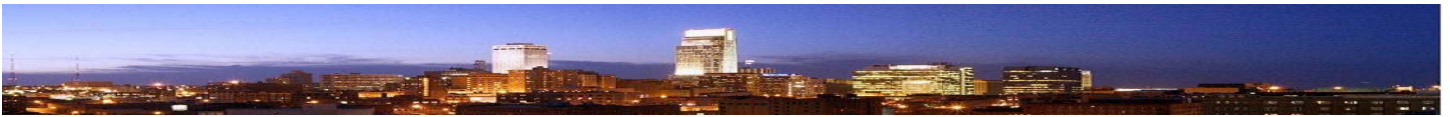




OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT *2009 Annual Report*

To Protect and Serve





THE CHIEF'S MESSAGE



I was honored to be named Chief of Police on December 22, 2009, after serving the Omaha Police Department in numerous capacities for more than 23 years. My time with the Department has provided me the opportunity to witness Omaha's emergence as a prosperous and diverse city. As Chief of Police, it is my mission to give our dedicated employees the tools they need to meet the challenges presented by the city's ongoing growth, and to ensure the Department is committed to meeting these challenges by providing exemplary police services to those who live, work and visit our fine city.

We are a progressive police department composed of a diverse group of nearly one thousand men and women who strive to maintain Omaha's safe, family-friendly environment. The Department employs a neighborhood problem-solving philosophy, and we believe in being responsive to our customers, the citizens of Omaha. Under my watch, the Omaha Police Department will remain committed to enhancing its many community-oriented policing programs and increasing the professional partnerships these efforts create. Our agency continues to emphasize creative, cooperative solutions to crime, and we value the assistance we receive from our partners throughout the city.

To encourage creative solutions from within, our command officers continue to solicit input from rank-and-file employees when making decisions that affect the Department's daily operations. Only by involving employees at every level of the organization will the Omaha Police Department reach its potential for effective, efficient public service.

One of the most daunting tasks facing the Department recently has been the struggle to maintain staffing and equipment levels despite limited resources due to the economic downturn. I am proud to say that the Omaha Police Department is meeting this challenge with creative solutions that make it possible to maintain services and enhance Department efficiencies.

As we move forward, the Omaha Police Department will remain focused on its duty to provide impartial, ethical and professional law enforcement service and protection.

Sincerely,

Alexis N. Hayes
Chief of Police



CITY OF OMAHA

Omaha's central location in the heartland of America has been an important factor in building a vibrant city with a strong economy. Located on the western banks of the Missouri River, Omaha has been an important agricultural and transportation center since its inception in 1854. In its earliest history, Omaha was a trading post and a "Gateway to the West." Since that time, Omaha has steadily grown, and is now the 40th largest city and 59th largest metro area in the nation.

Population.....454,731*
 Area119 square miles

Race/Ethnicity**

White.....76.7%
 Black/African-American12.8%
 Hispanic or Latino.....11.4%
 Asian.....2.1%
 American Indian.....0.4%
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.....0.1%
 Some other race5.1%
 Two or more races.....2.8%

* U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 Population Estimate

** U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

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	4	2	2						
Captain	9	3	2	1			1		
Lieutenant	31	16	9		2	3		1	
Sergeant	104	63	23	5	2	8	2	1	
Officer	606	411	88	43	6	35	7	13	3
Sworn TOTAL	755	495	124	50	10	48	10	15	3
Percentage	100	65.6	16.4	6.6	1.3	6.4	1.3	2	0.4
Non-Sworn	Total	White Male	White Female	Black Male	Black Female	Hispanic Male	Hispanic Female	Other Male	Other Female
Professional	23	10	10		1		1		1
Technicians	70	12	42	1	9	1	2	1	2
Protective Service	43	30	3	4	2	4			
Admin.Support	54	6	39		5		2		1
Skilled Craft	18	13	2	1		1		1	
Non-Sworn TOTAL	208	71	96	6	17	6	5	2	5
Percentage	100	34.1	46.2	2.9	8.2	2.9	2.4	.5	2.4
TOTAL	Total	White Male	White Female	Black Male	Black Female	Hispanic Male	Hispanic Female	Other Male	Other Female
Employees	963	566	220	56	27	54	15	17	8
Percentage	100	59.4	22.8	5.8	2.8	5.6	1.6	1.8	.8

SOURCE: CITY OF OMAHA HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT



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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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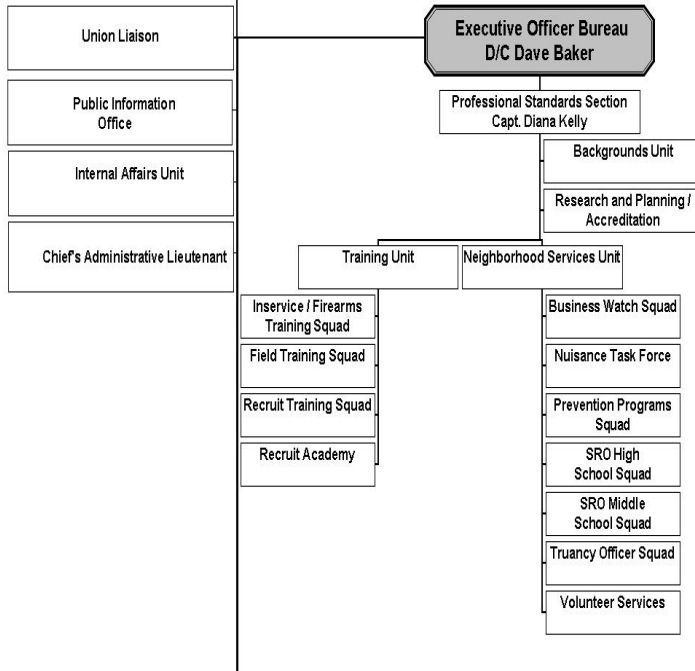
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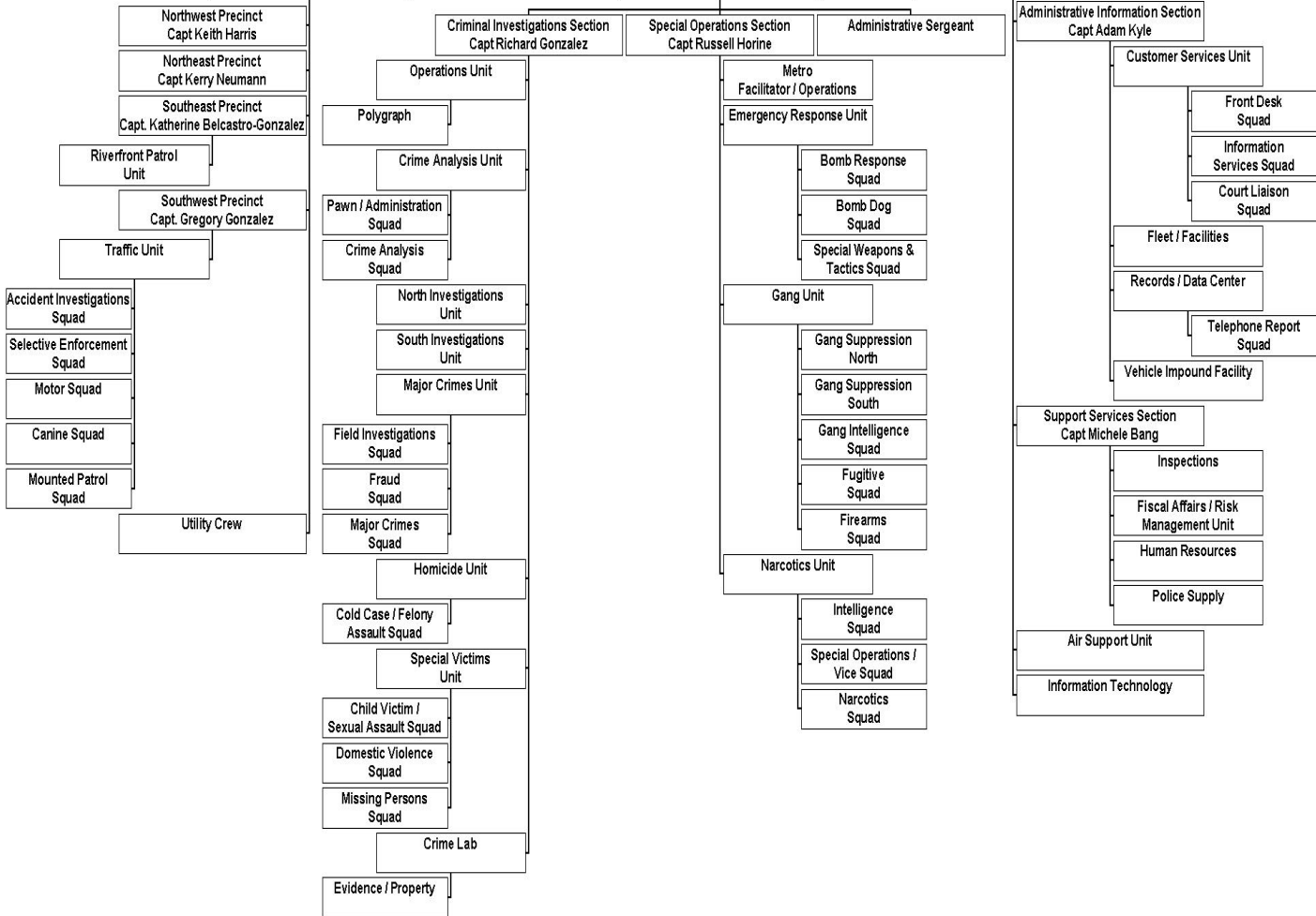
**Chief of Police
Alexis N. Hayes**



**Uniform Patrol Bureau
D/C Todd Schmaderer**

**Criminal Investigations Bureau
D/C Mary Newman**

**Police Services Bureau
D/C M. Elizabeth Davis**





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
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Public Information / Media Relations	444-5867
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Special Operations/Vice.....	444-5604
Telephone Report Squad	444-4877
Traffic Unit.....	444-5626
Training Unit.....	444-5601
Victim/Witness Squad	444-4597

Personnel Allocation	Sworn	Non-Sworn
Chief's Office	13	2
Executive Officer	113	7
Uniform Patrol Bureau	482	7
Criminal Investigations Bureau	188	61
Police Services Bureau	24	74

CHIEF'S OFFICE

Omaha Police Chief Alexis N. Hayes commands Department operations and reports to the Mayor of Omaha. The Internal Affairs Unit, Public Information Office, Administrative Lieutenant, Union Liaison and Deputy Chiefs report directly to the Chief.



Chief Hayes (middle) poses for a photo in front of the Graffiti Van along with Mayor Suttle (3rd from left) and City Councilman Gernandt (3rd from right) (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT

The Internal Affairs Unit works to ensure community confidence by upholding the integrity of OPD. Its mission is to protect the public, OPD employees and the Department by providing professional and thorough investigation in response to complaints against OPD employees.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY	2008	2009
Citizen Complaints		
Complaints Not Formalized	72	58
Complaints Formalized	58	90
Internal Investigations	47	61
Assigned Investigations	105	209
Dispositions*		
Not Sustained	102	199
Sustained	96	155
Exonerated	82	152
Unfounded	41	22
No Finding/Court	3	5
Total	324	533

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



Internal Affairs is staffed by a diverse team of command officers and civilian employees, including a Lieutenant, six Investigative Sergeants, one Administrative Assistant, and one part-time Clerk-Typist. Internal Affairs has the authority to conduct investigations when an allegation of misconduct is made against an OPD employee; an officer discharges a firearm, other than for training purposes; an in-custody death occurs; when a complaint of criminal misconduct is made against an OPD employee; or at the discretion of the Chief.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The Public Information Office (PIO) coordinates release of information to media outlets on issues related to criminal investigations, crime statistics or incidents involving police personnel. The PIO also coordinated [Omaha Crime Stoppers](#) and the [OPD web site](#) and participated in the following activities:

- Released information to local media outlets through daily e-mails regarding police events, operations, and investigations.
- Issued 108 news releases and responded to daily inquiries from local and national media.
- Conducted on-camera interviews with media and arranged various interviews for Omaha Police Officers and supporting police units.



PIO Lieutenant Darci Tierney (front row, far right) leads students on a tour of OPD Central Headquarters (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

- Coordinated news conferences and hosted seven (7) promotion/retirement ceremonies.
- Promoted police-community relations by advising media of events involving sworn and non-sworn OPD employees.

- Created both a [Twitter page](#) and a [Facebook fan page](#) that reached over 2,500 fans. Launched a media campaign on Facebook to highlight various OPD units.
- Managed over 1,800 Crime Stoppers tips that led to 120 arrests, recovery of 11 weapons and seizure of over \$32,000 in property and drugs. Crime Stoppers approved 72 tips and paid out \$23,600.
- Coordinated nominations for the Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year program, and organized and promoted the annual Crime Stoppers golf tournament.
- Participated in community events such as the Safety Expo and Public Safety Day at Rosenblatt. Also participated in community based programs such as Precinct Advisory Committees and Weed and Seed.
- Worked jointly with the Omaha Fire Department and community leaders planning and promoting the Firefighter and Police Appreciation Day held in 2010.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER BUREAU

The Executive Officer supports the Chief's Office and manages the Professional Standards Section. Professional Standards includes the Training Unit, Neighborhood Services Unit, Backgrounds Unit, and Research & Planning. Deputy Chief Dave Baker serves as the Executive Officer Bureau commander.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SECTION

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES UNIT

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SQUAD:

In 1995, OPD partnered with local school districts to implement the School Resource Officer (SRO) program. The goal of the SRO program is to enhance the relationship between police officers and students, parents and school staff, and to promote positive citizenship among youth by utilizing the resources of both OPD and the school districts. OPD currently has 27 SROs working in middle and high schools in the Omaha Public Schools, Millard Public Schools, Elkhorn Public Schools, and Westside Community



Schools. There are also four (4) roving SROs who fill in when necessary.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER ACTIVITY	2008	2009
Incident Reports	3,109	3,251
Arrests – Felony	43	44
Arrests – Misdemeanor	651	693
Citations	62	28
Assists to Patrol/Detectives	636	293

The SRO Squad includes the COPS and Kids, Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) and Truancy Abatement programs. SROs presented COPS and Kids sessions at seven (7) middle schools. The Bellevue Police Department partnered with OPD to present COPS and KIDS. OPD officers presented GREAT to seventh (7th) grade students through a thirteen (13) week curriculum focused on strategies to resist gang involvement and become productive citizens. OPD partners with the Boys and Girls Clubs to provide a Truancy Abatement Program targeting Omaha Public Schools students with serious truancy issues.



School Resource Officer Felicia Merritt helped a young woman regain custody of her child after the State Department of Health and Human Services removed the boy. Officer Merritt also helped counsel a suicidal student. Officer Merritt was a finalist for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen).

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

The Community Resource Center (CRC) serves as a liaison between OPD and Neighborhood Watch groups, Neighborhood Associations, other community groups, and individuals within the community who want help with crime-prevention

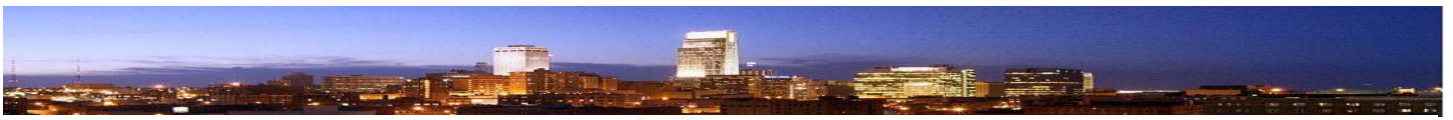
and problem solving. The CRC assists neighborhoods to develop and promote a better, safer quality of life by utilizing a variety of crime prevention resources and programs. The CRC staff includes four (4) Crime Prevention Specialists. CRC provides the following services:

- Schedule meetings to work on community problems. The staff is trained in problem-solving;
- Help document suspected illegal drug and gang activity;
- Help start a Neighborhood Watch group;
- Connect individuals with Neighborhood Associations in their neighborhoods;
- Provide phone numbers and information on various code enforcement issues, such as abandoned cars, weeds and litter, etc.
- Provide speakers for presentations to community organizations or clubs.



Crime Prevention Specialist Ofelia Robles interacts with children at the Omaha Safety Expo (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

The CRC holds four (4) annual City-wide events. The first event, held in March, was the Recognition Banquet for Neighborhood Watch Captains and Citizen Patrollers. More than 300 people attended. The next event was the Salute to Safety Expo, held in April at the Westroads Mall. Numerous public safety agencies arranged more than 70 displays. Displays included police emergency vehicles, fire trucks, ambulances, helicopters, and mini robotic vehicles, among other items. Expo attendance exceeded 48,700 people. The third (3rd) event, held in August, was National Night Out. Former Omaha Police Chief Eric Buske and Omaha Fire Chief Mike McDonald visited several neighborhoods. City



Council members, firefighters, police officers and CRC employees also visited neighborhood events throughout the evening. Lastly, the Crime Prevention People of the Year Awards took place in October. Citizens and businesses that made a substantial impact in the area of crime prevention were honored in a ceremony presided over by Omaha Police Chief Alex Hayes.

NUISANCE TASK FORCE

The Nuisance Task Force (NTF) was downsized to one officer. That officer focused on only the most serious offenses. NTF responded to 1,016 Mayor’s Hotline complaints and received compliance on 618 of those complaints.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER	
2009	
NUISANCE TASK FORCE	
Mayor’s Hotline Complaints	1,016
Nuisance Notices Issued	455
Vehicle Tows	176
Complied Vehicle Checks	618
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS	907
BUSINESS WATCH CONTACTS/ FOLLOW-UPS	298
PRESENTATIONS	663

PREVENTION PROGRAMS SQUAD

The Prevention Programs Squad continued offering presentations to schools and community groups, providing safety patrol training and conducting school safety audits. Officers renewed their effort to improve and strengthen the McGruff crime prevention program, and focused an aggressive campaign on recruiting new members and weeding-out non-active members. Over 510 McGruff Houses registered for the program. The Explorer Program began the year with 64 members. Prevention Programs hosted a Scout Day at the Northwest Precinct that attracted approximately 700 Boy Scouts and their families.

BUSINESS WATCH SQUAD

The Business Watch Squad provides crime prevention information to the business community and enables businesses to network with one another and OPD to decrease criminal

activity. This network helps provide for a safer community for businesses and their neighborhoods. The Business Watch Squad provides the Business Watch, Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFMH), Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), and Closed Property programs, and issues alerts on topics such as robberies, burglaries, internal and external theft, bad check detection, workplace violence, employee safety, ban and bar options, CFMH and CPTED. Business Watch officers may also conduct security audits of business properties upon request.

BACKGROUNDS UNIT

The Backgrounds Unit acquired a donated Hummer H3 sport utility vehicle, equipped with recruitment tools, that is used to promote OPD and recruit future officers and employees. Purchase of the vehicle and its contents was made possible through funds donated by the Omaha Police Foundation. The vehicle was showcased at the Officer of the Year Luncheon, Salute to Safety Expo, Juneteenth Parade, Special Olympics Torch Run ceremony, and National Night Out.



The new “Join OPD” Hummer H3, donated by the Omaha Police Foundation, was used as a recruitment tool (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

Numerous media partners donated advertising and time to make OPD’s recruiting periods successful. Backgrounds received 1,908 police applications, which was a record number, and can be attributed to the successful media campaign. Backgrounds assisted the City of Omaha Human Resources Department with all phases of the police applicant testing process. Backgrounds completed 338 backgrounds



investigations on police applicants and an additional 164 for civilian applicants. The Unit attended eleven (11) career fairs, completed a major audit of the Evidence/Property Room, and conducted staff inspections in nearly every OPD unit.

TRAINING UNIT

The Training Unit completed its first full year in its new Public Safety Training Center. This facility experienced extensive use by OPD, Omaha Fire Department, Nebraska National Guard and many local, state and federal first responder agencies. The Training Center is rapidly gaining recognition as the premier training facility in the area.

TRAINING UNIT	2007	2008	2009
Training Classes			
	209	229	256
Training Hours			
Sworn / Non-Sworn	38275	36377	54841
Citizens / Guests	2584	11946	11442
TOTAL	40859	48339	66283
Participants			
Sworn	2390	4271	6884
Non-Sworn	63	109	252
Citizens/ Guests	358	917	586
TOTAL	2811	5297	7722

Each OPD officer participated in a one-hour, on-shift F.A.T.S. in-service training. This training was designed to test officers' use of force decision-making abilities. Officers also completed an Emergency Vehicle Operations course that was started in 2008. Training completed both a First-Line Supervisor and Management training course, and reinstated a non-sworn orientation program. Training also hosted numerous continuing education courses, drawing sworn and non-sworn personnel from several surrounding states.

Training distributed monthly legal updates/case law updates to all sworn officers, and began archiving information on improvised weapons, narcotics concealment methods, and other officer safety information. Training also completed and

distributed several training bulletins and roll call training items, including:

- Catchpole training (in cooperation with Nebraska Humane Society);
- Americans with Disabilities Act training;
- H1N1 flu awareness training; and,
- CPR training refresher.

Training completed four (4) department-wide firearms shoots, including the State Handgun Qualification Course, a shotgun qualification, handgun training qualification, and handgun low-light course. Two (2) HR218/Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act qualification courses were also held, resulting in nearly 250 certifications. In addition, Training hosted twelve (12) patrol rifle re-certifications and two (2) certification courses, due to increased demand by officers.



An OPD recruit officer and Field Training Officer complete follow-up work at the scene of a traffic accident (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

RESEARCH & PLANNING

Research & Planning researches changes in City Ordinances, Nebraska State Statutes and federal law, and manages corresponding changes in police procedures. R&P also reviews 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 more than 400 CALEA accreditation files in preparation for the OPD's 2010 on-site assessment. Compliance with CALEA standards allows OPD to demonstrate its commitment to excellence in law enforcement. CALEA's standards for law enforcement agencies and its accreditation program are benchmarks for today's law enforcement agencies.
- Produced numerous grant applications and tracked on-going grant funds.
- Published the OPD Annual Report, updated the OPD Strategic Plan, and prepared numerous reports and data analyses for OPD's accreditation files.
- Prepared 35 General Orders, numerous Information Orders, and revised OPD Forms.
- Completed surveys pertaining 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 Legal Department concerning OPD policies, and completed numerous requests to law.

to prevent, mitigate and respond to criminal activity. NE's overreaching goal is to identify and implement best practices to enhance overall quality of life for everyone in northeast Omaha utilizing proven community policing principals. A secondary goal is to identify opportunities to deepen the relationship and understanding between NE officers and the community, to include our respective responsibilities and capabilities.



Officers complete reports in their cruiser (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

UNIFORM PATROL BUREAU

The Uniform Patrol Bureau (UPB) responds to calls for service and provides vehicle, foot, bicycle and horse patrols, as well as traffic control, accident investigation and traffic enforcement. UPB is divided into four (4) geographic precincts, each commanded by a Captain, and a Utility Crew commanded by a Lieutenant. Deputy Chief Todd Schmaderer commands UPB operations.

NORTHEAST PRECINCT



Northeast Precinct (NE) personnel collaborate with community members, neighborhood associations, business partners and civic leaders

Precinct Advisory Council (PAC): A key component in achieving NE's stated goals is the PAC, comprised of community members, business leaders and civic leaders. The PAC provides an opportunity for members to clearly define issues within the Precinct and have a hand in building a plan to address the issues. Input from the PAC is carried back by the Precinct Captain to sworn personnel in an effort to refine and improve service quality.

Weed & Seed: NE is in the third (3rd) year of a four (4) year grant-funded Weed & Seed program. The intent is to use funding, training and other opportunities to "weed out" violent crime, gang activity, and drug use and trafficking. The program also provides "seed" funds to build collaboration and encourage partners to promote law enforcement, crime reduction and community revitalization. These efforts have strengthened community collaborations in an effort to accomplish the goals of deterring crime, promoting economic growth and enhancing the quality of life in the NE target site.



Hot Spots: NE utilized criminal intelligence and community input to identify violent crime “hotspots” and implement intervention strategies, resulting in removal of 312 illegal firearms from the streets. NE staff worked in conjunction with other members of OPD to conduct Shift Extension and Directed Patrol operations. Staff also worked with the U.S. Attorney’s Office to conduct Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) operations to address gang violence.

Outreach Programs: NE conducted its second Community Education Training Program (CETP). The program consisted of five (5) sessions that included presentations on the Gang Unit, Narcotics, NE Weed & Seed, Crime Prevention and 911 Communications. Other outreach programs included the Police Athletic League (PAL), Fun in the Park, Safe Night Out and COPS and Kids. Personnel also worked closely with the African American Empowerment Network to plan prevention, intervention and re-entry efforts for both youth and adults.

Crime Reduction: Applied Community Oriented Policing principles and data mined using crime analysis allowed NE officers to identify crime trends in index crimes as they developed. NE utilized the 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, citizens in the NE Precinct experienced a significant decrease in violent crimes.

NORTHWEST PRECINCT



Northwest Precinct (NW) personnel worked to maintain high levels of service and public safety. 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 resulting in reduction of crime and fear of crime, enhanced efficiency, better customer service quality and improved 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 within the precinct.



Officers inspect suspected narcotics that were thrown from a car (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

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 percentage 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. A determination was made to shuffle the front desk staff, which allowed NW to serve 1,896 customers and provide 1,528 police reports to citizens.

Thirty-three (33) officers were recognized by citizens, who wrote letters of appreciation for work well done. One officer received honorable mention in the National Association of Police Organization’s Top Cops award program. Two (2) 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 281 Neighborhood Watch groups, the highest number of any precinct, and was home to a very active 32-member Precinct Advisory



Council (PAC). The PAC met monthly to exchange vital neighborhood and crime related information. Frequent and constant interaction with these and other groups and committees helped NW improve public confidence.

More than 120 employees are assigned to NW, and more than 60 training opportunities were offered. Many employees 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, using resources, working with the community, increasing customer service, increasing public confidence, and offering ongoing 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 south Omaha a safer community. Partnerships incorporate a broad strategy of prevention and intervention that lead to an overall reduction in crime.

SE developed new relationships and solidified existing relationships. The SE Precinct Advisory Council (PAC) was a positive force in which neighborhood representatives served as their neighborhoods' eyes and ears and continued to support police work. The PAC met monthly.

The Omaha Coalition of Citizen Patrols (OCCP) supported OPD and actively patrolled problem areas. When OCCP members saw a crime or suspicious-looking activity taking place, they called OPD immediately.

SE emphasized district awareness, stressing collective care through individual care for districts. Officers got to know citizens and businesses in their assigned districts and worked together to identify crime and those who were responsible for crimes in the area.

SE teamed with Omaha Public School District administration and principals by attending quarterly meetings where information exchange occurred regarding current issues and events.

SE officers routinely met with area business owners and managers to continue open lines of communication. Officer established an email contact list for the SE Crime Prevention Specialist to distribute timely information regarding current crime trends, bulletins and patterns in the area.

The Precinct worked with the Omaha Housing Authority (OHA) to identify problem tenants and trespassers who commit the bulk of crime on OHA property. This led to a crime reduction in OHA properties and surrounding neighborhoods. Officers partnered with the South Gang Suppression Squad, temporarily transferring to the Squad for a two week, hands-on training interval. Officers brought gained knowledge back to their respective crews and increased their district awareness.



Sgt. Harmon Moss talked a suicidal man off the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge, and ensured security during the construction of Omaha South High School's new football stadium. Sgt. Moss was a finalist for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

SE collaborated with Special Operations, Vice Squad, to combat prostitution. Officers and Vice Squad conducted successful operations by targeting prostitutes who frequent the area and



their customers. The Precinct also identified “hot spot” crime areas by analyzing crime series patterns identified by officers, Crime Analysts and Neighborhood Associations. Operations were then conducted by saturating the area to identify offenders. Officers conducted graffiti patrols, concentrating on arresting offenders in regularly hit areas, and worked with the City’s graffiti van program to eradicate the damage. The Precinct continued to be a member of the Problem Resolution Team (PRT). This multi-agency task force provides a concentrated response to specific locations where health, safety and other code violations are identified.

The Crime Prevention Specialist helped form new neighborhood associations and assisted in creating new business watch groups along South 24th Street. The Specialist continued to form relationships with neighborhood associations to further the Precinct’s crime prevention goals, and organized the SE Safety Awareness Fitness and Education (SAFE) event, Holiday Celebration, and Community Education Training Program (CETP). SE volunteers, under the supervision of the Specialist, assisted the Front Desk with language translation services.

The Crime Prevention Specialist participated in the Weed and Seed Steering Committee, which led efforts to bring law enforcement and community initiatives together to revitalize neighborhoods in high crime urban areas. The Steering Committee comprises members from the neighborhood target areas, including law enforcement, public housing, and local and federal government agencies, and directs the activities of various community components so coordinated partnerships may be developed. These partnerships addressed issues relating to violent crime and drug activity, and found ways to rebuild neighborhoods to prevent criminal activity from returning.

Special events in SE included:

Latino Peace Officers’ Association Annual Easter Egg Hunt • Cinco de Mayo events • College World Series • Summer Arts Festival • Taste of Omaha at ConAgra campus and Heartland of America park • July 4th Rosenblatt Stadium fireworks • Mutual of Omaha Centennial • SE Safe Neighborhood Day • Septemberfest • El

Grito Independencia • Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival • Corpus Christi walk • Gay Pride parade • Santa at SE Precinct Holiday Celebration • Thanksgiving Holiday Lights and New Year’s Eve fireworks event • Numerous protests to include Westboro Baptists and Nebraskans for Peace at various locations, including the Qwest Center Omaha, and Douglas County Courthouse.



An officer searches the trunk of a car (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

RIVERFRONT PATROL UNIT

The Riverfront Patrol serves Omaha’s riverfront district, including the Old Market, Heartland of America Park, Qwest Center and 16th Street corridor. Riverfront Patrol utilized foot, Segway, bike, mounted and cruiser patrols, and worked closely with the Downtown Improvement District to address concerns and perceived problems.

SOUTHWEST PRECINCT



The Southwest Precinct (SW) consists of both regular beat officers and the Traffic Unit, which includes the Accident Investigations Squad, Selective Enforcement Squad, Motor Squad, Canine Squad and Mounted Patrol Squad. The SW Front Desk is staffed by full-duty officers and a retired part-time officer.



SW hosted the Precinct Advisory Council (PAC) meeting once a month. PAC is designed to bring SW Command, business owners and neighborhood associations together to address area quality of life issues.

SW officers engaged in numerous activities in addition to regular patrol duties and calls for service. Activities included patrolling area lakes and trails, assisting with community events, and working with the City of Omaha regarding problem area bars and taverns. Officers also attended numerous Neighborhood Watch holiday parties. SW conducted several "Response to Violence" surveys throughout the precinct. Surveys were designed to receive feedback on quality of police services, and were a mechanism to generate crime tips and deliver crime prevention information to citizens. SW again implemented a Holiday Policing Plan, in partnership with retail establishments, retail security and outside law enforcement agencies to include the FBI and Department of Homeland Security. This effort was instrumental in providing a safe atmosphere for holiday shoppers at malls and retail strips.



A Southwest Precinct officer completes a traffic ticket during the night shift (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

TRAFFIC UNIT

The Traffic Unit is comprised of one (1) Lieutenant, seven (7) Sergeants, 45 full-time officers, two (2) part-time officers, two (2) light-duty officers and two (2) non-sworn personnel. The Unit includes the Accident Investigations Squad, Selective Enforcement Squad, Motor Squad, Project Night Life Squad, Canine Squad and Mounted Patrol Squad. Squads focus on different areas of responsibility. Traffic schedules

and coordinates traffic control during all major events within the City.

Traffic obtains a majority of OPD funding for selective enforcement operations. Operations consist of nationwide enforcement campaigns such as Click It or Ticket; You Drink, You Drive, You Lose; and Buckle Up Your Truck, among others. Traffic received over \$650,000 in federal funding to provide additional selective enforcement operations, purchase equipment, and send officers to traffic-related training.



Officer Adam Rokes helped arrest two (2) suspects in separate fatal hit-and-run crashes within days of one another. Officer Rokes was a finalist for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

CANINE SQUAD

The Canine Squad spent considerable time training new dogs and handlers, as well as other OPD personnel, in the areas of perimeter containment, search cell tactics, search and seizure, dog bite liability and vehicle searches. The Squad supervisor was also requested to speak to the Nebraska Legislature as an expert concerning proposed legislation concerning dog bite liability and the role of police service dogs.

Canine Statistics	
Calls for service	1,334
Arrests	475
Building and Area Searches	115
Drug Searches	136
Cocaine Recovered	.761 lbs
Methamphetamine Recovered	7.78 lbs
Marijuana Recovered	3.73 lbs
Currency Seized	\$642,907
In Service Training Hours	2,841
Interstate Interdictions	3,207

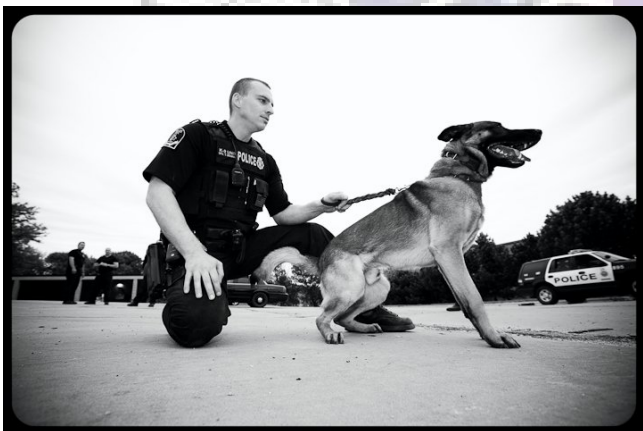


The Canine Squad added a new handler to the ranks, replacing a handler who was transferred to another unit after the retirement of his police service dog. The total number assigned to the Squad was seven (7) officers, one (1) Sergeant and eight (8) dogs. The Squad acquired and trained two (2) new dogs and assisted several agencies throughout the year with training and certifying their police service dogs. The Squad also performed numerous demonstrations for community and citizen groups around the metro area.



Officer Aaron Hanson has made more than 1,000 traffic stops during his career, resulting in ten (10) drug-related cash seizures totaling \$919,000. Officer Hanson was a finalist for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

The Squad was awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Gary and Mary West Foundation to be used for construction of a police service dog training center. The training center will serve as an office for the Canine Squad, and will be made available to outside agencies for training purposes. The training center will be built on the Omaha Public Safety Training Center property, and construction is scheduled to begin in 2010.



A Canine Officer with his partner (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

MOUNTED PATROL SQUAD

The Mounted Patrol Unit successfully fulfilled their role as ambassadors for OPD and the City of Omaha. Mounted Patrol provided regular patrol duty, traffic and crowd control, as well as general public safety and police services for all large events. Many tourists, business travelers and citizens of Omaha were served by Mounted Patrol as they attended events, patronized businesses and took part in activities around the downtown area.

Mounted Patrol continued its high standard of training excellence. Two (2) veteran officers completed intensive training over a two (2) year period that culminated in a three (3) week K-R Equine Training Services course during which they became certified riding instructors. Mounted Patrol conducted ongoing training on a monthly basis for its full-time officers and completed initial training for two (2) new Mounted Patrol officers.

February saw Mounted Patrol start its first part-time auxiliary crew that consisted of four (4) officers from other units who cross-trained for three (3) weeks with Mounted Patrol. These auxiliary officers continued training with the Unit on a monthly basis, and were utilized during many large events.

Mounted Patrol was proud to be instrumental to the success of many wonderful events throughout Omaha. The Unit was very active and highly visible during the College World Series, Cinco de Mayo celebration, Septemberfest, both Memorial Park summer concerts, the Fourth (4th) of July fireworks display at Rosenblatt Stadium, and ConAgra's New Year's Eve celebration. Mounted Patrol also provided patrols during spring, summer and fall festivals at Lewis and Clark Landing on the riverfront, and at all festivals downtown, in the Old Market, and at all other parks and malls.

The Unit participated in the annual Holiday Lights Festival with Downtown Omaha, Inc. and saw more than 3,000 people visit the nearby decorated Mounted Patrol Barn. Mounted Patrol also held its first (1st) annual open house on June 5th, and celebrated with more than 2,000 citizens who came down to support the Unit while taking



part in family activities that included crafts, games and horse demonstrations.



A Mounted Patrol Officer poses with her horse during a Police Memorial week celebration (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

Mounted Patrol was also happy to host the annual Knights of Aksarben “Buckaroo Bash” fundraiser dinner to help raise funds toward new saddles and tack, replacing worn out equipment that was more than twenty (20) years old.

Mounted Patrol was instrumental in patrolling numerous areas in the SE Precinct, including Leavenworth Street, Park Avenue and South 24th Street. Officers also patrolled and remained highly visible in the Old Market area, Gene Leahy Mall, riverfront area and Heartland of America Park. The Unit looks forward to the challenge of maintaining a high standard of excellence.

SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT SQUAD

The Selective Enforcement Squad includes two (2) Sergeants and sixteen (16) officers covering both “B” and “C” shifts. The Squad’s areas of responsibility include speed enforcement in the City of Omaha, including addressing Mayor’s Complaints, routine speed and traffic complaints, and addressing high profile areas of concern for speed and traffic infractions. Selective Enforcement also provides routine assistance during special events and routine requests throughout Omaha to assist in traffic control and

traffic flow issues. Selective Enforcement provided traffic and crowd control at more than 200 special events throughout Omaha.

Selective Enforcement Statistics	
Traffic Stops	>20,000
Citations	>24,000
Misdemeanor Arrests	994
DUI Arrests	1,529
Minor In Possession Citations	424
Felonies	2,009
Radio Calls	2,500
Police Reports	17,591

Selective Enforcement wrote, administered and tracked numerous selective enforcement grants, participating in nationwide enforcement operations such as Click It or Ticket and You Drink, You Drive, You Lose. Selective Enforcement obtained more than \$158,000 to participate in these operations, producing large numbers of traffic stops, citations and arrests. The Squad also obtained more than \$16,000 to purchase new laser equipment for speed enforcement. Laser units were out-dated and constantly being repaired. New laser units enhance speed enforcement operations.

College World Series:

Selective Enforcement planned, scheduled and provided traffic/crowd control for the 59th annual College World Series. Attendance totaled more than 330,000 over twelve (12) days in June.

Independence Day Events:

Selective Enforcement provided crowd control to 25,000 spectators during the Bank of the West Fireworks, and more than 100,000 spectators at the 4th of July Omaha World-Herald fireworks show and the Memorial Park concert.

Qwest Center/Civic Auditorium Special Events:

Auto Show, Home Show, Boat Show, Berkshire Hathaway Shareholders Meeting, AC/DC, Celine Dion, Billy Joel, Elton John, Nickelback, Shrine Circus, Fleetwood Mac, Ultimate Fighting Championship fights, Taylor Swift, Keith Urban, Kenny Chesney, Coldplay, Dane Cook, Green Day, Miley Cyrus, Jonas Brothers, and Eric Clapton, UNO Hockey, Creighton Basketball, NSAA State Wrestling tournament, AVCA Volleyball, and Nebraska Volleyball.



Parades/Festivals/Special Events:

Corporate Cup Run, Omaha Marathon, Race for the Cure, Corporate Cycling Challenge, Jay Walk Run, Out of the Darkness Walk, Holiday Lights Festival, New Years Eve Fireworks, NSAA State Track Meet, Junior Olympics Track Meet, Holland Center Concerts for Youth, Orpheum Concerts, RCR Parade, Labor Day Parade, Septemberfest and Parade, Cinco De Mayo, St Patrick Parade, North high Homecoming Parade, Westside Parade, South High School Parade, Taste of Omaha, Omaha Arts Festival, and Native Omaha Days Festival and Parade.

MOTOR SQUAD

The Motor Squad is routinely asked to provide escorts for special events. The Squad conducted numerous escorts for dignitary and fallen soldier funerals, as well as the Law Enforcement Torch Run, Nebraska State Games and Special Olympics. Two (2) Motor Squad members were certified as motorcycle instructors through Northwestern University. These instructors were responsible for developing and conducting the annual motor certification – a two (2) week course – where fifteen (15) new officers attended training to obtain basic motor officer certification. Motor Squad officers attended monthly training sessions and an annual motorcycle requalification.



Motor Squad officers on duty outside the NCAA College World Series (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

The Motor Squad turned in a group of 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycles and renewed the lease on sixteen (16) 2009 Harley Davidson motorcycles. These motorcycles were used in parades, enforcement operations, daily patrol and motorcades. Motor Squad officers also

provide community presentations throughout the City of Omaha.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS SQUAD

The Accident Investigations Squad investigated 3,905 hit and run crashes and achieved a clearance rate of more than 70%. Investigators handled 168 city-owned vehicle accidents and 84 crashes involving serious, debilitating or life-threatening injuries, and 24 traffic fatalities (an increase from a record-low 14 fatalities in 2008).

The Squad administered and tracked more than \$18,000 in grant funding for accident reduction grants, intended to reduce auto accidents in high profile areas. Grant funded operations produced 1,473 citations and resulted in 52 arrests.

Personnel obtained a crash-data recorder through the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety to assist with investigations. With the assistance of the Nebraska Department of Roads, the Squad obtained a marked Chevy Tahoe 4x4 with grant funding for use by the Traffic Unit. The addition of this vehicle was invaluable during the record snowfall in December. Officers were able to conduct interstate patrol, respond to crash scenes, and radio calls when standard cruisers were unable.

Project Night Life Grant:

The Project Night Life (PNL) Squad includes one (1) Sergeant and two (2) officers who focus on the dangers associated with teen driving. PNL met goals and strategies set forth in an agreement with the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety. PNL secured more than \$99,000 to provide selective enforcement operations and personnel costs for an additional officer. PNL accomplished grant objectives and strategies set forth in cooperation with the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety. Officers provided 36 in-service training sessions to UPB officers and new recruit officers, conducting updated training regarding legislative changes.

PNL conducted several presentations at local schools, and during events supporting teen driving awareness, where officers disseminated material about the dangers teens face while driving. PNL expanded public awareness to



surrounding law enforcement agencies, such as the University of Nebraska at Omaha Campus Police, Nebraska State Patrol, Fremont Police Department and Bellevue Police Department. PNL funded 53 selective enforcement operations throughout the year with more than 230 hours of enforcement and related activity. These operations focused on areas with high teen-driving populations. Officers issued 4,000 total citations, 464 DUIs, 361 MIPs and made more than 1,400 total arrests.

UTILITY CREW

The Utility Crew includes one (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants and eighteen (18) officers.

Utility Crew Statistics	
Traffic Stops	5,798
Traffic Infractions Cited	2,770
Traffic Misdemeanor Charges	1,727
Misdemeanor Charges	1,199
Felony Charges	243
Field Observation Cards	3,878
Misdemeanor Warrants Cleared	3,878
Felony Warrants Cleared	50
Individuals Arrested or Cited	3,260
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	23
Firearms Seized (*Sept thru Dec)	26

*Statistics for Jan. thru Aug. '09 were unavailable.

The Crew was used to address crime “hot spot” areas and address issues throughout Omaha as they emerged. Examples included robbery series, property crime increases, and increases in gang activity and gun violence. The Utility Crew responded with directed patrol operations in “hot spot” areas to both increase officer visibility and enforcement activities.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU

The Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB) is divided into twelve (12) specialized investigative units commanded by Lieutenants. Each Lieutenant reports to a Captain. Deputy Chief Mary Newman commands overall CIB operations.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

SOUTH INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The South Investigations Unit (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 to arrest offenders. Detectives investigated more than 2,395 cases, producing 4,319 interviews with victims, witnesses and suspects. This led to 209 search warrants and permissions to search, and 876 arrests for felony and misdemeanor crimes.



Detective Daryl Krause investigated a series of thefts at a south Omaha storage facility in December. He helped recover about \$30,000 in stolen property. Detective Krause was a finalist for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

Early in the year there were numerous glass-break burglaries at local businesses in which a suspect threw a large rock through the front window of the business as a method of entry. There was little evidence at many of the burglary locations but, due to aggressive investigation, a suspect was positively linked to multiple burglaries and eventually arrested.



Detective Dawn Chizek (left), Lt. Stephanie Fidone (middle) and Sgt. Tracy Scherer (right) were integral in Operation Chalk Talk, an investigation into property crimes, assaults and drugs that resulted in nearly 100 arrests. Detective Chizek, Lt. Fidone and Sgt. Scherer were finalists for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year (Photos courtesy of Timothy Keen)

During the summer a series of violent purse snatchings occurred the SE and SW Precincts. SIU developed a suspect based on witness



accounts and follow-up investigations, and it was learned that the suspect was stealing vehicles to use in the purse snatchings. The suspect was captured shortly after being identified, and was booked in connection with eight (8) purse snatchings and multiple stolen vehicles.



Detective Brian Hayes investigated a series of car thefts and break-ins around Rosenblatt Stadium during the College World Series, and around Zorinsky Lake. Detective Hayes was a finalist for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

In January, SIU followed up on Crime Stoppers information regarding stolen property taken in a recent burglary. This led to a search warrant and the recovery of stolen property and physical evidence linking a suspect to the crime. Due to the diligence of the detectives and their attention to detail, the case was prosecuted and a conviction was secured resulting in a thirteen (13) year sentence for this habitual offender.



Detective Paul Leaders investigated a series of thefts where victims, many of whom were older women, were targeted while shopping at local supermarkets. Detective Leaders was a finalist for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

Beginning in January, SIU noticed a series of thieves targeting vehicles, homes and private mail. SIU worked with Crime Analysis and

outside agencies to create solid cases against the suspects to ensure stronger sentencing and possibly lead to conspiracy charges. Over the course of the investigation, officers tracked approximately 200 suspects and made roughly 100 arrests (including federal indictments) for burglary, auto theft, felony assault, drugs and weapons offenses. Due to the investigation, this type of criminal activity dropped significantly and strong partnerships were established with the Douglas County Attorney's Office and other outside agencies.

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, person robberies, theft from motor vehicles and assaults. NIU meets weekly with Crime Analysis, Crime Prevention and UPB command to discuss crime trends, develop crime reducing strategies and to share information.

NIU investigated 2,882 cases involving 3,713 interviews of victims, witnesses and suspects. These investigations resulted in 586 arrests. The following notable investigations highlight some of NIU's activities:

- NIU investigated a series of burglaries in the Fairacres neighborhood that were occurring during daytime hours. Some burglaries even occurred while the victims were at home. Uniformed officers executed a traffic stop on suspects who were driving a sports car stolen during one of the burglaries. Officers made two (2) arrests. A second (2nd) sports car taken during the same burglary was recovered near the location of the traffic stop and was processed by OPD's Crime Lab. NIU followed up with suspect interviews and worked with the victim to track down some of the stolen property. Investigators worked with outside agencies to assist with follow-up on developed leads, leading to the arrest of a third (3rd) suspect which cleared multiple burglaries.
- Several jewelry stores were victimized by a suspect who would ask to see expensive



jewelry and then run out the door with it. Store video provided quality images of the suspect and the getaway vehicle. NIU worked with store security and Crime Stoppers to identify the suspects. This led to the arrest of two (2) men for multiple counts of felony shoplifting.

- NIU worked to identify suspects in a number of church burglaries in north Omaha. The offenders were breaking in through windows or forcing open doors and stealing expensive items such as computers, P.A. systems and maintenance equipment. Crime Lab found a fingerprint in one (1) location that identified a convicted burglar living in proximity to the affected churches. NIU arrested the suspect and the church burglaries abruptly stopped.
- Daytime burglaries became problematic in north Omaha. One group of offenders targeted abandoned homes or homes under reconstruction and stole copper. Other offenders targeted homes when the residents were at work, knocking on front doors and breaking in through the rear of the house if no one answered. These offenders stole large flat screen TVs at a very high rate. NIU executed daytime operations in unmarked vehicles and made numerous arrests. One (1) arrest was even made immediately after a burglary and the suspect was still carrying a large amount of stolen jewelry.

MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

The Major Crimes Unit has three (3) investigative squads, including the Major Crimes Squad, Fraud Squad, and Field Investigations Squad.

MAJOR CRIMES SQUAD

The Major Crimes Squad works in joint task forces with outside agencies, including: FBI, Secret Service, Douglas County Attorney's Office, City Prosecutor's Office and U.S. Attorney's Office. Major Crimes investigates bank robberies, commercial robberies, crime series and high profile or high dollar incidents involving threats, assaults and thefts.

Major Crimes investigated eighteen (18) bank robberies, thirteen (13) of which were cleared by arresting seven (7) suspects. There were three

(3) bank robbery series identified, and arrests were made in all three (3). Major Crimes began investigating all commercial robberies early in the year. Throughout the year, three (3) commercial robbery series were identified and multiple arrests were made.



Detective Matt Chandler has helped solve more than 20 bank robberies since joining Major Crimes, and has arrested ten (10) people accused of being serial criminals. Detective Chandler was a finalist for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

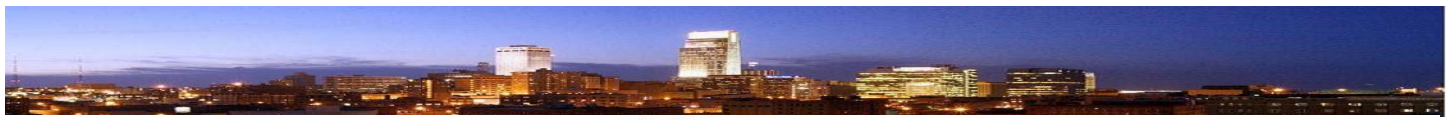


Major Crimes officers are hard at work (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

FIELD INVESTIGATIONS SQUAD

The Field Investigations Squad probes serious misdemeanor and felony crimes that occur between 3 PM and 7 AM. Field Investigations detectives are usually the first investigators on the scene and handle the investigation until the end of the shift, ensuring that a complete report is submitted to the assigned investigative unit in the morning.

Field Investigations worked with the Homicide Unit to stabilize crime scenes, protect witnesses from contamination and interact with victim and witness family members. Investigators also



worked with hospital staff to ensure that when a homicide or serious assault victim was transported to the hospital, evidence from the victim was not lost. The Squad investigated 1,013 incidents, conducted 1,774 interviews, arrested 674 persons and conducted 37 searches.

FRAUD SQUAD

The Fraud Squad investigates crimes involving embezzlement, criminal impersonation, fraud and forgery. The Squad reviewed more than 2,139 cases and sent informative letters to more than 700 victims who had personal information stolen. The Fraud Squad made 175 arrests related to financial crimes and interviewed more than 800 people during investigations. Investigators also conducted a total of nineteen (19) searches. To assist victims with the potential fallout from identity theft and financial fraud, detectives spent numerous hours talking with victims about what they could do to protect themselves in the future.



Detective Kristy Cook was involved in the investigation of 22 embezzlement cases, three (3) of which involved more than \$1.5 million. Arrests were made in all three (3) cases. Detective Cook was a finalist for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

HOMICIDE UNIT

The Homicide Unit investigated 29 criminal homicides and three (3) officer involved shootings. The Cold Case Squad made one arrest in a homicide that occurred in 2006 and the Felony Assault Squad investigated 112 assaults. Some cases received extensive media coverage. In April, a man was killed in Elkhorn and the suspects arrested included his son, daughter and wife, as well as five (5) others. His son pleaded guilty to 2nd Degree Murder and is awaiting sentencing.

In July, officers responded to a home to check the well-being of a twelve (12) year old boy. Officers discovered the boy had been dead for some time and arrested his mother for 1st Degree Murder. Her trial is pending in District Court.



Homicide Sergeant Rochair Jenkins (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT

The Crime Analysis Unit is commanded by a Lieutenant, and falls under overall command of CIB. The Unit includes the Crime Analysis Squad and the Pawn/Administration 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 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 if solvability factors are present, and if there are indicators of an emerging crime series or pattern. Information is quickly communicated to appropriate investigative units, UPB and tactical crime analysts. Crime Analysis assists investigators looking for reports documenting specific modus operandi (MO), 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, and 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.

PAWN/ADMINISTRATION SQUAD

The Pawn/Administration Squad is an integral part of the Crime Analysis Unit. The Squad supports all 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, collectibles, musical instruments and jewelry, and attempt to recover stolen metals salvaged at

local salvage yards. The Squad communicates with pawn shops, thrift 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 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 reviewed pawn cards from local shops for unique items, known stolen items, and items pawned by individuals suspected of theft. They also reviewed firearms pawned or sold against a list of convicted felons, and parties with active protection orders. The Squad collected, sorted and entered Field Observation Cards into the Card database. Monthly audits were conducted to ensure accuracy of various databases.

SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

The Special Victims Unit (SVU) includes the Child Victim/Sexual Assault Squad and the Domestic Violence Squad. The Unit provides a dedicated specialized response to crimes involving child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence. Special Victims is supervised by a Lieutenant, and all command staff and detectives work on call to provide support and assistance to victims at all times.



Detective Angie Circo investigated a January sexual abuse case in which a father was accused of sexually assaulting his three (3) children and making pornographic images. Detective Circo was a finalist for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SQUAD

The Domestic Violence Squad (DVS) is located at an off-site location with the Douglas County/Omaha Victim Witness Unit. The



agencies, working together, offer immediate assistance for victims. DVS investigates all crimes involving domestic violence and vulnerable adults.

DVS works closely with several participating community-based domestic violence agencies including the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC). There are several benefits to having these agencies work together. Victims are able to receive confidential enhanced care and services. The agencies are able to work in sync to provide a systematic set of services so victims can receive the necessary help and incidents are investigated properly and thoroughly.

DVS investigated a total of 569 felonies and 3,930 misdemeanors averaging 62 cases per investigator per month. DVS conducted five (5) DV warrant sweeps resulting in 88 arrests. Three (3) sweeps involved a coordinated effort with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and State Probation. DVS participated in the annual Clackamas County Sheriff's Office National Family Violence Warrant Sweep. This is a day-long event where agencies across the United States attempt to serve outstanding family violence warrants. DVS engaged in cooperating efforts with the DVCC to continue work toward starting a Family Justice Center. This center will be a co-location for victim advocates and police detectives. This center will provide on-the-spot resources to victims of domestic violence.

CHILD VICTIM/SEXUAL ASSAULT SQUAD

The Child Victim/Sexual Assault Squad (CVSA) is located at an off-site location in a center called Project Harmony. Project Harmony is a nonprofit agency that includes law enforcement, Child Protective Services (CPS), and individuals from Project Harmony working as child advocates along with medical professionals. CVSA consists of eleven (11) detectives, three (3) sergeants, one (1) part time officer and two (2) administrative assistants. CVSA provides a dedicated and specialized response to investigations involving child abuse and neglect, child abduction, sexual offenses, computer crimes and missing juveniles. CVSA has specially trained and motivated detectives to investigate these crimes.



Detectives Sarah Spizzirri (top left), Tom Rummel (top right) and Christy Bart (bottom right), and Sgt. Teresa Thorson (bottom left) investigated and arrested a man wanted for a series of midtown sexual assaults. Officers matched the suspect's DNA with a glove left at one of the assaults, and traveled to Missouri to locate and arrest the suspect. Detectives Spizzirri, Bart and Rummel, and Sgt. Thorson were finalists for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year (Photos courtesy of Timothy Keen)

One (1) CVSA detective is assigned to the Cybercrime Task Force with the FBI and other local area agencies. The goal of this task force is to bring a combined effort of the assigned agencies to fight and prevent internet crimes involving child pornography and other unlawful sex crimes.

CVSA investigated more than 2,800 crimes and 1,003 missing juveniles. Crimes involved child neglect/abuse, child death, sex crimes, missing children/abductions, enticement, child pornography/internet predators, obscene phone calls and sickness injuries.

Detectives conducted thorough investigations utilizing corroborative sources of information, physical evidence, photographs, DNA, information records from phones and computers to provide an objective conclusion to the cases.



MISSING PERSONS SQUAD

In February, the Missing Persons Squad moved to the Special Victims Unit under the Child Victim/Sexual Assault. More than 300 adults were reported missing and investigated. Missing Persons was responsible for follow-up that included interviews of family, friends and co-workers, investigating records (financial, work and computer) of the missing person, searching databases (local, state and federal), and collection of DNA and scene processing.

Omaha/Douglas County Victim Assistance:

The Omaha-Douglas County Victim Assistance Unit (ODCAU) is a Public Service Office established to assist crime victims. ODCVAU became operational in December of 1997 to assist crime victims and prevent further victimization, reduce crime-victim trauma and aid in returning the victim to a state of well-being. The Unit hopes to improve the attitude of victims, witnesses and the community toward the criminal justice system.



Detective Jim Shields used the NamUS database to help identify the remains of an MS13 gang member who was reported missing from Omaha in 2008. Detective Shields was a finalist for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

ODCAU provided services to 21,903 victims and mailed outreach letters and informational brochures to 27,142 victims. Volunteers donated 1,492 hours to assist ODCVAU. The Unit appeared at the Annual Safety Exposition at the Westroads Mall, and staff members and advocates took active roles on eight (8) victim-services committees and task forces. This list of committees included the Victim Assistance Collaboration Committee, Domestic Violence Coordinator Council, Nebraska Coalition of

Victims of Crime, Elder Abuse Task Force, Domestic Violence Coordination Council Law Enforcement Committee, Nebraska Criminal Justice Review, Restorative Justice Coalition and Family Justice Center Planning Committee.

CRIME LAB

The Crime Lab continues to maintain a professional staff. Several Crime Lab technicians attended various training events to benefit OPD, the courts and the City through enhanced services. Some training included Specialized Firearms Training, FBI-sponsored Evidence Photography and Forensic Mapping Training using the Total Station as a diagramming tool.



Crime Lab Tech Molly Claus fires a handgun for a ballistics test (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

Crime Lab was tasked with printing proximity cards for OPD employees and other law enforcement agency employees who need access to OPD facilities. Although most of more than 700 photos were already in the ID printer database and able to be accessed by Crime Lab, this project still required a number of personnel photos to be retaken for various reasons, along with obtaining photos of various non-OPD personnel who require access to OPD building facilities.

Crime Lab used a newly remodeled "Clean Lab" to examine clothing evidence and other evidentiary items retained from crime scenes. The Clean Lab includes three (3) evidence drying cabinets that provide more options when there are multiple items from different victims or crime scenes to dry at the same time.



Crime Lab lost three (3) longtime employees. Jerry Tosoni retired in March after 25 years of service; Karla Krzycki retired in September after 26 years of service, which included 25 years in the Detention Unit; and Mark Stranglen resigned in December after 22 years to pursue other career opportunities.

CRIME LAB	2008	2009
Street Calls	4,643	4,407
Forensic Video Analysis	175	147
Crime Scene Photographs	90,756	100,745
Latent Prints Developed	1,313	1,479
Firearm Exams/Test Fire	63	213
Breath Tests for DUI	2,418	2,101

The Crime Lab continued to provide services and continually increase its customer base. The Omaha city limits have expanded over the last several years, increasing the City's population, and other law enforcement agencies continue to regularly call on Crime Lab for services.

EVIDENCE/PROPERTY

Evidence/Property (E/P) received more than 26,000 pieces of evidence and property, and the total amount of property maintained now exceeds 224,000 items. Inspection and audits are completed regularly. E/P was audited quarterly by the Backgrounds Unit, and the E/P supervisor also performs a semi-annual inspection with other staff members. The end of the year audit conducted by backgrounds involved a total audit of drugs, money, guns and other high value evidence and property.

E/P holds monthly auctions, recycles outdated items and collects money released by appropriate units. The money generated for the City General Fund totaled nearly \$30,000. Firearms recovered and booked into evidence, including handguns, rifles and shotguns, totaled 732 during the year. All weapons were checked through NCIC and E/P was able to dispose of 448 firearms. Disposal of drugs was limited due to the closing of an EPA approved incinerator.

E/P obtained permission to use a new burn site, which was used for the first time in December. This site meets all EPA requirements and is being provided free of charge

The E/P Supervisor attended a management course directed by Robert Doran, a leading authority in evidence and property management. The course was sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Property and Evidence (NAPE), and was held at Southeast Community College in Lincoln. Supervisor Adams is a member of both NAPE and the International Association of Evidence and 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 (BDS). ERU is also responsible for the Mobile Command Center operation and staffing for large events. ERU falls under the command of the Criminal Investigations Bureau and is assigned to the Special Operations Section. ERU is made up of one (1) Lieutenant, seven (7) Sergeants and 26 officers. With few exceptions, ERU personnel are permanently assigned to other full-time jobs within OPD and respond to ERU assignments as needed.

SWAT SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

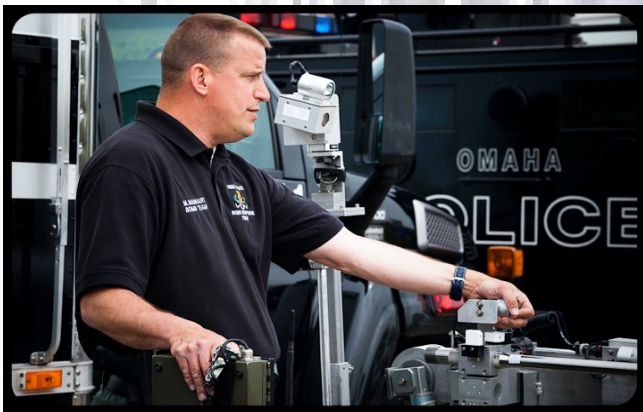
- 94 high risk warrant entries;
- Two (2) barricaded gunmen;
- Nineteen (19) Special Tactical Events;
- College World Series;
- Berkshire Hathaway shareholders meeting;
- SSI Counter-Terrorism Training (40 hours);
- Training deployment to Israel (2 members);
- Supervisor's School: Barricaded subject/ hostage incidents (12 hours);
- Two (2) dignitary visits (STRATCOM events at Qwest Center Omaha);
- SWAT training (16-20 hrs per month); and,
- Joint BRS, SWAT and CNS training (8 hours).



SWAT Officer Edwards takes a moment to rest during Emergency Response Unit training (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

BOMB RESPONSE SQUAD (BRS) ASSIGNMENTS

- 24 calls to handle explosive or suspicious devices;
- Monthly three (3) day training for BRS Technicians and explosive breaching;
- Participated with Explosive Detection K-9 Teams in prevention and deterrence operations;
- Two (2) day annual statewide BRS training;
- Blast Mitigation System training – the OPD BRS is the only bomb team in the Midwest with this capability;
- Coordinated with the ATF to hold a metro-wide Fireworks Amnesty Day, resulting in recovery of approximately 400 lbs of live fireworks, 1,800 lbs of ammunition, 30 lbs of black powder and 21 firearms.



Bomb Response Officer Manhart presents at the Safety Expo (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

BOMB DOG SQUAD

The Bomb Dog Squad assigns three (3) Explosive Detection Canine (TSA K-9) Teams to Omaha’s Eppley Airfield. TSA K-9 Teams work closely with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Eppley Airfield Police to ensure airport safety. TSA K-9 Teams are certified by the TSA annually to ensure their reliability.

TSA K-9 TEAM	2009
Calls for Service – Total Hours	1,515
Sweeps – Requests	138
Sweeps – Random	1,174
Threats of a Device	6

GANG UNIT

The Gang Unit is staffed by 35 sworn officers and two (2) non-sworn employees. The Gang Unit includes the Gang Intelligence Squad, North and South Gang Suppression Squads, Firearms Squad and Fugitive Squad. The Gang Unit includes a diverse team of command officers and detectives including one (1) Lieutenant and five (5) Sergeants. In June, OPD presented the prestigious “Ribbon of Unit Excellence” award to the Gang Unit’s Intelligence and Suppression Squads.



Gang Unit Lieutenant Kerry Neumann displays confiscated handguns to local media members (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

GANG INTELLIGENCE SQUAD

The Gang Intelligence Squad completed more than 800 gang member tracking forms, and held weekly meetings with the Homicide Unit and Felony Assault Squad. During these meetings, officers exchanged intelligence about violent felony crime that had occurred during the prior week.



The Squad was responsible for investigating graffiti crimes, using a web-based program to analyze, sort and display the locations of graffiti on a map. Investigators successfully arrested numerous repeat offenders, including Omaha's most active graffiti tagger.

Three (3) officers were assigned to the FBI's Greater Omaha Safe Streets Task Force. A long-term investigation called "Operation Blue Storm" thwarted a multi-state marijuana trafficking organization operated by an Omaha-based criminal street gang. Eleven (11) people were arrested and federally indicted, and twelve (12) vehicles and ten (10) houses were seized. The Safe Streets Task Force indicted 39 individuals.

NORTH GANG SUPPRESSION SQUAD

The primary objective of the North Gang Suppression Squad is reducing violent crimes committed by criminal street gangs. The Squad arrested 137 suspects for felony charges and 337 for misdemeanor charges, as well as 254 suspects for felony and misdemeanor warrants, and 29 of those individuals were federally indicted. The Squad also made contact with 770 gang members, conducted 55 search warrants and recovered 114 illegal firearms.

The North Gang Suppression Squad participated in gang intervention and prevention operations, including 103 home visits at residents of suspected gang members. Officers also collaborated with the Omaha Public School District to provide gang suppression patrols at local athletic events and hosted a liaison program with Uniform Patrol Bureau officers.

Five (5) North Gang Suppression Squad officers were presented with a "Letter of Work Well Done" and two (2) officers were named "Officer of the Month" by the Merit Review Committee.

SOUTH GANG SUPPRESSION SQUAD

The South Gang Suppression Squad arrested several suspects for unauthorized application of graffiti, which continues to be one of the most significant quality of life issues affecting the citizens in south Omaha. The Squad provided proactive patrols at numerous community events,

including: Cinco de Mayo, Septemberfest, Native Omaha Days, El Grito and the Guadalupe Festival.

The Squad's most significant investigation was Operation Sewer Rat, which spanned six (6) months, in which officers worked closely with federal agents from ICE and the ATF. The investigation focused on the illegal possession and sale of firearms, and netted 69 seized firearms and 33 federal indictments. All indicted suspects plead guilty.

FIREARMS SQUAD

The Firearms Squad was created in March to reduce gun violence. The Squad was assigned 482 cases to investigate and conduct follow-up investigations, and completed 682 traces for firearms confiscated by OPD. The Firearms Squad was also involved in 89 federal indictments for various firearms crimes.

FUGITIVE SQUAD

OPD has been a member of the United States Marshal-sponsored Metro Fugitive Task Force since 2003. The Task Force includes officers from OPD, Council Bluffs Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Sarpy County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Marshal's Office. The LaVista Police Department recently added one (1) officer and one (1) Sergeant to the Task Force on a part-time basis. Task Force officers worked together to locate and arrest parties in and around Omaha with felony or serious misdemeanor warrants. Task Force officers completed local daily assignments, as well as extradition assignments throughout the country.

The Fugitive Task Force participated in warrant sweeps conducted by OPD detective squads, as well as the U.S. Marshal sponsored Operation Falcon. Officers made 1,131 felony arrests for the year. Since the Task Force's inception in late 2003, officers have cleared 6,340 warrants.

NARCOTICS UNIT

The Narcotics Unit investigates complaints from citizens and develops long-term cases that lead to interdiction of major drug suppliers and organizations. Narcotics investigators follow-up on information generated and arrests made by



Uniform Patrol officers, and assist the Traffic Unit, Canine Squad and Criminal Investigations Bureau in forfeiture of seized assets.

Day-shift officers conducted several long-term investigations working with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. As a result, two (2) large drug trafficking organizations were successfully dismantled. One (1) case led to the seizure of 23 lbs of Methamphetamine. Evening shift officers completed several long-term investigations, which led to the seizure of narcotics, numerous illegal firearms and multiple federal indictments.

Drug Arrests & Seizures	2008	2009
Felony Arrests		
Cocaine	107	59
Crack	210	212
Ecstasy	12	17
Marijuana	109	107
Methamphetamines	276	309
Heroin	1	7
LSD	0	0
Other	87	123
Total Felony Arrests	802	834
Seizures*		
Cocaine	6,395	2,449
Crack	3,477	680
Ecstasy	327	156
Marijuana	168,709	286,500
Methamphetamines	26,540	21,770
Heroin	1	5
LSD**	0	0
Other**	1,983	2,806

* Measured in Grams

** Measured in Dosage Units

The Narcotics Unit is a member of the Omaha Metro Drug Task Force. The Task Force is made up of several local and federal agencies, including the ATF, FBI and DEA. Task Force investigations are centered in the Omaha metropolitan 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 firearms were seized during Task Force investigations. The Task Force also dismantled eight (8) meth labs and shut down several large marijuana growing operations.

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SQUAD

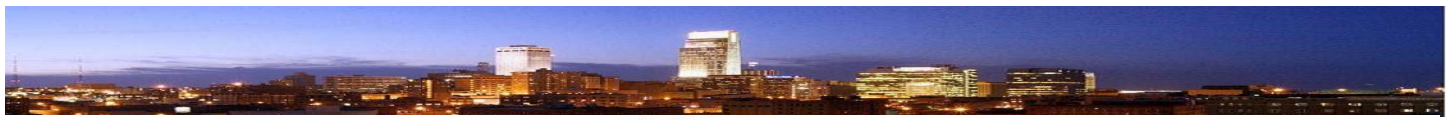
The Criminal Intelligence Squad (CIS) monitored suspected terrorist organizations and organized crime figures with ties to the Omaha area. An officer from CIS is assigned to work full-time with the Omaha Joint Terrorism Task Force investigating international and domestic terrorism. CIS continued to monitor outlaw motorcycle gangs and bookmakers in the Omaha area. CIS collected necessary information to disseminate the OPD Intelligence Bulletin and distributed relevant information to other departments.

CIS continued to implement and develop the Metro Area Tri-County Terrorism Early Warning Group (TEWG). The TEWG is now fully operational and provides a centralized point of terrorism-related information gathering and dissemination to several law enforcement and civilian entities in the Metro area. CIS members of the TEWG set up, maintain and monitor the [TEWG website](#).

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 and assisted other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. SOVS assisted the Safe Streets Task Force with investigations into local gang and drug trafficking organizations. Those investigations were multi-jurisdictional efforts that involved federal, state and local agencies.

SOVS supported UPB with vice enforcement, which included prostitution and lewd conduct operations. Officers provided assistance at several large events around the city, including the College World Series. 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.

Computer Forensics personnel worked within the SOVS. Two (2) full-time examiners used cutting edge technology to assist OPD's investigative units with identification and recovery of electronic and digital evidence.

SOVS officers investigated vice crimes, including alcohol/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, Support Services Section, Air Support Unit, Fiscal Affairs and Information Technology. PSB employs the largest number of non-sworn employees in the Department, and is commanded by Deputy Chief M. Elizabeth Davis.

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 and Vehicle Impound Facility. Units work cooperatively to provide OPD, outside agencies and the public with professional support services.

FLEET/FACILITIES

Fleet/Facilities purchased two (2) one (1) ton stake bed trucks and three (3) pickup trucks from a federal surplus program, and acquired five (5) vehicles from the Vehicle Impound Facility for use in OPD daily operations. The Unit used seized assets money to purchase thirteen (13) unmarked vehicles for use in OPD undercover operations, as well as eight (8) vehicles from the U.S. Marshal's Service.

Accomplishments included upgrading the security access system from a key fob system to one that uses proximity cards. Proximity cards were installed in all four (4) precincts, Traffic/ERU, Public Safety Training Center and OPD Headquarters. Fleet/ Facilities programmed more than 1,200 proximity cards into the OPD system for use by personnel and other authorized users.

Fleet/Facilities demolished the old gun range and part of the men's locker room to prepare the area for reuse as an evidence, property, drug and weapons storage area. Fleet/ Facilities replaced carpeting in the Northeast and Southeast Precinct patrol operations areas, roll call areas and Sergeant's bays, and replaced carpeting in the Northeast Precinct Commander's office. Overall, Fleet/ Facilities completed more than 1,100 work orders and service requests.

RECORDS/DATA CENTER

Records processes all service requests regarding criminal history checks, incident reports, accident reports and records of arrest. Records provided information for OPD, outside agencies and the general public, and copied and scanned these documents, and maintained/ monitored the Stellant Records Management System for OPD. Records used a High Density Storage System that allowed them to store and monitor records, microfilm and microfiche, and took on scanning and storing Pawn Cards. Records processed 16,179 report copies and 5,570 Criminal History Requests.

The Data Center includes radio channels five (5) and six (6), NCIC and Data. Radio channels provide all records and support information to both street officers and CIB officers via the radio talk-group system. NCIC supports all teletype communications and NCIC provides entry, modification and cancellation of all wanted persons, missing persons, stolen vehicles, guns, articles and gang members into the National and State systems. The Data Center enters incident reports and citations into the mainframe system, meeting timely-entry goals for the Prosecutor's Office and OPD Command. The Data Center processed 51,977 Incident Reports; 55,158 Citations and Street Release charges and 14,313



Accident Reports; and completed 469,232 Radio Checks and Calls for Service.

TELEPHONE RESPONSE SQUAD (TRS)

The Telephone Response Squad (TRS) takes telephone report calls on all non-emergency police reports. TRS operates 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 emergency calls. TRS took 5,181 live calls and 33,408 voicemail calls; completed 21,300 reports; and assisted 25 citizen walk-ins.

CUSTOMER SERVICES UNIT

The Customer Services Unit provides a variety of services and support functions, including receiving and processing incoming telephone calls, handling inquiries from the public and taking walk-in reports. The Customer Services Unit is a branch of OPD's Administrative Information Section under the Police Services Bureau and is comprised of the Front Desk Squad, Information Services Squad and Court Liaison Squad. Each squad has different responsibilities and works independently.

COURT LIAISON SQUAD

The Court Liaison Squad includes a Sergeant and an officer assigned to work with the City Prosecutor's office to cancel officers not needed for court, and to investigate cases of wrong party identification.

INFORMATION SERVICES SQUAD

The Information Services Squad includes four (4) officers and one (1) civilian clerk to handle a variety of tasks to include answering incoming telephone calls from citizens and police officers, data entry and processing subpoenas for court.

FRONT DESK SQUAD

The Front Desk Squad operates 24 hours a day and includes two (2) Sergeants, six (6) police officers and ten (10) Information Services technicians who are the first points of contact for the public at Central Police headquarters. Personnel handle incoming phone calls, citizen walk-ins and requests from police officers. The Front Desk is also responsible for registering

handguns, issuing taxi permits, providing fingerprint services, issuing police reports and processing criminal history requests. The Front Desk completed 4,941 gun registrations; 1,551 fingerprint requests; 6,558 police report requests and 683 criminal history requests.

The Front Desk used the AFIS fingerprint machine to complete 292 identification checks on individuals who could not be identified through picture identification or other means. This allowed persons to be correctly identified who may otherwise have been booked into jail or issued a citation under the wrong name.

VEHICLE IMPOUND FACILITY

The Vehicle Impound Facility received nearly 10,000 towed vehicles, and offered nearly 3,000 vehicles for public auction. These auctions generated \$532,780 for the City of Omaha's General Fund. The Facility's operations yielded savings through transfer of equipment, tools and vehicles to various City departments that otherwise lacked funding to purchase such items.

IMPOUND FACILITY STATS 2009	
Total tows	9,797
Total number of vehicles auctioned	2,757
Total Revenue from Auctioned Vehicles	\$1,117,477.75
Total Revenue	\$2,341,557.15
Total Expenses	\$1,808,776.70
General Fund Revenue	\$532,780.45

Impound vehicles and equipment were used by several law enforcement entities for training, including K-9 units the OPD Training Unit. The Omaha Fire Department Training Academy and other fire training units also used vehicles and equipment for life-saving extraction exercises.

AIR SUPPORT UNIT

The Air Support Unit includes five (5) Omaha Police Officer Crewmembers, two (2) full-time Mechanics, two (2) part-time flight officers, two (2) new Bell 206B3 helicopters and two (2) operational OH-58 helicopters. The Unit provides air support and air observation to the officers in



ground units with the use of a forward-looking infrared camera and the inherent observation platform of the helicopter.



The Omaha skyline, as seen from a police helicopter.

Air Support flew 1,134 hours and was involved in 10,423 activities, including 3,819 radio calls and assignments. Air Support assisted in numerous high profile pursuits and arrests, and provided infrared surveillance of critical infrastructure during heightened Homeland Security alerts.

Aircrews are on-call 24 hours a day, and the Unit averages between four and a half (4.5) and five (5) hours of patrol flight time over the City per duty day. Since 1997, the Unit has amassed 18,000 safe flight hours, and provided support to agencies in Douglas, Washington, Cass, Hall and Dodge Counties in Nebraska, and Mills, Pottawattamie, Harrison, Montgomery and Shelby Counties in Iowa.



OPD's Bell 206B3 helicopter, better known as Able One.

Air Support acquired an Inertial Measuring Unit that greatly improves the accuracy of the infrared FLIR. For the first time, the FLIR tells the tactical flight officer the exact location where the infrared

camera is pointing, making it extremely effective in pursuits and searches for persons.

FISCAL AFFAIRS

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.

SUPPORT SERVICES SECTION

POLICE SUPPLY

Police Supply provides 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 (2) new recruit classes, and maintained paperwork to provide critically important safety vests for 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.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources includes Police Personnel and Payroll/Timekeeping. Police Personnel coordinated all OPD hiring and related personnel actions, and interpreted five (5) labor contracts, the Omaha Municipal Code and the OPD Standard Operating Procedures in areas relevant to Human Resources. This ensured adherence to guidelines and proper dissemination of confidential information.

Payroll/Timekeeping manages all timekeeping and other related policies and procedures. Payroll forecasted retirements and predicted future personnel needs, analyzed retirement trends and continued automation of office functions to enhance efficiency and records retention capabilities. Two (2) major accomplishments included implementing an electronic submission and storage procedure for daily details, and implementing a Court of Industrial Relations decision for Police Union employees. The new electronic detail submission procedure saves resources and reduces hardcopy storage needs.

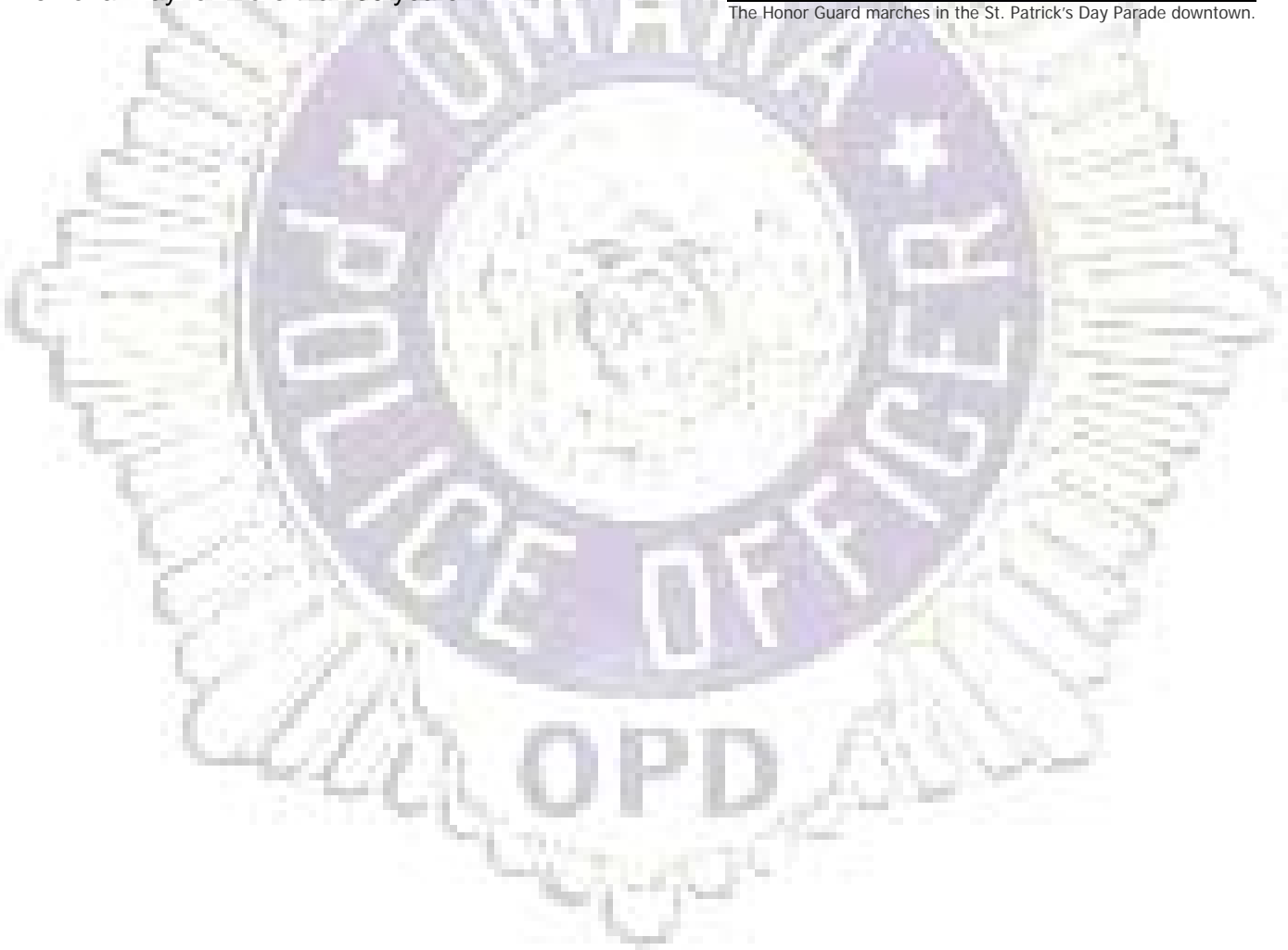


POLICE HONOR GUARD

The Honor Guard was started 1954, and has an authorized strength of 30 officers serving two (2) year terms. Current officers include: Officer Matthew Kelly (President), Officer Mitch Robinson (Vice President) and Officer Joe Eischeid (Treasurer). Honor Guard training occurs bi-monthly and is a combined effort with other metro area honor guards. Training includes drill and ceremony, firing party detail, casket bearing, flag folding and presentation, and Color Guard training. The Honor Guard also recently added two (2) bagpipers. The Guard engaged in 31 events, including eleven (11) funerals, two (2) parades, twelve (12) Presentations of the Colors, dedication of the Law Enforcement Memorial in Grand Island and Memorial Day Ceremonies at Omaha's Memorial Park. Its most visible event was the Police Memorial Day ceremony. The Honor Guard has participated in National Police Memorial Day for more than 30 years.



The Honor Guard marches in the St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown.





PROMOTIONS / RETIREMENTS

Name

New Position

Retirements

Alexis N. Hayes	Chief of Police	Joseph E. Baudler
M. Elizabeth Davis	Deputy Chief	Mary Colleen Baylor-Stephens
Mary J. Newman	Deputy Chief	Betina B. Buckingham
Richard Gonzalez	Captain	Eric W. Buske
Keith L. Harris	Captain	Daniel L. Clark
George T. Merithew	Lieutenant	Michael J. Frank
Trevor K. O'Brien	Lieutenant	Daniel J. Jaixen
David R. Sedlacek	Lieutenant	Judy C. Johns
Staci A. Witkowski	Lieutenant	Karla J. Kryzycki
John D. Bahle	Sergeant	Victoria A. Mailander
Lance C. Harrison	Sergeant	Mark A. Martinez
Tahnee R. Johnson	Sergeant	Marlin O. McClarty
Christopher M. Perkins	Sergeant	Michael J. Murphy
Russell J. Petersen	Sergeant	David J. Newell
Kyle L. Steffen	Sergeant	Sandra K. Petersen
Lance J. Worley	Sergeant	Ruth Ann Popp
Nicolas Yanez	Sergeant	Brenda L. Rocha
		Kurt R. Sorys
		Robert L. Steele, Jr.
		Mark T. Sundermeier
		Daniel C. Tanner
		Gerald J. Tosoni
		Andrew J. Whiteing

EMPLOYEE AWARDS / RECOGNITIONS

Officers of the Month

Ofc. Joseph Baudler
 Ofc. Christopher Brown
 Ofc. Billie Jo Ceglar
 Ofc. Daniel Fehrman
 Ofc. Jesse Graham
 Ofc. Chantelle Habell
 Ofc. Paul Hasiak
 Ofc. Chad Kavars
 Ofc. Michael Kozelichki
 Ofc. Thomas Loftus
 Ofc. Bryan Miller
 Ofc. Adam Moore
 Ofc. Frank Platt
 Ofc. Dusty Purcell
 Ofc. James Reisinger
 Ofc. Tiffany Shepherd
 Ofc. Jack Sides
 Ofc. Matthew Skradski
 Ofc. Marcus Sullivan
 Ofc. Dana Taylor
 Ofc. Josiah Warren
 Ofc. Matthew Williams
 Sgt. Harold Scott

Officers of the Year

Ofc. James Reisinger
 Ofc. Tiffany Shepherd

Citizen Patrol Officers of the Year

Dep. Chief Alexis N. Hayes
 Ret. Capt. Michael Murphy
 Sgt. Erin Dumont
 Sgt. Scott Timperley
 Ofc. Chad Simmons
 Ofc. Michael Zeigler

Crime Stoppers Officers of the Year

Ofc. Edith Anderson
 Ofc. Daniel Clark

Metro Chief's Association Awards

Sgt. Paul Latschar (Pratt Sacrifice Award)
 Ofc. Kara Hindman (Dedication Award)
 Sgt. Kurt Sorys (Special Achievement Award)

Rotary Club Officer of the Year

Officer Eric Meyer

Police Officer's Assoc. of NE

Sgt. Paul Latschar

NAPO "Top Cops" Award

Sgt. Paul Latschar
 Sgt. Jerald Swanson

LE Coordinating Committee Award

Ofc. Antonio Espejo

Midwest Gang Investigator's Assoc.

Ofc. Kara Hindman

U.S. Army Certificate of Appreciation

Graham Murray

Safety Council Public Servant Award

Stacy Henry



IN MEMORIAM

Thompson, Chere A. – former OPD Clerk-Typist
Parmenter, Ralph E. “Gene” – retired Police Officer
Smith, John W. – retired Police Sergeant
Gibney, Robert J. – retired Police Officer
Nutsch, Clyde A. – retired Police Officer
Kocourek, Charles – retired Police Officer
Graybill, Glenda V. – retired Clerk-Typist
Dacus, Robert W. – retired Police Lieutenant
Hydock, Dennis L. – retired Police Officer
Pekula, Dennis – 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



CRIME STATISTICS

Arrest Comparison

ARRESTS FOR UCR PART I AND II OFFENSES	2007	2008	2009
Part I Offenses			
Murder, Manslaughter	25	28	21
Death by Negligence	11	2	4
Forcible Rape	53	48	50
Robbery	192	243	247
Assault: Felony, Aggravated	435	476	496
Burglary	243	207	269
Larceny – Theft	3,596	3,517	3,903
Motor Vehicle Theft	152	142	138
Part I TOTAL	4,707	4,663	5,128
Part II Offenses			
Assault: Misdemeanor, Other	2,094	2,266	2,097
Arson	34	23	39
Forgery, Counterfeiting	241	210	177
Fraud	398	351	383
Embezzlement	69	79	68
Stolen Property: Buy, Receive, Possess	479	400	333
Vandalism, Destruction or Property	818	789	932
Weapons: Carry, Possess	555	469	412
Prostitution, Commercialized Vice	137	168	149
Sex Offense (excluding Rape & Prostitution)	207	206	214
Drug Law Violation	3,221	2,983	2,922
Gambling	3	14	4
Offenses Against Family and Children	392	361	404
Driving Under the Influence	3,615	3,776	3,582
Liquor Violation	3,118	3,095	2,401
Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace	1,347	1,315	1,304
All Other Offenses (except Traffic)	5,037	4,659	4,460
Part II Total	21,765	21,164	19,881
TOTAL ARRESTS	26,472	25,827	25,009