

Omaha Police Department

2010 Annual Report



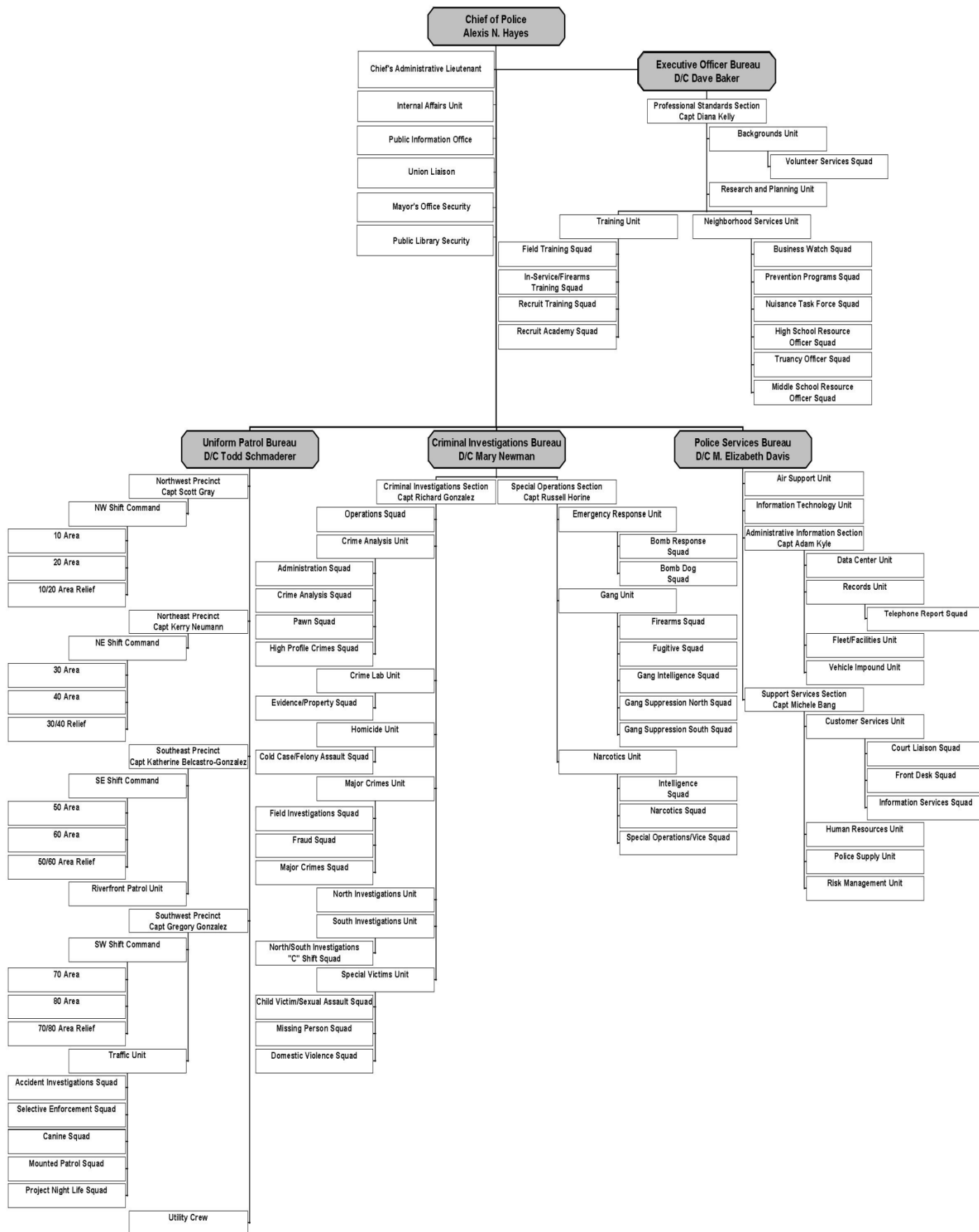


IN MEMORY OF OFFICER KIRK TYNES

On April 26, 2010, Omaha Police Officer Kirk Tynes passed away after a brief battle with stomach cancer. Officer Tynes began his career with the Omaha Police Department on October 25, 2004 and was named 2008 Officer of the Year by the Omaha Coalition of Citizen Patrols. He was assigned to the Southeast Precinct at the time of his death, and served the citizens of Omaha for 5 years 6 months.

Officer Tynes was also a 20-year veteran of the United States Air Force. While in the military, Tynes was an administrator and was involved in the Honor Guard. He was named Honor Guard Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year while stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska.

Officer Kirk Tynes is survived by his wife of nearly 20 years and three teenage children.



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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.

City Data

Omaha’s central location in America’s heartland has been an important factor in building the City into a vibrant population center with a strong economy. Omaha has been an important agricultural and transportation center since its founding in 1854. Since its days as the “Gateway to the West,” Omaha has grown steadily, and is now the 42nd largest city in the United States. With a cost of living lower than the national average, clean air and water, short commutes, and the cultural and entertainment amenities of a city twice its size, Omaha is nationally recognized as a great place to live, work and play.

Population.....	408,958
Area.....	131 square miles

Race/Ethnicity

White.....	75.6%
Black/African-American.....	15.2%
Hispanic or Latino.....	13.1%
Asian.....	3%
American Indian/Alaska Native.....	1.5%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.....	2%
Some other race.....	7.6%
Two or more races.....	3%

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The Omaha Police Department is an accredited law enforcement agency and meets the high standards of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.



Thank you for your interest in the Omaha Police Department's 2010 Annual Report. In the following pages you will find a review of important events and achievements from throughout the year; an agency-wide overview of employees' daily activities; a list of employee retirements and awards; a memorial to those we have lost; and relevant annual statistics.

The Omaha Police Department (OPD) is a progressive agency composed of nearly one thousand professional men and women dedicated to serving the citizens of Omaha and fostering a safe and vibrant community. The OPD's effective partnerships with Omaha citizens and businesses enable our officers and command staff to identify, prioritize and appropriately address community concerns.

As Chief of Police my aim is to cultivate an environment 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. To achieve this aim the OPD employs a neighborhood problem solving philosophy, and we believe in being responsive to our customers, the citizens of Omaha.

In 2010, Omaha's overall crime numbers dropped by 5 percent, with 19,718 reported crimes in 2010 compared with 20,784 in 2009. Decreases in the numbers of robberies and thefts were especially significant, with 19 percent and 7 percent decreases, respectively. The OPD recognizes these successes would not be possible without meaningful collaboration between our officers and the citizens we serve. Our employees have worked hard building public trust to increase cooperation from citizens when crimes do occur, and we have seen steady improvements in this area in recent years.

My employees and I take our role as community caretakers very seriously and we are diligent in our efforts to maintain a safe community for all who live in and visit Omaha. It is an honor to serve the City of Omaha.

Sincerely,

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

Alexis N. Hayes
Chief of Police

January 12th – Officers *arrested a fugitive* and his brother following a multi-agency *manhunt*. After spotting the fugitive in south Omaha, officers sealed off an area that stretched from 24th Street to Spring Lake Drive and from I-80 to F Street. Every available Southeast Precinct officer was on scene, along with U.S. Marshals and K-9 officers from Council Bluffs and Bellevue. The men were found in an apartment complex near 22nd and D Streets. The fugitive was arrested for theft by receiving, robbery and use of a weapon to commit a felony. He was also charged in a warrant with first-degree assault. His brother was arrested for theft by receiving, felony flight to avoid arrest, accessory to a felony and willful reckless driving.

January 20th – The Training Unit announced plans to conduct a mandatory *40-hour in-service training* program for all sworn personnel. The week-long training sessions were held throughout the year and covered a variety of topics including firearms, defensive tactics, criminal investigations, emergency vehicle operations, building searches and terrorism response.

February 7th – Officers *arrested* a man responsible for a *hit-and-run accident* that killed one man and seriously injured another while the men changed a tire on the Storz Expressway near 16th Street. Investigators at the scene collected snow-covered pieces of the driver's vehicle and took the pieces back to police headquarters, where they used an online database to determine the debris came from a Ford Explorer made between 1986 and 1994. Officers scoured east Omaha for vehicles matching that profile and found a possible vehicle match parked in front of a house. As officers examined the vehicle, a man exited the house to speak with them. After a brief conversation the man was arrested and booked for misdemeanor motor vehicle homicide and a felony charge of leaving the scene of an injury accident. The suspect had a history of DUI, as well as firearms and drug possession offenses. He was driving with a suspended license at the time of the hit-and run incident.

February 9th – The Northeast Precinct began a five-week *Community Education Training Program*. This mini-academy for persons ages 17-24 gave participants a better understanding of OPD's procedures and service to the community. The program focused on five modules: police overview/ orientation; gangs, guns and drugs; crimes against persons; professional focus; and police and community cooperation.

Late February – Officer concluded a long-term investigation in southeast Omaha when they raided a

house near 32nd and W Streets. Once inside, *officers located and seized 14 guns* in the possession of a convicted felon and his acquaintance. Both men were arrested for being felons in possession of firearms.

March 30th–May 10th – OPD sponsored its annual *Police Athletic League (PAL)* in conjunction with the Omaha Public Schools. PAL events were held at ten middle schools throughout Omaha to provide an informal environment for positive interaction between youth and police officers. Two police officers and two Omaha Public Schools employees were assigned to provide staffing at each event.

April 17th – The Northwest Precinct hosted its *8th annual Scout Day*. This free event provided Scouts from around the area with the opportunity to tour the Northwest Precinct; see the Bomb Squad robot and Metro Emergency Response Vehicle (MERV); and learn more about the Mounted Patrol, fingerprinting, crime scene investigations, and crime prevention and safety. More than 700 Scouts attended this event.



April 24th – OPD hosted its *14th annual Salute to Safety Expo* at the Westroad's Mall. The Expo included OPD and Fire Department exhibits, crime prevention materials, and free DNA kits for children. There were numerous activities for children, as well as attractions for people of all ages such as the police helicopter, LifeNet helicopter, a police cruiser, police motorcycle, fire engine, fire smoke trailer, EMS equipment, OPD recruiting Hummer, the City of Omaha's graffiti van, and OPD horses. More than 71,000 people attended.



May 2nd – Traffic Unit officers conducting traffic control for the Cinco de Mayo 5K race in south Omaha received a radio call of a man down along the race route. Officers Richard Uryasz and Adam Rokes responded to the scene and immediately began emergency breathing and chest compressions. The *officers worked diligently to provide life-saving emergency CPR* to the unresponsive man. Uryasz and Rokes continued to provide CPR until Fire

Department personnel, equipped with an automated external defibrillator device, arrived to shock the man's heart back into proper rhythm.

May 5th – Officers responded to a *house fire in north Omaha*. Upon arrival, Officer Kenneth Fox learned that an occupant remained inside the burning basement. With the Fire Department still minutes away, Fox entered the residence and noticed a large amount of smoke coming from a basement bedroom. After hearing snoring from inside the burning bedroom, Fox kicked open the locked door but was unable to see inside due to thick smoke. Ignoring the danger, Fox entered the bedroom and felt blindly for the sleeping party, whom he located on the bed. ***Fox pulled the man off the bed and dragged him out of the burning residence.*** Outside, Fox became lightheaded and nauseous, and had trouble breathing. He was transported to the hospital for possible smoke inhalation, and was treated and released. The man from the basement refused medical treatment at the scene. Due to the configuration of the basement, it would have been nearly impossible to extricate the man from the burning residence if not for Officer Fox's quick actions.

May 7th – *Ten officers graduated from motorcycle school*, which prepares new motorcycle officers to operate in an enforcement and traffic control environment. Among graduates was Officer Amy Oetter, the first female OPD officer to earn motorcycle certification.

May 7th–May 15th – The *Honor Guard participated in several events to celebrate National Police Week*. Events included Law Enforcement Appreciation Night at Rosenblatt Stadium, a memorial service at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial in Grand Island, a candlelight vigil, a retreat ceremony with the 55th Security Forces Squadron, and a Police Memorial Day Service at OPD Central Headquarters.



May 8th – Officers *seized \$2 million* worth of *cocaine* from a semi-truck on eastbound I-80. A K-9 officer initiated the traffic stop after the driver was seen following another vehicle too closely. During the stop, officers obtained permission to search the truck and trailer, where they found 51 packages of cocaine totaling

nearly 140 pounds. The driver and passenger were booked for possession with intent to deliver cocaine over one pound. It was the largest cocaine seizure in OPD history.

May 28th – A citizen flagged down Officer Brandon Ozmun and directed him to a *woman* who had *collapsed after suffering a heart attack*. Ozmun determined the woman had no pulse and he immediately requested a medic. To complicate matters, the woman vomited when a citizen began chest compressions. Ozmun retrieved a CPR mask from his cruiser and was able to provide rescue breaths while the citizen continued chest compressions until the medic arrived. Prior to transport the victim began to breathe on her own.

June 6th – The Southeast Precinct hosted its *8th annual Safety Awareness Fitness & Education (SAFE) Neighborhood Fair* at the Salvation Army Kroc Center. The SAFE Neighborhood Fair included free food, face painting, clowns, child seat inspections, bike safety inspections, and various police and fire demonstrations, as well as information on safety and crime prevention.

June 12th – OPD hosted *Firearms Amnesty Day* in south Omaha in which citizens were allowed to turn in firearms without questions or legal repercussions. Officers collected 30 guns and three boxes of ammunition during this event. A second Firearms Amnesty Day was held in north Omaha on July 10th.

June 24th – *Forty-eight police recruits* – the largest class in Department history – *graduated* from the *Police Academy* after 22-weeks of intense training. The graduation ceremony took place at the Holland Performing Arts Center. Graduating officers then moved into the Field Training phase for 15 additional weeks.



July 8th – OPD hosted “*Fun in the Park*” at the *Miller Park Pavillion*. This community policing event provided youth with a safe environment for outdoor activities and a positive way to engage with law enforcement.



Attendees included Mayor Suttle, KETV news anchor Todd Andrews, Douglas County Commissioner Chris Rodgers, Douglas County Treasurer John Ewing, and several Omaha City Councilmen.

July 17th – OPD held a *Fireworks Amnesty Day* in partnership with the ATF, Nebraska State Patrol, LaVista PD, Papillion PD, Ralston PD, Bellevue PD, Council Bluffs PD, Pottawattamie County Sheriff’s Office, Omaha Fire Department, Ralston Volunteer Fire Department, Nebraska State Fire Marshal, Iowa State Fire Marshal, and Omaha Public Works Department. This event provided citizens the chance to safely dispose of fireworks, ammunition, and any other explosive device. It also gave authorities the opportunity to educate the public on dangers of fireworks and other explosives.

July 18th – Officers responded to a secluded location to investigate a report of an injured party. Upon arrival, officers located a *brutally beaten female* lying outside a vehicle where she had been *left for dead*. The victim was nearly unconscious and was unable to communicate. Investigators worked quickly to locate individuals who had contact with the victim prior to the attack. Through swift action and effective interviews investigators identified the last people seen with the victim and located them for interviews. After initially lying, one individual confessed to being with the victim and taking her to the secluded location where she had been left for dead. At the same time, Crime Lab established forensic evidence tying the suspects to the scene.

July 31st – OPD was presented with its *third reaccreditation* award from the *Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies* (CALEA). The reaccreditation award was the culmination of an intense three-year process that included an onsite inspection by a nationally assembled

team of assessors. CALEA assessors examined files, conducted interviews, inspected facilities, and hosted a public hearing and community call-in session. Only five percent of law enforcement agencies nationwide are CALEA accredited.



August 3rd – OPD participated in the *27th annual National Night Out* – a nationwide event that encourages neighbors to partner with law enforcement to make neighborhoods safer. Officers attended parties with Fire Department personnel to answer questions and discuss neighborhood concerns. This event provided citizens a chance to talk with police officers one-on-one in a friendly environment.

September – Just days after the *September 10th murder* of a pizza deliveryman, officers *arrested three suspects* in connection with the murder. A fourth suspect was booked on robbery and conspiracy charges for acting as the getaway driver. The deliveryman was fatally stabbed after being lured into a vacant apartment near Sorenson Parkway and Ida Street.

September 25th – OPD joined the DEA and departments around the nation in arranging for locations where people could *drop off unused medications*. Citizens were invited to turn in old drugs to prevent prescription drug abuse. The drugs were promptly destroyed.

September 29th – Officers responded to an overpass at I-680 and Sprague Street to locate a suicidal party. Upon arrival, Officers Scott Zymball and Robert Iske locate a woman seated on the edge of an I-680 sign. As officers neared, the woman leaned forward as if to jump, but Zymball eventually persuaded her to move back from the edge. In the meantime, Iske requested an aerial truck and medical squad. Additional officers were able to shut down all southbound lanes of I-680. Zymball and Iske managed to restrain the woman and secure her to the sign with handcuffs, but both officers maintained physical control due to her level of resistance. Officer Chris Leick arrived to assist officers on the sign until the aerial truck was in place to lower her to safety.

September 30th – OPD kicked-off *Metro Domestic Violence Awareness Month* with a *vigil at Stinson Park*. In attendance were Omaha and Council Bluffs

Mayors Suttle and Hanafan, Catholic Charities Omaha, Catholic Charities Phoenix House, the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, the Ponca Tribe, and the YWCA.

October 5th – OPD held its **15th annual Recognition Banquet for the Omaha Coalition of Citizen Patrols** at the Westside Community Center. Citizen Patrol members were honored by Mayor Suttle, Police Chief Alex Hayes, and Douglas County Sheriff Tim Dunning for the many hours they donate to the safety of Omaha’s neighborhoods. The event also promoted crime prevention and disaster preparedness.

October 17th – The Northeast Precinct and Omaha Weed & Seed hosted **Cops and Bobbers** at the Benson Park Lagoon. Approximately 100 children ages 8-12 joined 25 officers for an afternoon of fishing and fun that began with a brief crime prevention



presentation on bullying and was followed by fishing lessons and a hotdog lunch. OPD featured bike patrol officers, tactical vehicles, the horse patrol and the police helicopter. Representatives from Mayor Suttle’s Office, the Omaha City Council, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office were also in attendance. Fishing supplies were provided at no cost.

October 21st – OPD partnered with the Omaha Fire Department to host the **3rd annual Blue Mass** at Saint Cecilia’s Cathedral. The Blue Mass dates back to 1934 and is a venerable tradition in the northeastern U.S. The Mass calls for greater awareness of and gratitude for the lives of those who faithfully serve the public. Attendees honored 34 police officers and 55 firefighters for making the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of Omaha. Special guests included Mayor Jim Suttle, Fire Chief Mike McDonnell, Police Chief Alex Hayes, and the Knights of Columbus.



October 23rd - The Northeast Precinct hosted its **12th annual Safe Night Out** in recognition of Crime Prevention Month. More than 400 neighborhood families

gathered at the Northeast Precinct for an evening filled with games, activities and community building. Activities included face painting, balloon art, a candy giveaway and a raffle. Police, fire and Nebraska Humane Society displays were also on site.

November 29th – OPD partnered with WalMart and the Open Door Mission to host “**Santa COP.**” This event provided 50 underprivileged children from the Open Door Mission with an opportunity to go on a holiday shopping spree, and to interact with police officers in a positive environment.

December 5th – OPD partnered with Wells Fargo to host a **Family Fun Festival** at the Mounted Patrol Barn as part of the Omaha Holiday of Lights Festival. The event allowed families to see the horse barn, meet the horses and Mounted Patrol officers, see horse demonstrations, and enjoy a free stagecoach ride.



CHIEF'S OFFICE

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

PERSONNEL BY BUREAU		
	Positions	Budget
Chief's Office	13	\$2,387,123
Executive Officer Bureau	65	\$6,669,663
Police Services Bureau	154	\$19,238,592
Uniform Patrol Bureau	557	\$51,604,766
Criminal Invest. Bureau	209	\$18,864,908
Total	998	\$98,765,052

PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT – DECEMBER 2010				
	Budgeted		Actual *	
	Sworn	Non-Sworn	Sworn	Non-Sworn
Total Personnel	820	178	786	205

*Actual Personnel includes part-time positions not calculated in the 2010 Budget

INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT

The Internal Affairs Unit (IA) investigates citizen complaints and internal allegations involving OPD employees, and is staffed by a diverse team of command officers and civilian personnel. The IA Lieutenant commands six (6) Investigative Sergeants, an Administrative Assistance and a part-time Clerk-Typist. IA works closely with the Chief of Police to ensure investigations are impartial and complete.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY		
	2009	2010
Citizen Complaints		
Complaints Not Formalized	54	49
Complaints Formalized	94	98
Total	148	147
Internal Investigations	60	62
Assigned Investigations	154	160
Dispositions*		
Not Sustained (evidence does not prove/disprove)	170	189
Sustained (evidence proves allegation is true)	133	198
Exonerated (evidence shows act is lawful/proper)	119	69
Unfounded (false allegation)	23	39
No Finding/Court (judicial system will decide)	5	4
Total	450	499

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The Public Information Office (PIO) coordinates release of information to media outlets on issues pertaining to criminal investigations, crime statistics and incidents involving police personnel. The PIO also coordinates the [Omaha Crime](#)

[Stoppers program](#). In 2010, the PIO participated in the following activities:

- Released information to media outlets through daily emails regarding police events, operations and investigations; as well as issued 109 news releases and responded to daily inquiries from local and national media outlets.
- Conducted on-camera interviews with local media and arranged various interviews for officers and supporting police units.
- Coordinated several news conferences and hosted six (6) promotional ceremonies.
- Publicizing events such as Cops & Bobbers, Scout Day, Fun in the Park, Metro Area Gun/Fireworks Amnesty programs, Meet & Treat Harvest Celebration, Safe Night Out, Mounted Patrol's Holiday Lights Celebration, Police Memorial Week and Santa at the Precinct, among others.
- Continued OPD's social media presence with a [Twitter page](#) that now has 1,400 followers and a [Facebook fan page](#) that is "liked" by more than 7,300 people.
- Received and managed more than 1,600 Crime Stoppers tips that led to 132 arrests, recovery of 12 weapons, and seizure of more than \$6,500 in property and drugs. Crime Stoppers approved 88 tips, including a tip in a high profile murder case, and paid out \$34,750.
- Assisted the Crime Stoppers Board by coordinating 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 Salute to Safety Expo and Public Safety Day at Rosenblatt Stadium, as well as community based programs such as Precinct Advisory Committee and Weed & Weed.
- Worked with the Omaha Fire Department and community leaders to plan and promote Police and Firefighter Appreciation Day, held June 10th.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER BUREAU



The Executive Officer Bureau is commanded by **Deputy Chief David Baker**. Deputy Chief Baker serves as the senior staff administrative officer, assisting the Chief of Police, and manages the Professional Standards Section, which includes the Backgrounds Unit, Research & Planning, the Training Unit, and the Neighborhood Services Unit.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SECTION

The Professional Standards Section is commanded by Captain Diana Kelly. This Section is responsible for duties assigned by the Executive Officer.

BACKGROUNDS UNIT

The Backgrounds Unit conducts background investigations on OPD applicants for both sworn and non-sworn positions and verifies job qualifications. Investigators work with the City of Omaha Human Resources Department at all stages of the employment process. Backgrounds also engages in recruiting activities, attending job fairs and making appearances at schools and community events, and manages OPD Volunteer Services. In 2010, Backgrounds purchased a scanner for each investigator to facilitate conversion to a paperless record keeping system. Prior to acquiring the scanners investigators kept hardcopy records in binders. Transitioning to the electronic record keeping system will save significant space and expense.

BACKGROUND UNIT ACTIVITY	
Police officer applicants	2,122
Police background investigations	332
Civilian background investigations	348
Recruit Class applicants processed	55

RESEARCH & PLANNING

Research & Planning (R&P) studies changes in City Ordinances, State Statutes and federal law, and manages changes in OPD procedures. R&P reviews information concerning procedural changes obtained from sources such as General Orders, Information Orders, surveys and Standard Operating Procedure manuals from other police departments. Work includes writing grant funding applications and maintaining accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). In 2010, R&P completed the following tasks:

- Maintained more than 400 CALEA accreditation files and successfully guided OPD through its triennial on-site accreditation assessment.
- Produced grant applications that brought in more than \$1.5 million in federal and state funds, and tracked on-going grant funds totaling more than \$6 million.
- Published the 2009 Annual Report, updated the OPD Strategic Plan and prepared reports and data analyses.
- Prepared 39 General Orders and numerous Information Orders, and revised official OPD forms.
- Surveyed similar-city law enforcement agencies to determine best practices and provided policy information in response to survey requests from other agencies.
- Responded to City Legal Department requests concerning OPD policies.

TRAINING UNIT

The Training Unit provides a basic police recruit academy, maintains continuing education courses for sworn officers,

and coordinates all training for civilian OPD employees. Training includes a Field Training Squad, In-Service/Firearms Training Squad, Recruit Training Squad and Recruit Academy Squad.

TRAINING ACTIVITY - 2010	
Training Classes – Total	199
Training Hours – Total	69,450
Participants – Total	3,548
Sworn	2,778
Non-Sworn	56
Citizens / Guests	714

TRAINING SUMMARY				
	Sworn Hours	Civilian Hours	Guest Hours	Total Hours
January	2,567	96	167	2,830
February	1,744	8	856	2,608
March	4,976	264	1,424	6,664
April	5,800	40	32	5,872
May	7,184	216	80	7,480
June	2,152	144	2,232	4,528
July	4,156	116	110	4,382
August	4,920	24	624	5,568
September	6,404	160	1,664	8,228
October	6,648	288	5,768	12,704
November	5,692	32	2,088	7,812
December	788	8	0	796



Officers wait to take part in training at the OPD training facility (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES UNIT

The Neighborhood Services Unit assists the public with problem resolution and prevention programs. The Unit includes the Middle/High School Resource Officer Squads, Community Resource Center, Nuisance Task Force, Prevention Programs Squad, Business Watch Squad, and Truancy Officer Squad. A Lieutenant commands the Neighborhood Services Unit.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES ACTIVITIES

	2009	2010	% Change
Community Resource Center Presentations	663	322	-51%
Nuisance Task Force Mayor's Action Line Complaints	1,016	1,265	+25%
Nuisance Notices Issued	455	824	+81%
Vehicle Tows	176	250	+42%
Complied Vehicle Checks	618	936	+51%
Neighborhood Watch Groups	907	929	+2%
Business Watch Contacts	298	311	+4%
Community Meetings - Total	530	491	-7%
Northwest Precinct	130	139	+7%
Northeast Precinct	39	25	-36%
Southeast Precinct	240	280	+17%
Southwest Precinct	121	47	-61%

Community Resource Center

The Community Resource Center (CRC) is a liaison between OPD and Neighborhood Watch groups, Neighborhood Associations, community groups, and individuals who want help with crime prevention and problem solving. The CRC helps to develop and promote a better, safer quality of life by utilizing a variety of crime prevention resources and programs. The CRC schedules meetings to solve community problems; assists in documenting illegal drug and gang activity; helps initiate Neighborhood Watch groups; connects individuals with Neighborhood Associations; provides information on various code enforcement issues; and arranged speakers for community organizations and clubs, including annual citywide events such as the Safety Expo (71,000 attendees), Scout Day (700 attendees), Kindergarten Traffic Training (500 attendees), and Police & Fire Appreciation Day (2,000 attendees).

Business Watch Squad

The Business Watch Squad offers crime prevention tips to the business community and enables businesses to network to decrease crime. The Squad provides Business Watch, Crime Free Multi-Housing, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, and Closed Property programs, and issues alerts regarding robberies, burglaries, internal and external theft, bad check detection, workplace violence, employee safety, and ban/bar options. Officers also conduct security audits of business properties upon request. In 2010, the Squad made 311 contacts, conducting 21 full security audits and numerous partial audits on business properties.

Prevention Programs Squad

In 2010, the Prevention Programs Squad provided presentations to schools and community groups, offered safety patrol training to students, and conducted 68 school safety audits. The Squad registered 42 McGruff Houses, attracted between 30-70 Explorer Program members at a

time (depending on the phase), and conducted outreach into elementary schools. Officers gave 322 presentations to schools and community groups on topics such as stranger danger, police officer duties and bike safety.

Nuisance Unit

The Nuisance Unit handles only the most serious violations of nuisance litter complaints reported to the Mayor's Hotline. In 2010, officers handled 1,265 Mayor's Hotline complaints (achieving compliance on 936), issued 824 nuisance notices, and towed 250 vehicles.

School Resource Officers

In 1995, OPD partnered with local school districts to implement the School Resource Officer (SRO) program. The SRO program's goal is to enhance police relations with students, parents and school staff, and to promote positive youth citizenship by utilizing both OPD and school district resources. OPD currently has 16 SRO's working in Omaha middle schools and 11 SROs working in high schools. Three roving SROs fill in when necessary. Participating districts include the Omaha Public Schools, Millard Public Schools, Elkhorn Public Schools and Westside Community Schools.

SRO ACTIVITY

	2009	2010	% Change
Incident Reports	3,251	2,741	-16%
Arrests – felony	44	20	-20%
Arrests – misdemeanor	693	402	+2%
Traffic Citations	28	22	+18%
Assist to Patrol/Detective	585	556	-5%

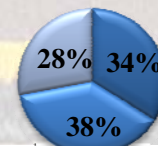
UNIFORM PATROL BUREAU

The Uniform Patrol Bureau (UPB) is commanded by **Deputy Chief Todd Schmaderer**. UPB officers are the face of the Omaha Police Department, performing preventative patrols and responding to public requests for assistance around the clock. UPB precincts include the Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest Precincts, as well as a Utility Crew.



Uniform Officers' Workday

■ Calls for Service ■ Self-Initiated ■ Preventative Patrol



NORTHWEST PRECINCT

The Northwest Precinct (NW) is commanded by Captain Scott Gray. In 2010, there were 127 employees assigned to NW. Each employee was exposed to agency-wide training opportunities and was also encouraged to seek additional training opportunities to maintain and improve their knowledge and skill level.

NW utilized close community relations to aid the focus of police resources in particular areas. Citizens were asked a variety of questions about their perceptions of neighborhood crime issues. Overall, NW surveyed 7,232 customers, provided 2,227 reports to citizens and maintained 327 neighborhood watch groups.

The NW Precinct Advisory Council (PAC) includes approximately twelve (12) members and meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. PAC members represent OPD and NW's most active neighborhood associations.



Uniform Officers doing patrol work (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

The Northwest Precinct was responsible for managing the Bank of the West Celebrates America event (80,000 attendees), hosted the 14th annual Safety Expo at Westroads Mall and participated in a successful National Night. By the end of the year 2010, there was an overall decrease in Compstat crimes by 14%.

NORTHEAST PRECINCT

The Northeast Precinct (NE) is commanded by Captain Kerry Neumann. NE personnel provide professional police services by using innovative community-based policing methods and collaborating with grass-roots community outreach organizations, neighborhood associations, the Omaha Public Schools, faith-based organizations, political leaders, and area businesses. NE is committed to suppressing violent criminal activity by utilizing suppression patrols, as well as intervention and prevention methods.

The Northeast Precinct Advisory Council (PAC) is comprised of area residents, business partners and



community leaders who reside, worship and work within the NE Precinct. The PAC works closely with OPD command to foster positive community relations, and address matters of public safety and communication. NE's Crime Prevention Specialist acts as a liaison between the community and police personnel.

Weed & Seed is a five year strategy developed by the Department of Justice that works to weed out violent crime, gang activity and drug use. At the same time, community programs seed in collaborative programs that work to build opportunities within the neighborhoods. The Northeast Precinct includes the geographic area of the Northeast Weed & Seed program.

During 2010 (year 3 of the 5 year strategy), collaboration between the Northeast Precinct and Weed & Seed has yielded several noteworthy accomplishments. Donated funds from Weed & Seed enabled the Northeast Precinct to purchase a top notch bicycle that will take an officer out of the police car and more directly into relationship with area residents. This will provide better opportunities for the Omaha Police Department to gain the trust of area residents and work together to decrease crime.

NE personnel utilized crime mapping and criminal intelligence along with community input to identify violent crime "hot spots". Planned suppression strategies resulted in the removal of 367 firearms from the streets. NE staff worked together with the Gang Unit, Utility Crew, and Criminal Investigations Bureau to conduct Weed & Seed operations and directed patrol in high crime areas to reduce violent crime in the hot spot areas. The Northeast Precinct officers also worked with the U.S. Attorney's Office, State Probation and Parole to conduct Project Safe Neighborhood operations to address gang violence. Northeast Precinct officers also worked with the Nebraska State Patrol and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office to provide traffic enforcement operations in hot spot areas.

The Northeast Precinct seeks to be highly efficient with the resources available. To accomplish that goal precinct command staff works very closely with the Crime Analysis Unit and receives up-to-date statistical information and crime mapping analysis, which provides a clear picture for the staff to effectively deploy our resources. With all else being said, the best resource for the Northeast Precinct is the citizens that reside in this community. Collaboration with

neighborhood groups and citizens strengthens our ability to reduce crime by arrests and holding crime suspects accountable for their actions. The combination of up-to-date crime analysis and citizens who are willing to report criminal activity allows for razor sharp decisions in the deployment of personnel and technical resources. We believe the effectiveness of this approach reduced overall crime in the Northeast Precinct by 13% in the year 2010.



2010 Cops & Bobbers event - Part of the NE Weed & Seed Program (Photo courtesy of Phillip Hodges)

SOUTHEAST PRECINCT

The Southeast Precinct (SE) is commanded by Captain Katherine Belcastro-Gonzalez. SE personnel work with other OPD units, departments and neighborhood/business associations to make south Omaha a safer community. SE partnerships incorporate a broad strategy of prevention and intervention that lead to an overall reduction in crime. SE strives to develop relationships and solidify existing relationships. The SE Precinct Advisory Council, which meets monthly, allows neighborhood representatives to serve as the eyes and ears on the ground to support SE police work.

The Omaha Coalition of Citizen Patrols (OCCP) supports OPD and actively patrols problem areas. When OCCP members see a crime or suspicious activity taking place they call OPD immediately. SE emphasizes district awareness, stressing collective care through individual care for districts. Officers get to know citizens and businesses in their assigned districts and worked together to identify crime and those responsible for crimes in the area. SE officers routinely meet with area business owners and managers to continue open lines of communication. Officers 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 SE Precinct worked extensively with the Omaha Housing Authority (OHA) to identify problem tenants and trespassers who commit the bulk of crime on OHA properties.

SE officers identified crime “hot spot” areas by analyzing crime series patterns identified by officers, Crime Analysts and neighborhood associations. Operations then focused on saturating the area to identify offenders. Officers conducted graffiti patrols, concentrating on arresting offenders in

frequently hit areas, and worked with the City’s graffiti van program to eradicate the damage. The SE Crime Prevention Specialist maintained relationships with existing neighborhood associations and business watch groups, and worked to foster relationships with new neighborhood associations and business watch groups. These relationships furthered SE’s crime prevention goals.

SOUTHWEST PRECINCT

The Southwest Precinct (SW) is commanded by Captain Gregory Gonzalez. SW includes regular beat officers and the Traffic Unit. In addition to regular patrol duties and calls for service, SW officers patrol areas lakes and trails, assist with community events, and work with the City of Omaha to monitor problem bars and taverns.

TRAFFIC UNIT

The Traffic Unit includes a Lieutenant, seven (7) Sergeants, 46 full-time officers, two (2) part-time retired officers, and a non-sworn employee. The Unit includes an Accident Investigations Squad, Selective Enforcement Squad, Canine Squad, Mounted Patrol Squad, and Project Night Life Squad.



Traffic Unit officers at work (Photo courtesy of Mike Dyer)

Accident Investigations Squad

The Accident Investigation Squad focuses on providing investigation and follow-up of all accidents involving serious personal injury, hit & runs, city-owned vehicles, and any investigations as required by command and management. Another Squad responsibility is to coordinate, assist with, and supplement manpower for special events and assignments with other Traffic Unit squads.

In 2010, the Squad investigated 3,783 hit and run crashes with a clearance rate of 47%. In addition, Accident Investigators handled 211 city-owned vehicle accidents and 81 crashes involving serious, debilitating or life-threatening injuries, as well as 22 fatality accidents. Three (3) officers attended an Accident Reconstruction course funded by a \$4,090 federal grant.

The four (4) A-Shift Accident Investigators responded to 463 radio calls and made 1,435 traffic stops leading to 831 DUI arrests; 1,550 citations; 1,243 misdemeanor arrests, 87 felony arrests; and 9,916 police reports. A-Shift officers were nominated for the 2011 MADD Outstanding Law Enforcement Award for their dedication and service.



Officers from the Accident Investigation Squad accessing the scene of an accident (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

Selective Enforcement Squad

The Selective Enforcement Squad’s main focus is to provide traffic enforcement with emphasis on the interstate system. The Squad also receives monthly City Council traffic hot spots report, and focuses efforts on deterring unsafe driving conditions in those areas. The Squad is tasked with creating traffic plans for special events, which is critical for the safety of all participants and spectators at these events.

Officers conducted more than 13,332 traffic stops and issued 17,118 total citations. These stops also led to 1,987 misdemeanor arrests, 245 DUI arrests, 66 felony arrests, and 1,200 MIP arrests. Officers also responded to 1,466 radio calls and completed 10,475 police reports. Routine assistance was provided at many parades, festivals and special events. These events included St. Patrick’s Day parade, Millard Days, River City Roundup, Cinco De Mayo, Labor Day parade, numerous high school homecoming parades, Omaha Marathon, Race for the Cure, Vice President Joe Biden visit, Several Military Funerals, Presidential Cabinet visits, New Years Eve fireworks, Bank of the West Concert (with crowd over 80,000 this year), Berkshire Hathaway shareholders meeting (30,000 attendees, numerous sold out concerts, and the last College World Series held at Rosenblatt Stadium.



Omaha’s first female motorcycle operator – Amy Oetter

Three (3) officers are currently certified as motorcycle instructors, and five (5) officers are certified as motorcycle operators, including the first female in Omaha’s history. The Squad operates Harley Davidson Electra Glide Motorcycles which are being transitioned to newer 2011 models. These motorcycles are used in parades, enforcement operations, daily patrol and motorcades. The Motorcycles are equipped with Anti-Lock Brakes funded by a \$5,500 federal grant.

Canine Squad

The Canine Squad’s responsibilities include providing traffic enforcement and narcotics interdiction on the interstate system throughout Omaha. The Squad also assists UPB and CIB officers with searches for wanted suspects, as well as contraband searches.



Officer Deignan and his partner, Aero, prepare for a night on the streets (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

The Canine Squad includes seven (7) officers, one (1) Sergeant and eight (8) dual purpose service dogs. The Squad performed 23 Canine Demonstrations and appearances for community and citizens groups in the Metro area, and issued 791 Citations and courtesy citations.

2010 CANINE STATISTICS	
Calls for service	1,745
Felony and misdemeanor arrests	458
Searches for suspects (indoors and outdoors) utilizing a police service dog	169
Drug searches utilizing a police service dog	166
Cocaine seized	141.52 lbs
Marijuana seized	189.95 lbs
Methamphetamine seized	0.0045 lbs
Approximate street value of drugs seized	\$2,277,915
Currency seized	\$376,358
In Service training hours	2,042
Interdiction contacts	2,882

The Canine Squad retired Police Service Dog “Sacco” in 2010. Sacco was an eight-year-old Belgian Malinois handled by Officer Charles Moffitt. Sacco served the citizens of Omaha faithfully and with distinction for nearly seven (7)

years. The Canine Squad purchased a new dog named Apollo to partner with Officer Moffitt. Apollo is a two-year-old Belgian Malinois. Apollo completed an extensive three (3) month police dog training camp and is now certified to work as a team with Officer Moffitt.

Mounted Patrol Squad

The Mounted Patrol Squad currently has six (6) officers, one (1) Sergeant, a full-time stable hand, and several volunteers. The Squad's main function is to patrol the growing downtown and riverfront areas, and assist with various events throughout the city. Officers perform all aspects of police work from horseback, including traffic and crowd control, traffic stops, citations, and arrests. Mounted Patrol Officers are a wonderful public relations tool, and are often observed in the Old Market area talking with citizens who are interested in learning more about the horse patrol duties.

MOUNTED PATROL ACTIVITY			
	2009	2010	% Change
Arrests	76	671	+78.3%
Traffic Stops	138	1,223	+78.6%
Citations	737	3,950	+43.6%
Assignments	4,899	8,528	+ 74%

Traffic and crowd control annual events include: the College World Series, Cinco De Mayo, Safe night out at NE precinct, Nighthawks football games, Holiday of Lights Festival, Cops and Bobbers, Veterans ceremony at Memorial Park, Qwest center events, New Years Eve Fireworks event, Zoo Spooktacular, Dickens in the Market Procession, St. Patrick's Day parade, July 4th Fireworks at Rosenblatt and the River City Roundup.

The Squad held an open house for the Wells Fargo Family Festival on December 5th as part of the Holiday of Lights Festival downtown. Activities included face painting, a balloon artist, crafts, Wells Fargo stagecoach rides, and horse demonstrations. Food included free hot chocolate, hot dogs (sold to benefit the OPD Mounted Patrol Foundation), and baked goods (sold to benefit the Girl Scouts). The barn was one of many free locations available to families during this holiday festival. The OPD Mounted Patrol welcomed more than 2,000 people during this event, and the Mounted Patrol barn was voted the top location on the free "tour."

An annual fundraiser for the Knights of Aksarben, the Buckaroo Bash, was also held at the OPD Mounted Patrol barn. The Knights of Aksarben donated \$4,000 to the Mounted Patrol Foundation for use of our facilities.

Through donations, the Squad was able to bring two (2) new promising horse prospects into the barn. Mounted Patrol also received a grant from the Downtown Improvement District, which was used to purchase new bridles, reins and bits, etc.

Areas patrolled by the Squad included the Village Point Mall, Old Market, 24th & Leavenworth/St. Mary's area, Con Agra Park, Gene Leahy Mall, Riverfront, Lake Zorinsky, Westroads Mall, Oakview Mall, and any area requesting special attention or assignments.



Mounted horse Jimmy, with Officer Potts, and the couple who graciously donated him to OPD

Project Night Life Squad

The Project Night Life (PNL) Squad includes a Sergeant and two (2) officers who focus on educating teens about the dangers associated with distracted driving and poor decision making while behind the wheel. The State of Nebraska has a provisional operator's permit (POP) Statute (60-4,120.01) that provides for a graduated increase in driving responsibility and privileges. A POP holder is restricted from driving after midnight and before 6 a.m. unless traveling to or from school or employment. Since the inception of Project Night Life, fatalities for drivers in this age group have decreased. Drivers under the age of 21 are also a target of underage drinking and driving laws. The zero tolerance law (Section 60-6,211.01) prohibits persons younger than 21 from possessing alcohol, or operating or being in actual physical control of any motor vehicle when that person has a blood alcohol level of .02 or more. Project Night Life funded 60 selective enforcement operations and issued 3,709 citations and 173 Restriction violations to POP holders. The Squad also made more than 601 total arrests, including 112 for DUI, 106 for MIP, and 52 for drug related violations.

PNL made presentations to numerous local schools and distributed materials about the dangers of teen driving to roughly 3,000 students through community presentations. PNL display boards were set up at many local events to support teen driving awareness.

UTILITY CREW

The Utility Crew includes a Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants and 21 officers. The Crew is used to address crime "hot spot" locations as they emerge. Examples include crime series, special events 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 enhance enforcement activities.

UTILITY CREW STATISTICS 2010	
Traffic stops	6,127
Traffic infractions cited	3,111
Traffic misdemeanor charges	1,888
Misdemeanor charges	1,153
Felony charges	264
Field observation cards	3,416
Misdemeanor warrants cleared	723
Felony warrants cleared	51
Individuals arrested or cited	3,452
Stolen vehicles recovered	17
Firearms seized	63

functions fall into two general areas of responsibility: (1) administrative, data quality and Compstat support, and (2) tactical and operational support.

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) and data quality analysis involves gathering, compiling and applying UCR rules for crime reporting to the Nebraska Crime Commission and FBI. Compstat support involves developing weekly descriptive statistics, publishing the metrics for internal use, and support for weekly Compstat meetings. Trend analysis is performed to develop plans for prevention, suppression, apprehension and allocation of staff and equipment. Statistical reports are prepared for presentation to staff, criminal justice agencies, civic organizations, news media, schools and the public. In addition to standard reports, the Squad prepares special crime reports for outside agencies at the request of the Chief.

The tactical analysis function starts with review of all crime reports related to robbery (excluding bank robberies), burglary, auto theft, theft from motor vehicles, forgery, fraud, and misdemeanor assaults to determine if solvability factors are present. Information is quickly communicated to appropriate investigative units, UPB and tactical crime analysts. Crime Analysis assists investigators by looking for reports documenting specific modus operandi, stolen property or names.

Tactical Analysts use crime mapping and other specialized software tools to focus primarily on analysis of robberies, burglaries, auto thefts and thefts from motor vehicles to determine if crime series or patterns exist, and to discover relationships between crimes. Relationships may be spatial or temporal, or may have similar victimology, targeted property, or other MO factors. In addition, Analysts provide detectives with investigative support in the form of suspect leads and case enhancements through database searches.

Support activities include 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. Crime Analysts are also asked to occasionally assist with crime series involving kidnapping, sexual assault and homicide. Tactical Analysts completed 31 Crime Series Bulletins, which were distributed to UPB, CIB and outside law enforcement agencies. Analysts also contributed significantly to the high profile investigations of two (2) sexual assault suspects by analyzing and charting similarities between the assaults, with arrests made in both investigations.

In addition, Analysts were trained in a new operational model, referred to as DDACTS (Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety) for integrating location based crime and traffic crash data to establish effective and

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

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The Criminal Investigations Bureau is commanded by **Deputy Chief Mary Newman**. Deputy Chief Newman manages both Criminal Investigations and the Special Operations Section.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

The Criminal Investigations Section is commanded by Captain Richard Gonzalez. The Section includes the Operations Squad, Crime Analysis Unit, Crime Lab Unit, Homicide Unit, Major Crimes Unit, North and South Investigations Units, and Special Victims Unit.

CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT

The Crime Analysis Unit is commanded by Lieutenant Ken Kanger. The Unit includes the Crime Analysis Squad, Pawn/Salvage Squad and the High Profile Crimes Squad.



OPD Investigations (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

Crime Analysis Squad

The Crime Analysis Squad includes two (2) Sergeants, a civilian Supervisor, five (5) Analysts and a volunteer. Squad

efficient methods for deploying law enforcement and other resources. The DDACTS model is being used widely by the Omaha Police Department to effectively address crime.

Pawn/ Salvage Squad

The Pawn/Salvage Squad is the only such squad in the metro area and is an integral piece of the Crime Analysis Unit. The Squad includes a Sergeant, two (2) officers, four (4) clerk-typists and a volunteer, and supports all CIB units in investigating cases of missing and stolen property identified in pawn shops, salvage yards and second hand stores. The Squad also works as a liaison between outside jurisdictions and metro area pawn shops and salvage yards. Officers communicate with these entities on a daily basis, providing them with information regarding suspects or items OPD is seeking, while also checking every person who pledges, sells or trades a firearm for any local prior felony conviction. Officers pick up pawn and salvage cards generated by the shops to keep track of and review items being sold.

In 2010, the Squad entered 176,000 pawn shop and second hand store cards, 36,000 salvage cards and 61,000 field observation cards. The Squad also recovered more than \$228,000 in cumulative items from pawn shops. A detective was able to use his expertise in VIN identification and his knowledge of career criminals to recover two (2) skid loaders valued at \$20,000 each, and a Metro Utilities District construction tractor valued at \$130,000.

High Profile Crimes Squad

In October 2010, the High Profile Crimes Squad was added to the Criminal Investigations Bureau, and was assigned to the Crime Analysis Unit to investigate known habitual property offenders. The Squad is supervised by a Sergeant and includes three (3) detectives. High Profile Crimes works with other CIB squads to build strong criminal cases against habitual offenders.

In late October, the High Profile Crimes Squad served a court authorized search warrant in Southwest Omaha that resulted in the recovery of 16 stolen semi truck tires, a stolen motorcycle, stolen catalytic converters, tools, narcotics and weapons. The search warrant also led to the felony arrest of an individual. The Squad conducted 12 court authorized search warrants, recovering narcotics and stolen property. They also arrested five (5) individuals for felony charges and numerous others on misdemeanor charges. The Squad assisted with a checks and fraud investigation that led to the indictment of several individuals for check making and identity fraud. Along with active investigations, members of the Squad are constantly gathering crime intelligence and providing it to other CIB squads and law enforcement agencies in the metro area.



Stolen evidence recovered from a high profile search warrant served in October in Southwest Omaha

CRIME LAB UNIT

The Crime Lab Unit continues to work toward maintaining a skilled, professional staff. To achieve this goal, several Crime Lab Technicians attended various training events that included: Forensic Video, FBI Police Photography, Specialized Firearms Training, Advanced Fingerprint Examination Training, and participation in the multi-agency Mass Disaster Drill held at Epply Airfield. These training opportunities benefited OPD, the courts and the City by enhancing the Units evidence collection capabilities. The Unit acquired a state-of-the-art Bullet Recovery System, which will allow Firearms Examiners to safely and efficiently test fire weapons for OPD and other agencies.



A Crime Lab Tech fires a handgun for a ballistics test

In 2010, the Crime Lab hired 10 Crime Lab Trainees. These newly hired Trainees increased Crime Lab staffing almost to the authorized allocation of past years. As of the end of 2010, personnel included: one (1) Crime Lab Manager; three (3) Criminalists; six (6) Senior Crime Lab Technicians; four (4) Crime Lab Technicians; 10 Crime Lab Trainees and one (1) part-time employee.

CRIME LAB		
	2009	2010
Street Calls	4,407	3,285
Forensic Video Analysis	147	181
Crime Scene Photographs	100,745	90,216
Latent Fingerprints Developed	1,479	816
Firearm Examinations/Test Fire	213	182
Breath Tests for DUI	2,101	2,430

Evidence/Property Squad

The Evidence and Property Squad consists of a Supervisor, two (2) full-time Storekeepers, one (1) full-time Clerk Typist, and two (2) part-time Evidence Coordinators. In 2010 grant money allowed the Omaha Police Department to hire 2 retired Omaha Police Officers, Brian Bogdanoff and Virgil Patlan to research items stored in the Evidence Property room for disposal or release. This is being done to prepare for a new Evidence and Property room that began construction in 2010 and will be completed in 2011.

The Squad received 39,717 items of evidence and property during 2010. Over \$141,697 was generated for the General Fund from items being sold at auction and from other unclaimed money and property. Auctions are held on a monthly basis. The auctions are held on the first Saturday of the month at the City Impound Lot. Firearms recovered and booked into evidence including handguns, rifles, and shotguns, totaled 980 during the year. The Evidence Property Squad was able to dispose of 475 firearms for 2010.

The Evidence/Property Supervisor conducts a semi-annual inspection to ensure all procedures are being followed, and the Backgrounds Inspections Squad completes unannounced inspections quarterly. Connie Adams, the Evidence/Property Supervisor, tested and achieved CPES (Certified Property and Evidence Specialist) certification during this year.

HOMICIDE UNIT

The Homicide Squad is an assorted group working to solve the most heinous crimes in our society. The Squad also investigates suicides, unknown deaths, natural deaths, terroristic threats, animal bites, sicknesses and some carrying concealed weapons cases. The Squad's dedication and professionalism are integral to bringing justice to victims and their families.



A Homicide Detective completes reports during a long day at Headquarters (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

In 2010, the Homicide Squad investigated 34 homicides, numerous suicides, overdose deaths, terroristic threats, and cases in which victims were seriously injured. In October, a college instructor and community leader went missing and was found murdered a week later. The Homicide Squad's tireless work led to the arrest of two (2) parties who were charged with first degree murder.

Cold Case Squad

The Cold Case Squad investigates homicide cases from years past. One significant case the Squad investigated extensively in 2010 was the double homicide of a young boy and his housekeeper. Another nine (9) cases were also being investigated through review, interviews and additional information still being submitted to OPD. Through the extensive review of a 1978 homicide case, including interviews and use of DNA, detectives were able to trace the suspects to a prison in Illinois and bring them back to Nebraska to be charged with murder.

Felony Assault Squad

The Felony Assault Squad works tirelessly to solve cases involving serious bodily injury when the victim survives. In 2010, the Squad investigated 126 felony assaults. Detectives work closely with all OPD units to ensure that felony assault suspects are charged appropriately for all crimes and kept off the streets of Omaha.

MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

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

Field Investigations Squad

The Field Investigations Squad probes serious misdemeanor and felony crimes that occur between 1500 hours and 0700 hours. Detectives are usually the first investigators on the scene and handle the investigation until the end of the shift, ensuring a complete report is submitted to the assigned investigative unit in the morning.

The Squad worked with the Homicide Unit to stabilize crime scenes, protect witnesses from contamination, and interact with victim and witness family members. Investigators also work with hospital staff to ensure that evidence is not lost when a homicide or serious assault victim is transported to the hospital. Detectives investigated 1,195 incidents, conducted 2,836 interviews, arrested 682 persons, and conducted 29 permissions to search and search warrants.

Fraud Squad

The Fraud Squad investigates crimes involving embezzlement, criminal impersonation, fraud and forgery. The Squad reviewed 2,051 cases, made 212 arrests for financial crimes and interviewed 1,129 people. The Squad also served 58 permissions to search and search warrants. To assist victims with fallout from identity theft and financial fraud, detectives spent numerous hours talking with victims about what they can do to protect themselves in the future.

Major Crimes Squad

The Major Crimes Squad works in joint task forces with the FBI, Secret Service, Douglas County Attorney's Office, City

Prosecutor's Office and U.S. Attorney's Office. The Squad investigates bank robberies, commercial robberies, crime series and high profile or high dollar incidents involving threats, assaults and thefts. The Squad investigated 14 bank robberies and arrested five (5) suspects responsible for seven (7) of those robberies. Major Crimes also investigated 153 commercial/ business robberies.

NORTH INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The North Investigations Unit (NIU) investigates property and person crimes that occur south of Dodge Street. Crimes investigated by NIU include robbery, felony assaults, burglary, auto theft and theft from motor vehicles. NIU works aggressively to solve assigned cases and to arrest offenders, meeting regularly with Crime Analysis, Crime Prevention and UPB command to discuss crime trends, develop crime reducing strategies and share information.

SOUTH INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The South Investigations Unit (SIU) investigates property and person crimes that occur south of Dodge Street. SIU investigates robbery, felony assaults, burglary, auto theft and theft from motor vehicles. SIU works to aggressively solve assigned cases and arrest offenders, meeting regularly with Crime Analysis, Crime Prevention and UPB command to discuss crime trends, develop crime reducing strategies and share information. SIU investigated 2,340 cases and produced 3,705 interviews with victims, witnesses and suspects. This led to 682 arrests for felony and misdemeanor crimes. SIU detectives also conducted 199 search warrants and permissions to search.



C shift officers get ready for another night at roll call (Photo courtesy of Timothy Keen)

SIU investigated a series of burglaries in the SW and SE Precinct borders. The burglaries occurred during the daytime hours while people were at work. The time in which the burglaries started was the same time a notorious known burglar was just released from the Nebraska Corrections Facility in Lincoln, Nebraska. The well known burglar just completed a ten year sentence for doing very similar burglaries in the year 2000 when the suspect was charged

with eleven burglaries. The burglar went to the same neighborhoods and used the same methods of entry to commit the new ones in 2010. With the combined efforts of SIU, Special Operations Squad and Crime Analysis, SIU were able to catch the suspect in the act and able to arrest him for numerous burglaries.

SIU investigated a series of burglaries involving the suspect cutting holes in fences to commercial industrial sites. This series encompassed various areas in the SE and SW Precinct. Suspect would take trailers, ladders, tools, and aluminum scrap during the commission of the burglary. SIU was able to develop a suspect lead while working and talking with other CIB units. An additional lead came through a Field Interview Card completed by a Uniform Patrol Officer. SIU continued to put countless hours into this series and with the assistance of the Pawn Unit and Special Operations Squad were able to identify the suspect. SIU detectives were able to arrest the suspect and charge him with multiple burglaries.

SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

The Special Victims Unit (SVU) includes the Child Victim/Sexual Assault Squad, Domestic Violence Squad and Missing Persons Unit. The Unit provides a dedicated and specialized response to crimes involving child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence and missing persons. A detective is assigned full-time to the Cybercrime Task Force. Special Victims is supervised by a Lieutenant and all command staff. Detectives work and are on call to provide support and assistance to victims at all times.

Child Victim/Sexual Assault Squad

The Child Victim/Sexual Assault Squad (CVSA) is located in 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. CVSA includes three (3) Sergeants, nine (9) detectives, one (1) part-time officer, and two (2) administrative assistants.

CVSA provides 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.

In 2010, CVSA investigated more than 3,000 crimes. These involved child neglect/abuse, child death, child endangerment, sex crimes, missing children/abductions, enticement, child porn/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 in order to provide an objective conclusion to the cases.

MISSING PERSONS UNIT

The Missing Persons Unit handles all investigation involving adults (over 19 years of age) reported missing. 239 adults were reported missing and investigated. One (1) detective was assigned to the unit, and was responsible for follow-up that included interviews of family, friends and co-workers, investigating records (financial, work, computer) of the missing person, searching databases, collection of DNA and scene processing and assisted with missing juveniles when additional assistance was needed.

Domestic Violence Squad

The Domestic Violence Squad (DVS) is housed along with the Douglas County/Omaha Victim Witness Unit and Domestic Violence Coordinating Council. DVS investigates all crimes involving domestic violence and vulnerable adult cases. The Squad includes one (1) Sergeant, six (6) detectives, one (1) part-time officer and one (1) administrative assistant.

DVS works closely with several participating community-based domestic violence agencies to investigate crimes of domestic violence and incidents involving vulnerable adults. There are several benefits with all of these agencies working together. Victims are able to receive confidential enhanced care and services. The agencies are able to work in sync with one another and to provide a systematic set of services so that the victim is able to receive the necessary help and incidents are investigated properly and thoroughly.



The Naples Moose Lodge donated Tommy Moose dolls in honor of slain Officer Larry Minard. Officers give the moose dolls to children who are involved in domestic violence situations.

DVS investigated a total of 621 felonies and 3,795 misdemeanors averaging 61.33 cases per investigator per month. DVS conducted four (4) DV warrant sweeps resulting in 79 arrests. Three (3) sweeps involved a coordinated effort with Douglas County Sheriff and State probation. DVS participated in the annual Clackamas County Sheriff's National Family Violence Warrant Sweep. This is a day-long event where Law Enforcement agencies across the United States attempt to serve outstanding family-violence warrants. DVS consistently continues to educate and spread awareness about domestic violence, dating

violence, stalking, and sexual assault by participating in many community outreach programs and high schools and colleges presentations.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION

The Special Operations Section is commanded by Captain Russell Horine This Section includes the Emergency Response Unit, Gang Unit, and Narcotics Unit.

GANG UNIT

The Gang Unit includes the Gang Intelligence Squad, North Gang Suppression Squad, South Gang Suppression Squad, Fugitive Unit, and the Firearms Unit. There are three (3) Federal Task Forces operating with the Gang Unit, FBI Safe Streets Task Force, ATF Task Force, and the US Marshall's Task Force. The Unit includes one (1) lieutenant, five (5) sergeants, 30 officers, one (1) civilian gang specialist, and two (2) civilian administrative employees.

The Unit is responsible for proactive gang enforcement, short and long term investigations involving gang members selling or possessing illegal narcotics or guns, graffiti complaints, misdemeanor/felony warrants, and firearms violations, including straw purchasing of weapons. The Unit also works with schools and community groups on prevention/intervention, as well as gang education.



Joint OPD and ATF operation ensuring gang enforcement

Firearms Squad

The Firearms Squad completes criminal investigations of prohibited/illegal firearms, prohibited persons possessing firearms, and illegal transfers of firearms. Criminal omissions/commissions investigated include Omaha Municipal Code violations, Nebraska State Statute violations, and U.S. Federal Code violations.

The Squad consists of a Sergeant, four (4) detectives, the PSN coordinator, and two (2) volunteers. In 2010, the Squad was assigned 702 cases that included Drug Activity Reports, Crime Stoppers tips, officer initiated investigations with cooperating individuals, and assisting with UPB and other unit investigations. The Firearms Squad helped complete 737 traces of firearms confiscated by the OPD and 93 federal indictments for various firearms crimes.

Fugitive Squad

OPD has been a member of the U.S. Marshal sponsored Metro Fugitive Task Force (MFTF) since 2003. The MFTF includes 11 investigators from the Omaha, Council Bluffs, LaVista, and Bellevue Police Departments, and the Douglas and Sarpy County Sheriff's Offices. The U.S. Marshal's Service leads the MFTF and provides between two (2) and 10 investigators each day. MFTF officers collaborate to locate and arrest parties with felony or serious misdemeanor warrants in and around the Omaha area. Shared manpower allows for enough officers to complete daily assignments, as well as the ability to complete extradition assignments throughout the country. Officers made 1,088 felony and 1,179 misdemeanor warrant arrests for the year. Since the MFTF's inception in 2003, there have been 7,428 felony warrants cleared. The Fugitive Squad also participates in warrant sweeps conducted by OPD detective squads, as well as special operations sponsored by the U.S. Marshal Service.

Gang Intelligence Squad

The Gang Intelligence Squad (GIS) is responsible for collecting and sharing intelligence about gangs and individual members within OPD and with other law enforcement agencies. The GIS is also responsible for documenting and tracking gang members. Last year the GIS completed and entered 571 gang tracking forms. The GIS also conducts presentations with local community groups, businesses, schools, etc. to educate them about gangs in the Omaha area. The GIS also investigates graffiti crimes in Omaha. The GIS is also responsible for maintaining the gang database, which includes entering and purging members, and reporting statistics quarterly to the City Council in regard to gang related criminal activity. The Squad made over 110 arrests during the last year.

North Gang Suppression Squad

The North Gang Suppression Squad made 88 felony and 415 misdemeanor arrests, and cleared 23 felony and 261 misdemeanor warrants. The Squad contacted 1,445 gang members, served 25 search warrants, recovered 88 illegal firearms and conducted 266 home visits. Officer Ken Fox received the Medal of Valor and Officer of the Year Award for saving a man from a burning building. Officer Ryan Sedlacek received the Officer of the Year Award from the "Sons of the American Revolution." The Squad had three (3) officers receive "Letters of Work Well Done" and two (2) officers were nominated for "Officer of the Month" for outstanding work and dedication to OPD.

South Gang Suppression Squad

The South Gang Suppression Squad includes a Sergeant and six (6) detectives. The Squad provided proactive patrols at numerous community events including: Cinco de Mayo, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival, SeptemberFest and El Grito (Mexican Independence Day). The South Gang

Suppression Squad made 41 felony arrests and 224 misdemeanor arrests, and served 19 felony warrants and 129 misdemeanor warrants. The Squad contacted 555 gang members, completed seven (7) search warrants, recovered 36 illegal firearms, and conducted 156 home visits and 95 "knock and talks."

South Gang Suppression officers, along with SWAT officers, were nominated for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year for responding to a suspect who barricaded and held a 15 day old infant hostage with a 2' sword. The man threatened to kill the baby, himself and officers, but officers were able to safely subdue the man without incident.

NARCOTICS UNIT

The Narcotics Unit investigates citizen complaints and develops long term cases leading to interdiction of major suppliers and drug organizations. Narcotics investigators follow-up on information generated and arrests made by UPB officers, and assist the Traffic Unit, Canine Squad and CIB in forfeiture of seized assets.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT			
	2009	2010	% Change
Felony Arrest – Total	848	751	-11%
Cocaine	62	57	-8%
Crack	214	156	-27%
Ecstasy	20	23	+15%
Marijuana	109	116	+6%
Methamphetamine	318	278	-13%
Heroin	7	8	+14%
LSD	3	0	-100%
Other	115	113	-2%
Seizures*			
Cocaine	5,262	75,106	+1,327%
Crack	692	733	+6%
Ecstasy	168	412	+145%
Marijuana	299,759	152,240	-49%
Methamphetamine	27,054	17,056	-37%
Heroin	4.65	105.00	+2,158%
LSD**	5	0	-100%
Other**	2,707	4,021	+49%

* Measured in Grams

** Measured in Dosage Units

Day shift officers conducted a number of long-term investigations working with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. As a result, several large scale drug trafficking organizations were successfully dismantled. As a result, several large scale drug trafficking organizations were successfully dismantled. One case, involving heroin sales in the Omaha area, led to 11 arrests. Evening shift officers completed several long-term investigations, which led to the seizure of narcotics, numerous illegal firearms and multiple federal indictments. One case resulted in the arrest or

indictment of 27 people, seizure of 13 pounds of meth and five (5) firearms.

The Narcotics Unit is a member of the Metro Drug Task Force. The Task Force is made up of several federal, state and local agencies which include the ATF, FBI and DEA. The 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 numerous firearms were confiscated during the Task Force investigations. The Task Force has dismantled six methamphetamine labs and shut down several large marijuana growing operations.

Criminal Intelligence Squad

The Criminal Intelligence Squad (CIS) monitored suspected terrorist organizations and organized crime figures with ties to the Omaha area. An officer from CIS 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 Omaha Police Intelligence Bulletin and distributed relevant information to other departments.



Members of the OPD and other metro area departments practicing emergency preparedness drills

The Intelligence Squad has 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 of information to several law enforcement and civilian entities in the Metro area. CIS members of the TEWG set up, maintain and monitor the TEWG website (www.otewg.org).

Special Operations/Vice Squad

The Special Operations/Vice Squad (SOVS) assisted provided surveillance and support to both CIB and UPB, 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 provided vice enforcement support to UPB, which included prostitution and lewd conduct operations. Officers provided assistance at several large events around Omaha, including the College World Series. Officers also conducted physical and electronic surveillance, and assisted many OPD units, as well as outside agencies involved in the Omaha Metro Drug Task Force. Officers utilized a variety of surveillance methods and equipment to build solid cases for successful prosecution.

SOVS officers investigated vice crimes, including alcohol/tobacco violations and prostitution. Officers conducted alcohol enforcement operations targeting underage drinking and people who provide alcohol to minors, and completed alcohol/tobacco compliance checks.

GANG UNIT ACTIVITY			
	2009	2010	% Change
Felony			
Homicide	7	18	+157%
Sexual Assault	12	7	-42%
Drive-By Destruction of Property	9	9	+/-0%
Drive-By Felony Assault	56	37	-34%
All Other	84	92	+10%
Robbery (suspects)	32	23	-28%
Burglary (suspects)	37	29	-22%
Intimidation of Witnesses	0	0	N.C.
Felony Drugs	90	89	-1%
Felony Assault (not gun)	27	11	-59%
Felony Firearms	56	94	+68%
Terroristic Threats	21	10	-52%
Total Activity – Felony	431	419	-3%
Misdemeanor			
Misdemeanor Drugs	218	244	+12%
Defacing Property (graffiti)	2,256	1,586	-30%
Carrying Concealed Weapon –Gun	34	41	+21%
Carrying Concealed Weapon - Other	12	2	-83%
Domestic Violence	67	18	-73%
Assault	123	55	-55%
All Other	458	488	+7%
Total Activity – Misdemeanor	3,168	2,434	-23%
Total Activity – Felony & Misdem.	3,599	2,853	-21%
Suspected Gang Members	3,038	3,246	+7%
New Gang Members	26	31	N.C.
Gang Members Deleted	0	0	N.C.
Suspected Number of Gangs	31	80	+158%

SOVS also includes Computer Forensics personnel. A full-time examiner used cutting edge technology to assist OPD's investigative units with identification and recovery of electronic and digital evidence.

POLICE SERVICES BUREAU



The Police Services Bureau (PSB) is commanded by **Deputy Chief M. Elizabeth Davis**. PSB provides technical and administrative support for OPD, and includes the Administrative Information Section and Support Services Section. PSB employs the largest number of non-sworn employees in the Department

AIR SUPPORT UNIT

The Air Support Unit includes two (2) full-time mechanics, five (5) full-time pilots, two (2) part-time pilots, three (3) operational OH-58 helicopters, and two (2) Bell 206 3B Jet Ranger Helicopters. The Unit provides support to OPD, the City of Omaha and its citizens, as well as other local, state and federal government agencies. The Unit's resources, such as night vision capacities using the FLIR/camera, have proven essential in assisting officers on the ground searching for both victims and suspects. Air Support is available between 3:00 pm and 3:00 am, Monday through Saturday, and 5:00 pm to 1:00 am Sunday. The Unit responded to 1,544 radio calls and completed 2,470 assignments in 2010, and accumulated 1,212.6 hours of flying time.



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

AIR SUPPORT SUMMARY

	2009	2010	% Change
Flight hours	1,134.1	1,212.6	+7%
Total Activity	10,423	15,166	+46%
Officer Involved	6,604	11,152	+69%
Radio Calls	1,208	1,544	+28%
Assignments	2,611	2,470	-5%
Total Pursuits*	78	75	-4%
Vehicle	23	28	+22%
Foot	55	47	-15%
Outside Agency Assistance	193	171	-11%
Unit Presentation	29	30	+3%

* May Include Assists to other Agencies

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIT

The Information Technology Unit is responsible for maintenance, support and upgrade of all legacy software applications used by OPD staff. The Unit also develops

software applications in-house, as well as maintaining COTS (commercial off the shelf) applications. The Unit ensures oversight of DOT.Comm, which provides maintenance and support for all OPD desktops, mobile computers and wide-area network maintenance.

During the 2010 year, the IT unit selected a new vendor to provide a new automated field-reporting system, purchased and installed a new Outlook email system (Exchange 2010), purchased high-end servers, which allowed us to replace existing aging servers, upgraded the typing Pool application used to type all detective case follow-up reports and moved to a more centralized administration and security of our network with Microsoft's Active Directory Structure.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION SECTION

The Administrative Information Section (AIS) is commanded by Captain Adam Kyle. The AIS delivers administrative support services to OPD and the community. The AIS includes the Data Center Unit, Records Unit, Fleet/Facilities Unit and Vehicle Impound Unit.

DATA CENTER UNIT

The Data Center Unit 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 Unit enters incident reports and citations into the mainframe system, meeting timely-entry goals for the Prosecutor's Office and OPD Command.

RECORDS UNIT

The Records Unit processes all service requests regarding criminal history check, incident reports, accident reports and records of arrest. The Unit provided information to OPD, outside agencies and the general public, and maintained/monitored the Stellant Records Management System. The Unit uses a high density storage system that allows them to store and monitor records, microfilm and microfiche, and scans and stores Pawn Cards.

FLEET/FACILITIES UNIT

The Fleet/Facilities Unit acquired 40 precinct and Traffic Unit cruisers, four (4) Chevy Tahoe SUV precinct Lieutenants' vehicles, as well as eight (8) vehicles from the Impound Unit for use in OPD's daily operations. The Unit used seized assets to purchase 13 replacement cars for CIB, a Chevy Tahoe for Crime Lab and two (2) vehicles from the U.S. Marshal's Service for the Fugitive Squad.

Fleet/Facilities completed a new 67 stall parking lot and installed an emergency generator at the Northwest Precinct, repaved the front parking lot of the Southeast Precinct and repaired the concrete over Police Central's gas tank. Demolition work on Central's old gun range, including a portion of the men's locker room, was completed. The area will be used for the installation of high-density storage for the Evidence and Property Unit, which will have general property storage and specialized storage for drugs and weapons. In-house demolition of the old jail area, approximately 2,000 square feet, at Central was started. The area will be used as additional space for the Crime Lab, new locker rooms; workout facility and break area.

Overall, the Unit completed 525 work requests – including 120 Public Safety Training Center requests – and submitted 442 work orders to Public Works Facilities Management.



Central's old gun range during demolition work for the installation of a high-density evidence and property storage unit

VEHICLE IMPOUND UNIT

The Vehicle Impound Unit provided many vehicles in 2010 for multi-jurisdictional extrication training exercises, public service announcements, and anti-DWI public education training. The Unit implemented a recycling effort for items retrieved from auction vehicles, and developed a program to meet EPA specifications for ground/runoff inspections.

The Unit transferred eight (8) auction-eligible vehicles to various City departments to assist in satisfying equipment voids. Vehicles included a 1999 Windstar (Impound Unit), 2003 Chevy 2500 pickup (Fleet/Facilities Unit), 2004 Nissan Titan (Air Support Unit), 2004 Alero (Administrative Lieutenant), 2005 Ford F150 pickup (Supply Unit), 2005 Chevy Silverado (Traffic Unit), 2007 Kia Sportage (Senior Command), and 2008 Pace trailer (Traffic Unit).

In all, the Unit accepted 8,809 towed vehicles; auctioned 2,478 vehicles; received \$1,317,811.25 in revenue from vehicle auctions; received \$39,060 for personal property auctions; and made \$2,713,195 in total revenue.

SUPPORT SERVICES SECTION

The Support Services Section is commanded by Captain Michele Bang. The Section includes several functional groups including: Human Resources Unit, Customer Services Unit, Risk Management/Inspections Unit and Police Supply. The Section coordinates support and services for employees and citizens.

CUSTOMER SERVICES UNIT

The Customer Services Unit provides vital services and support functions. These include receiving and processing incoming telephone calls, handling public inquiries and taking walk-in reports. The Unit comprises the Court Liaison Squad, Front Desk Squad, and Information Services Squad.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SUMMARY			
	2009	2010	% Change
Criminal and Noncriminal Incident Reports Processed	93,791	87,500	-7%
Report Copies	16,179	15,359	-5%
Criminal History Requests	5,570	7,256	+30%
Gun Registrations	4,941	3,789	-23%

Court Liaison Squad

The Court Liaison Squad includes one (1) Sergeant and one (1) officer assigned to work with the City Prosecutor's Office to cancel officers not needed for court. These efforts saved the City of Omaha about \$840,000 in 2010. The Squad also investigates cases of wrong party identification, and cleared 120 wrong party arrests.

Front Desk Squad

The Front Desk Squad operates 24 hours a day and includes two (2) Sergeants, seven (7) police officers and ten (10) Information Services technicians who are generally the first points of contact for the public at Central Police headquarters. Personnel handle incoming phone calls, citizen walk-ins, requests from police officers, register handguns, issue taxicab permits, provide fingerprint services, issue police reports and process criminal history requests. The Front Desk completed 3,893 gun registrations; 1,605 fingerprint requests; 6,370 police report requests and 1,115 criminal history requests.

Information Services Squad

The Information Services Squad includes four (4) officers and a civilian clerk. The Squad handles a variety of tasks such as answering phone calls from citizens and police officers, data entry and processing subpoenas for court

HUMAN RESOURCES UNIT

The Human Resources Unit provides support functions that include personnel and payroll-related services. The Unit coordinated all hiring and related personnel actions, and

interpreted labor contract rules, 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.

The Unit also manages payroll and timekeeping functions, forecasting retirement trends and continuing automation of officer functions to enhance efficiency and records retention capabilities. In 2010, the Unit started baseline work to implement a new automated personnel scheduling system. The system will automate and track daily staffing needs and the semi-annual shift bidding process.

POLICE SUPPLY UNIT

The Police Supply Unit provides employees with items needed to operate effectively, including uniforms, office supplies, safety equipment, citations and work-related forms. All packages delivered to and from OPD are sent through the Unit. In addition to ordering needed supplies and equipment, Police Supply tracks all supplies and equipment issued to units and individuals, and keeps a maintenance and repair log for each piece of equipment to assist command in determining if equipment should be repaired or replaced. The Unit also maintains OPD's petty cash fund and processes accounts for payment. Police Supply provides 24-hour service with only three (3) employees.

RISK MANAGEMENT/ INSPECTIONS UNIT

The Risk Management/Inspections Unit combines two functions that previously fell under the Professional Standards Section. The Unit includes one (1) Lieutenant and two (2) Sergeants, and consists of the Risk Management Squad and Inspections Squad.

The Risk Management Squad assesses and quantifies risk and takes measures to control or reduce those risks. The Squad works closely with employees regarding work-related injuries, wellness and worksite safety. The Squad focused on improving psychological services provided to employees with the goal to improve retention and productivity for both sworn and non-sworn employees.

The Inspections Squad ensures the OPD maintains a high level of integrity. Each year the Squad conducts several cash fund/evidence audits, and works closely with the Evidence/Property Squad to destroy unclaimed firearms, as well as drugs that are no longer needed as evidence. The Squad coordinates off-duty worksite approval with local businesses and ensures all personnel and unit inspections are completed in accord with OPD and accreditation standards. The Squad reports all findings and policy issues to the Chief of Police.

HONOR GUARD

The Honor Guard was conceived in 1954. Today, the Honor Guard has an authorized strength of 30 officers serving two-

year terms. Honor Guard training occurs twice a month and is a combined exercise with other metro area honor guards. Training includes drill and ceremony, firing party detail, casket bearing, flag folding and presentation, and Color Guard Training. In 2010, the Honor Guard participated in 33 events that included twelve (12) funerals, two (2) parades, eleven (11) presentations of the Colors, a Law Enforcement Memorial dedication in Grand Island, Memorial Day ceremonies at Memorial Park, Blue Mass at Saint Cecilia's Cathedral, and Police and Fire Appreciation Day.



OPD VOLUNTEERS

OPD would like to extend a special thank you to the many wonderful volunteers who donate thousands of hours each year to enhance OPD services. These individuals sacrifice their personal time to assist OPD employees with their daily duties, which helps maximize resources. OPD volunteers also provide a morale boost due to their faithful service. These selfless individuals show up each day because they truly care.



Ralph Turkel (2nd from right) began his volunteer service with OPD in 1988 in the Telephone Report Squad. He has since helped in other areas including Domestic Violence, Crime Analysis, Homicide and the Gang Unit.

PROMOTIONS / RETIREMENTS

Name	New Position	Retirements
Todd R. Schmaderer	Deputy Chief	James M. Arndt
Michele A. Bang	Captain	Timothy J. Carmody
Gregory M. Gonzalez	Captain	Dawn M. Chizek
Katherine L. Gonzalez	Captain	Joachim J. Dankiw
Scott J. Gray	Captain	Loretta J. Erickson
Kerry L. Neumann	Captain	John J. Francavilla III
Michael W. Davis	Lieutenant	Kathleen M. Gillotte
Kenneth S. Kanger	Lieutenant	Gary W. Lenker
Mark S. Matuza	Lieutenant	Katherine J. Lulow
Patrick J. Rowland	Lieutenant	Melva J. Manzer
Laurie A. Scott	Lieutenant	Susan K. Marshall
Charles J. Casey, Jr.	Sergeant	John P. Meduna
Jeremy F. Christensen	Sergeant	Mary A. Molczyk
Michael T. Kozelichki	Sergeant	Craig J. Molek
Matthew J. Manhart	Sergeant	Charlesteen Myles
Sherie N. Thomas	Sergeant	John J. Neaman
David W. Volenec	Sergeant	Jeffrey M. Neff
Karenina L. Smith	Crime Lab Manager	Michelle K. O'Shaughnessy
William R. Henningsen	Criminalist	John J. Pirruccello
Manuel J. Garcia	Senior Crime Lab Technician	Frank R. Platt
Angela R. Harder	Senior Crime Lab Technician	James V. Quaites
Amanda S. Miller	Senior Crime Lab Technician	Thomas R. Recic
Russell A. Raszler	Senior Crime Lab Technician	Adam W. Rokes
Stephen A. Vaccaro	Senior Crime Lab Technician / Criminalist	Joseph L. Schenkelberg
		John A. Schmitt II
		Teresa M. Thorson
		Richard R. Uryasz

2010 AWARD WINNERS

MEDAL OF VALOR

Officer Kenneth Fox

LIFESAVING MEDAL

- Officer Anthony Desciscio
- Officer Joseph Hall
- Officer Robert Iske
- Officer James Kinsella
- Officer Christopher Leick
- Officer Brandon Ozmun
- Officer Randy Pignotti
- Officer Adam Rokes
- Officer Richard Uryasz
- Officer Scott Zymball

OFFICER OF THE MONTH

- Lieutenant Trevor O'Brien
- Sergeant Harmon Moss
- Sergeant James Pauly
- Sergeant Teresa Thorson
- Sergeant Lance Worley
- Officer Paul Briese
- Officer Kristy Cook
- Officer Christopher Duffek

OFFICER OF THE MONTH (CONT.)

- Officer Sean Fontana
- Officer Kenneth Fox
- Officer Sean Gardner
- Officer Robert Iske
- Officer Christopher Leick
- Officer Brandon Ozmun
- Officer Johnny Palermo
- Officer David Rieck
- Officer Adam Rokes
- Officer Amber Schlote
- Officer Ryan Sedlacek
- Officer Sarah Spizzirri
- Officer David Stewart
- Officer Richard Uryasz
- Officer Scott Zymball
- Officer Sean Burnham

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

- Patrick Lulow – Maintenance Repairer I (P/T)
- Stephen Vaccaro – Criminalist
- Amanda Miller – Crime Lab Technician
- Ofelia Robles – Crime Prevention Specialist

2010 DEATHS

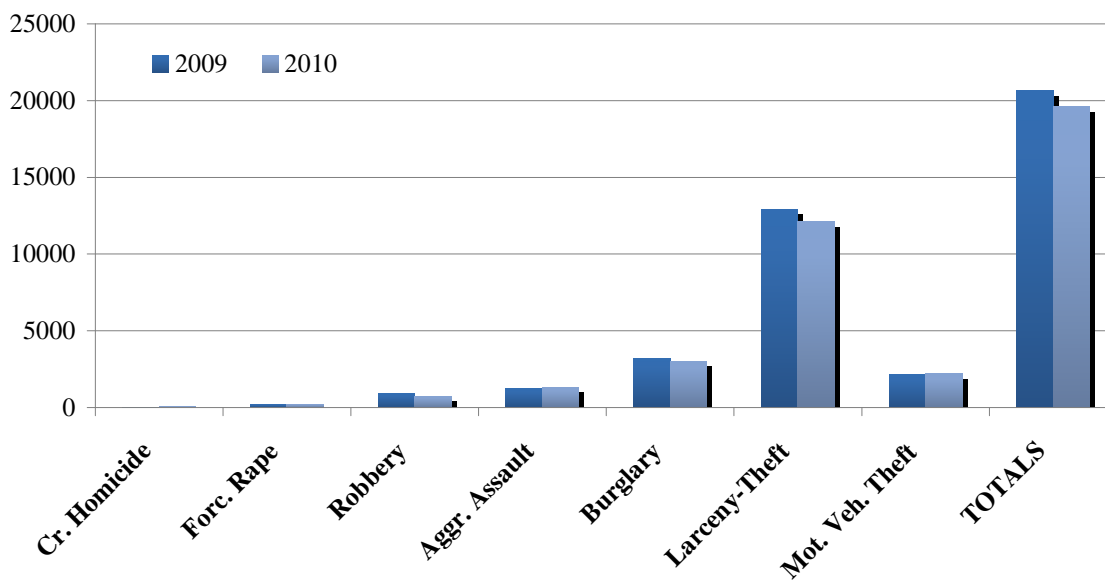
- Willie O. Barnes** – Retired Parking Control Technician
- Richard M. Barrett** – Retired Officer
- Foster W. “Bud” Burchard** – Retired Lieutenant
- Charles J. Circo** – Retired Interim Police Chief
- Michael J. Clark, Sr.** – Retired Officer
- Thomas A. Davies** – Retired Lieutenant
- William R. Friend** – Retired Officer
- Ann T. Mailander** – Retired Police Infor Operator
- Richard L. Moore** – Retired Sergeant
- Robert A. Morford** – Retired Officer
- Charles H. Rader** – Retired Officer
- Nina Robinson** – Retired Clerk-Typist
- Jack C. Seidenglanz** – Retired Officer
- Sam Sgroi** – Retired Officer
- Robert W. Thorson** – Retired Sergeant
- Kirk L. Tynes** – Active Officer
- Roy I. Wilson** – Retired 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

REPORTED CRIME COMPARISON

Part I Offenses	2009	2010	% Change
Criminal Homicide	30	34	+13%
Forcible Rape	192	196	+2%
Robbery	892	723	-19%
Aggravated Assault	1,249	1,312	+5%
Burglary	3,228	3,046	-6%
Larceny-Theft	12,938	12,091	-7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,125	2,197	+3%
TOTALS	20,654	19,599	-5%

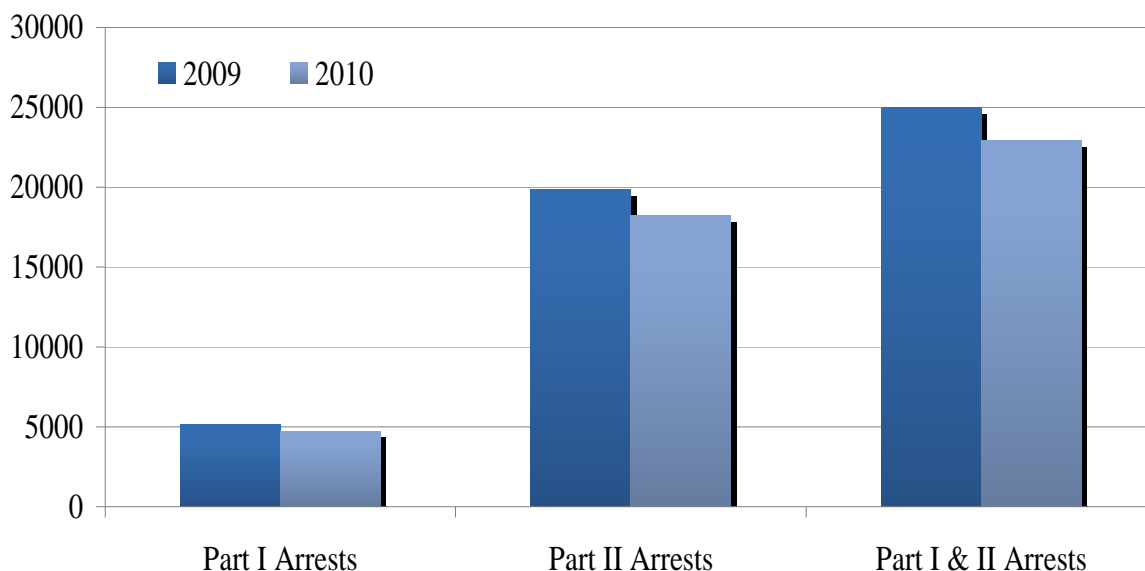


Clearance of Part I Offenses	2009	2010	% Change
Criminal Homicide	50%	32%	-18%
Forcible Rape	47%	42%	-5%
Robbery	28%	34%	+6%
Aggravated Assault	61%	63%	+2%
Burglary	11%	9%	-2%
Larceny-Theft	32%	31%	-1%
Motor Vehicle Theft	19%	17%	-2%
TOTALS	29%	29%	+/-0%

ARREST COMPARISON

Arrests for Part I & II Offenses	2009	2010	% Change
Murder-Manslaughter	21	19	-10%
Death by Negligence	4	7	+75%
Forcible Rape	50	37	-26%
Robbery	247	198	-20%
Aggravated Assault	496	512	+3%
Burglary	269	226	-16%
Larceny-Theft	3,903	3,598	-8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	138	134	-3%
TOTAL PART I ARRESTS	5,128	4,731	-8%
Assault – Misdemeanor	2,097	1,909	-9%
Arson	39	35	-10%
Forgery – Counterfeiting	177	169	-5%
Fraud	383	380	-1%
Embezzlement	68	36	-47%
Stolen Property–Buy/Receive/Possess	333	340	+2%
Vandalism/Destruction of Property	932	790	-15%
Weapons – Carry or Possess	412	432	+5%
Prostitution	149	127	-15%
Sex Offenses (Excluding Rape)	214	256	+20%
Drug Law Violations	2,922	2,780	-5%
Gambling	4	8	+100%
Against Family & Children	404	425	+5%
Driving Under the Influence	3,582	3,594	+/-0%
Liquor Violations	2,401	2,008	-16%
Disorderly Conduct	1,304	1,131	-13%
Loitering, Prowling, Curfew	0	3	N.C.
Others (Except Traffic)	4,460	3,784	-15%
TOTAL PART II ARRESTS	19,881	18,207	-8%
TOTAL PART I & II ARRESTS	25,009	22,938	-8%

*Not Calculable



CALLS FOR SERVICE

911 / TELEPHONE REPORTING

911 Calls for Service	2009	2010	% Change
911 Calls Received	236,670	229,933	-3%
Daily Calls – Average	648	630	-3%
Officer Initiated Traffic Stops	45,368	48,591	+7%
Response Time – Call to Arrival Avg.	8:44	8:43	+/-0%
Priority I	6:28	6:33	+1%
Priority II	11:01	10:54	-1%

Telephone Response Squad	2009	2010	% Change
Report Made	19,773	15,294	-23%
Incidents Reported	21,299	16,732	-21%
No Report Made	7,033	6,900	-2%
Referral to 911	2,701	2,347	-13%
Left Message	14,136	13,269	-6%
Unable to Contact	2,982	3,659	+23%
TOTAL ACTIVITY	67,924	58,201	-14%

MISDEMEANOR WARRANTS

Activity	2009	2010	% Change
Warrants Cleared by Arrest	5,517	5,232	-5%
Persons Arrested	4,474	4,054	-9%
Cancelled by Court	5,105	3,647	-29%
New Warrants Issued	9,255	8,665	-6%