

# Omaha Police Department

## 2011 Annual Report



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

## ***Mission Statement***

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 (1) reduction of crime and fear of crime; (2) maximum efficiency; (3) enhanced customer service; (4) improved public confidence; and (5) personal and professional growth for employees.

## ***Omaha Information***

With a population of 408,958, the City of Omaha anchors an eight-county Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) that includes Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington counties in Nebraska, and Harrison, Mills and Pottawattamie counties in Iowa. The Omaha MSA has a population of 865,350, and more than 1.2 million people live within a 60-minute drive of the City of Omaha.

White .....	73.1%
Black .....	13.7%
American Indian/Alaska Native .....	0.8%
Asian .....	2.4%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander .....	0.1%
Two or more races .....	3.0%
Hispanic or Latino .....	13.1%
White non-Hispanic .....	68.0%

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# Chief's Message



Thank you for your interest in the Omaha Police Department's 2011 Annual Report. In the following pages you will find a review of important information, events and achievements; a listing of employee honors, promotions and retirements; and a memorial to those who passed away. As you will see, the Omaha Police Department (OPD) is a progressive agency composed of more than 900 professional men and women dedicated to serving the citizens of Omaha and fostering a safe and vibrant community. Our effective partnerships with citizens and businesses enable officers and command staff to identify, prioritize and appropriately address community concerns.

In March of 2012, I was honored to be named interim Chief of Police after serving the agency in numerous capacities for more than 23 years. My time with the OPD has provided me the opportunity to witness Omaha's emergence as a nationally-recognized, prosperous and diverse city. Now as Chief of Police it is my mission to provide our dedicated employees with the tools they need to meet the challenges presented by the city's ongoing growth and diversity.

As a department, we must set and attain long term goals while still addressing immediate problems. One daunting task facing the agency in recent years has been the struggle to maintain effective staffing and equipment levels despite limited resources. I am pleased to report that we met this challenge in 2011 with creative solutions that enabled us to maintain services while exploring new efficiencies, and even enhancing service delivery, when possible. To that end, our command officers will continue to solicit input from rank-and-file employees and community stakeholders when making decisions that affect OPD policies and operations.

The Omaha Police Department employs a neighborhood-based, problem solving philosophy, and we believe we are ultimately responsible to our customers: the citizens of Omaha. We remain committed to our community-oriented policing efforts and enriching the many diverse partnerships such efforts naturally create, and we continue to prioritize creative, cooperative solutions to prevent and fight crime in every part of the city. As we move forward, we will remain focused on our duty to provide impartial, ethical and professional law enforcement service and protection.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David L. Baker'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a faint, circular watermark of the Omaha Police Department seal.

David L. Baker  
Chief of Police

# Bureau Descriptions

The Omaha Police Department (OPD) has five major administrative divisions. These divisions include the Office of the Chief of Police and four bureaus including the Executive Officer Bureau, Uniform Patrol Bureau, Criminal Investigations Bureau, and Police Services Bureau.

## Office of the Chief of Police

Interim Chief of Police David L. Baker commands the OPD and receives support from the Chief's Administrative Lieutenant, Internal Affairs Unit, Public Information Office, and Union Liaison. Interim Chief Baker determines agency policy and is a City of Omaha Department Head who reports directly to the Mayor per Sections 3.07 and 3.11 of the Omaha Charter. Interim Chief Baker has been with the agency since 1986 and was named interim Chief of Police in March of 2012.

## Executive Officer Bureau



The Executive Officer Bureau is commanded by Acting Deputy Chief Russell Horine, who serves as the senior staff administrative officer, assisting the Office of the Chief of Police. The

Executive Officer oversees the Professional Standards Section. Acting Deputy Chief Horine has been with the agency since 1991 and has been Acting Deputy Chief since March of 2012.

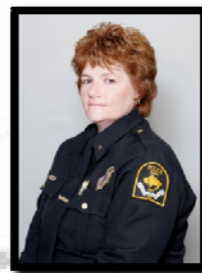
## Uniform Patrol Bureau



The Uniform Patrol Bureau (UPB) – commanded by Deputy Chief Todd Schmaderer – is divided into four precincts: Northeast, Northwest, Southeast,

and Southwest. The UPB provides 24-hour general police services to the public including uniform patrol, response to calls-for-service, general law enforcement, and problem resolution. Deputy Chief Schmaderer has been with the agency since 1996 and has been a Deputy Chief since January of 2010.

## Criminal Investigations Bureau



The Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB) is commanded by Deputy Chief Mary Newman and conducts 24-hour crime investigations. The CIB is comprised of the Criminal Investigations Section and

Special Operations Section. A CIB Administrative Sergeant provides administrative support. Deputy Chief Newman has been with the agency since 1989 and has been a Deputy Chief since January of 2010.

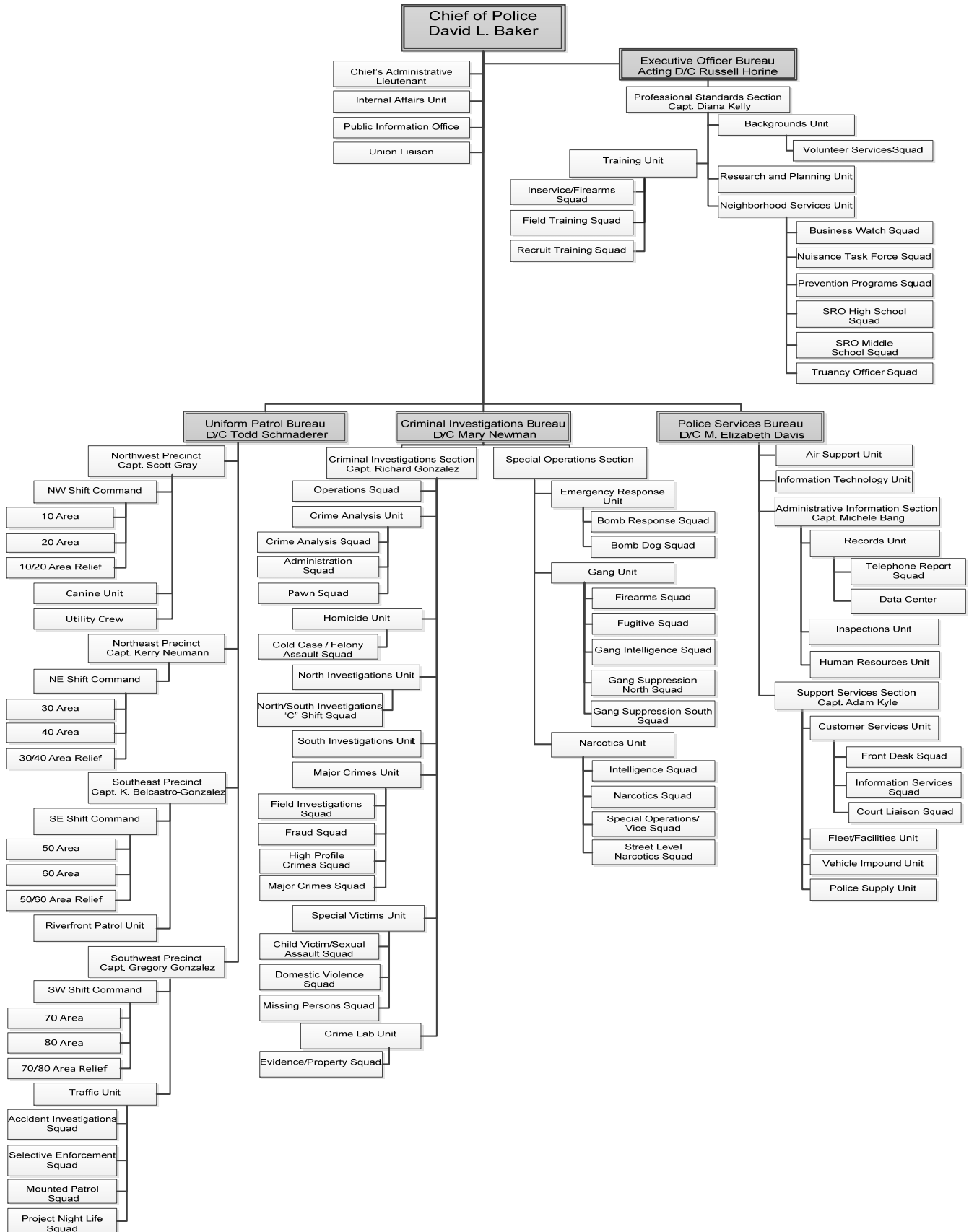
## Police Services Bureau



The Police Services Bureau (PSB) is commanded by Deputy Chief M. Elizabeth Davis. The PSB is comprised of the Air Support Unit, Information Technology Unit, Administrative Information Section, and

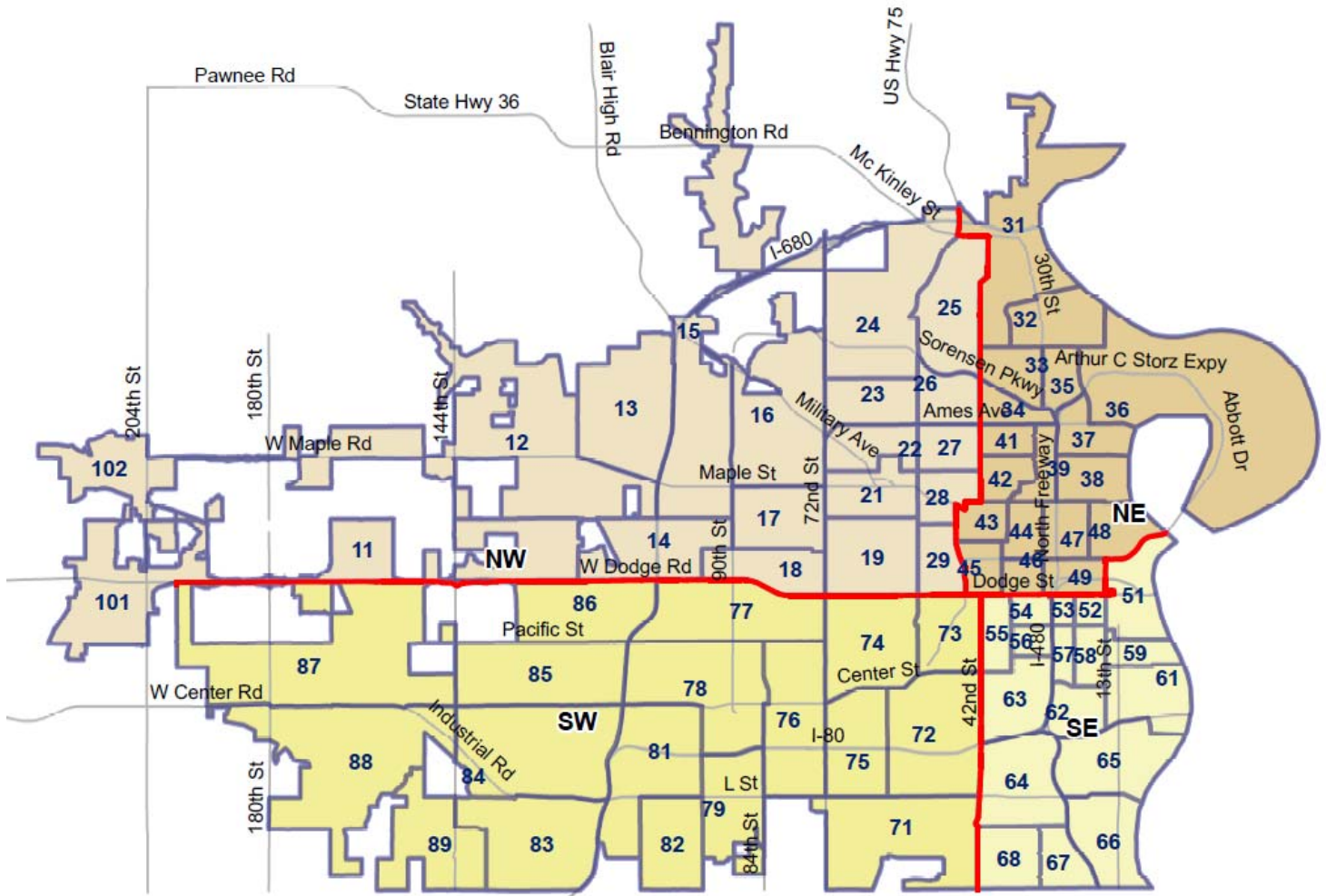
Support Services Section. The PSB Deputy Chief is also responsible for Fiscal Affairs, which monitors agency expenditures and manages the annual strategic budgeting process. Deputy Chief Davis has been with the agency since 1996 and has been a Deputy Chief since May of 2009.

# Organizational Chart



# Jurisdiction Map

The Omaha Police Department divides its jurisdiction into four precincts and 73 patrol districts. Precinct quadrants are generally separated by Dodge Street (east-west) and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street (north-south). The Northeast Precinct includes 18 patrol districts, the Northwest Precinct includes 20 patrol districts, the Southeast Precinct includes 17 patrol districts, and the Southwest Precinct includes 18 patrol districts.



# Year in Review

**January 28<sup>th</sup>** – Prosecutors held a press conference to announce they were filing a **death penalty case** against a Brazilian man for the **2009 disappearance and presumed deaths of a Brazilian family** who had been living in south Omaha. Two other men were later charged as accomplices in the case. Then-Chief of Police Alex Hayes announced that – although the bodies of the husband, wife and young son had not been found – there was compelling evidence that the family had been murdered. A dive team later discovered the young boy’s body in the murky waters of the Missouri River after one of the accomplices led investigators to the spot where the men had dumped the family’s bodies.

**February 16<sup>th</sup>** – The Omaha World-Herald published an article regarding the **success of the Omaha**



**Crime Stoppers program.** The article reported that Crime Stoppers received 214 fewer tips in 2010 than in 2009, but those tips led to more arrests, more cases cleared, more fugitives apprehended and more charges filed. Due to the quality of information received, Omaha Crime Stoppers paid out \$34,750 in 2010, compared with \$23,600 in 2009.

**February 28<sup>th</sup>** – The Training Unit began the first session of a **mandatory 32-hour in-service training program** for all sworn personnel. The four-day training sessions, which lasted through November 3<sup>rd</sup>, covered a variety of subjects to include: gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender awareness; CPR, refugee awareness; legal updates; firearms; defensive tactics; effective communication; and terrorist incident/multiple shooter response. Twenty-four participants were allowed in each session, with a minimum of four command officers and 20 officers.

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Several officers took part in “**Read across America**” to honor Dr. Seuss’s 107<sup>th</sup> birthday. The program focuses on motivating children to read by inviting guests to the school so children and



adults can read together. Participating officers included then-Chief of Police Alex Hayes, Lieutenant Darci Tierney and Captain Gregory Gonzalez. Other participants included Douglas County Treasurer (and former Omaha police officer) John Ewing, Omaha City Councilman Pete Festersen, Omaha Public Schools Superintendent Dr. John Mackiel, former Omaha mayor Hal Daub, members of the Omaha Public Schools Board of Education, and members of the American Association of University Women.

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** – Investigators announced the **arrest of 11 individuals** – including the ringleader – involved in **Omaha’s largest heroine distribution ring.** The main target of the 20-month investigation – which involved Omaha police, Douglas County drug investigators and the Nebraska State Patrol – was a 60-year-old man who was arrested on a warrant following a traffic stop. The man was charged with two counts of possession of heroin with intent to deliver. The ten others were also charged with intent to deliver heroin.

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** – **Two Omaha North High School seniors** – Aaron Kruse and Rachel Curry – **presented the Northeast Precinct with a mural.** The students made the mural to show their appreciation for the Omaha Police Department and its employees. To show the agency’s gratitude for the students’ outstanding work, Northeast Precinct Captain Kerry Neumann organized a dedication luncheon.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** – **Officer Robert Branch** was named the **2010 Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year** during a luncheon at the downtown Embassy Suites. The award stemmed from a case Officer Branch developed throughout 2010 in which a citizen’s neighborhood complaint grew into a meth and firearms case that resulted in 21 federal indictments and state charges for six others. Over eight months, Officer Branch and other members of the Omaha Metro Drug Task Force used a cooperating witness and controlled meth buys to link the local meth distributors to drug traffickers in Arizona, California and the Sinaloa cartel in Mexico. In addition to the arrests, the investigation yielded 13 pounds of meth known as “ice,” 340 grams of

cocaine, the seizure of one house, \$35,000 in cash, a handgun, a sawed-off shotgun, and three rifles.

**April 30<sup>th</sup>** – The Northwest Precinct hosted its 9<sup>th</sup>



**annual Scout Day**, a free event for all Boy/Girl Scouts, as well as prospective Scouts, and their families.

Participants

received free refreshments, toured the Northwest Precinct, and learned about fingerprinting, crime scene investigations, and crime prevention and safety. There were also police and fire rescue vehicles on display, including the police helicopter, bomb robot, SWAT tank, horses, motorcycles, the Nebraska State Patrol's "seatbelt convincer," and a fire smoke trailer. Johnny Justice and McGruff the Crime Dog roamed the grounds, and Scouts were able to enjoy a bounce house provided by the Boy Scouts of America.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** – The Omaha Police Department received



the trophy for winning the **Battle of the Badges blood drive**. Battle of the Badges provides an opportunity for the Omaha police and fire departments to engage in a fun competition for bragging rights, all while helping save lives. This competition ensured the Red Cross was able to

maintain a sufficient blood supply for patients as the summer months approached. It was the third year in a row the Omaha Police Department defeated the Omaha Fire Department.

**Summer 2011** – Throughout the summer months, the City of Omaha faced a **prolonged flooding threat** as the Missouri River rose to an unsecure level, **threatening to damage river levees and cause catastrophic flooding**. A Unified Command was set up to manage and control all aspects of this potential disaster, and Captain Katherine Belcastro-Gonzalez was designated as the OPD's Unified Command representative. Captain Belcastro-

Gonzalez oversaw daily operations associated with security and identifying potential levee breaches, and developed the agency's role in the event that a mass evacuation was needed due to a levee break. Sergeant Erin Dumont was selected as the OPD liaison officer, assisting Captain Belcastro-Gonzalez in working with the Unified Command. While flood damage was substantial, a full-scale levee break was avoided. The OPD played a significant part in preparing and responding to this historic event. The Unified Command was demobilized in late summer.

**July 14<sup>th</sup>** – The OPD joined with the Omaha Fire Department to host the **third annual "Fun in the Park" at the Miller Park Pavilion**. This



event provides a way for kids and their families to positively interact with Omaha public safety professionals. Fun in the Park included free food, games (including a "dunk tank") and bike helmets.

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Omaha police officers joined residents in neighborhoods throughout the city to celebrate the **26<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out**. This event serves as a reminder for neighbors to work together and partner with law enforcement agencies, when needed, to make their neighborhoods friendly and safe. Gatherings featured food, games and conversation, as well as visits from police officers and firefighters, and were meant to lift community spirits, reduce crime and increase safety.

**August 9<sup>th</sup>** – **Fifty-five defendants were charged with federal and state crimes**



including illegal firearm possession and drug trafficking after a seven-month investigation that targeted violent crime in Omaha. The charges came after more than 100 law



enforcement officers – including OPD officers – executed search warrants as part of a newly formed firearms task force between the ATF and OPD. The 55 defendants had a total of 2,637 previous law enforcement contacts including 255 arrests, 52 felony convictions and 151 misdemeanor convictions. The investigation resulted in the seizure of more than 70 firearms and illegal drugs with a street value of \$50,000. Some of the drugs seized included PCP, meth, crack cocaine, and prescription narcotics.

**October 4<sup>th</sup>** – The Training Unit held the first session of its **five-session “Citizens Academy.”** Training subjects included SWAT, terrorism, air support, horse patrol, canine patrol, gang patrol, crime prevention, youth services, crime lab services, homicide investigations, narcotics investigations, vice investigations, use of force and firearms decision making, as well as a question and answer session with then-Chief of Police Alex Hayes. Sessions were also held on October 11<sup>th</sup>, October 18<sup>th</sup>, October 25<sup>th</sup>, and November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** – The agency partnered with the Omaha Fire Department to conduct the **Blue Mass at St. Cecilia’s Cathedral.** The mass, which dates back to 1934, honors St.

Michael the Archangel, patron saint of those employed in the public safety field, and St. Florian, patron saint of firefighters. The Blue Mass also pays tribute to all those who serve in public safety and remembers those who have given their lives in the line of duty. All Omaha metropolitan area police and fire personnel, including family and friends, were invited to attend the mass.

**October 29<sup>th</sup>** – The agency held its **second annual Cops ‘n’ Bobbers event at the Benson Park lagoon.** Cops ‘n’ Bobbers provides police officers a way to build relationships with young



people in an informal community setting. About 140 kids participated in the event, as well as 60 police officers and 100 volunteers (including the Creighton University baseball and softball teams). The event was staged in conjunction with Nebraska Game and Parks. Police officers provided all fishing equipment and the Benson Park lagoon was stocked with rainbow trout.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** – Officers and command staff participated in a dedication ceremony for the agency’s **new K-9 training facility.** The new facility – located just south of the Public Safety Training Center – is called the Gary and Mary West



Regional Canine Training Facility. The 2,300 square foot building provides a place for indoor training, as well as kennel space to comfortably

house a dog while the handler is busy completing paperwork. There is even a dog wash to keep the dogs clean and happy. K-9 teams will also be able to use a large fenced-in area behind the building, as well as the entire police and fire training facility. The new facility was made possible by a donation from the Gary and Mary West Foundation.

**December 4<sup>th</sup>** – The Mounted Patrol Squad held a **Family Fun Festival at the Mounted Patrol Barn.**

Visitors were able to tour the stables and learn how police officers care for the animals, and officers conducted horse demonstrations while guests warmed themselves with hot cocoa



courtesy of ConAgra Foods. Guests were also able to decorate their very own cowboy hats courtesy of Wells Fargo. Among other activities offered at the Mounted Patrol Barn were face painting, crafts and balloon animals, and Wells Fargo stagecoach rides.

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** – At a joint press conference, **community leaders** in Omaha announced they were **collaborating to fight the continuing war on**



**crime** by emulating a model plan that had worked in one troubled north Omaha neighborhood. The plan begins in each neighborhood by identifying a “Champion” – or someone who is willing to take action to rally their community to end the violence. The Champion then organizes meetings with “stakeholders.” Members of the Omaha Police Department, Omaha Public Schools, Omaha City

Council, faith-based leaders, and business owners are all involved in each neighborhood’s crime fighting strategy.

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Northeast Precinct employees took time out of their busy schedules to deliver Christmas gifts to a family as part of the **Salvation Army’s Adopt-a-Family program**. It was a tremendous experience for everyone involved. The mother and her three children welcomed the employees into their home and were very appreciative of the gifts, which were funded by Northeast Precinct employees, as well as by the Chief of Police and Deputy Chiefs.



# Units/Squads

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

### INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT

The Internal Affairs Unit – commanded by Lieutenant Patrick Rowland – investigates all citizen complaints and internal allegations involving Omaha Police Department (OPD) employees. Internal Affairs is staffed by six investigative sergeants, one administrative assistant, and one part-time clerk-typist. Internal Affairs works closely with the Chief of Police to ensure investigations are impartial and complete. The Chief of Police reserves the discretion to order an internal investigation even in the absence of a formalized citizen complaint; however, Internal Affairs encourages citizens to formalize all complaints.

### PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The Public Information Office (PIO) – commanded by Lieutenant Darci Tierney – disseminates information to the news media and manages the [Omaha Crime Stoppers](#) program. The PIO participated in the following activities during 2011:



- Distributed daily emails to media; issued 94 news releases; and responded to daily inquiries from local and national media outlets.
- Conducted on-camera interviews with local media outlets and arranged interviews for officers and supporting units.
- Managed the OPD social media presence. The agency has more than 2,700 [Twitter](#) followers and 8,000 “likes” on [Facebook](#), and the Omaha Crime Stoppers [YouTube](#) channel has more than 29,000 video views.
- Managed 1,400 Crime Stoppers tips that led to 101 arrests, recovery of six weapons, and seizure of \$30,000 worth of property and drugs. Crime Stoppers approved 73 tips and paid out \$21,625 in rewards.
- Partnered with other agencies to create a Joint Information Center (JIC), which debuted during the College World Series at TD Ameritrade Park. The JIC maximized effectiveness in providing up-to-date information about the games and Missouri River flooding, which caused major concerns due to the stadium’s proximity to the river. The JIC used social media to connect with out of town guests by using #CWS and #2011MoRivFlood.
- Coordinated news conferences and hosted promotional and retirement ceremonies.
- Participated in community events such as the Salute to Safety Expo and the Safety, Awareness, Fitness and Education (SAFE) event; and community-based programs such as Precinct Advisory Committees, the Empowerment Network, and Omaha 360.
- Worked with the First Responders Critical Response Foundation to bring community awareness to issues faced by OPD officers.
- Used [Crime Mapping](#) to keep the public informed of what was happening in their neighborhoods.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER BUREAU

### PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SECTION



The Professional Standards Section – commanded by **Captain Diana Kelly** – includes the Backgrounds Unit, Training Unit, Neighborhood Services Unit, and Research and Planning. Professional Standards is also responsible for duties as assigned by the Executive Officer.

### BACKGROUND S UNIT

The Backgrounds Unit – commanded by Lieutenant Cathy Cook – conducts background investigations of applicants for sworn and non-sworn positions and works with the City of Omaha Human Resources Department during all stages of the employment process. The Unit also engages in recruitment activities – attending job fairs and appearing at schools and community events – and manages the Volunteer Services Squad. For half of 2011, four of the five officers assigned to Backgrounds were reassigned to other units due to a cancelled recruit class. This left the Unit with one officer and one lieutenant. Despite the personnel shortage, Backgrounds processed 284 civilian applications. In November, the Unit welcomed back the four officers to process applicants for the 2012 officer recruit class.

### TRAINING UNIT

The Training Unit – commanded by Lieutenant Charles Didonato – provides a basic recruit academy for newly hired officers, maintains continuing education courses for sworn employees, and coordinates training for non-sworn employees. The Training Unit introduces new officers to police work during 21 weeks of initial instruction. A basic curriculum of 459 hours is mandated by the State of Nebraska, and the agency provides an additional 301 hours to meet the needs of a metropolitan police force. New officer instruction includes report writing, firearms, criminal investigations, patrol tactics, defensive tactics, emergency vehicle operations, and radio procedures. The Training Unit operates out of the state-of-the-art



Public Safety Training Center at 11616 Rainwood Road in northwest Omaha.

### NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES UNIT

The Neighborhood Services Unit – commanded by Lieutenant Steve King – assists the public with problem resolution and prevention programs. Neighborhood Services includes the Business Watch Squad, Nuisance Task Force Squad, Prevention Programs Squad, SRO High School and Middle School Squads, and Truancy Officer Squad.

#### *Business Watch Squad*

The Business Watch Squad offers crime prevention tips to the business community and provides businesses with a

means of networking so they can work together to decrease crime. The Squad provides numerous programs including Business Watch, Crime Free Multi-Housing, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, and Closed Property, and issues alerts regarding robbery, burglary, internal and external theft, detecting bad checks, and ban/bar options. Officers also conduct security audits of business properties upon request. In 2011, the Squad made 330 contacts, and conducted 26 full security audits and numerous partial business property audits.

#### ***Nuisance Task Force Squad***

The Nuisance Task Force Squad handles only the most serious nuisance litter complaints reported to the Mayor's Hotline. Officers handled 1,380 Mayor's Hotline complaints, issued 1,633 nuisance notices, and towed 358 vehicles for nuisance violations during the year.

#### ***Prevention Programs Squad***

The Prevention Programs Squad presents to schools and community groups, offers safety patrol training to students, and conducts school safety audits. In 2011, the Squad conducted 100 school safety audits, registered 49 McGruff Houses, and attracted 30-70 Explorer Program members at a time (depending on the phase). The Squad also gave 109 presentations to schools and community groups on topics such as stranger danger, police officer duties, and bike safety.

#### ***School Resource Officer Squads***

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

#### ***Community Resource Center***

The Community Resource Center (CRC) acts as a liaison between the OPD and local neighborhood watch groups, neighborhood associations, community groups, and individuals who want help with crime prevention and problem solving. The CRC develops and promotes a better, safer quality of life by utilizing a variety of crime presentation 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 arranges speakers for community organizations and events. Annual citywide events in 2011 included the Salute to Safety Expo (35,000 attendees), Scout Day (632 attendees), and Kindergarten Traffic Training (300 attendees).



## **RESEARCH AND PLANNING**

Research and Planning (R&P) includes three civilian employees and one part-time retired sergeant. R&P maintains the agency's accredited status with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), drafts department policy, updates and maintains the Standard Operating Procedures, writes grant applications and manages awarded grant funds, revises and maintains official agency forms, produces the OPD annual report, and researches legislation and law enforcement best practices. During 2011, R&P completed 49 General Orders and incorporated corresponding policy changes into the Standard Operating Procedures, prepared 53 Information Orders, completed or assisted in completing 16 grant applications worth nearly \$5.75 million, revised 16 OPD forms, produced the 2010 annual report, and completed various research projects and surveys of other departments. In addition, R&P sent two employees to the fall CALEA Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado in preparation for the agency's fourth reaccreditation assessment in 2013.

## **UNIFORM PATROL BUREAU**

### **NORTHWEST PRECINCT**



The Northwest (NW) Precinct – commanded by **Captain Scott Gray** – is the agency's busiest precinct. The Precinct effectively deploys personnel and resources using information supplied by the Crime Analysis Squad. This strategy included Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) operations, which blend crime incident

data with traffic accident data to effectively focus law enforcement efforts. These proactive patrol techniques reduced opportunities for crime and public fear of crime. The NW Precinct experienced an overall decrease in CompStat crimes, particularly in the areas of robbery and felony assault.

The NW Precinct emphasizes positive relationships with citizens to aid in efficient allocation of police resources, improve communication, and enhance public confidence. The Precinct supports a strong Community Education Training Program (Citizen's Academy), and in 2011 the NW Precinct held two sessions of this popular program, graduating 90 citizens. Employees routinely attend neighborhood meetings to interact with citizens and listen to neighborhood concerns. The NW Precinct Advisory Council (PAC) includes approximately 12 members and meets on the second Tuesday of each month. NW PAC members represent Omaha's most active neighborhood associations. The Precinct also leads the city with 492 active neighborhood watch group.

### **CANINE UNIT**

The Canine Unit assists officers with calls for service, criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, criminal interdictions, narcotics detection, evidence recovery, building searches, patrol routes, radio calls, traffic control, and public appearances. The Canine Unit includes seven officers and one Sergeant.

## NORTHEAST PRECINCT

The Northeast (NE) Precinct – commanded by **Captain Kerry Neumann** – uses innovative community-based policing methods and collaborates with grassroots community outreach organizations, neighborhood associations, the Omaha Public Schools, faith-based organizations, political leaders, and area businesses. Personnel are committed to using suppression patrols and prevention/intervention methods to reduce crime. The NE Precinct Advisory Council is made up of area residents, business partners and community leaders, and works closely with Precinct command to foster positive community relations, and address matters of public safety and communication.



In October, the agency began using the ShotSpotter Gunshot Location System (GLS) in its ongoing battle against violent crime. This technology uses acoustic monitoring devices to detect and pinpoint the location of gunshots. The ShotSpotter GLS increases police response time, improves crime scene investigations, and leads to the arrest of armed persons. Using this technology in conjunction with planned suppression activities, the NE Precinct removed 285 firearms from the streets of Omaha in 2011. In December, personnel were disappointed to see the Weed and Seed program end. Weed and Seed was a five-year strategy



developed by the U.S. Department of Justice to “weed” out violent crime, gang activity and drug use, and “seed” underserved areas of the community with collaborative programs that provided opportunities for residents. Though the program ended, employees will continue the valuable law enforcement and community partnerships developed through participation in the Weed and Seed program.

## SOUTHEAST PRECINCT

The Southeast (SE) Precinct – commanded by **Captain Katherine Belcastro-Gonzalez** – works with other units, departments and neighborhood/business associations to incorporate a broad strategy of prevention and intervention to reduce crime. The Precinct strives to develop relationships solidify relationships. The SE Precinct Advisory Council meets monthly to allow 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.

The SE Precinct emphasizes district awareness, stressing collective care through individual care for districts. Officers get to know citizens and businesses in their assigned districts and work together to identify crime and those responsible for

crimes in the area. Officers routinely meet with area business owners and managers to continue open lines of communication, and work extensively with the Omaha Housing Authority (OHA) to identify problem tenants and trespassers who commit the bulk of crime on OHA properties.

Throughout the year, officers identified crime “hot spots” 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 to eradicate the damage. The SE Crime Prevention Specialist also maintained relationships with 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 (SW) Precinct – commanded by **Captain Gregory Gonzalez** - includes regular beat officers and the Traffic Unit. In addition to regular patrol duties and calls for service, SW Precinct officers patrol area 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 provides 24-hour specialized traffic accident investigation, selective traffic enforcement, special event services, and equestrian patrol services. The Traffic Unit includes the Accident Investigations Squad, Selective Enforcement Squad, Mounted Patrol Squad, and Project Night Life Squad.

#### ***Accident Investigations Squad***

The Accident Investigations Squad includes two sergeants and fifteen officers. The Squad provides investigation and follow-up for all accidents involving serious personal injury, hit and run, City-owned vehicles, or any other investigations requested by command officers. The Squad also coordinates, assists with, and supplements manpower for special events and assignments with other Traffic Unit squads.

#### ***Selective Enforcement Squad***

The Selective Enforcement Squad includes two sergeants and 16 officers. The Squad’s main focus is to provide traffic enforcement with emphasis on the interstate system. The Squad



also receives monthly City Council traffic hot spot reports, 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.

### ***Mounted Patrol Squad***

The Mounted Patrol Squad currently includes one sergeant, six officers, and a stablehand. 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 on horseback, including traffic and crowd control, traffic stops, citations and arrests. Mounted Patrol officers are a wonderful public relations tool for the agency, and are often observed in the Old Market area



talking with citizens who are interested in learning more about police and horse patrol duties.

### ***Project Night Life Squad***

The Project Night Life (PNL) Squad includes one sergeant and two

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.

### ***Crime Analysis Squad***

The Crime Analysis Squad is comprised of two sergeants and a non-sworn staff that includes a supervisor, five analysts and a volunteer. The Squad's two general areas of responsibility include (1) administrative, data quality, and CompStat support; and (2) tactical/operational support. Administrative and data quality responsibilities involve gathering, compiling and applying Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) rules for crime reporting to the Nebraska Crime Commission and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). CompStat support includes developing weekly CompStat statistics, publishing the metrics internally, and assisting with weekly CompStat meetings. In addition to standard reports, Crime Analysts prepare special reports for outside entities at the request of the Chief of Police.

Tactical analysis begins with a review of all crime reports related to robbery (excluding bank robbery), burglary, theft from motor vehicle, auto theft, forgery, fraud, and miscellaneous assault. Analysts then determine if solvability factors are present, and information is quickly communicated to appropriate investigative units, the Uniform Patrol Bureau, and Tactical Crime Analysts. Crime Analysis then assists investigators by identifying reports that document specific methods of operation, stolen property, or names.

Crime Analysts contributed significantly to several investigations during the year, including a large burglary series that concluded with two arrests and dozens of cleared burglaries. In addition, Analysts played a crucial role in analyzing auto thefts, and worked with detectives to understand why auto thefts were on the rise, where auto thefts were occurring, who was responsible, and how to resolve the issue. This assistance led to numerous arrests and convictions, as well as a decline in auto theft numbers in the latter part of the year. Analysts also worked on several robbery series and a nationwide theft series in which suspects stole personal items with the intent to commit identity theft.

Crime Analyst Harold (Ben) Brick represented the agency at the International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA) Annual Conference in Cape Cod (MA). Mr. Brick presented his findings and expertise on the implementation of Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS). The agency adopted the DDACTS model in 2010 to address crime and traffic safety issues. Mr. Brick was also nominated for recognition by the Metro Chief's Association.

### ***Pawn Squad***

The Pawn Squad includes one sergeant, two officers and four clerk-typists, and is assisted by one volunteer. The Squad supports the Criminal Investigations Bureau, investigating cases of missing and stolen property identified in pawn shops, salvage yards, and secondhand stores. The Squad also works as a liaison between outside jurisdictions and metro area pawn shops and salvage yards. Pawn Squad officers communicate with pawn shops, secondhand stores and salvage yards on a daily basis, providing them with information regarding suspects or possible stolen items. Officers also check every person who pledges, sells or trades a firearm for any local prior felony conviction(s). The Pawn Squad is the only pawn/salvage squad in the metro area.

## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU**

### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION**



The Criminal Investigations Section (CIS) – commanded by Captain **Richard Gonzalez** – is comprised of the Operations Squad, Crime Analysis Unit, Homicide Unit, North Investigations Unit, South Investigations Unit, Major Crimes Unit, Special Victims Unit, and Crime Lab Unit.

### **CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT**

The Crime Analysis Unit – commanded by Lieutenant Ken Kanger – provides crime data and trends to agency decision makers and provides crime data for weekly CompStat meetings. The Crime Analysis Unit also investigates pawn-related crimes, as well as high-profile crime trends. The Unit consists of the Crime Analysis Squad, Administration Squad, and Pawn Squad.

In 2011, the Pawn Squad entered 182,971 pawn/secondhand store cards; 37,546 salvage cards; and 69,390 field observation cards. The Squad also recovered more than \$311,000 worth of items from pawn shops. Other accomplishments included:

- Sergeant Tina Jennum assisted in submitting a proposal for Legislative Bill 1049, a bill that bans the sale of manhole covers and sewer grates by anyone other than government employees. Sewer grate and manhole cover thefts was an increasing problem that led to the passage of this legislation.
- Detective Terri Wasmund located evidence that assisted in solving a September homicide. Wasmund found a stolen Playstation 3 that belonged to the victim and was pawned shortly after the murder. This new information led to an arrest in the homicide case.
- Detective Bill Fell received the 2011 Outstanding Law Enforcement Award from the Omaha Chapter of ASIS International for a burglary investigation and arrest. The burglar stole \$5,000 worth of copper and caused approximately \$350,000 in damage to the business.

### **HOMICIDE UNIT**

The Homicide Unit – commanded by Lieutenant Stephanie Fidone – investigates criminal homicides and felony assaults, and maintains a cold-case file of unsolved homicides that require additional information. In addition, the Unit investigates unknown deaths, natural deaths, suspected suicides and deaths from sickness. The Unit includes one lieutenant, five sergeants, 17 officers and one secretary. In 2011, the Unit investigated 39 homicides; followed-up on several homicide cases from the previous year; assisted with 12 officer-involved shooting and/or in-custody death investigations; and reviewed numerous suicide and unknown death, overdose death, and serious injury cases.

### ***Cold Case / Felony Assault Squad***

The Cold Case/Felony Assault Squad investigates unsolved cold case homicides, as well as current assaults that result in serious bodily injury. Cold case detectives review unsolved cases, looking for evidence to test or leads to follow. One significant victory for cold case detectives in 2011 was a conviction in a 1978 homicide. In that case, detectives analyzed an old fingerprint and DNA to identify a suspect. The suspect was brought from prison to stand trial in Omaha for the 33-year-old murder. He was found guilty and remains in prison. Felony assault detectives investigated more than 180 serious-injury assaults. Investigators worked closely with other Criminal Investigations Bureau units, the Douglas County Attorney's Office, and Uniform Patrol Bureau to ensure suspects were apprehended and charged appropriately for all crimes committed.

### **NORTH INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**

The North Investigations Unit (NIU) – commanded by Lieutenant KaraLin Starlin – investigates robberies, burglaries, auto thefts and assaults committed north of Dodge Street, in both the eastern and western sectors of Omaha. The NIU includes one lieutenant, three sergeants, 12 officers, and one secretary. NIU detectives work aggressively to solve assigned cases and to arrest offenders, meeting regularly with Crime Analysis and Crime Prevention employees, as well as Uniform Patrol Bureau command officers to discuss crime

trends, develop crime-reduction strategies, and share information. Throughout the year, NIU detectives investigated more than 3,500 cases; conducted nearly 5,000 victim, witness and suspect interviews; executed nearly 100 search warrants; and made 478 arrests. These investigations and arrests led to the discovery of countless stolen items, and detectives worked hard to match recovered stolen property with the appropriate victims. Property was then returned to victims when it was no longer needed as evidence.

### **SOUTH INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**

The South Investigations Unit (SIU) – commanded by Lieutenant Vivian Buckley – investigates robberies, burglaries, auto thefts and assaults committed south of Dodge Street, in both the eastern and western sectors of Omaha. The SIU includes one lieutenant, two sergeants, seven officers, and one secretary.

### **MAJOR CRIMES UNIT**

The Major Crimes Unit – commanded by Lieutenant Thomas Shaffer – includes the Field Investigations Squad, Fraud Squad, High Profile Crimes Squad, and Major Crimes Squad.

### ***Field Investigations Squad***

The Field Investigations Squad includes two sergeants and 12 officers working to probe serious misdemeanor and felony crimes that occur between 1500 hours and 0700 hours. Field Investigations Squad detectives are usually the first investigators on the scene and handle the investigation until it is assigned to the appropriate unit. The Squad works with the Homicide Unit to stabilize crime scenes, protect witnesses from contamination, and interact with victim and witness family members. Detectives also work with hospital staff to ensure evidence is not lost when a homicide or serious assault victim is transported to the hospital. During the year detectives investigated 1,339 incidents; interviewed 2,835 persons; arrested 917 suspects; and executed 29 permissions-to-search and search warrants.

### ***Fraud Squad***

The Fraud Squad includes one sergeant, five officers and one part-time officer, and investigates crimes involving embezzlement, criminal impersonation, fraud and forgery. The Squad reviewed 1,895 cases, interviewed 1,440 people, and arrested 226 financial crimes suspects during the year. To assist victims with the fallout from identity theft, detectives spent numerous hours talking with the victims about what they can do to protect themselves in the future.

### ***High Profile Crimes Squad***

The High Profile Crimes Squad includes one sergeant and four officers whose role is to investigate known habitual property offenders. The Squad works with other Criminal Investigations Bureau squads to focus on habitual offenders, build strong criminal cases against them, and present those cases to the Douglas County Attorney's Office. Members of the Squad also regularly pass information to other law enforcement agencies in the metro area. In 2011, the Squad assisted with a crime series dubbed the "Dinner and Drink" series, which involved dozens of commercial burglaries that began in 2010. The burglars' method of operation was to break out the front window of a business using a rock or landscaping stone then burglarize the business. On January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, astute Uniform Patrol Bureau officers

responding to a “burglary in progress” call arrested a potential suspect. High Profile Crimes Squad detectives interviewed the suspect and followed up on information that led to another arrest which cleared 30 burglaries.

### ***Major Crimes Squad***

The Major Crimes Squad works alongside the Federal Bureau of Investigations, United States Secret Service, Douglas County Attorney’s Office, City Prosecutor’s Office, and United States Attorney’s Office. The Squad investigates bank robberies, commercial robberies, crime series, and high profile and/or high dollar incidents involving threats, assaults and thefts. In 2011, the Squad investigated 10 bank robberies and arrested seven suspects responsible for nine of those bank robberies. Major Crimes also investigated 123 business/commercial robberies. The Squad includes one sergeant and five officers.

### **SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT**

The Special Victims Unit (SVU) – commanded by Lieutenant Trevor O’Brien – includes the Child Victim/Sexual Assault Squad, Domestic Violence Squad, and Missing Persons Squad.

### ***Child Victim/Sexual Assault Squad***

The Child Victim/Sexual Assault Squad (CVSA) Squad is located at an off-site location called [Project Harmony](#) – a nonprofit agency that includes law enforcement, Child Protective Services, medical professionals, and child advocates. Project Harmony is located at 11949 Q Street (southeast corner of 120<sup>th</sup> and Q Streets). The CVSA Squad is staffed by three sergeants, nine detectives, one part-time officer, and two administrative assistants. The Squad provides dedicated and specialized response during investigations involving child abuse and neglect, child abductions, sexual offenses, computer crimes, and missing children.

The CVSA Squad investigated more than 3,500 crimes and 1,881 cases of missing/runaway juveniles during the year. Crimes included neglect/abuse, death, endangerment, sex crimes, abductions, enticement, child porn/internet enticement, obscene phone calls, and sickness or injury. Detectives conducted thorough investigations utilizing collaborative resources, physical evidence, photographs, phone and computer records, and DNA to achieve successful investigative outcomes. One detective is assigned to the Omaha Cyber Crime Task Force (OCCTF) – an inter-agency law enforcement group focusing on investigating computer and internet crimes. The OCCTF brings together municipal, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies – using some of the most powerful computer and software technology available – to solve cyber crimes made possible by today’s electronic technology. The OCCTF investigated more than 100 misdemeanor and felony computer crimes involving sex and pornography.

### ***Domestic Violence Squad***

The Domestic Violence (DV) Squad works from an off-site location along with the Douglas County/Omaha Victim Witness Unit. Other agencies working in the building collaborate to provide the best possible services for domestic violence victims. The DV Squad investigates all crimes involving domestic violence and vulnerable adult cases. The

DV Squad includes one sergeant, six detectives, one part-time officer, and one administrative assistant.

The DV Squad works closely with several participating community-based domestic violence and vulnerable adult agencies including the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Women’s Center for Advancement, Douglas County Probation, Douglas County Attorney, Catholic Charities, Heartland Family Service, Adult Protective Services, Health and Human Services, and Eastern Office on Aging. Due to this collaboration, victims are able to receive confidential enhanced care and services while crimes are investigated properly and thoroughly. In 2011, the Squad investigated 579 felony and 3,344 misdemeanor crimes per month, averaging 54 cases per investigator per month; conducted four domestic violence warrant sweeps that resulted in 88 arrests and 23 protection orders served; and participated in the annual Clackamas County (WA) Sheriff’s National Family Violence Warrant Sweep, a day-long event where law enforcement agencies across the United States attempt to serve outstanding family-violence warrants.

### ***Missing Persons Squad***

The Missing Persons Squad includes one detective who handles all investigations involving missing adults. This detective is responsible for follow-up investigations when adults are reported missing. These investigations include interviews with family, friends and co-workers; researching financial, work and computer records of the missing person; collection of DNA; and scene processing. In 2011, the Squad conducted 298 adult missing person investigations.

### **CRIME LAB UNIT**



The Crime Lab Unit – supervised by Karenina Smith – provides evidence collection and preservation support, and includes the Evidence/Property Squad. The Unit includes one manager, three criminalists, seven senior crime lab technicians, 13 crime lab technicians, and one part-time employee. The Evidence/Property Squad includes one office supervisor, three storekeepers, one clerk typist, and two part-time evidence coordinators.

### **SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION**

The Special Operations Section (SOS) is comprised of the Emergency Response Unit, Gang Unit, and Narcotics Unit. The SOS provides 24-hour services to police field operations.

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT**

The Emergency Response Unit (ERU) – commanded by Lieutenant Mark Desler – provides services requiring special equipment, weapons, tactics and training. The ERU is deployed during hostage/barricaded situations, high-risk warrant services, and dignitary protection. The ERU includes the Bomb





Response Squad and the Bomb Dog Squad.

### **GANG UNIT**

The Gang Unit – commanded by Lieutenant Shayna Ray – is comprised of the Firearms Squad, Fugitive Squad, Gang Intelligence Squad, Gang Suppression North Squad, and Gang Suppression South Squad.

### **NARCOTICS UNIT**

The Narcotics Unit – commanded by Lieutenant James Sklenar – conducts specialized criminal investigations. The Unit is comprised of the Intelligence Squad, Narcotics Squad, Special Operations/Vice Squad and Street Level Narcotics Squad.

## **POLICE SERVICES BUREAU**

### **AIR SUPPORT UNIT**



The Air Support Unit – commanded by Lieutenant Mike Davis – provides aerial surveillance support. The use of aircraft provides enhanced officer safety, hastened response times, and a powerful level of observation that is augmented by thermal-imaging capabilities.

The Air Support Unit reports directly to the Police Services Bureau Deputy Chief.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIT**

The Information Technology (IT) Unit ensures proper maintenance and development of information technology systems. These include the Law Records Management System (LRMS), Mobile Data Computers, IT infrastructure, and all web-based applications. The Unit also acts as the agency's liaison with all outside technology vendors and Douglas County 911. The IT Unit reports to the Police Services Bureau Deputy Chief.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION SECTION**



The Administrative Information Section (AIS) – commanded by **Captain Michele Bang** – provides specialized support services and includes the Records Unit, Inspections Unit, and Human Resources Unit.

### **RECORDS UNIT**

The Records Unit – supervised by Administrative Information Manager David Robertson – maintains the agency's Central Records System, which includes scanning, filing and disseminating reports and criminal history information.

### **INSPECTIONS UNIT**

The Inspections Unit – commanded by Lieutenant Colene Hinchey – conducts announced and unannounced inspections of employees; inspects agency work sites, equipment and working conditions; and performs quarterly audits of Front

Desk Squad cash accounts, Narcotics Unit cash accounts, informant funds, the Evidence/Property Squad, and Police Supply Unit cash funds. In addition, the Unit's lieutenant sits on the Seized Assets Review and Uniform Review Committees. The Inspections Unit reports to the Administrative Information Section Captain.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES UNIT**

The Human Resources Unit – supervised by Office Manager Shelley Lesac – provides a variety of service and support functions. These include coordinating hiring and personnel actions, applying rules of labor contracts and the Omaha Municipal Code in areas relevant to Human Resources, and managing payroll/timekeeping functions.

### **SUPPORT SERVICES SECTION**



The Support Services Section – commanded by **Captain Adam Kyle** – provides informational and specific support services. The Section includes the Customer Services Unit, Fleet/Facilities Unit, Vehicle Impound Unit, and Police Supply Unit.

### **CUSTOMER SERVICES UNIT**

The Customer Services Unit – commanded by Lieutenant Staci Witkowski – provides a variety of services and support functions such as receiving and processing incoming telephone calls, handling inquiries from the public, and taking walk-in reports. The Unit includes the Front Desk Squad, Information Services Squad, and Court Liaison Squad.

### **FLEET/FACILITIES UNIT**

The Fleet/Facilities Unit – managed by Fleet/Facilities Coordinator Constant Percosky – maintains the agency's vehicle fleet and structural resources. Keeping these resources in good working condition is vital to the effectiveness of agency employees and the safety of Omaha citizens.

### **VEHICLE IMPOUND UNIT**

The Vehicle Impound Unit – supervised by Impound Lot Manager Barbara Oetter – arranges towing and disposal of abandoned and wrecked vehicles. After the proper holding period, unclaimed vehicles are auctioned to private parties, and the money is added to the City of Omaha's general fund. The Vehicle Impound Unit also administers the contract with Omaha's accident and violations vehicle towing vendor.

### **POLICE SUPPLY UNIT**

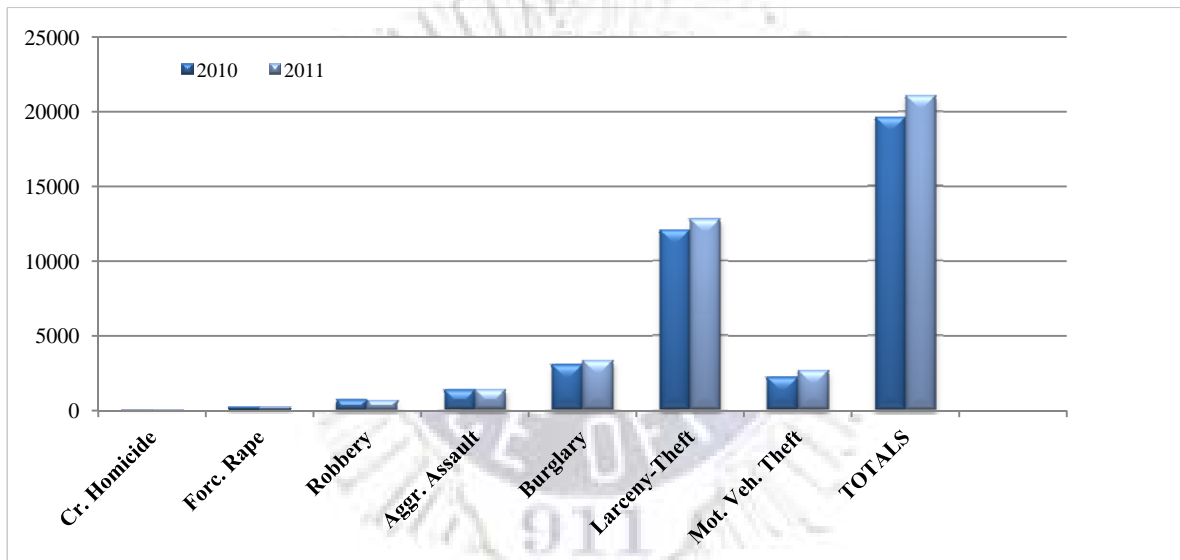
The Police Supply Unit operates with three employees who provide police personnel with the items needed to work effectively. Items include uniforms, office supplies, safety equipment, citations, and work-related forms. In addition to ordering necessary supplies and equipment, the Unit tracks items issued to units and individuals, and keeps a maintenance and repair log for each piece of equipment to assist command officers in determining if equipment should be repaired or replaced. Police Supply also maintains the agency's petty cash fund and processes accounts for payment.

## REPORTED CRIME COMPARISON

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) is a system developed and maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to standardize and facilitate the uniform collection and analysis of crime data in the United States. The UCR program provides a nationwide view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Due to seriousness and frequency of occurrence, seven (7) Part I Offenses were chosen to comprise a Crime Index and serve as an indicator of our nation's crime experience.

### Number of Part I Offenses

Offense	2010	2011	Percent Change
<b>Criminal Homicide</b>	34	43	+26%
<b>Forcible Rape</b>	196	220	+12%
<b>Robbery</b>	723	696	-4%
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	1,312	1,350	+3%
<b>Burglary</b>	3,046	3,321	+9%
<b>Larceny-Theft</b>	12,091	12,793	+6%
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	2,197	2,650	+21%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,599</b>	<b>21,073</b>	<b>+8%</b>

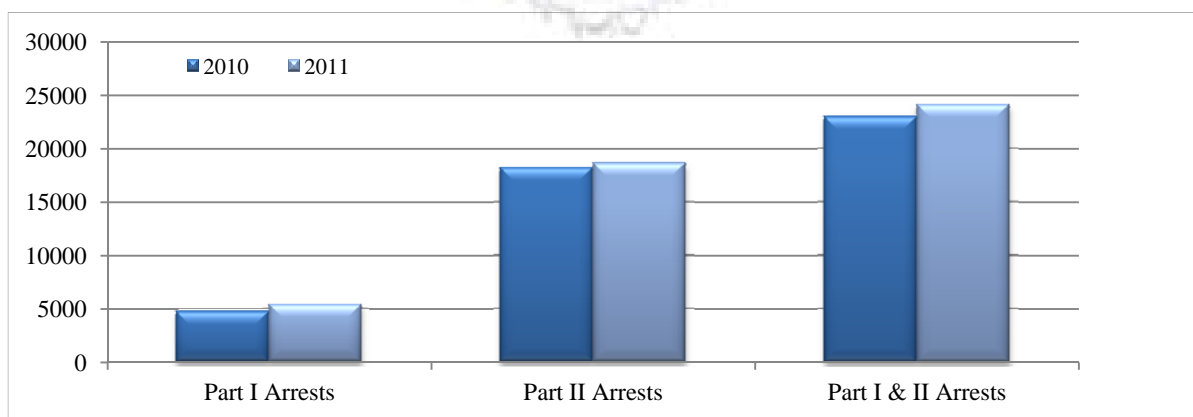


### Part I Offenses Cleared

Offense	2010	2011
<b>Criminal Homicide</b>	11	23
<b>Forcible Rape</b>	83	123
<b>Robbery</b>	244	250
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	822	784
<b>Burglary</b>	284	390
<b>Larceny-Theft</b>	3,776	4,270
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	369	397
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,589</b>	<b>6,237</b>

## ARREST COMPARISON

Part I Offenses	2010	2011	Percent Change
Murder-Manslaughter	19	34	+79%
Death by Negligence	7	2	-71%
Forcible Rape	37	66	+78%
Robbery	198	203	+3%
Aggravated Assault	512	541	+6%
Burglary	226	280	+24%
Larceny-Theft	3,598	4,164	+16%
Motor Vehicle Theft	134	138	+3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,731</b>	<b>5,428</b>	<b>+15%</b>
Part II Offenses			
Assault, Misdemeanor	1,909	1,869	-2%
Arson	35	34	-3%
Forgery, Counterfeiting	169	145	-14%
Fraud	380	375	-1%
Embezzlement	36	35	-3%
Stolen Property	340	357	+5%
Vandalism/DOP	790	810	+3%
Weapons, Carry/Possess	432	377	-13%
Prostitution	127	119	-6%
Sex Offenses (Excl. Rape)	256	211	-18%
Drug Law Violations	2,780	3,024	+9%
Gambling	8	3	-63%
Against Family/Children	425	387	-9%
Driving Under Influence	3,594	3,744	+4%
Liquor Violations	2,008	2,038	+1%
Disorderly Conduct	1,131	1,166	+3%
Loitering/Prowling/Curfew	3	3	0%
Other (except traffic)	3,784	3,953	+4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,207</b>	<b>18,650</b>	<b>+2%</b>



## DAILY ACTIVITIES

### 911 Calls for Service

	2010	2011	Percent Change
911 Calls Received	229,933	218,446	-5%
Average Daily Calls	630	598	-5%
Office-Initiated Traffic Stops	48,591	49,614	+2%
Response Time (call to arrival)	08:43	08:31	-2%
Priority I Calls	06:33	06:15	-5%
Priority II Calls	10:54	10:48	-1%

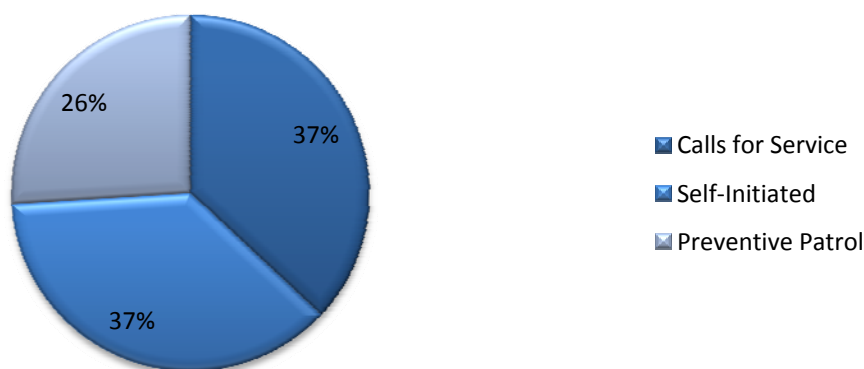
### Telephone Report Squad

	2010	2011	Percent Change
Report Made	15,294	16,973	+11%
Incidents Reported	16,732	18,434	+10%
No Report Made	6,900	6,679	-3%
Referral to 911	2,347	2,651	+13%
Left Message	13,269	14,310	+8%
Unable to Contact	3,659	2,772	-24%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58,201</b>	<b>61,819</b>	<b>+6%</b>

### Administrative Services

	2010	2011	Percent Change
Incident Reports Processed	87,500	89,026	+2%
Report Copies	15,359	13,319	-13%
Criminal History Requests	7,256	7,666	+6%
Gun Registrations	3,789	2,938	-22%

### Uniformed Officers' Workday - 2011



\*Average minutes per officer per day

## SPECIALIZED ACTIVITIES

### Air Support

	2010	2011	Percent Change
<b>Flight Hours</b>	1,293.7	1,116.3	-14%
<b>Total Activity</b>	15,373	10,391	-32%
Officer Involved	11,312	6,505	-42%
Radio Calls	1,577	1,481	-6%
Assignments	2,484	2,405	-3%
<b>Total Pursuits</b>	77	90	+17%
Vehicle	28	32	+14%
Foot	49	58	+18%
<b>Outside Agency Assistance</b>	177	160	-10%
<b>Unit Presentation</b>	29	52	+79%

### Canine Unit

	2010	2011	Percent Change
<b>Calls for Service</b>	1,876	1,271	-32%
<b>Arrests</b>	154	200	+30%
<b>Total Searches</b>	189	167	-12%
Area	78	65	-17%
Building	101	90	-11%
Evidence	10	12	+20%

### Community Resource Center

	2010	2011	Percent Change
<b>Community Presentations</b>	322	305	+5%
<b>Nuisance Complaints</b>	1,265	1,380	+9%
Nuisance Notices Issued	824	1,633	+98%
Vehicle Tows	250	358	+43%
Complied Vehicle Checks	936	1,860	+99%
<b>Neighborhood Watch Groups</b>	929	912	-2%
<b>Business Watch Contacts</b>	311	330	+6%
<b>Precinct Community Meetings</b>	491	464	-5%
Northwest Precinct	139	105	-24%
Northeast Precinct	25	51	+104%
Southeast Precinct	280	249	-11%
Southwest Precinct	47	59	+26%

### School Resource Officer Activity

	2010	2011	Percent Change
<b>Incident Reports</b>	2,741	2,531	-8%
<b>Arrests – Felony</b>	35	41	+17%
<b>Arrests – Misdemeanor</b>	709	673	-5%
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	33	20	-39%
<b>Assists to Patrol/Detectives</b>	556	569	+2%

## SPECIALIZED ACTIVITIES (continued)

### Drug Enforcement

Arrests	2010	2011	Percent Change
Cocaine	57	70	+23%
Crack	156	168	+8%
Ecstasy	23	20	-13%
Marijuana	116	142	+22%
Methamphetamine	278	285	+3%
Heroin	8	11	+38%
LSD	0	1	n.c.
Other	113	172	+52%
<b>TOTAL ARRESTS</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>+16%</b>
Seizures			
Cocaine*	75,106	18,572	-75%
Crack*	732	1,449	+98%
Ecstasy*	412	1,832	+345%
Marijuana*	152,240	349,408	+130%
Methamphetamine*	17,055	38,931	+128%
Heroin*	104	133	+28%
LSD**	0	5	n.c.
Other**	4,021	12,040	+199%

\*Weight = Grams

\*\*Weight = Dosage Units

### Mounted Patrol

	2010	2011	Percent Change
Arrests	671	173	-74%
Traffic Stops	1,223	516	-58%
Citations	3,950	2,944	-25%
Assignments	8,528	8,935	+5%

### Internal Affairs

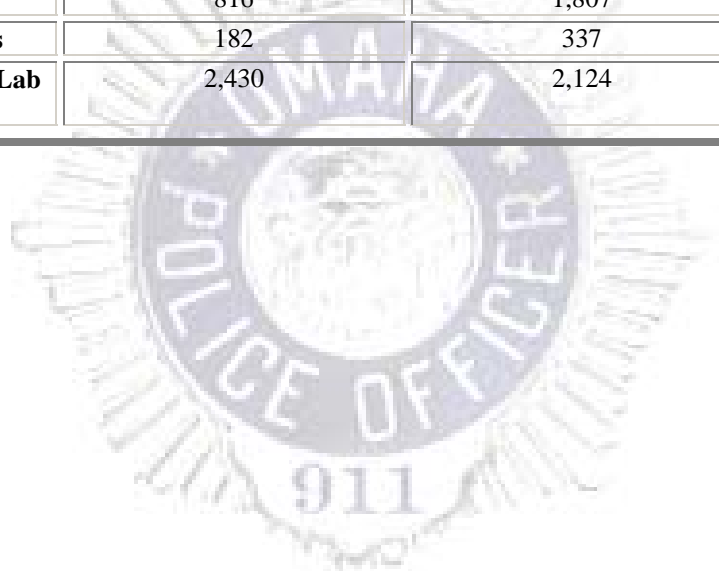
Citizen Complaints	2010	2011	Percent Change
Complaints not Formalized	49	39	-20%
Complaints Formalized	98	130	+33%
Internal Complaints	62	51	-18%
<b>TOTAL COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>+5%</b>
Dispositions			
Not Sustained	189	295	+56%
Sustained	198	124	-37%
Exonerated	69	98	+42%
Unfounded	39	66	+69%
No Finding/Court Issue	4	5	+25%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>+18%</b>

### Neighborhood Services Activities

	2010	2011	Percent Change
<b>Community Resource Center Presentations</b>	322	305	-5%
<b>Nuisance Task Force Mayor's Action Line Complaints</b>	1,265	1,380	+9%
<b>Nuisance Notices Issued</b>	824	1,633	+98%
<b>Vehicle Tows</b>	250	358	+70%
<b>Complied Vehicle Checks</b>	936	1860	+99%
<b>Neighborhood Watch Groups</b>	929	912	-2%
<b>Business Watch Contacts</b>	311	330	+6%

### Crime Laboratory Services

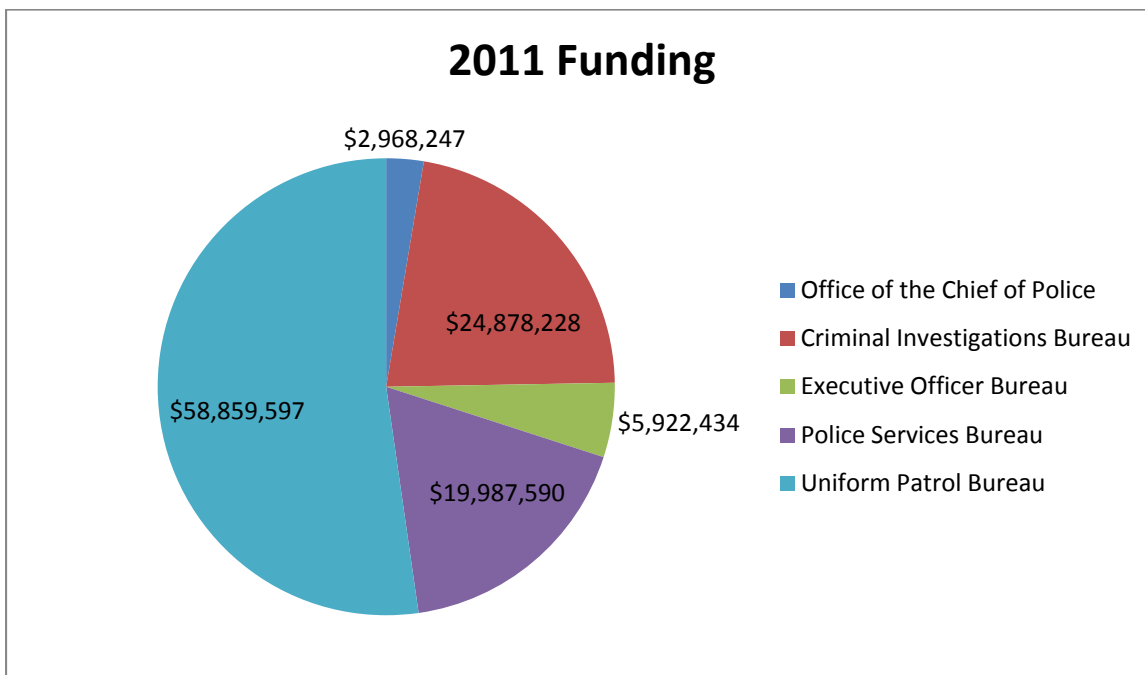
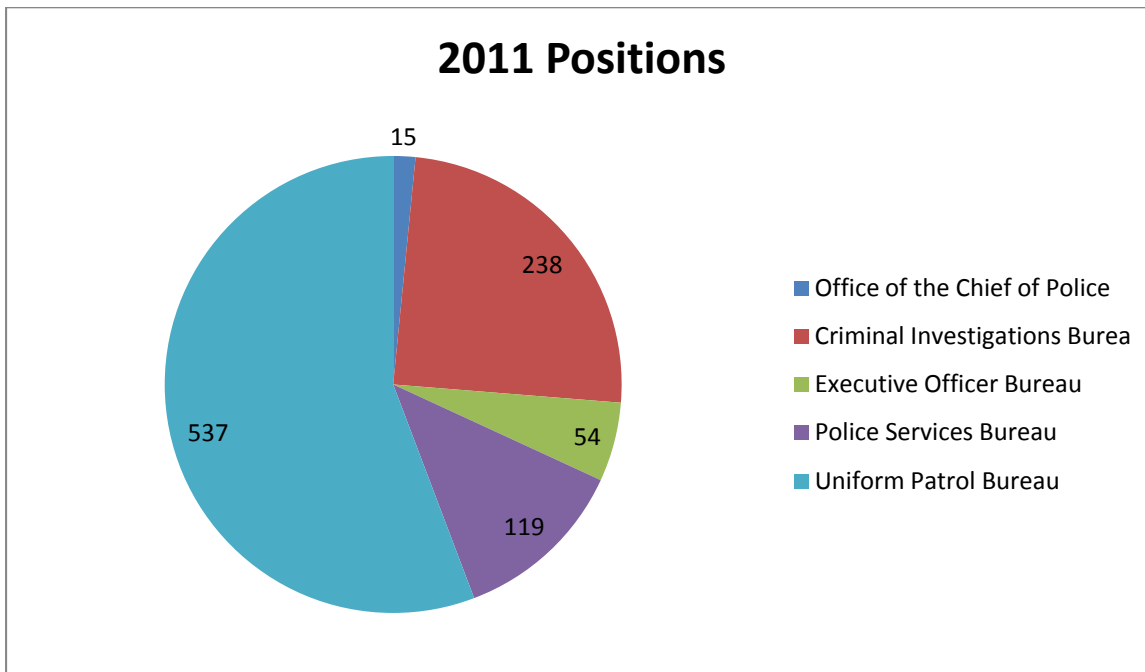
	2010	2011	Percent Change
<b>Street Calls</b>	3,285	5,486	+67%
<b>Forensic Video Analysis</b>	181	235	+30%
<b>Crime Scene Photographs</b>	90,216	184,204	+104%
<b>Latent Fingerprints Developed</b>	816	1,807	+121%
<b>Firearm Examinations/Testfires</b>	182	337	+85%
<b>Breath Tests for DUI (Crime Lab only – no officer tests)</b>	2,430	2,124	-13%



# Budget Appropriations

BY DIVISION	POSITIONS		FUNDING	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Office of the Chief of Police	13	15	\$2,794,839	\$2,968,247
Criminal Investigations Bureau	209	238	\$22,197,633	\$24,878,228
Executive Officer Bureau	65	54	\$5,754,889	\$5,922,434
Police Services Bureau	154	119	\$16,820,641	\$19,987,590
Uniform Patrol Bureau	557	537	\$51,604,766	\$58,859,597
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>\$98,765,052</b>	<b>\$112,616,095</b>

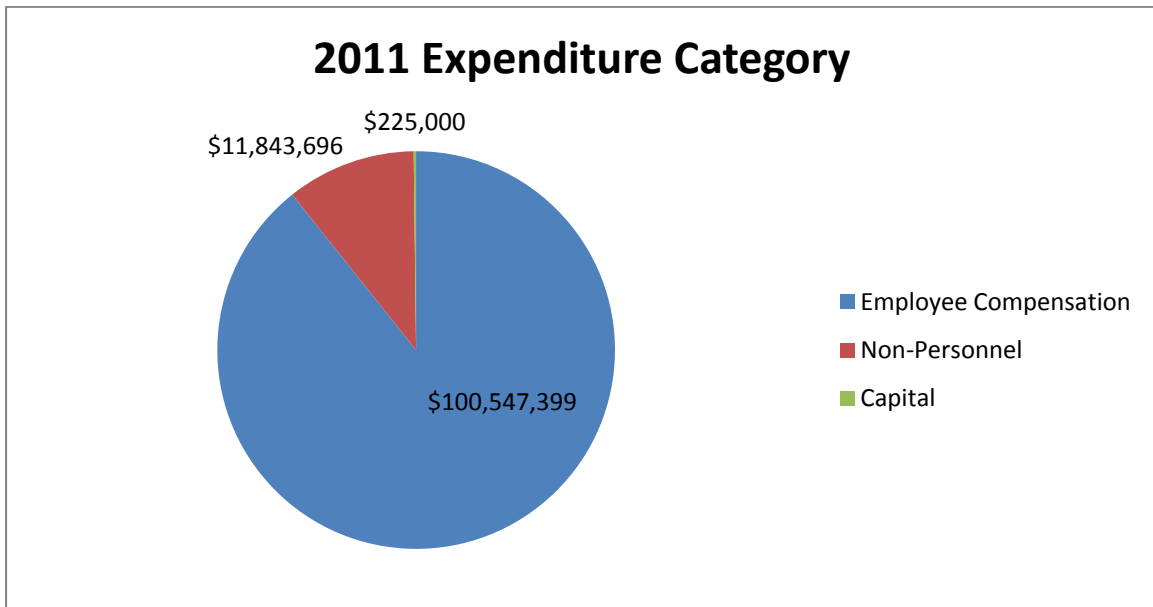
\*Source: City of Omaha 2011 Adopted Budget





EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	FUNDING	
	2010	2011
Employee Compensation	\$88,943,719	\$100,547,399
Non-Personnel	\$9,821,333	\$11,843,696
Capital	-	\$225,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$98,765,052</b>	<b>\$112,616,095</b>

\*Source: City of Omaha 2011 Adopted Budget



FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDING	
	2010	2011
General Fund	\$98,289,052	\$111,915,095
Keno/Lottery Proceeds	\$476,000	\$476,000
Public Facilities	-	\$225,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$98,289,052</b>	<b>\$112,616,095</b>

\*Source: City of Omaha 2011 Adopted Budget

# Awards & Honors

## Lifesaving Medal

Officer Troy Liebe  
Sergeant Matthew Manhart  
Sergeant Robert Wondra  
Officer Brian Gerrity  
Officer Douglas Johnson  
Officer Paul Milone  
Officer Nick Sidzyk  
Officer Daniel Torres  
Officer Robert Wiley  
Officer Craig Wylie  
Officer Matthew Digilio  
Officer Sean Gardner  
Sergeant Aaron VonBehren  
Officer Christopher Brown  
Officer Mike Sundermeier

## Officer / Employee of the Month

Officer David Ullery (January)  
Officer Phillip Ricker (February)  
Officer Bennett (February)  
Clerk Typist II Patricia Cahoon (Feb.)  
Officer Christopher Leick (March)  
Officer Ricky Brown (April)  
Sr. Cr. Lab Tech Angela Harder (Apr.)  
Officer Thomas Smith (May)  
Officer David Ullery (May)  
Sergeant Robert Wondra (June)  
Sergeant Matthew Manhart (June)  
Officer Paul Milone (June)  
Officer Robert Wiley (June)  
Officer Brian Gerrity (June)  
Officer Craig Wylie (June)  
Officer Daniel Torres (June)  
Officer Nick Sidzyk (June)  
Officer Douglas Johnson (June)  
Cr. Analyst Harold "Ben" Brick (June)  
Officer David Ullery (July)  
Officer Matthew Digilio (July)  
Officer James Mosby (August)  
Officer Sean Gardner (September)  
Officer Angela Richards (October)  
Storekeeper I Andrew Freeman (Oct.)  
Capt. K. Belcastro-Gonzalez (Nov.)  
Sergeant Erin Dumont (November)  
Sergeant Aaron Von Behren (Dec.)  
Officer Mike Sundermeier (December)  
Officer Christopher Brown (Dec.)  
Cr. Prev. Spec. Ofelia Robles (Dec.)

## Police Ribbon of Excellence

Officer Thomas Keavy  
Storekeeper I Andrew Freeman

## Crime Stoppers Ofcr. of the Year

Sergeant Donald Ficenec

## Letter of Commendation

Officer Christopher Leick  
Officer Ricky Brown  
Officer Michael Meyer  
Officer Neal Bonacci  
Officer Angela Richards  
Capt. Katherine Belcastro-Gonzalez  
Sergeant Erin Dumont

## Rotary Club Officer of the Year

Sergeant Stephen Fornoff

## Metro Chiefs Dedication Award

Sergeant Laurie Long

## MTPG Ctn Patrol Ofcr / Year

Lieutenant Jerry Siedlik

## Miller Park Officer of the Year

Captain Kerry Neumann

## Spring Lake Officer of the Year

Officer Joseph Hall

## Montclair W./Kingswood Ofcr/Yr

Sergeant Pamela Volk

## ASIS Outstanding L.E. Officer

Officer Lee Kerniskey  
Officer Eric Picht  
Sergeant Lori Schenkelberg  
Detective William Fell  
*Gr. Plains Innocence Lost Task Force:*  
Sergeant Jason Christensen  
Sergeant James Pauly  
Detective David Rieck  
Detective Amber Schlote  
Detective Peter Nordlund  
Detective Kenner Hatfeld  
Detective Brian McDowell

## Jason Pratt Mem. Sacrifice Award

Officer Lee Kerniskey  
Officer Eric Picht

## Jeff Chudwin Award

Officer Paul Milone

## LECC Conference/Award

Robert Branch

## MADD Outstanding Enforc. Team

Officer Aaron Anderson  
Officer Nicholas Prescott  
Officer Patrick Soltys  
Officer Michael Swanson

## NAPO TOP COPS Awards

Ofcr James Holtmeyer (Hon. Mention)  
Officer James Haley (Hon. Mention)

## Lorraine Giles School Award

*Cops & Kids Program:*  
Sergeant Amos Shepherd  
Officer Michael Scott  
Officer Kelli Tapp  
Officer Douglas Valentine  
Officer Ronnie Beasley  
Officer Linda Hauptman  
Officer Richard Mahoney  
Officer Richard Raper  
Officer Otis Samuel  
Officer Sharanne Spomer  
Officer Gregg Wyant

## Unit Ribbon of Excellence

*South Investigations Unit:*  
Lieutenant Edward Reyes  
Sergeant George Collins  
Sergeant Alan Reyes  
Sergeant Joseph Wherry  
Officer Antone Arrick  
Officer Wendi Dye  
Officer Rosemary Henn  
Officer Ryan Hinsley  
Officer Mickey Larson  
Officer Nikki Lasater  
Officer Paul Leaders  
Officer Keith Nielsen  
Officer Travis Oetter  
Officer Thomas Queen  
Officer Becky Schaefer

## PROMOTIONS

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Crime Lab Technician **Laura L. Casey** was promoted to the position of Probationary **Senior Crime Lab Technician**.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** – **Officer Matthew G. Chandler** was promoted to the rank of Probationary **Sergeant of Police**.

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** – **Geri Lyn Eicher** was promoted to the position of **Police Information Operator I**.

**August 21<sup>st</sup>** – Police Information Operator I **Judith E. Wilcoxson** was promoted to the position of **Police Information Operator II**.

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** – Crime Lab Technician **Laura E. Crites** was promoted to the position of Probationary **Senior Crime Lab Technician**.

## RETIREMENTS

**February 24<sup>th</sup>** – **Officer Michael P. Krick** retired after serving the citizens of Omaha for **20 years**.

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** – **Senior Administrative Clerk Joseph D. Couch** retired after serving the City of Omaha for **10 years 3 months**.

**April 30<sup>th</sup>** – **Senior Crime Lab Technician Daniel J. Bredow** retired after serving the City of Omaha for **28 years 7 months**.

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** – **Secretary I Nancy M. Schober** retired after serving the City of Omaha for **27 years 1 month**.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** – **Officer Ryan L. Sedlacek** retired after serving the citizens of Omaha for **11 years 3 months**.

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** – **Officer Jason R. Julian** retired after serving the citizens of Omaha for **7 years 11 months**.

## 2011 DEATHS

Retired Officer **Charles L. “Charlie” Armstrong** passed away on **February 20, 2011** at the age of 80. Mr. Armstrong retired from the Omaha Police Department in 1986 after serving the citizens of Omaha for 25 years 8 months.

Retired Officer **Thomas Evans Moen** passed away on **March 30, 2011** at the age of 70. Mr. Moen retired from the Omaha Police Department in 1996 after serving the citizens of Omaha for 25 years.

Retired Officer **Alfred A. Galvan** passed away on **April 6, 2011** at the age of 72. Mr. Galvan retired from the Omaha Police Department in 1992 after serving the citizens of Omaha for 24 years 5 months.

Retired Officer **Joseph Patrylak** passed away on **May 14, 2011** at the age of 64. Mr. Patrylak retired from the Omaha Police Department in 1971 after serving the citizens of Omaha for 31 years 10 months.

Retired Officer **Phillip S. Gibilisco** passed away on **May 23, 2011** at the age of 74. Mr. Gibilisco retired from the Omaha Police Department in 1991 after serving the citizens of Omaha for 24 years 6 months.

Retired Captain **George L. Hauger** passed away on **July 3, 2011** at the age of 80. Mr. Hauger retired from the Omaha Police Department in 1984 after serving the citizens of Omaha for 28 years 2 months.

Retired Officer **John L. Barone** passed away on **July 1, 2011** at the age of 69. Mr. Barone retired from the Omaha Police Department in 1998 after serving the citizens of Omaha for 30 years. Mr. Barone also worked as a Part-Time Sworn Police Officer from 1998-2007.

Retired Information Operator **Martha M. Anthony** passed away on **July 13, 2011**. Ms. Anthony retired from the Omaha Police Department in 1986 after serving the citizens of Omaha for 22 years 11 months.

Retired Deputy Chief **Gary C. Crinklaw** passed away on **August 23, 2011** at the age of 72. Mr. Crinklaw retired from the Omaha Police Department in 1990 after serving the citizens of Omaha for 25 years 3 months.

Retired Lieutenant **John M. Lehotyak** passed away on **September 5, 2011** at the age of 68. Mr. Lehotyak retired from the Omaha Police Department in 1997 after serving the citizens of Omaha for 33 years 3 months.

Retired Lieutenant **James G. Perry** passed away on **October 28, 2011**. Mr. Perry retired from the Omaha Police Department in 1982 after serving the citizens of Omaha for 30 years 2 months.

Retired Stationary Engineer **Gerald D. DeLozier** passed away on **November 20, 2011**. Mr. DeLozier retired from the Omaha Police Department in 1990 after serving the citizens of Omaha for 19 years 9 months.

## OMAHA POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
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