS arrests, 49 drug violation arrests, 151 MIP arrests, 17 Open Container arrests, and 46 No Proof of Insurance arrests.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU

The Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB) is divided into twelve specialized investigative units commanded by Lieutenants. Each Lieutenant reports to a Captain. Acting Deputy Chief Russell Horine commands overall CIB operations.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

SOUTH INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The South Investigations Unit (SIU) is one component of the CIB. SIU investigates reported property and person crimes that occur south of Dodge Street. The main types of crimes investigated by SIU are robbery, felony assaults, burglary, auto theft and theft from motor vehicles. SIU members work together to aggressively solve assigned cases and arrest offenders.

SIU detectives investigated over 3,150 cases, producing 4,144 interviews with victims, witnesses and suspects. This led to 76 search warrants and 142 permission to searches executed. The result of this hard work was 780

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arrests for felony and misdemeanor crimes. Notable investigations included:

- A criminal conspiracy case involving numerous suspects committing burglaries, auto thefts, and felony assaults. Crimes began in March in the southwest area of Omaha. Numerous homes were burglarized and vehicles were stolen from homes. Several suspects were identified and arrested. More than 40 criminal incidents were tied directly to six suspects. Through evidence recovered from crime scenes and admissions from suspects, it was determined that the suspects acted as a group to commit the numerous crimes. The crimes resulted in nearly one million dollars in damage and theft. Suspects were arrested under Criminal Conspiracy statutes and are currently serving jail time and/or awaiting trial.
- A series of burglaries occurring in the Old Market. Initial investigations led to identification of solid witnesses, and one victim found his stolen equipment at a pawn shop. Detectives worked quickly to identify the suspect, evidence was recovered, and the suspect was booked for burglary and possession of stolen property. This suspect is currently in jail awaiting his court date, as is facing a habitual criminal charge.
- A robbery series in which a white male robbed three convenience stores at gunpoint. SIU detectives worked diligently to establish and arrest a suspect as quickly as possible, and the convenience stores provided the detectives with video and clear pictures of the suspects. Video was submitted to Crime Stoppers and aired on local news stations. A viewer provided a tip that led to arrest of the suspect. The suspect confessed to three robberies and was sentenced to 12 years of incarceration.
- A rash of robberies involving two suspects that occurred in late October and continued through early December. Detectives from the SIU and the North Investigations Unit worked together to solve these crimes. Once again, a

Crime Stoppers tip named a suspect. Detectives also used information provided to them by Uniform Patrol officers. Detectives and the SWAT team arrived to serve a search warrant at the home of the suspect as he prepared to leave town. Detectives documented all evidence and conducted interviews. The main suspect confessed to robbing thirteen stores and attempting to rob at least two more. Another suspect was arrested for committing two robberies. Both suspects are in jail and are bound over on robbery charges.

NORTH INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The North Investigations Unit (NIU) investigates person and property crimes occurring north of Dodge Street. NIU handles a variety of cases including auto thefts, burglaries, robberies, theft from motor vehicles and assaults.

NIU investigated 3,142 cases involving 4,438 interviews of victims, witnesses and suspects. These investigations resulted in 858 arrests. The following notable investigations highlight some of NIU's activities in 2008:

- Detectives followed-up on a home invasion robbery where suspects tied up the victim and took electronics, handguns, cell phones, and the victim's truck. The truck was found abandoned after it had crashed into a retaining wall. Evidence of the robbery was located in the vehicle and it was later learned that the same suspects were involved in a felony shoplifting in Douglas County. Through an exhaustive investigation the person who set up the home invasion robbery was identified and interviewed. This interview led to information on dangerous drug dealers, and the case is still under investigation. The suspect was booked as an accessory to the home invasion robbery. This same suspect was also picked out of a photo lineup and charged with two separate convenience store robberies. Investigation of the home invasion robbery continues.
- NIU investigated a series of armed robberies in which the suspect robbed a motel, a

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beauty shop and a dry cleaning business. UPB officers observed a suspicious male driving away from the scene of one of the robberies and recorded the license plate. NIU and UPB collaborated in locating the registered owner and, subsequently, the suspect. The robber's clothing, cash and a handgun were confiscated. NIU interrogated the suspect and he admitted to the robberies. The suspect was booked for Robbery and Use of a Weapon to Commit a Felony.

- Detectives from NIU responded to a shooting involving two victims, both of whom received non-life threatening gunshot wounds. Investigation revealed that a suspect had been involved in an altercation with the two victims prior to shooting them. Detectives worked quickly to identify a suspect through cell phone histories and photo lineups with victims and witnesses. A warrant was served by the OPD Swat Team, whereby the suspect and weapon were located. An interview of the suspect by NIU detectives garnered a confession and charges of Felony Assault and Use of a Weapon to Commit a Felony.
- In the summer, numerous residences in the NE Precinct were burglarized during the daytime. Witnesses described suspects as 20-year-old black males. The suspects stole televisions, electronics, and other items. The same modus operandi was seen repeatedly, but no lead was developed until officers responded to a burglary-in-progress call involving two black males using the same methods. Officers apprehended one suspect and observed the other before that suspect eluded them. NIU detectives responded to the scene and conducted interviews with witnesses and officers. A photo lineup was conducted and officers positively identified a suspect. The Fugitive Task Force arrested the second suspect days later. As a result of these arrests, there was a significant decline of burglaries in these neighborhoods in the following weeks.

MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

The Major Crimes Unit has three investigative squads, each commanded by a Lieutenant. Squads include: Major Crimes Squad, Fraud Squad, and Field Investigations Squad.

MAJOR CRIMES SQUAD

Major Crimes often works in joint task forces with outside law enforcement agencies, including: the FBI, Secret Service and ATF. Major Crimes detectives work closely with the Douglas County Attorney's Office, City Prosecutor's Office, and the U.S. Attorney's Office. Major Crimes investigates bank robberies, crime series, and high profile/high dollar incidents involving threats, assaults and thefts. The Squad assists the Checks and Fraud Squad with financial crimes investigations and periodically assists the Homicide Unit.

Major Crimes investigated twenty-one bank robberies, fifteen of which were cleared by arrest of eleven suspects. Fourteen bank robberies were identified as a band robbery series. Investigators worked nine commercial robbery series involving thirty-six total business robberies, resulting in twelve arrests. Two robbery series involving nine private citizen-victims were investigated. Four suspects were arrested in one series. The other series was in the Dundee area, and involved carjacking. A suspect was identified as being in possession of two of the stolen vehicles, and was charged with one offense and is awaiting additional charges.

FRAUD SQUAD

The Fraud Squad investigates crime involving embezzlement, criminal impersonation, fraud and forgery. The Squad reviewed more than 2,737 cases, and approximately 1,100 informative letters were sent to victims of theft in which personal information was stolen. To assist victims with the potential fallout from identity theft and financial fraud, Fraud Squad detectives spent numerous hours talking with victims about what they can do to protect themselves in the future.

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FIELD INVESTIGATIONS SQUAD

The Field Investigations Squad is charged with investigating serious misdemeanor and felony crimes that occur during the overnight hours. These detectives are usually the first investigators on the scene and will handle the investigation through the end of their shift. The Squad ensures a complete report is turned over to the assigned investigative unit in the morning. Regional detectives work with the Homicide Unit to stabilize scenes, protect witnesses from contamination, and interact with family members. They also work with hospital staff to ensure that when a homicide or serious assault victim is transported to the hospital, evidence from the victim is not lost. The Field Investigations Squad investigated 442 incidents, conducted 1,285 interviews and arrested 255 persons.

HOMICIDE UNIT

The Homicide Unit is staffed by 18 sworn officers and one civilian and includes the Cold Case Squad. The Unit includes a diverse team of command officers and detectives. Command staff is made up of one Lieutenant, and five Sergeants.

Homicide investigated 42 criminal homicides. Sixteen cases were cleared by arrest. Two additional homicides were investigated by the Child Victim Sexual Assault Squad. The Unit investigated two officer-involved shooting incidents where suspects were shot and killed, and two homicide cases found to be justified incidents of self defense. Homicide made arrests in three homicides that occurred in previous years, including an arrest from a 2004 case that was made by the Cold Case Squad.

Some cases received extensive media coverage. In January, a young woman was shot and killed while she sat in her vehicle at a local restaurant. The suspect was arrested by Uniform Patrol officers and the case was investigated by Homicide. The suspect was successfully prosecuted by the Douglas County Attorney's Office and was convicted of 2nd Degree Murder.

In November, a series of robberies and shootings led to a high profile investigation. The series

began when a man was robbed, shot and killed in south Omaha. After the incident, just a few miles away, a convenience store clerk was approached by the same suspect as she walked to her vehicle after her shift. She was also robbed, shot and killed. The investigation led detectives to three suspects, who were arrested for First Degree Murder. The case is pending in Douglas County District Court.

CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT

The Crime Analysis Unit is commanded by a Lieutenant, and falls under overall command of CIB. The Unit includes the Pawn/Administration Squad and the Crime Analysis Squad.

CRIME ANALYSIS SQUAD

The Crime Analysis Squad is comprised of sworn and civilian staff. Squad functions fall into two general areas of responsibility: (1) administrative, strategic and data quality; and, (2) tactical or operational.

Administrative support for Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) and data quality analysis involves gathering, compiling, analyzing and disseminating data from reports, surveys and studies. Statistical methodology is applied, and searches and comparisons of various data sources are performed, to identify patterns and trends. These patterns and trends are used to develop plans for prevention, suppression, apprehension and allocation of staff and equipment. Statistical reports are prepared for presentation to OPD staff, criminal justice agencies, civic organizations, news media, schools and the public. In addition to standard reports, Crime Analysts prepared many special reports for outside agencies at the request of the Chief of Police.

The Tactical Analysis function starts with the review of all crime reports. Crime Analysis reads all reports related to robbery (excluding bank robberies, which are directly assigned to Major Crimes), burglary, auto theft, theft from motor vehicle, forgery, fraud and misdemeanor assaults. It is determined whether solvability factors are present, and whether there are indicators of an emerging crime series or pattern.

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Information is immediately communicated to appropriate investigative units, UPB and tactical crime analysts. Crime Analysis also assists investigators looking for reports documenting specific *modus operandi*, stolen property or names.

Tactical Analysts focus primarily on analysis of robberies, burglaries, auto thefts and thefts from motor vehicles. Analysts use several tools to determine if crime series or patterns exist. Tactical Analysts seek to discover relationships between crimes. Relationships may be spatial or temporal, or have similarities in victimology, property targeted, or other MO factors. In addition, analysts provide detectives with investigative support.

Support activities included phone charts, relational charts and diagramming. Analysts provided case enhancement by arming detectives with knowledge required to properly interview suspects regarding other crimes they likely committed that might not otherwise be identified. Information was communicated to the County Attorney's Office so they were aware of the scope of the problem. Crime Analysts are also asked to occasionally assist with crime series involving kidnapping, sexual assault or homicide. Tactical Analysts completed numerous Crime Series Bulletins, after reviewing thousands of reports and arrest records, which were distributed to UPB, CIB, and outside law enforcement agencies.

THE PAWN/ADMINISTRATION SQUAD

The Pawn/Administration Squad is an integral part of the Crime Analysis Unit. The Squad supports all other CIB units in investigating cases of missing and stolen property identified in pawn and salvage establishments.

Officers act as liaisons between outside jurisdictions and metro area pawn shops and salvage yards. They work closely with other agencies to recover stolen property such as bicycles, electronic equipment, sporting goods, data processing equipment, keepsakes, collectibles, musical instruments and jewelry. Personnel attempt to recover or identify stolen

metals salvaged at local salvage yards. The Squad communicates with pawn shops, secondhand stores and salvage yards on a daily basis, providing them with information regarding suspects or items of interest.

The Pawn/Administration Squad monitored all pawn shops, secondhand stores and salvage dealers. Officers checked salvage yards and several aluminum recycling locations on at least a weekly basis, and conducted periodic inspections of area pawn shops and salvage yards for compliance of laws, including permits.

The Squad reviews pawn cards from local establishments for unique items, known stolen items, and items pawned by individuals suspected of theft. They also reviewed each firearm pawned or sold to determine if the item was brought it by a convicted felon, or a party with an active protection order. The Squad also collected, sorted and entered Field Observation (FO) Cards into the FO Card database. Monthly audits were conducted to ensure accuracy of various databases.

SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

The Special Victims Unit (SVU) includes the Domestic Violence Squad, Child Victim/Sexual Assault Squad, and Missing Persons Squad. SVU investigators are trained to work with the elderly, children and victims of domestic violence. Detectives and command staff work on-call to ensure victims' needs are always met.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SQUAD

The Domestic Violence Squad (DVS) shares an off-site location with the Omaha/Douglas County Victim Witness Assistance Unit. The shared space allows for collaborative domestic violence services as part of a coordinated community response to domestic violence.

DVS investigates all domestic violence and vulnerable adult cases. DVS has one part-time retired officer to assist with follow-up investigations. DVS participated in the following activities:

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- Investigated a total of 688 Felonies and 4,066 Misdemeanors - an average of 79 cases per investigator per month.
- Collaborated with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Nebraska State Probation, to initiate three domestic violence warrant sweeps, resulting in 84 arrests.
- Participated in Clackamas County's 5th Annual National Family Violence Warrant Sweep. Over 250 agencies across the United States participated in the event, creating awareness that police actively search for offenders.
- Cooperated with the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC) to continue to work toward implementing a Family Justice Center. The Center will house various law enforcement agencies including DVS, Nebraska State Probation, the YWCA, the DVCC, a Douglas County Attorney, the Douglas County Victim/ Witness Agency, and other advocates. The Center will facilitate communication and networking between agencies to better combat domestic violence.

CHILD VICTIM/SEXUAL ASSAULT SQUAD

The Child Victim/Sexual Assault Squad (CVSA) is housed at an off-site location called Project Harmony. To ensure child cases are thoroughly investigated and a collaborative investigation occurs, CVSA shares the building with Child Protective Services, Health and Human Services, a medical clinic and a group of forensic interviewers.

CVSA detectives investigate crimes involving child abuse/neglect, child deaths, child abductions, sexual assaults of children and adults, and missing juveniles. One part-time retired officer assists in the investigation of missing juveniles. Detectives investigated over 3,000 reported criminal offenses involving child victims or adult sexual assaults. These crimes included child abuse/neglect, custody violations and kidnapping, among others. CVSA investigated over 1,880 missing juvenile reports.

In November, one detective joined the Cybercrime Task Force with the FBI and other area agencies. This joint task force will use their expertise to ensure computer crimes are investigated and suspects are apprehended. SVU investigators attended three conferences to learn the latest trends and technology involving internet crimes.

MISSING PERSONS SQUAD

The Missing Persons Squad includes one investigator, housed at the Project Harmony facility to be part of the Special Victims Unit. There were 271 adults reported missing, and 269 of these cases were successfully cleared.

Investigative follow-up of missing person reports include interviews with family, friends and co-workers; searching criminal databases; state and federal records; review of financial transactions; and the collection of DNA samples from family members.

Omaha/Douglas County Victim Assistance Unit

The Omaha-Douglas County Victim Assistance Unit (VAU) is a Public Service Office established to assist crime victims in order to prevent further victimization, reduce crime-victim trauma, and aid in returning the victim to a state of well-being. VAU hopes to improve the attitude of victims, witnesses, and the community, toward the criminal justice system.

VAU provided services to 25,894 crime victims, and mailed outreach letters and informational brochures to 25,644 victims. Volunteers donated 2,210 hours to assist VAU.

Victims' Rights Week – 2008:

Appeared at the Annual Safety Exposition at the Westroads Mall

The Director, Assistant Director, and advocates took active roles on eight victim-services committees and task forces including the following:

- Victim Assistance Collaboration Committee
- Domestic Violence Coordination Council
- Nebraska Coalition of Victims of Crime
- Elder

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Abuse Task Force • Domestic Violence Coordination Council Law Enforcement Committee • Nebraska Criminal Justice Review • Restorative Justice Coalition • Family Justice Center Planning Committee

CRIME LAB

Crime lab continued to strive towards maintaining a professional staff via training and national certifications. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms presented the Crime Lab with a plaque to commemorate their 100th IBIS Hit. IBIS, or Integrated Ballistics Identification System, uses computers to capture data from bullets and shell casings and assists firearms examiners in comparing evidence from different gun crimes.

Crime Lab Technician Angela Harder completed eleven months of intensive study and training with the ATF's National Firearms Examiner Academy. The highly sought-after course accepts only twelve students per year. Much of the nearly year-long study took place at the National Laboratory Center in Ammendale, Maryland. Angela's successful completion of this rigorous course of study qualifies her to serve as Crime Lab's Firearm's Examiner following a yearlong apprenticeship under current Firearm Examiners.

Crime Lab again received recognition as a Unit of Excellence within OPD, and Crime Lab Technician Stephen Vaccaro received recognition for his work in a triple murder case.

The Crime Lab welcomed five new employees in 2008, one of whom retired later in the year, and continues to provide services to an expanding customer base.

CRIME LAB	2007	2008
Street Calls	4,315	4,643
Forensic Video Analysis	141	175
Crime Scene Photographs	73,911	90,756
Latent Prints Developed	1,139	1,313
Firearm Exams/Test Fire	59	63
Breath Tests for DUI	2,764	2,418

EVIDENCE/PROPERTY

Evidence/Property experienced a year of transition, with several retirements and transfers.

New staff members included three Storekeepers and one Data Entry Clerk. New staff, along with the Evidence/Property Supervisor, processed over 205,000 items of evidence and property. Evidence/Property deposited over \$60,000 into the City of Omaha's General Fund from property sold at ten auctions, abandoned and forfeited money, and recycling metals. Inspections and Audits were completed quarterly by Backgrounds/Inspections with good results. Evidence/Property performed a semi-annual audit with employees. The end of the year audit involved a complete currency audit which met the standards required.

Evidence/Property strives to efficiently manage the constantly changing firearms inventory. A total of 373 firearms were destroyed, including handguns, shotguns, and rifles. All firearms were subject to NCIC checks upon recovery and again upon disposal.

A new Property Drop Box was added at the Douglas County Corrections facility for officer convenience. The new box is now part of the regular drop box run, making a total of seven boxes managed by Evidence/Property.

The Evidence/Property Supervisor attended the Evidence/Property Room Management Seminar presented by the International Association of Property and Evidence in Overland Park, Kansas. The seminar provides important updates and information to be used in the future improvement and successful operation of Evidence/Property.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION

EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT

The Emergency Response Unit (ERU) consists of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Squad, Bomb Response Squad (BRS), Crisis Negotiations Squad (CNS) and Bomb Dog Squad. ERU is responsible for OPD's Mobile Command Center operation and staffing for large events. ERU falls under the command of the Special Operations Section and is mostly an all volunteer unit consisting of one Lieutenant, seven (7) Sergeants and 26 Officers. With few

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exceptions, ERU personnel are permanently assigned to other full-time jobs within OPD.



PHOTO: SWAT members trained 16 to 24 hours per month and responded to 92 special assignments.

In 2008, SWAT participated in the following special assignments:

- 78 high-risk warrant entries
- Four barricaded gunman incidents
- Four dignitary protection assignments during campaign visits
- One Presidential protection assignment
- One Vice Presidential protection assignment
- Four high-risk robbery surveillance assignments
- Supervisor's School – barricaded subject/hostage incidents (twelve hours)
- Manager's School – barricaded subject/hostage incidents (eight hours)
- Department wide "Active Shooter" training
- Sixteen to 24 hours of unit training per month
- Eight-hour Bomb, SWAT and Negotiator training exercise

The Bomb Response Team responded to the following special assignments:

- Twenty response calls to handle explosive or suspicious devices
- Assisted two non-local SWAT teams by providing robot surveillance for barricaded gunmen
- Continued monthly three-day training for Bomb Technicians and Explosive Breaching
- Participated with Explosive Detection Canine Teams in prevention and deterrence

operations, including: College World Series, annual Berkshire-Hathaway Shareholders Meeting, high-profile events with possible explosive threats, four dignitary visits, one Presidential visit, one Vice Presidential visit, continued two-day annual statewide Bomb Response

- Continued two-day annual statewide Bomb Response Team training
- Trained on the Blast Mitigation System. The Bomb Team is the only bomb team in the Midwest with this capability
- Continued to coordinate the Metro-wide Fireworks Amnesty Day with OPD's Uniform Patrol Bureau and the ATF. The 2008 efforts resulted in the recovery of approximately 700 pounds of live fireworks, 1,500 pounds of ammunition, 20 railroad torpedoes, 55 pounds of black powder, and 15 firearms.

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Canine Explosive Detection Teams:

There are three Explosive Detection Canine Teams assigned to Omaha's Eppley Airfield. The teams work closely with the TSA and Eppley Airport Police to ensure airport safety. The Explosive Detection Canine Teams are certified by the TSA yearly to ensure their reliability. The TSA Canine Team completed 1,950 calls-for-service hours, 138 requested bomb sweeps, 1,354 random bomb sweeps, and responded to eight threats of a device.



PHOTO: Bomb Response members trained 16 to 24 hours per month and responded to 20 special assignments.

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GANG UNIT

The Gang Unit is comprised of two Suppression Squads and an Intelligence Squad, Fugitive Squad and Firearms Squad. The primary mission is suppression of gang and gun violence. The Gang Unit provides gang training and education to the community, OPD officers, outside law enforcement agencies, correctional facilities, businesses, and school systems.

The Unit conducted 349 "Home Visits" to families and youth in our community. "Home Visits" focus on educating families and juveniles about dangers of gang involvement. Juveniles targeted for home visits are those identified as associates of known gang members. The home visit list is compiled from many sources to include direct contacts with officers on the streets and referrals from the community, School Resource Officers, and school officials.

The Gang Unit partners with the federal Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) program directed by the US Attorney's Office. PSN focuses on federal gun crimes and initiates gang and gun education in the community. Officers worked with the US Attorney's Office to issue 112 federal indictments.

Gang Activity	2007	2008
Homicide	3	11
Sexual Assault	6	14
Total Felonies	301	433
Total Misdemeanors	3,286	3,347
Total Felonies & Misdemeanors	3,587	3,780
Suspected Gang Members	3,655	2,786
Suspected Number of Gangs	29	30

Officers received many complaints of graffiti, mostly generated through the gang hotline or the Mayor's graffiti hotline. OPD continues to take this crime very seriously, and made significant strides toward identifying graffiti offenders. Officers worked to educate the community about graffiti. With assistance from Uniform Patrol officers and the Weed and Seed program, officers made over 100 arrests for graffiti crimes. The Unit also added "graffiti tracker" technology,

which enhances graffiti investigations and response to graffiti crimes.

The Unit continued to work toward reduction of gang and gun violence. Efforts included: directed patrols, PSN hot-spot operations, search warrants, gang/gun/drug investigations, Weed and Seed graffiti operations, intelligence gathering, community training and education, school training and education, identification of gang members, and youth gang prevention and intervention efforts.

Gang Unit Statistics	2008
Community Presentations	107
Search Warrants	125
Home Visits	349
Felony Arrests	374
Federal Indictments	112
Firearms Seized	224

FUGITIVE SQUAD

The Fugitive Squad is entering its sixth year of affiliation with the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force. Officers from OPD, Council Bluffs, Sarpy County and Douglas County work with the U.S. Marshal's office throughout the Midwest searching for felony fugitives. The Fugitive Task Force made 1,091 felony arrests, including 49 arrests for homicide and assaults with a weapon. There was a 47% increase over the 2007 total for these types of serious crimes. Hard work and persistence by members of the Squad since its creation has resulted in 5,209 felony warrants.

Warrants	2007	2008
Warrants Cleared by Arrest	6,260	6,351
Persons Arrested	5,516	5,260
Cancelled by Court	4,385	4,764
New Warrants Issued	10,756	10,024

NARCOTICS UNIT

The Narcotics Unit investigates complaints from citizens and develops long term cases leading to major suppliers and drug organizations. Narcotics follows-up on information generated and arrests made by Uniform Patrol officers.

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Officers also assist the Traffic Unit, Canine Squad, and Criminal Investigations Bureau in forfeiture of assets seized.

Day shift officers conducted two long-term undercover operations, working with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF). As a result, two large scale drug trafficking organizations were successfully dismantled. Evening shift officers completed several long-term investigations. One of these led to seizure of narcotics, numerous illegal firearms and multiple federal indictments. Another dismantled a drug trafficking organization, resulting in seizure of eight pounds of methamphetamine and numerous federal indictments.

Drug Arrests & Seizures	2007	2008
Felony Arrests		
Cocaine	86	107
Crack	247	210
Ecstasy	21	12
Marijuana	93	109
Methamphetamines	349	276
Heroin	4	1
LSD	0	0
Other	100	87
Total Felony Arrests	900	802
Seizures*		
Cocaine	13,954	6,395
Crack	1,029	3,477
Ecstasy	140	327
Marijuana	836,095	168,709
Methamphetamines	10,994	26,540
Heroin	24	1
LSD**	0	0
Other**	1,515	1,983

* Measured in Grams

** Measured in Dosage Units

Narcotics works with federal agencies, including the DEA, FBI and ATF, as well as several local agencies, on the Metro Drug Task Force. Investigations are centered in the Omaha area, but many have ties to other states and countries. Several investigations involved local gang

members and resulted in numerous federal indictments. Crack cocaine, powder cocaine, methamphetamine, and numerous firearms were confiscated during the Task Force investigations.

The Task Force has taken many illicit drugs, including pounds of marijuana, cocaine, and methamphetamine off the streets of Omaha. Narcotics dismantled three active methamphetamine labs and shut down several large marijuana growing operations.

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SQUAD

The Criminal Intelligence Squad (CIS) monitored suspected terrorist organizations and organized crime figures with ties to the Omaha area. An officer from CIS worked full-time with the Omaha Joint Terrorism Task Force investigating international and domestic terrorism. CIS continued to monitor outlaw motorcycle gangs and bookmakers in the Omaha area.

CIS collected necessary information to disseminate a bi-weekly Omaha Police Intelligence Bulletin and disseminated relevant information to other departments.

A full-time firearms investigator conducted firearms-related investigations and worked closely with the ATF, the Project Safe Neighborhoods state firearms coordinator, and the US Attorney's office. A total of 521 firearms-related cases were reviewed, including 444 cases presented for prosecution and 883 traces submitted to High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).

The Intelligence Squad continued implementing and developing the Metro Area Tri-County Terrorism Early Warning Group (TEWG). One full-time officer is assigned to the TEWG. A second part-time analyst was added to the group to further the gathering, analysis, and dissemination of information. The TEWG is now fully operational and provides a centralized point of terrorism-related information gathering and dissemination of information to several law enforcement and civilian entities in the Metro area. TEWG members of the Intelligence Squad set up, maintain, and monitor a website

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dedicated to the terrorism early warning cause. That site can be found at www.otewg.org.

A full-time officer assigned to the Intelligence Squad is dedicated to forensic analysis of computers, cell phones, and other media recovered or seized as the result of criminal investigations. The computer forensics officer assisted investigative units, as well as surrounding federal and local law enforcement agencies. The computer forensics officer assisted the Homicide Unit in gathering crucial evidence for prosecution and ultimate conviction of a homicide suspect.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS/VICE SQUAD

The Special Operations Vice Squad (SOVS) assisted OPD in numerous capacities. SOVS provided surveillance and support to both the Criminal Investigations Bureau and Uniform Patrol Bureau. In addition, SOVS assisted other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

The SOVS assisted the Safe Streets Task Force with support by investigating narcotics and gang activity in the Omaha area. SOVS assisted the Task Force with an investigation into a local gang and drug trafficking organization. The investigation was a multi-jurisdictional effort that involved federal, state and local agencies. The investigation led to many federal indictments.

SOVS provided support to UPB with vice enforcement, including prostitution and lewd conduct operations. Officers provided assistance at several large events around the city, including the College World Series and other local events. Officers also conducted physical and electronic surveillance, and assisted many units within OPD, as well as outside agencies involved in the Metro Area Drug Task Force. Officers utilized a variety of surveillance methods and equipment to build solid cases for successful prosecution.

Officers were responsible for investigating vice crimes, including alcohol and tobacco violations, and prostitution. Officers conducted prostitution operations throughout the year. They also conducted alcohol enforcement operations targeting underage drinking and people who

provide alcohol to minors, and completed tobacco and alcohol compliance checks.

POLICE SERVICES BUREAU

The Police Services Bureau (PSB) provides administrative and technical support for OPD, and is comprised of the Administrative Information Section, the Air Support Unit, and the Fiscal Affairs/Risk Management Unit. PSB employs the largest number of non-sworn employees in the Department. Deputy Chief M. Elizabeth Davis commands the Police Services Bureau.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION SECTION

The Administrative Information Section (AIS) delivers administrative support services to OPD and the community. AIS includes the Customer Services Unit, Fleet/Facilities, Records/Data Center, Vehicle Impound Facility, and Information Technology. Units work cooperatively to provide OPD, outside agencies, and the public with professional support services.

FLEET / FACILITIES

Fleet and Facilities was responsible for the following projects:

- Purchased 25 cruisers with emergency/safety equipment. Cruisers will replace Precinct District cruisers.
- Acquired six vehicles from the Impound Lot for use in the OPD fleet.
- Acquired a Case tractor and a stake bed truck from Offutt DRMO.
- Completed temporary relocation of the Fugitive Squad and the Records/Data Center for installation of a high density storage unit for the Records/Data Center. Along with installation, the floor was painted, new light fixtures and ceiling tile were installed, and new carpet was laid. Both the Fugitive Squad and Records/Data Center were moved back to the third floor when the work was done.

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DATA CENTER	2007	2008
Incident Reports Processed	101,927	96,005
Citations & Street Releases Processed	58,001	49,849
Accident Reports processed	24,674	22,538
Radio Checks and Calls for Service	595,231	436,014

- Oversaw the acceptance and occupancy of the Public Safety Training Center (PSTC) and the relocation of the OPD Training Unit to the PSTC. Removed all City property from the Omaha Home for Boys once Training moved.
- Relocated the Canine Squad from the Nebraska Humane Society to rooms in the ERU portion of the Traffic/ERU building.
- Oversaw construction of the \$130,000 Crime Lab Clean Room.
- Facilitated closing of the Detention Unit.

RECORDS / DATA CENTER

RECORDS

Records processed all service requests regarding criminal history checks, incident reports, accident reports, and records of arrest. Records provided this information for OPD, outside agencies, and the general public. It was Records' responsibility to copy and scan these documents, and maintain/monitor the Stellant Records Management System for OPD.

The Eclipse High Density Storage System was installed, enabling OPD to store several years of records in-house. The System also allows for storage of microfilm and microfiche.

RECORDS	2007	2008
Report Copies	19,207	17,294
Criminal History Requests	7,044	6,625

DATA CENTER

The Data Center includes Radio Channels five and six, NCIC, and Data. The radio provided all records and support information to both street officers and CIB officers via the radio talk-group

system. NCIC supported all teletype communications and NCIC functions including entry, modification, and cancellation of all wanted persons, missing persons, stolen vehicles, guns, articles, and gang members into the Nationwide and State systems.

The Data Center entered all incident reports and citations into the mainframe system, and consistently met timely-entry goals for the Prosecutor's Office and CompStat.

TELEPHONE RESPONSE SQUAD

The Telephone Response Squad (TRS) takes telephone report calls on all non-emergency police reports. TRS operated 20 hours a day, seven days a week, and took over 21,000 non-emergency reports from the public, providing citizens with necessary services while freeing up street officers' time for emergencies.

TELEPHONE RESPONSE SQUAD	2007	2008
Live Calls	4,643	3,189
Reports Completed	21,378	19,979
Data Reports Entered	2,904	536
Voicemail Calls	47,585	36,453
Walk-Ins	38	27

CUSTOMER SERVICES UNIT

The Customer Services Unit (CSU) is dedicated to providing quick, thorough, and professional services to the citizens of Omaha and visitors from out-of-state and abroad. CSU is supervised by one Lieutenant and is comprised of three squads: the Court Liaison Squad, the Information Squad and the Front Desk Squad.

COURT LIAISON SQUAD

The Court Liaison Squad saved taxpayers \$60,753 per month by cancelling officer and civilian court appearances in cases involving please, dismissals and/or postponements. This saved the City of Omaha \$729,043 for the year. A Sergeant and one officer were assigned to work with the City Prosecutor's Office to subpoena only those people whose testimony is essential for trials. The Squad investigates cases of false identity, when a person uses someone

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else's identity, fails to appear for court, and a warrant is issued. Wrong party citations and warrants are investigated and innocent parties' names are cleared.

INFORMATION SERVICES SQUAD

The Information Services Squad had four officers assigned to answer phone calls from both citizens and police officers, enter data, and process employees' subpoenas for court appearances. The Squad collected all statistics generated by uniformed officers, entered traffic stop data, and downloaded digital domestic violence crime scene photographs.

FRONT DESK SQUAD

Front Desk Squad personnel are the first points of contact for the public at Central Police Headquarters. The Front Desk is staffed 24-hours a day/7 days a week. The Squad consists of two Sergeants, seven officers, ten non-sworn and four part-time personnel. The Front Desk Squad answered thousands of telephone calls, answered citizens' questions, directed calls, and took non-emergency reports. The Squad is responsible for registering handguns, issuing taxi permits, providing fingerprint services, supplying police reports and criminal histories.

VEHICLE IMPOUND FACILITY

The Vehicle Impound Facility received 10,151 towed vehicles, of which 2,835 were offered for public auction. Impound generated approximately \$1.7 million in revenue for the General Fund of the City Of Omaha. The Facility's operations yielded savings through transfer of equipment, miscellaneous tools and vehicles to various city departments that lacked funding to purchase such items.

VEHICLE IMPOUND FACILITY - 2008	
Total tows	10,151
Total number of vehicles auctioned	2,835
Total Revenue from Auctioned Vehicles	\$1,574,094.00
Total Revenue	\$3,145,840.00
Total Expenses	\$1,446,016.00
Revenue to General Fund	\$1,699,824.00

The Impound Facility is used by several law enforcement entities for training, including Canine Divisions as well as the OPD Training Unit. The Omaha Fire Department Training Academy and other fire training entities utilize the facility and equipment for life-saving extrication training exercises.

AIR SUPPORT UNIT

The Air Support Unit consists of 2 officer-pilots, two officer pilots-in-training, two part-time officer pilots, two full-time mechanics, one Sergeant pilot-in-training/Unit Commander, with two new Bell 206 IIB and three OH-58 helicopters operational. The Unit provides assistance and observation to ground units with a forward-looking infrared camera, a 64 million-candlepower spotlight, and the inherent observation platform of the helicopter.

AIR SUPPORT UNIT STATS 2008	
Flight Hours	1,480.9
Calls for Service	14,566
Pursuits Assisted	76
Outside Agency Assistance	154
Unit Presentations	16

Air Support flew 1,400 hours and was involved in over 11,000 activities, including over 1,200 radio calls. Air Support assisted in 76 pursuits and hundreds of arrests, and provided infrared surveillance of critical infrastructure during heightened Homeland Security alerts. Officers also provided airborne assistance to the United States Secret Service during an investigation, and presented 16 public displays throughout the metro area. The Air Support Unit assisted outside agencies 154 times.

Aircrews are on call 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Aircrews average between five and six hours of patrol flight-time per shift. Since 1997, the Unit has amassed 16,000 safe flight hours serving the City of Omaha. Air Support provided assistance to agencies to many local counties, including: Douglas, Washington, Cass, Burt, and Dodge counties in Nebraska and Mills, Pottawattamie, and Harrison counties in Iowa.

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Air Support took ownership of two new Bell 206BIII "Jet Rangers" and trained one new pilot, who obtained a commercial rotorcraft license. Officer Pilot Rick Rediger retired with over 8,000 flight hours completed. Officer Rediger was an original member of the Air Support Unit and provided distinguished service to OPD. Both Retired Officers Rediger and Dave Klauschie continue to serve in a part-time capacity.

FISCAL AFFAIRS / RISK MANAGEMENT

Fiscal Affairs provides financial data to Senior Staff members on a bi-monthly basis. Information provides analysis of line-item accounts, allowing OPD employees to view budget allocations in relation to overall budget provisions.

POLICE SUPPLY

Police Supply provides OPD employees with items needed to operate effectively, including supplies, uniforms, safety equipment, citations, and work-related forms. Police Supply processed many retirements and promotions, prepared initial paperwork and supplies needed for two new recruit classes, and maintained necessary paperwork to provide critically important safety vests for the new officers. Employees also provided replacement vests for veteran officers.

In recent years, Police Supply has greatly increased the number of uniforms and leather items recycled to officers, conserving valuable OPD financial resources.

POLICE HONOR GUARD

The Honor Guard has existed for more than fifty years, and has a current authorized strength of 30 officers. Officers are elected by a membership vote, and serve two-year terms.

Current Officers are: Matthew Kelly (President); Sgt. Alan Reyes (Vice President); Joe Eischeid (Treasurer). Current Honor Guard membership is 28 members, an increase of eight from last year.

Training takes place bi-monthly and is a combined effort with other area Honor Guards. One visible Honor Guard event is National Police Memorial Day on May 15th. The Honor Guard has observed this day for more than 30 years.

The Honor Guard averages nearly 30 assignments each year ranging from community events to funerals. The Honor Guard engaged in 23 events: 8 funerals, 2 parades, 9 Presentation of the Colors, and 4 other events.

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SWORN PROMOTIONS / RETIREMENTS

Name	New Position	Retirements
Baker, David L.	Deputy Chief	Anderson, Timothy M.
Buckley, Vivian E.	Lieutenant	Archer, Dawn L.
Carmody, Timothy J.	Captain	Baggett, Gerald D.
Cech, Sheila S.	Sergeant	Bakker, Larry D.
Cook, Cathy A.	Lieutenant	Bogdanoff, Brian M.
Cook, Douglas P.	Captain	Brown, Marilyn K.
Davis, Patrick K.	Sergeant	Cervantes, Frances M.
Desler, Mark D.	Lieutenant	Cook, Douglas P.
Dropinski, William J.	Sergeant	Cushing, Kevin G.
Forehead, Erik P.	Sergeant	Demetri, Jeffrey R.
Fricke, Thomas W.	Sergeant	Ferrell, Bruce M.
Garcia, Steven J.	Sergeant	Foxall, Pitmon III
Gutierrez, Anthony W.	Sergeant	Green, Russell L.
Hanner, Mark A.	Sergeant	Hauptman, Robert J.
Hayes, Alexis N.	Deputy Chief	Hawley, Gerald L.
Heidzig, Pamela R.	Sergeant	Hill, John R. Jr.
Hinchey, Colene D.	Lieutenant	Hodges, Joseph H.
Hupka, Erich J.	Sergeant	Hronek, William C.
Janucik, S. Marcia	Lieutenant	Janucik, Brian D.
Kelly, Diana A.	Captain	Johnston, Cynthia A.
Kyle, Adam W.	Captain	Jones, Calvin D.
Latschar, Paul T.	Sergeant	Kister, Robin R.
Lippold, Matthew C.	Lieutenant	McCaslin, Patrick A.
Malsam, Chris E.	Sergeant	McKenzie, Brian R.
Martinez, Mark A.	Deputy Chief	Michelson, Ricky A.
Menning, Jason P.	Sergeant	Miskie, Keith R.
Pauly, James D.	Sergeant	Morgan, Jeffrey L.
Pruse, Thomas J.	Sergeant	Odo, John G.
Ramos, Enrico M.	Lieutenant	Oetter, Kenneth L.
Ray, Shayna L.	Lieutenant	Orsi, Steven M.
Rech, Matthew A.	Sergeant	Points, Jacque D.
Ritonya, Jacob J.	Sergeant	Randall, Jess L.
Schenkelberg, Lori L.	Sergeant	Rediger, Rick R.
Schmaderer, Todd R.	Captain	Rock, William J.
Shaffer, Thomas H.	Lieutenant	Sedlacek, Robert A.
Sheridan, Sean G.	Sergeant	Smith, Michael R.
Siedlik, Jerry J.	Lieutenant	Spomer, Sharanne K.
Sokolik, John J.	Lieutenant	Swanson, Kristine J.
Starlin, KaraLin T.	Lieutenant	Theulen, Jeffrey J.
Stewart, Mike R.	Lieutenant	Tomlinson, Richard Lee Jr.
Stracke, Jason A.	Sergeant	Wagner, Allen D.
Swanson, Jerald R.	Sergeant	
Theulen, Jeffrey J.	Lieutenant	
Von Behren	Sergeant	
Waller, Jonathan A.	Sergeant	
Wherry, Joseph E.	Sergeant	
Williamson, Keith A.	Sergeant	
Witkowski, Matthew W.	Sergeant	

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NON-SWORN PROMOTIONS / RETIREMENTS

Name	New Position	Retirements
Albert, Kathleen M.	Secretary I	Blaufuss, Margaret K.
Bobb, Wanda D.	Secretary I	Bollinger, Clarence J.
Smrkovsky, Barbara A.	Police Information Operator I	Drake, Nancy K.
White, Sheri L.	Administrative Assistant III	Jackson, Dennis A.
		Lampe, Mark S.
		Lane, Rosemary L.
		Macdonald, Joan M.
		Quinn, Nancy M.
		Young, Petra M.

EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Purple Heart

Sergeant Paul Latschar

Medal of Valor

Sergeant Paul Latschar
Sergeant Thomas Pruse
Officer Brian Seaton
Officer Dennis Sexton
Sergeant Jerald Swanson

Lifesaving Medal

Officer Ryan Davis
Officer Chad Frodyma
Officer Christopher Groth
Detention Tech Mark Haeefele
Officer Paul Hasiak
Officer Michael Meyer
Officer Christopher Perkins
Officer Jason Slosson
Officer Daniel Torres

Letter of Commendation

Officer Billie Ceglar
Officer Jeremy Christensen
Officer John Gruidel
Officer Nathan Keenan
Officer Sherry King
Officer Mike Nass
Admin. Assistant III Mary Rowell
Officer Christopher Sanchez
Officer Tiffany Shepherd
Officer Kyle Steffen

Officers of the Month

Officer Steven Barnes
Officer Richard Belk
Sergeant Jennifer Bogdanoff
Officer Billie Ceglar
Officer Matthew Chandler
Officer Jeremy Christensen
Officer Anna Doyle
Officer Karen Fidone
Officer Christopher Groth
Officer John Gruidel
Officer Nicholas Herfordt
Officer Nathan Keenan
Officer Eric Kerwin
Officer Sherry King
Sergeant Paul Latschar
Officer Michael Meyer
Officer Mike Nass (2)
Officer Mark Negrete
Officer Christopher Perkins
Sergeant Thomas Pruse
Officer Christopher Sanchez
Officer Brian Seaton
Officer Dennis Sexton
Officer Tiffany Shepherd
Officer Kyle Steffen
Officer Joel Strominger
Sergeant Jerald Swanson
Officer Jeffrey Vaughn
Officer Matthew Worm

Civilian Employees of the Month

Connie J. Adams
James M. Brady
Daniel J. Bredow
Laura L. Casey
Manauel J. Garcia
Angela R. Harder
William R. Henningsen
Diana L. Hoffman
Tiffany B. Love-Zach
Katherine K. McCaul
Amanda S. Miller
Katherine A. Moreno
Todd N. Petrick
Marlena R. Preston
Russell A. Raszler
Ofelia M. Robles
Mary K. Rowell
Tiffany M. Rubush
Karenina L. Smith
Michael L. Stone
Mark G. Stranglen
Jerry J. Tosoni
Stephen A. Vaccaro
Rochell D. Wagner

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IN MEMORIAM

Andreasen, Gerald R. – Police Officer	Kawecki, Chester J. – Retired Auto Equipment Operator
Beam, Floyd A. – Retired Police Lieutenant	Leach, DwanDwan – Retired Police Information Operator II
Beethe, Carolyn A. – Retired Police Sergeant	Lenker, Lanny R. – Retired Police Officer
Charles, Anna Lee – Retired Parking Control Technician	Miller, Mary K. – Retired Storekeeper I
Clinchard, Erma J. – Retired Administrative Clerk	Schmidt, James J. – Retired Chief of Communications
Courtwright, Wesley G. – Retired Police Officer	Tracy, Ruth Ann – Retired Police Information Operator I
Debolt, Delores A. – Retired Parking Control Technician	Vlcek, Rudolph J. II – Retired Job Training Representative
Granados, Max A. – Retired Automotive Servicer	Walker, Herbert D. – Retired Police Lieutenant
Haley, Edward J. – Retired Police Sergeant	Wilcoxson, Lynn M. – Retired Keypunch Operator
Herndon, Ruth M. – Retired Detention Supervisor	Williams, Roger A. – Retired Police Officer
Johnson, Allan G. – Retired Police Officer	Wilson, Robert J. – Retired Police Sergeant
Johnson, Deanna G. – Retired Police Info. Operator I	Woodard, Russell A. – Retired Police Officer

Omaha Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

Name	Date of Death
Thomas A. Welch	August 17, 1866
Jere McCheane	June 26, 1870
Dan D. Tiedeman	June 9, 1897
Samual S. Drummy	February 15, 1908
Layarette A. Smith	January 14, 1909
Edward Lowry	February 19, 1909
Thomas Ring	February 10, 1915
William Good	March 31, 1916
Frank Rooney	January 31, 1918
Frank J. Murphy, Jr.	July 23, 1919
Arthur G. Cooper	February 1, 1921
James E. Scott	February 10, 1922
Frank S. Aughe	January 31, 1924
William M. Davis	February 25, 1927
F.A. Kruger	November 17, 1930
James J. Sullivan	April 4, 1931
Reynold Wolfe	February 23, 1935
Leslie G. Chamberlin	July 29, 1935
Joseph J. Treglia	July 17, 1936
John E. Costello	May 31, 1962
Larry D. Minard, Sr.	August 17, 1970
Paul A. Nields	June 6, 1974
James B. Wilson, Jr.	August 20, 1995
Jason (Tye) Pratt	September 19, 2003

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CRIME STATISTICS

Arrest Comparison

ARRESTS FOR UCR PART I AND II OFFENSES	2007	2008
Part I Offenses		
Murder, Manslaughter	25	28
Death by Negligence	11	2
Forcible Rape	53	48
Robbery	192	243
Assault: Felony, Aggravated	435	476
Burglary	243	207
Larceny – Theft	3,596	3,517
Motor Vehicle Theft	152	142
Part I TOTAL	4,707	4,663
Part II Offenses		
Assault: Misdemeanor, Other	2,094	2,266
Arson	34	23
Forgery, Counterfeiting	241	210
Fraud	398	351
Embezzlement	69	79
Stolen Property: Buy, Receive, Possess	479	400
Vandalism, Destruction or Property	818	789
Weapons: Carry, Possess	555	469
Prostitution, Commercialized Vice	137	168
Sex Offense (excluding Rape & Prostitution)	207	206
Drug Abuse Violation	3,221	2,983
Gambling	3	14
Offenses Against Family and Children	392	361
Driving Under the Influence	3,615	3,776
Liquor Laws	3,118	3,095
Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace	1,347	1,315
Loitering, Prowling	0	0
All Other Offenses (except Traffic)	5,037	4,659
Part II Total	21,765	21,164
TOTAL ARRESTS	26,472	25,827