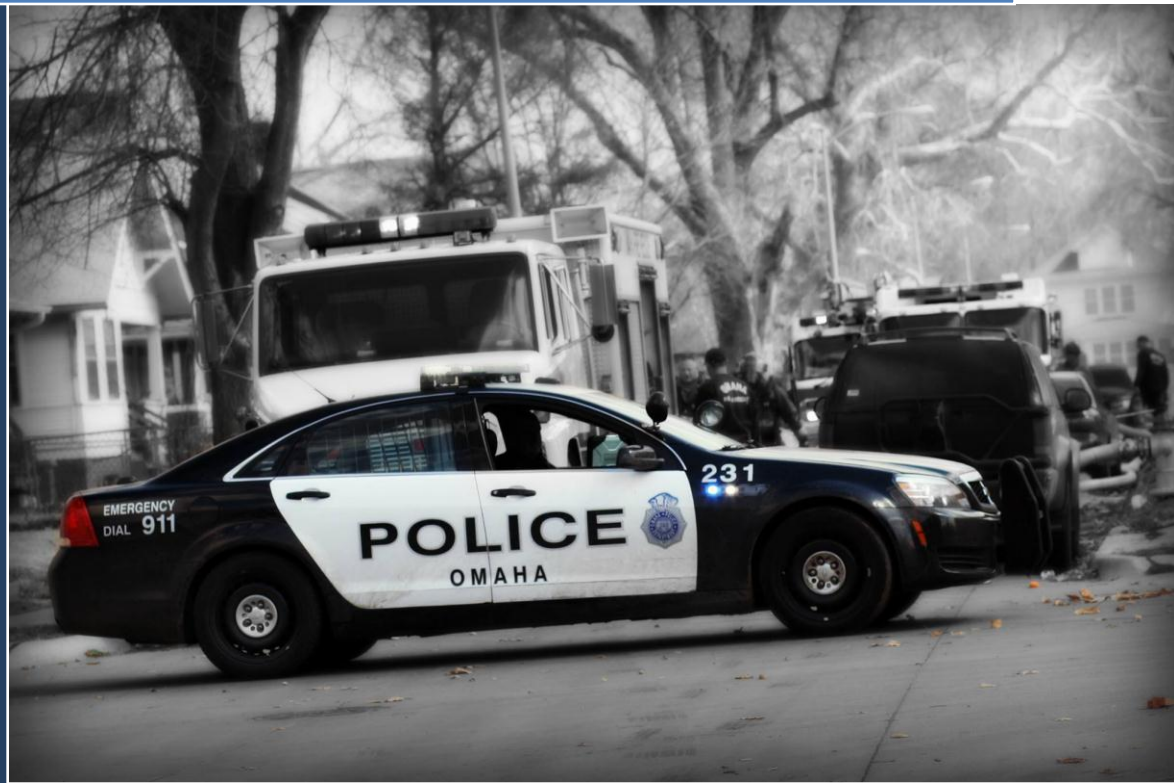


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Thank you for your interest in the Omaha Police Department's 2013 Annual Report.

We are a progressive police department made up of a diverse group of nearly one thousand men and women, both sworn and non-sworn, who work to keep Omaha a safe and family-friendly city.

We strive to be responsive to our citizens, and it is my belief that there is a shared responsibility between the community and the police department to work together to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in our great city. To accomplish this, we deploy a community policing philosophy coupled with a neighborhood problem solving approach. This reflects our commitment to reducing crime and disorder citywide by focusing on unique neighborhood crime problems and solutions.

The Omaha Police Department experienced a great amount of success in 2013 by solving the city's most violent crimes; notably, a homicide clearance rate well above the national average. Thank you to the professional men and women of the Omaha Police Department.

The following report includes information explaining the day-to-day activities and accomplishments of the Omaha Police Department during the year 2013. Specifically, you will find sections regarding the agency's budget, recognition of sworn and non-sworn employees, crime statistics, activities of individual units and squads, promotions and retirements, and a section dedicated to the memory of current and former employees who passed away during the year.

I invite you to explore the information in this report, and encourage you to contact the Omaha Police Department if we can be of any service to you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd R. Schmaderer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Todd R. Schmaderer  
Chief of Police  
Omaha Police Department



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

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**CITY DATA**

**Mayor:** Jean Stothert  
**Government:** Mayor-Council  
**Population:** 434,353  
**Land Area:** 127.09 sq. miles

**Demographics:**

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%

**MOTTO**

*“To Serve and Protect”*

**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.

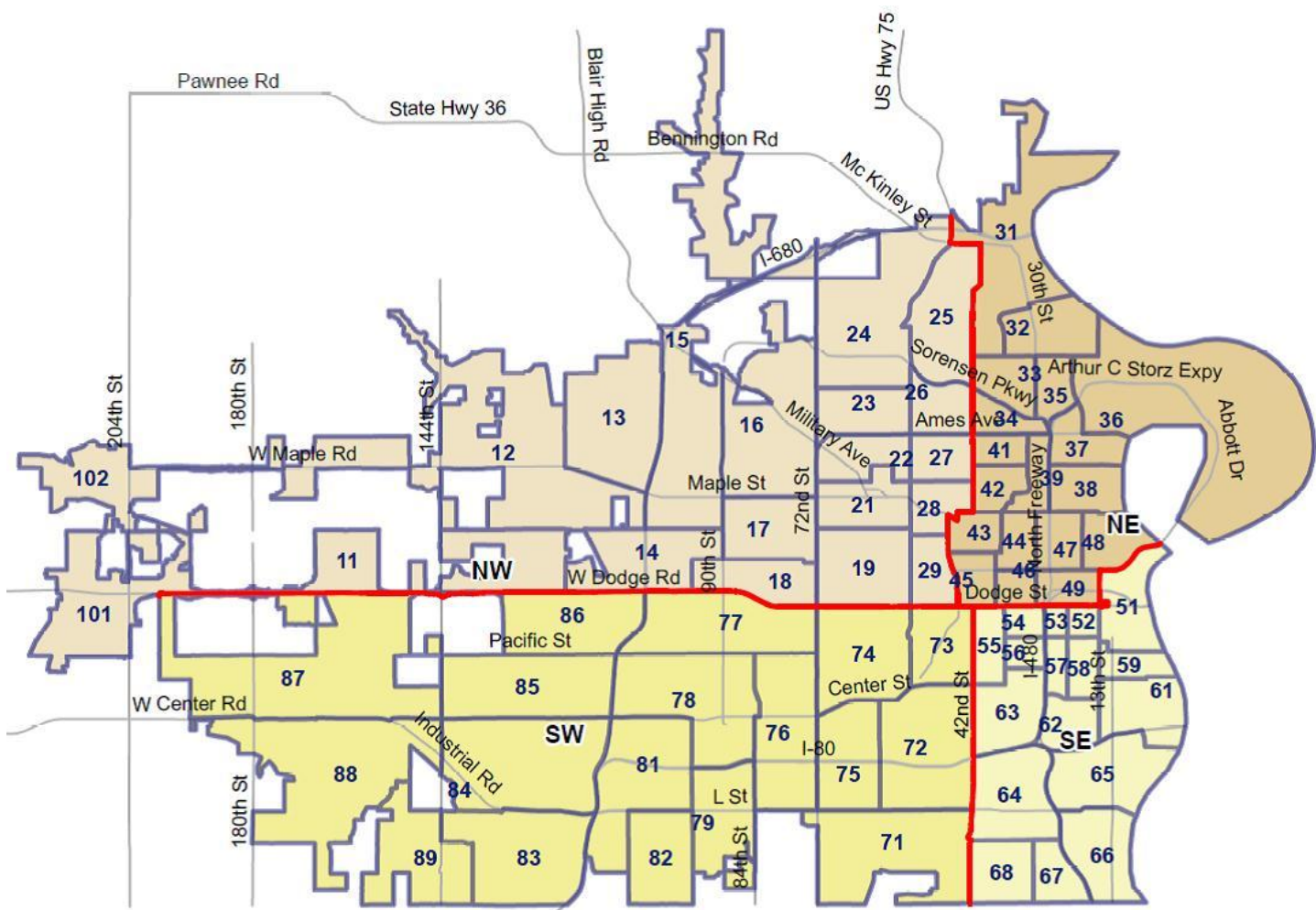
**VISION**

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
- Personal and professional growth for employees

**VALUES**

- Maintain service as our primary goal, while vigorously pursuing those who commit crimes.
- Ensure that community responsiveness and the prevention of crime shall always be the hallmark of this organization.
- Strive to maintain the highest levels of integrity and professionalism in all our members and activities.
- Provide courteous police service with respect for the rights and dignity of all the people we serve.
- Involve the community in all policing activities that directly affect the quality of community life.
- Structure police service in a manner as to reinforce the strengths of the city’s neighborhoods.
- Encourage public input regarding the development of policies that directly affect the quality of neighborhood life.
- Manage our resources carefully and effectively.
- Seek the input of employees into matters that affect job satisfaction and effectiveness.
- Remain committed to a shared and open relationship of involvement with all segments of our community.



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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.

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# UNITS & SQUADS

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police Todd R. Schmaderer commands Omaha Police Department (OPD) operations. In 2013, the Office of the Chief of Police received support from the Internal Affairs Unit and the Public Information Office. The Chief determines agency policy and is a City of Omaha department head, reporting directly to the Mayor per Sections 3.07 and 3.11 of the Omaha Charter. Chief Schmaderer was sworn in as Chief of Police on August 5, 2012.



## INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT

The Internal Affairs Unit (IA) is commanded by a lieutenant and includes six sergeants, one administrative assistant, and one part-time clerk-typist. Due to the nature of internal investigations and their importance to the community and the OPD, investigators demand thorough and unbiased investigations. IA works closely with the Chief of Police to ensure all investigations are impartial and complete. The public is encouraged to formalize complaints although investigations may also be authorized by the Chief of Police when information arises that suggests an employee may have acted in violation of agency procedure, union contracts, or the law. When an investigation is complete, the Chief of Police has a variety of options with which to address violations. These options range from verbal warnings to suspensions without pay and terminations.

Internal Affairs Activity*	2013
Citizen Complaints not Formalized	37
Formal Citizen Complaints	100
Citizen Complaints Total**	137
Internal Complaints Total**	57

\*New complaints are counted in the month in which they are received by the Internal Affairs Unit

Internal Affairs Dispositions*	2013
Not Sustained	283
Sustained	320
Exonerated	117
Unfounded	121
No Finding/Court Issue	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>846</b>

\*Dispositions are counted in the month in which the complaint is closed

\*\*Information provided by the Crime Analysis Unit

## PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The Public Information Office (PIO) is commanded by Lieutenant Darci Tierney. The PIO disseminates

information to the news media and manages the Omaha Crime Stoppers program. In 2013, the PIO participated in the following activities:

- Sent daily emails to media outlets; responded to daily inquiries from local and national media outlets; and issued 135 news releases.
- Conducted on-camera interviews with local media outlets and arranged interviews for officers and supporting units.
- Managed the OPD and Omaha Crime Stoppers social media presence. The OPD has more than 13,000 Twitter followers and 27,000 "likes" on Facebook.
- Managed over 2,300 Crime Stoppers tips that led to 130 arrests and the clearance of 207 cases. Over \$42,000 was paid out in rewards for tips.
- Coordinated news conferences. These included conferences to disseminate information regarding several high profile cases including Operation Purple Haze, Operation Wipe It Down, and the Anthony Garcia and Nikko Jenkins murder arrests.
- Organized promotional and retirement ceremonies.
- Participated in community events such as the Salute to Safety Expo; 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 Foundation to bring community awareness to issues faced by OPD officers.
- Used Crime Mapping to keep the public informed of crimes occurring in their neighborhoods.
- Organized the Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year awards luncheon, Crime Stoppers golf fundraiser, and gave Crime Stoppers presentations to local schools and organizations.
- Hosted the Social Media and Internet in Law Enforcement (SMILE) Conference. Participants from across the US and several foreign countries came to Omaha to attend the conference.





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## UNIFORM PATROL BUREAU

The Uniform Patrol Bureau (UPB) is commanded by Deputy Chief David Baker and is divided into four precincts: Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest. The UPB provides 24-hour general police services to the public. These services include uniform patrol, response to calls-for-service, law enforcement and problem resolution.



## NORTHWEST PRECINCT

The Northwest Precinct (NW) is commanded by Captain Shayna Ray. Officers work with neighborhood associations, citizen patrols, schools, and businesses to fight and deter crime, and address quality of life issues.



The NW values the citizens of northwest Omaha and places a strong emphasis on creating and maintaining positive relationships with the public. NW officers regularly attend community meetings and hold Precinct Advisory Council meetings. These meetings maintain an open line of communication with the public and provide citizens with the opportunity to communicate issues that need to be addressed. Numerous neighborhood associations and Neighborhood Watch groups were started in the NW precinct in 2013 and community involvement continues to grow.

In 2013, the NW adopted Central Park Elementary School in the Adopt-A-School program. Officers frequently eat lunch with students and attend special events at the school. This is the first partnership of this type and many of the officers have had the opportunity to get to know the students personally. The NW also conducts a Citizen's Education Training Program every spring and fall. During this event students get an inside view of the daily workings of the police department and end the day with a ride-along. The Coffee with a Cop event originated in the NW precinct and was such a success that it has been replicated in all other precincts. In 2013, the NW also partnered with Con Agra, Omaha Public Schools and Soby Ranch to host an open house that



featured art by local refugee artists. This event included a sundae bar, petting zoo, art show and precinct station tours.

Captain Ray has focused heavily on Problem Oriented Policing (POP) in the NW. This strategy involves each crew developing and implementing a strategy to address an issue they have identified in their area on a monthly basis. At the end of each month, crews report and analyze their POP projects. A bulletin board is posted in the precinct headquarters so officers can see the POP projects of other crews, which range from addressing vacant homes to implementing school safety plans, and helping those schools organize lockdown drills.

In 2013, the NW precinct added a bike patrol that patrols in Saddlecreek, Dundee, Benson, the Keystone Trail, and various schools during dismissal times. The NW also partnered with MAC Containers to implement Operation Break it Down in December 2013. This operation provided dumpsters for people to dispose of their large electronics boxes in order to prevent burglars from seeing what was inside of their homes.

## CANINE UNIT

The Canine Unit provides valuable service to the citizens of Omaha by searching for and apprehending dangerous suspects, and performing patrol and criminal interdiction duties. Additionally, the Canine Unit assists other law enforcement agencies in training and certifying their police service dog teams as well.

Canine Unit	2013
Training Hours	4,076
Calls for Service	1,763
Felony Arrests	222
Interdiction Contacts	2,499
Firearms Recovered	26
Seized Currency	\$1,869,896
<i>Searches</i>	
Area	147
Building	120
Evidence	10
<i>Drug Seizures</i>	
Methamphetamine	71 pounds
Cocaine	13 pounds
Marijuana	305 pounds
Estimated Value of Seized Drugs	\$2,150,695

\*Information provided by the Crime Analysis Unit and Canine Unit

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## NORTHEAST PRECINCT

The Northeast Precinct (NE) is commanded by Captain Scott Gray. NE employees provide professional police services by using innovative community-based policing methods and collaborating with grassroots community outreach organizations, neighborhood associations, public schools, faith-based organizations, political leaders and area businesses. NE employees are committed to improving the quality of life for all citizens and reducing the fear of crime through proactive community policing strategies.



The NE Precinct Advisory Council (PAC) is comprised of area residents, business partners and community leaders who reside, worship and work within precinct boundaries. The NE PAC closely works with the OPD command to foster positive community relations and address matters of public safety and communication. The NE's Crime Prevention Specialist acts as a liaison between the community and police employees. In 2013, the NE PAC and NE Crime Prevention Specialist developed a Facebook page in order to reach more people in the NE Precinct. The page provides meeting announcements, crime prevention tips and updates on community events.

Since October 2011, the NE and the OPD have used the ShotSpotter gunshot location system as a gunshot detection and prevention device. ShotSpotter uses acoustic monitoring devices to pinpoint the location of gunshots, which helps officers respond to gunfire incidents quickly. This decreases response times, improves crime scene investigations, and increases arrests of violent criminals.

NE officers specialize in utilizing crime mapping and criminal intelligence, along with community input, to identify violent crime hotspots. Planned operations resulted in the removal of 385 firearms from the streets of Omaha during 2013. NE officers worked with the Gang Unit and many other OPD Criminal Investigations Bureau units to reduce violent crime in hotspot areas by conducting coordinated operations and directed-patrol in these areas. Officers also worked with the Nebraska State Patrol and Douglas County Sheriff's Office to provide traffic enforcement operations in hotspot areas.

The NE is committed to community outreach and engaging citizens and youth. In 2013, the NE Crime

Prevention Specialist successfully coordinated several community events including Fun in the Park, Citizen's Academy, National Night Out, Cops and Bobbers, and Adopt-a-Family with the Salvation Army.



In addition, the NE actively participates in many community groups and events including the Empowerment Network, North Omaha Neighborhood Alliance (NONA), ABIDE Network, Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, the Juneteenth celebration, and Native Omaha Days.

In particular, the NE participates with the Empowerment Network in the following initiatives: (1) Omaha 360 – Violence intervention and prevention collaborative; (2) Faith Leaders and Pastors – Meets monthly with faith leaders who want to be involved in addressing north Omaha violence; and (3) Christmas in the Village – An effort to bring attention to north Omaha arts and cultural activities. Representatives from the NE precinct also attend NONA's monthly meetings to provide neighborhood associations with updates on the current crime trends in their areas. This partnership has proven successful and has resulted in an increase in anonymous tips regarding crimes in the NE precinct. Additionally, NE representatives participate in ABIDE events that include summer block parties and Thanksgiving and Easter activities which often attract more than 1,000 people. The partnership between ABIDE and the NE has led to a dramatic decrease in gun violence in District 34 where ABIDE is located.

*Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.* The Drug Enforcement Agency's Prescription Drug Take-Back Days provide an opportunity for consumers to safely and legally dispose of unneeded prescription medications. The take-back service, which occurs twice a year, is free and anonymous. Along with the DEA, the NE partners with Walgreen's Pharmacy and the Creighton University School of Pharmacy to provide this service.

*Juneteenth:* The Omaha branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) hosts an annual parade in north Omaha called Juneteenth that celebrates the end of slavery

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in the United States. NE employees meet with NAACP representatives to work out logistics of the parade and other related events held in the area. In 2013, the Juneteenth Parade attracted more than 2,000 people. The NE worked with officers from the Gang Unit to provide a fun filled day of celebration.

*Native Omaha Days:* Started in 1976, this five-day event takes place biennially in north Omaha. NE employees meet with Native Omaha Club members to work out the logistics of the event, which includes a parade. The NE received a plaque of appreciation from members of the Native Omaha Club for its support, sponsorship and commitment. In 2013, attendance at this event ranged from 4,000 to 7,000 participants nightly. The NE increased patrols for this event and worked with the Traffic Unit, Gang Unit, and other agencies to provide a peaceful environment for attendees. This effort was recognized by citizens who repeatedly thanked NE officers throughout this event for their presence.



In addition to the events listed above, officers from the NE participated in several other community events throughout 2013. These include the National Night Out, More God Less Crime Conference, Gun Violence Summit, King Science Career Fair, Play Streets Initiative, and Omaha's Power to End Stroke Walk.

## SOUTHEAST PRECINCT



The Southeast Precinct (SE) is commanded by Captain Katherine Belcastro-Gonzalez. The precinct is divided into Uniform Patrol, the Mounted Patrol Squad, and the Riverfront Patrol Unit.

The SE is a busy precinct with many events and tourist attractions. It is also the most culturally diverse area of the city. Due to available employment in the meat packing industry, South Omaha has historically been a melting pot of cultures including Polish, Italian, Czech, Lithuanian, and Irish. In recent decades there has been a strong influx of Hispanic and Sudanese immigrants. The diversity of cultures presents SE officers with challenges related to communication and cultural

understanding which officers have met with great success.

The SE takes a community policing approach to manage the area's many events and attractions, and to successfully work with the diverse population. Officers



participate in neighborhood group meetings, convene with business groups and community associations, and work with schools. Officers patrol using vehicles, bicycles, segways, recreational utility vehicles, horses, and on foot. The SE manages events and cultural celebrations that include the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) College World Series, Omaha's Cinco de Mayo celebration, Fourth of July fireworks at TD Ameritrade Park, St. Patrick's Day parade, September Fest celebration, and the Holiday Lights Festival. SE officers also patrol some of Omaha's most visited attractions including the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo, Old Market Business District, CenturyLink Center, and TD Ameritrade Park.

The SE assigns officers to "Paul Units" which conduct directed patrols in hot spot areas and focus on problem solving in neighborhoods. These units work collaboratively with parole, probation and other law enforcement agencies to target the few perpetrators that commit most of the crime. These units have had great success and the decrease in violent and property crimes within the SE precinct can be directly attributed to their efforts.

On Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, a suspect who was high on methamphetamine went on a shooting rampage in which two citizens lost their lives and two



others were seriously injured. Officer Coral Walker of the SE precinct confronted the armed gunman and shot the suspect in an exchange of gunfire thereby preventing the suspect from killing or injuring additional citizens. Officer Walker was recognized by both the Omaha Police Foundation and the Nebraska Peace Officers Association (POAN) as the Police Officer of the Year.

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The SE Crime Prevention Specialist coordinates annual events that allow officers to be seen in a positive light and provide an opportunity for officers to build lasting relationships with the community. Some of these events include Safety Awareness, Fitness and Education (SAFE), Santa at the Southeast, Meet and Treat, and the Citizens' Patrol Academy.

*Safety Awareness Fitness and Education (SAFE):* In 2013 this event was attended by hundreds of families who had the opportunity to learn about bike safety, have their bikes checked by professionals from the Bike Rack, and to get important information on health, kids programs, and the importance of wearing a seatbelt.

The SE worked closely with the Salvation Army KROC Center who provided facilities, volunteers and equipment for the SAFE event. Local businesses including Hy-Vee,



AAA Nebraska and Omaha Rental Services contributed food, entertainment and equipment to make the event a success. Various agencies and organizations also provided displays and tables including the Nebraska State Patrol, Omaha Fire Department, City of Omaha, the American Red Cross, YMCA and Boys & Girls Clubs.

*Santa at the Southeast:* In 2013 South High School graciously opened its doors to house this event which was attended by nearly 1,100 people. Participants collected crime prevention information, visited Santa and enjoyed choir and instrumental concerts by South High School students. Every child age 12 and younger received a small toy from an officer, and families also had the opportunity to win a prize. All toys, treats, refreshments and entertainment were contributed by corporations and local businesses as well as by the Omaha Police Foundation, Latino Police Officers Association, the Omaha Police Officers Association, and some neighborhood associations. The SE worked closely with the Midlands Latino Community Development Corporation in hosting this event and received support from volunteers from the Omaha Public Schools, Precinct Advisory Council, neighborhood associations, and Omaha Coalition of Citizen Patrol members.

*Meet and Treat:* This event provides a safe Halloween activity for kids and families in which they can interact with officers in a fun environment. With the help of Radio Lobo 97.7 Latino radio station, the SE welcomed approximately 1,400 attendees. Students from South High School and Central High School helped set up and participate in the "Haunted Precinct." This year the SE designed Halloween-themed displays that focused on crime prevention, safety and education. Specifically, they emphasized staying in school, the dangers of distracted driving, and the dangers of drug use. Families were also provided with Halloween safety tips. Kids came to the event in costume, and received books donated by Mercy High School, toothpaste and toothbrushes from Testa Dental, healthy treats from Hy-Vee and candy from SE officers.



*Citizens' Patrol Academy:* The Citizens' Patrol Academy is a 10 to 12 hour academy designed to provide community members with a better understanding of the OPD and its operations through class lectures and hands-on experience. SE employees focus on community needs by offering information on the areas of the most interest. The SE aims to provide this class to all members of its diverse community. In 2013, the spring academy was offered in Spanish and had 30 participants. There is also an effort to offer this academy to the Sudanese community in the future and past academies have been offered to high school age students as well. The SE has received support for this program from local businesses and high schools which is greatly appreciated as this sort of community support is integral to the SE's efforts. The SE officers and staff are proud to serve the Omaha community and know that through continued collaboration they can make a positive difference.

## MOUNTED PATROL SQUAD

The Mounted Patrol Squad includes one sergeant, six officers, and one full-time civilian stable hand. There are currently eight horses in the Mounted Patrol stables. Last year, one horse, Jimmy, was retired and the



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squad has been working to train a replacement named Skinny. Skinny had been the personal horse of a Lincoln Police Department officer who passed away from cancer and was donated to the squad by her husband. In 2013, the Mounted Patrol Squad provided regular patrol in the Old Market, the Leavenworth corridor, the Riverfront area, the Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge, and TD Ameritrade Park. The squad also provided patrol for various malls during the holiday season as well as other areas throughout the city as requested.

The Mounted Patrol Squad participated in a total of 70 special events throughout the city in 2013. These events included: the Nebraska Horse Expo, Cops and Bobbers, Blessing of the Animals, Bellevue citizens police academy, K-9 training, September Fest, the Victory Riding Academy demonstration, the Omaha Triathlon, TD Ameritrade College Homerun Derby and Fireworks, Taste of Omaha, the Omaha Women's Triathlon, SAFE, the Santa Lucia Festival, the Omaha Summer Arts Festival, the NCAA College World Series, the Bank of the West Celebrates America event, the Berkshire Hathaway Annual Shareholders Meeting, First Responders Action Day, the Munroe-Meyer Institute event, Memorial Day services, the International Omaha Horse Show, the HETRA Blue Jeans & Dreams fundraiser, the Omaha Police Foundation luncheon, the OPD Salute to Safety Expo, and the Latino Peace Officers Association Easter Egg Hunt. The Mounted Patrol Squad also attended career days at several schools as well as other parades and local community events throughout Omaha.



groups and school children from around the Omaha metro as well as various community education programs. The squad also hosted the Spanish Citizens' Police Academy and the SMILE conference which was attended by hundreds of representatives from police agencies around the world. The Holiday of Lights Festival attracted over 3,000 visitors to the Barn. Additionally, over 400 visitors attended the Buckaroo Bash. The Buckaroo Bash is managed by the Knights of Ak-sar-ben who generously donated \$6,000 to the Citizens Foundation for the Mounted Patrol.

## SOUTHWEST PRECINCT



The Southwest Precinct (SW), commanded by Captain Russell Horine, incorporates a community policing approach to address the causes of and reduce the fear of crime. Specifically, the SW, in partnership with business owners and neighborhood associations, takes an active role in developing strategies to improve the quality of life for citizens within its boundaries. As a part of this approach, Captain Horine meets with members of the community through the SW Precinct Advisory Council (PAC). The SW PAC includes residents, neighborhood associations, citizens' patrols and business owners. The SW PAC fosters positive community relations by providing an opportunity for citizens to communicate directly with SW command in order to relay public safety concerns.

In 2013, SW officers engaged in numerous activities in addition to regular patrol duties and calls for service including conducting safety presentations in partnership with various apartment complexes, business groups, daycare centers, public schools, businesses and universities. In 2013, the SW also provided departmental presentations to educate citizens within the precinct regarding the various functions and departments within the Omaha Police Department. The SW continues to partner with neighborhoods interested in developing Neighborhood Watch groups. Currently, the SW has over 370 registered Neighborhood Watch groups within the precinct, which is the highest number among all four OPD precincts.

Mounted Patrol	2013
Assignments	6,588
<i>Calls for Service</i>	
Arrests	141
Traffic Stops	343
Citations	3,870

\*Information provided by the Crime Analysis Unit

In 2013, the squad hosted many events at the Mounted Patrol Barn including 71 tours for various

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In 2013, the SW hosted the “Coffee with a Cop” event which provided officers an opportunity to interact with citizens, answer questions, and relay information.

Employees from the

SW precinct also participated in several OPD city-wide events including the National Night Out, Salute to Safety Expo, Citizen Patrol Banquets, and Volunteer Recognition Luncheons. SW officers provide quality services and continue to strive to maintain a professional working relationship with the community.

## TRAFFIC UNIT

The Traffic Unit is commanded by a lieutenant and includes five sergeants, 32 full-time officers, two part-time retired officers, and one part-time secretary. The Unit is comprised of the Accident Investigations Squad, Selective Enforcement Squad, and Project Night Life Squad. The Traffic Unit schedules and coordinates traffic control for all major events within the City of Omaha. The Traffic Unit also obtains a majority of the agency’s funding for selective enforcement operations. These grant funded operations include nationwide enforcement campaigns such as “Click it or Ticket” and “You Drink, You Drive, You Lose.” In 2013, the unit received more than \$285,000 in federal funding to provide selective enforcement operations, purchase equipment, and send officers to traffic-related training.



## ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS SQUAD

The Accident Investigations Squad (AIS) includes two sergeants and 14 officers. The AIS focuses on investigating all hit and run accidents, accidents involving City of Omaha vehicles, and accidents causing serious personal injury as well as other investigations as requested by the OPD command. The AIS also assists the other Traffic Unit squads in coordinating and providing personnel for special events and assignments. In 2013, the four A-shift Accident Investigators led the entire State of Nebraska with over 1,000 arrests of individuals for Driving Under the Influence. These four officers received several awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for their efforts.

## Accidents Investigated

**2013**

Hit and Run	3,843
City-Owned Vehicles	202
Serious Bodily Injury	120
Fatalities	20

\*Information provided by the Traffic Unit

## SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT SQUAD

The Selective Enforcement Squad includes two sergeants and 16 officers covering both B- and C-Shifts. The Squad’s areas of responsibility include speed enforcement, addressing the Mayor and City Council’s traffic hotspot areas, routine speed and traffic complaints, and addressing high-profile areas of concern for speed and traffic enforcement. The Squad also creates traffic plans for special events, which are critical for the safety of all participants and spectators.

In 2013, the Selective Enforcement Squad provided traffic and crowd control for over 325 special events throughout the year, including the following: the 2013 Senior Open (which attracted approximately 150,000 people to the city), the 2013 NCAA College World Series at TD Ameritrade Stadium, the annual Berkshire Hathaway Shareholder’s Meeting, the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Millard Days, Elkhorn Days, River City Roundup, Cinco de Mayo Parade, Labor Day Parade, the Omaha Marathon, Race for the Cure, New Year’s Eve fireworks, Bank of the West concert at Memorial Park, and numerous other sold out concerts and events at the CenturyLink Center and other venues.

## MOTOR SQUAD

The Motor Squad routinely provides motorcycle escorts for special events, soldiers’ funerals and dignitary visits. The squad also participates in parades, enforcement operations, daily patrol, community presentations, and various other motorcades. The squad currently operates sixteen 2013 Harley Davidson Electra Glide motorcycles.



## PROJECT NIGHT LIFE SQUAD

The Project Night Life Squad (PNL) includes one sergeant and two officers who educate teens about the dangers of distracted driving and poor decisions behind the wheel. In 2013, the PNL Squad conducted various selective enforcement operations and made more than 1,000 arrests. The PNL also gave presentations and distributed

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materials about the dangers of risky driving to approximately 6,700 students at numerous local high schools, and set up PNL display boards at many local events to increase teen driving awareness. Since the inception of PNL in 2007 the number of fatalities for minor drivers has decreased. In 2013, the PNL received the National Safety Council's National Public Service Leadership Award.

## Project Night Life Squad 2013

Selective Enforcement Operations	70
Citations Issued	3,830
Restriction Violations Issued **	133
<i>Arrests for:</i>	
Minor in Possession	236
Driving Under the Influence	330
Drug Related Violations	69

\*Information provided by the Traffic Unit

\*\*Issued to Provisional Operator's Permit holders (i.e. teen drivers)

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB) is commanded by Deputy Chief Mary Newman and provides 24-hour crime investigation services. CIB is comprised of two sections: Criminal Investigations and Special Operations. A CIB Administrative Sergeant provides administrative support to the bureau.



## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

The Criminal Investigations Section (CIS) is commanded by Captain Kerry Neumann. In 2013, the CIS included the 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 provides crime data and information about trends to agency command staff, submits Uniform Crime Reporting Data and provides crime data for the OPD's bi-weekly CompStat meetings. In 2013, the Unit also investigated pawn-related crimes.

## CRIME ANALYSIS SQUAD

The Crime Analysis Squad includes a squad supervisor, and five crime analysts. The squad is generally responsible for (1) administrative and

CompStat support; (2) reviewing reports for data quality and (3) tactical/operational support. Administrative and data quality responsibilities involve gathering and compiling crime data; and reporting crime data to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and the FBI according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting rules. CompStat support includes developing bi-weekly statistics that are used in the CompStat meetings and publishing these metrics internally. In addition to standard reports, Crime Analysts prepare special reports for outside entities at the request of the Chief of Police.

The Crime Analysis Squad provides tactical support by reviewing all OPD Incident Reports for the identification of crime series or patterns and distributing these findings to UPB officers and CIB detectives. The squad also conducts investigative database searches which help detectives identify possible suspects or link multiple crimes to known suspects. Crime Analysis additionally assists other OPD units and squads by conducting link analysis, working on Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS), by compiling monthly and quarterly reports for various units'/squads' specific use, and other analysis duties as needed. In addition, Crime Analysis provides crime data and trend information to OPD command staff to support policy, employee, and operational decision making.

The Crime Analysis Unit is an experienced team that made significant contributions to many cases throughout the year. Notably, in 2013, Crime Analyst Shawn Fisher was awarded with the Distinguished Service Medal for her work on the task force which successfully arrested the suspect Dr. Anthony Garcia for the serial murders of Dr. Roger and Mary Brumback in 2013, and Thomas Hunter and Shirlee Sherman in 2008.

## PAWN SQUAD

The Pawn Squad includes one sergeant, two officers, four clerk-typists, and one volunteer. The squad supports the Criminal Investigations Bureau and investigates cases of missing and stolen property found in pawnshops, salvage yards, and secondhand stores. The squad also acts as a liaison between outside jurisdictions and metro area pawnshops and salvage yards. Officers communicate with pawnshops, salvage yards and secondhand stores on a daily basis, and provide them with information about suspects or possible stolen items. Officers also check every person who pledges, sells or trades a firearm for any prior

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felony convictions. The Pawn Squad is the only pawn/salvage squad in the Omaha metro area.

Pawn Squad	2013
Pawn/Secondhand Store Cards Entered	154,204
Salvage Cards Entered	33,313
Field Observation Cards Entered	50,714
Value of Recovered Items**	\$289,629

\*Information provided by the Crime Analysis Unit

\*\*Amount does not include vehicles or construction equipment

## HOMICIDE UNIT

The Homicide Unit is commanded by a lieutenant and includes the Homicide Squad, Cold Case Squad, and Felony Assault Squad. The Unit includes 20 detectives, six sergeants, and one secretary – a team of men and women dedicated to bringing justice to victims and arresting violent offenders. The unit has a tremendous relationship with the Douglas County Attorney's Office with whom they work to bring cases to the courtroom and secure guilty verdicts against violent criminals.

In 2013, the Homicide Unit investigated two high-profile cases that accounted for eight homicide victims within Omaha. In the first case, a task force was formed to investigate the homicides of Dr. Roger and Mary Brumback. The task force was able to link these homicides to the 2008 murders of Shirlee Sherman and Thomas Hunter. Ultimately, the investigation led to the arrest of Dr. Anthony Garcia who was charged with four counts of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder and is currently awaiting a jury trial. Members of this task force were awarded Distinguished Service Medals and several individual Homicide Unit detectives were also recognized as Crime Stoppers Officers of the Year for their dedication and hard work which led to the apprehension of Dr. Anthony Garcia.

In the second case, the OPD and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office worked together to investigate the August 2013 homicides of Jorge Cajiga-Ruiz, Juan Uribe-Pena, Curtis Bradford and Andrea Kruger. An intense investigation led to the arrest of Nikko Jenkins, Erica Jenkins, Lori Jenkins and Lori Sayles. Nikko Jenkins was arrested, charged and convicted of four counts of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder. He is currently facing the death penalty and awaiting sentencing. Erica Jenkins was arrested for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder and Criminal Conspiracy among other charges and is currently awaiting trial. Lori Sayles was arrested, charged, and convicted of Accessory to a Felony and is currently awaiting sentencing. Lori Jenkins (the mother of Nikko and Erica Jenkins) was arrested

and convicted of two counts of Accessory to a Felony and sentenced to 10 years in federal prison. As a result of this investigation, two OPD homicide detectives were recognized as Crime Stoppers Officers of the Year.

## HOMICIDE SQUAD

In 2013, the Homicide Squad investigated 42 homicides and helped investigate eight officer-involved shooting incidents/in-custody deaths. They also made arrests in two homicide cases from earlier years. Additionally, the Homicide Squad reviewed more than 350 death investigations; processed and reviewed 1,750 sick/injury cases; reviewed more than 150 cases of terroristic threats, carrying a concealed weapon, and animal bites; and investigated 482 OPD Information Reports.

## COLD CASE SQUAD

The Cold Case Squad investigates unsolved homicides by reviewing unsolved case files for possible evidence that can be tested or investigative leads that can be followed. In 2013, the Cold Case Squad was able to make arrests in two cold cases and also assisted in investigating the serial murder cases involving Dr. Roger and Mary Brumback, Thomas Hunter, and Shirlee Sherman.

## FELONY ASSAULT SQUAD

The Felony Assault Squad investigates assaults that result in serious bodily harm. Detectives investigated over 170 of these labor-intensive felony assault cases. Each of these cases requires hours of work and hundreds of search warrants, permissions to search, and subpoenas.

## NORTH INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The North Investigations Unit (NIU) is commanded by a lieutenant and investigates person robberies, burglaries, auto thefts, thefts from motor vehicles, destruction of property incidents and misdemeanor assaults that occur north of Dodge Street. Detectives work with the Uniform Patrol Bureau, other OPD investigative units and outside agencies to investigate crimes and clear cases.

In 2013, NIU detectives investigated more than 3,100 cases; conducted more than 3,800 interviews; conducted over 150 searches; and made 595 arrests. These successful investigations and arrests led to the recovery of large amounts of stolen property and prevented much ongoing criminal activity due to the arrest of the perpetrators.



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NIU Activity	2013
New Cases Assigned	3,166
Persons Interviewed	3,889
Victims	2,211
Suspects	732
Witnesses	946
Arrests Made	595
Felony	351
Misdemeanor	244
Searches Completed	152

\*Information provided by the North Investigations Unit

## 2013 Highlights:

- February: NIU detectives investigated several burglaries that occurred over a six month time frame at an apartment complex in Northwest Omaha. Detectives identified a former maintenance employee as a suspect, executed a search warrant, recovered several items, and tied the suspect to at least fifteen burglaries in the area.
- March: Northwest Precinct officers and NIU detectives worked together to address a large increase in the number of burglaries in district 15. NW officers located and detained the suspect who was positively identified by a witness. NIU detectives interviewed the suspect who confessed to several burglaries in the area. The suspect was found guilty and sentenced to jail.
- May: NIU detectives investigated a series of robberies involving specialty shoes. An NIU detective identified two possible suspects and a search warrant was executed. Two pairs of shoes taken during the thefts and a handgun were recovered during the search. One suspect was booked for robbery and possession of a stolen firearm and was sentenced to jail. The second suspect was booked for possession of a stolen firearm and is currently awaiting sentencing.
- October-December: NIU detectives investigated over 70 break-ins into storage units at three different facilities. OPD Uniform Patrol Bureau officers caught one of the suspects when responding to a burglary-in-progress. NIU detectives interviewed the suspect and were able to not only obtain a confession but also identified two other parties involved in the break-ins and clear numerous cases.

- November 2013: NIU detectives assisted in the investigation of a shooting involving a stolen Special Operations Forces Combat Rifle. Detectives obtained incriminating photos of two suspects posing in pictures with the stolen rifle and were subsequently able to execute a search warrant. The suspects were located within 24 hours. Both suspects pled guilty to several felony charges and are awaiting sentencing.

## SOUTH INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The South Investigations Unit (SIU) is commanded by a lieutenant and investigates person and property crimes that occur south of Dodge Street. The SIU includes two sergeants, seven officers, and one secretary. SIU detectives investigate auto thefts, burglaries, misdemeanor assaults, person robberies, thefts from motor vehicles, and shoplifting incidents. Detectives work closely with the Uniform Patrol Bureau, Crime Analysis Squad, Pawn Squad, and the Crime Lab Unit to aggressively and efficiently solve cases and arrest offenders.

## 2013 Highlights:

- May: SIU detectives conducted an operation, in conjunction with officers from surrounding agencies, to address an increase in the theft of tires and rims throughout the Omaha metro area. After a thorough investigation detectives identified the suspect who orchestrated this criminal enterprise. Ultimately, SIU detectives recovered multiple sets of stolen rims, multiple firearms, and controlled substances. The suspect was charged with five counts of theft by unlawful taking over \$1500 and five counts of firearms possession by a prohibited person. The suspect was convicted on all charges and is currently awaiting sentencing.
- September: A suspect was arrested who was in possession of a stolen vehicle, marijuana and paraphernalia. SIU detectives worked diligently to gather evidence against the suspect which ultimately allowed them to clear five additional cases.
- November: SIU detectives interviewed five juvenile suspects who had been caught ransacking and burglarizing a residence. The detectives determined that the suspects had committed several other burglaries in the Southeast Omaha area and were also able to identify additional suspects. Ultimately, the

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detectives were able to clear eight additional burglaries and recover a large quantity of stolen property.

SIU Activity	2013
New Cases Assigned	2,945
Persons Interviewed	4,226
Victims	2,762
Suspects	702
Witnesses	762
Arrests Made	682
Felony	464
Misdemeanor	218
Searches Completed	247
Warrants	55
Permissions to Search	192

\*Information provided by the South Investigations Unit

## MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

The Major Crimes Unit is commanded by a lieutenant and includes three investigative squads: the Major Crimes Squad, the Fraud Squad, and the Field Investigations Squad.

## FIELD INVESTIGATIONS SQUAD

The Field Investigations Squad (FIS) investigates serious misdemeanor and felony crimes that occur between the hours of 2:30 PM and 7:00 AM. FIS detectives are often the first detectives on the scene, and handle the investigation until the end of the shift to ensure a complete report is submitted in the morning to the assigned investigative unit. FIS detectives work with the Homicide Unit to stabilize violent crime scenes, protect witnesses from influence, conduct interviews, and interact with family members of both victims and witnesses. FIS detectives also work with hospital staff members to ensure evidence is not lost when a homicide or serious assault victim is transported to the hospital for treatment.

Field Investigations Squad	2013
Incidents Investigated	1,433
Interviews Conducted	2,739
Arrests	1,117
Searches Completed	49

\*Information provided by the Major Crimes Unit

## FRAUD SQUAD

The Fraud Squad investigates crimes such as embezzlement, criminal impersonation, fraud, and forgery. The squad also assists victims with the fallout from identity theft and financial fraud. Detectives spend numerous hours talking with

victims about what they can do to protect themselves in the future. In addition, the Fraud Squad is part of the Secret Service Task Force.

Fraud Squad	2013
Cases Reviewed	1,916
Interviews Conducted	1,129
Arrests	240
Felony Arrest Warrants Issued	170

\*Information provided by the Major Crimes Unit

## MAJOR CRIMES SQUAD

The Major Crimes Squad works in joint task forces with the FBI, Douglas County Attorney's Office, City Prosecutor's Office, and United States Attorney's Office. The Squad investigates bank robberies, commercial robberies, and person robberies citywide. In 2013, among other accomplishments, the Squad arrested three suspects who were responsible for four bank robberies.

Major Crimes Squad	2013
<i>Robberies Investigated</i>	
Bank Robberies	6
Commercial/Business Robberies	134
Person Robberies	270

\*Information provided by the Major Crimes Unit

## SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

The Special Victims Unit (SVU) is commanded by a lieutenant and includes the Child Victim/Sexual Assault Squad, Domestic Violence Squad, and Missing Persons Squad. The SVU provides dedicated and specialized response to crimes involving children as victims, domestic violence, persons reported missing, and vulnerable adults. The SVU has a detective assigned full-time to the Cybercrime Task Force. The Unit includes sergeants and detectives working day and evening shifts. Staff remains on-call when not on duty in order to provide support and assistance to victims at all times of the day and night.

## CHILD VICTIM/SEXUAL ASSAULT SQUAD

The Child Victim/Sexual Assault Squad (CVSA) is housed at an off-site location called Project Harmony. Project Harmony is a nonprofit agency that involves law enforcement, Child Protective Services, child advocates and medical professionals. The CVSA includes three sergeants, nine detectives, one part-time officer, and two administrative assistants. The squad provides dedicated and specialized response to investigations involving child abuse and neglect,

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child abduction, sexual offenses, computer crimes, and missing juveniles.

CVSA detectives conduct thorough investigations using corroborative information, physical evidence, photographs, DNA, and information records from phones and computers to achieve objective conclusions to cases. Investigators coordinate and work with outside resources related to child victim crimes. Resources include other OPD units, outside law enforcement agencies, victim advocacy agencies, and the court system.

CVSA Squad Investigations	2013
Missing/Runaway Juveniles	2,300
Child Neglect	180
Child Abuse	259
Sexual Assault of a Juvenile	405
Sexual Assault of an Adult	170
Sexual Misconduct	15
Indecent Exposure & Lewd Conduct	13
Attempted Kidnapping/Child Enticement	20
Child Pornography	23
Obscene Phone Calls / Letters	10
Child Deaths	11
<b>Total Crimes</b>	<b>3406</b>

\*Information provided by the Special Victims Unit

## CYBER CRIMES TASK FORCE

The Cyber Crimes Task Force (CCTF) is an inter-departmental law enforcement group focused on the investigation of computer and internet crimes. Local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies collaborate to solve criminal acts made possible by electronic technology. By using some of the most powerful technology available, the CCTF investigates local, national and international criminal activity. The goal of the CCTF is the collaboration of assigned agencies to fight and prevent internet crimes involving child pornography and other unlawful sex crimes related to social media and the internet. In 2013, the CCTF completed 87 computer forensic exams and assisted other agencies in several additional cases.

## MISSING PERSONS SQUAD

The Missing Persons Squad handles investigations involving adults who are reported missing, and assists the CVSA Squad with missing juveniles when additional assistance is needed. The squad completes follow-up interviews with family, friends and co-workers; collects the missing person's investigative records (financial, work, computer); searches local, state and federal databases;

processes crime scenes; and collects DNA. The squad contacts many resources outside of the OPD to gather information relating to these investigations. The squad completed 314 missing adult investigations in 2013.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SQUAD

The Domestic Violence Squad (DVS) is located at an off-site location with the Douglas County/Omaha Victim Witness Assistance Unit. Working in the same building allows both agencies to collaborate and coordinate to provide the best service for victims. The DVS investigates all crimes involving domestic violence and vulnerable adults. The squad includes one sergeant, six detectives, one part-time officer, and one administrative assistant. The DVS works closely with several participating community-based domestic violence agencies including the Domestic Violence Council, Women's Center for Advancement, Douglas County Probation, Douglas County Attorney, Catholic Charities, Heartland Family Services, Adult Protective Services, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging. Working together allows these agencies to provide confidential enhanced care and services.

In 2013, the DVS participated in four domestic violence sweeps, in partnership with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Nebraska State Probation, that led to multiple arrests and protection orders served; the annual Clackamas County Sheriff's National Family Violence Warrant Sweep – a day-long event where law enforcement agencies across the nation serve outstanding family violence warrants; and continued education and awareness events regarding domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault.

Domestic Violence Squad	2013
Avg. Number of Cases per Month	63
Misdemeanor Investigations	3,786
Misdemeanor Warrants	906
Felony Investigations	749
Felony Warrants	266

\*Information provided by the Special Victims Unit

## CRIME LAB UNIT

The Crime Lab Unit, supervised by Crime Lab Manager Karenina Smith, provides forensic evidence collection and preservation support for the Department.

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In 2013, Crime Lab Unit personnel included three Criminalists (shift supervisors), seven Senior Crime Lab Technicians, eleven Crime Lab Technicians and one part-time employee.

Employees attended various training events including the Leica Scan Station Training, Fingerprint Training, Digital Imaging Training, and the 2013 Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners (AFTE) Training Conference.



In 2013, the Unit acquired the Leica 3D Laser Scanner. The 3D laser scanner digitizes a crime scene 3-dimensionally using both panoramic photography and 3D laser scanning. The result is an accurate three dimensional representation of a crime scene. The Leica 3D Laser Scanner can also be used for pre-event planning or post-event crime scene forensic analysis.

Crime Lab Unit	2013
3D Laser Scans of Crime Scenes	10
Street Calls	5,830
Crime Scene Photographs Taken	225,312
IBIS Hits Received	194
Firearms Examinations/Test Fires	470
Fingerprints Developed	1,634
Breath Tests for DUI**	1,557

\*Information provided by the Crime Lab Unit

\*\*This figure does not include breath tests performed by certified OPD officers

In 2013, the Unit also moved into a newly renovated area on the first floor of Central Police Headquarters. The new Crime Lab Unit area consists of a main technician work area, a processing lab, temporary secure storage for work-in-progress, an Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) workstation space, a firearms room, a forensic video room, a graphics room, a photo printing room, a conference room, a manager's office, separate work spaces for the shift supervisors, a work space for a unit secretary, and a secure entrance to better monitor non-Crime Lab Unit employee visitors. The renovation of the Crime Lab is a much appreciated improvement for the Department.

## EVIDENCE/PROPERTY UNIT

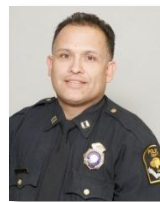
The Evidence/Property Unit (EPU) securely stores and manages all evidence and property collected

by the agency. At any given time the unit is responsible for anywhere between 800,000-900,000 individual items. More complicated investigations may have several hundred evidentiary items which need to be packaged, entered into agency records, and stored securely. In 2013, the EPU was assigned under the Criminal Investigations Bureau and was commanded by a lieutenant.

In 2013, the OPD worked toward the completion of a major project to renovate the EPU storage areas and update unit procedures. The OPD started a thorough review of all evidence and property handling and storage procedures. Since physical evidence can be one of the most important aspects of criminal prosecution the chain of custody of that evidence must be thoroughly documented. A new evidence and property bar-coding system, Tracker, funded by the 2009 Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant program was implemented in 2013. Items that were booked into EPU prior to the new bar-coding system must be transferred to the new system. This has proven to be a monumental task that is anticipated to take several years, as each item has to be physically located, bar-coded and moved to the new EPU location.

In addition to the implementation of Tracker, the EPU renovation included a major facelift to the facility and security. The EPU is now monitored by multiple cameras and key card access is required to enter. 2013 saw the completion of dedicated rooms with enhanced security for firearms and drugs. A massive high-density electronic shelving system was installed to maximize storage space and improve shelving efficiency. Lighting and ventilation systems were upgraded, and are a vast improvement over previous conditions. A separate walk in "Freezer and Refrigerator Room" and "Safe Room" were finished in the spring of 2014.

## SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION



The Criminal Investigations Bureau's Special Operations Section (SOS) is commanded by Captain Richard Gonzalez. The SOS includes the Emergency Response Unit, the Gang Unit, and the Narcotics Unit.

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT

The Emergency Response Unit (ERU) includes the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Squad, Bomb Response Squad, Crisis Negotiations Squad, and Bomb Dog Squad. The ERU is also

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responsible for the operation and staffing of the OPD Mobile Command Center for large events or emergency incidents. The ERU includes 35 officers and is commanded by a lieutenant. A full-time sergeant oversees the Bomb Response Squad and four full-time bomb detection K-9 handlers that are assigned to Eppley Airfield and deployed city-wide as needed. With few exceptions, ERU personnel are permanently assigned to other full-time jobs within the agency and respond to emergency situations or perform ERU duties as assigned.

## SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT) SQUAD

In 2013, the SWAT Squad completed an all-time high number of 130 high-risk warrant entries; responded to three barricaded gunman incidents; completed various React Team operations to protect undercover officers; completed two dignitary protection assignments; completed 15 additional SWAT deployments for a variety of high-risk assignments; and completed 176 hours of scheduled SWAT training.

## BOMB RESPONSE SQUAD

In 2013 the Bomb Response Squad handled 57 calls for explosives or suspicious devices; attended monthly three-day trainings for bomb technicians; participated with explosives detection canine teams in prevention and deterrence operations (College World Series, Berkshire-Hathaway shareholders meeting, high-profile events, etc.); completed a two-day annual statewide Bomb Response Team training; completed more than 2,000 total officer hours of regular team training and more than 300 total officer hours of explosives breaching training; continued to coordinate the metro-wide Fireworks Amnesty Day with the Uniform Patrol Bureau and Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); and completed three post-blast investigations.



## CRISIS NEGOTIATION SQUAD

The Crisis Negotiation Squad includes negotiators who are trained to communicate with people experiencing a crisis situation and who are threatening violence, including barricaded subjects, hostage takers, and persons threatening suicide among other scenarios. In 2013, the Squad

handled 9 incidents including 6 armed and barricaded suspects, two suicidal parties and one hostage scenario. Squad members also completed more than 150 total hours of officer training including a joint training day with the Douglas County Sheriff's Crisis Negotiations team.

## GANG UNIT

The Gang Unit includes the Firearms Squad, Fugitive Squad, Gang Intelligence Squad, and Gang Suppression Squads. The unit is commanded by a lieutenant and consists of seven sergeants, over 30 officers, two civilian clerical employees, one Gang Specialist, and three OPD volunteers. Gang Unit officers and command staff participate in three federal task forces – the FBI Greater Omaha Safe Streets Task Force, an ATF Task Force, and the US Marshal's Metro Area Fugitive Task Force.

The Gang Unit is not only responsible for enforcement operations, but also spends a great deal of time in the community conducting presentations and community visits. Gang Unit employees visit locations such as the Boys and Girls Clubs, Victory Boxing Club, and many other organizations to speak with staff members and kids about the dangers of gang activity. Employees also conduct presentations in local schools with youth and educators, and network with local social service agencies. In 2013, the unit participated in community activities such as citizen academies, holiday programs and youth education programs. The unit also regularly attended meetings of various community organizations including Omaha 360, the Empowerment Network and South Omaha Violence Intervention and Prevention.

Throughout the year, the OPD Gang Specialist attended numerous school and community meetings, and conducted many one-on-one interventions with at-risk



youth. The Gang Specialist, Chevist Johnson, implemented the "Turf Talk" program in the Douglas County Correctional Center and Nebraska Youth Correctional Facility. This program helps youth and adults develop skills to allow them to re-enter society in a productive manner. Several youth successfully completed this program and graduated. One youth has started his own business and is also continuing his education since being released. The value of this program was recognized by the Warden of the Nebraska Youth Correctional

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Facility who recognized Johnson for his volunteer work at that facility.

## FIREARMS SQUAD

The Firearms Squad includes a sergeant, four detectives, and three volunteers. Three of the detectives are task force officers who work closely with the local office of the ATF on long-term investigations relating to prohibited persons in possession of firearms, straw purchase investigations, and other federal investigations.

In 2013, the Firearms Squad, in conjunction with the ATF Task Force, conducted operations that targeted gang activity in relation to straw purchasing, gun trafficking, and drug dealing. Two major operations resulted in a total of 22 federal felony indictments, 3 state felony indictments, and the seizure of a number of firearms and drugs. In addition, five firearm straw purchasers were identified. These individuals were responsible for buying 25 guns; many believed to have been provided to gang members. In 2013, the Firearms Squad and ATF employees were recognized for their outstanding efforts in this investigation with the Certificate of Appreciation by HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas), and two Firearms Squad detectives were also nominated for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year.

Also in 2013, the Firearms Squad held three Gun Amnesty events in various precincts that resulted in the collection of a total of 92 guns, 1,200 pounds of ammunition, several improvised explosive devices and hundreds of pounds of fireworks. The Firearms Squad, in cooperation with the ATF, was also responsible for tracing nearly 900 recovered guns in 2013.



## FUGITIVE SQUAD

The Fugitive Squad is a member of the Metro Area Fugitive Task Force, which is sponsored and led by the US Marshal's Service. The task force includes 16 full-time investigators from the Omaha, Council Bluffs and LaVista Police Departments, the Douglas and Sarpy County Sheriff's offices and

members of the US Marshals Office. Officers from the various agencies work together in a collaborative effort to locate and arrest parties with felony or serious misdemeanor warrants in and around the Omaha area.

In 2013, Fugitive Squad officers made 1,165 felony warrant arrests. This included 19 arrests for homicide and 310 arrests for violent crimes against persons such as rape, robbery, domestic violence and weapons related crimes. One of the homicide arrests was of a suspected serial killer who is suspected of committing a double homicide in both 2008 and 2013. Since its inception, the Metro Fugitive Task Force has made 11,823 felony warrant arrests.

## GANG INTELLIGENCE SQUAD

The Gang Intelligence Squad is commanded by a sergeant and includes three detectives. The squad disseminates gang-related information and/or bulletins to other OPD investigative units and uniform officers, as well as other law enforcement agencies; tracks and investigates graffiti cases; and provides gang training and education for the OPD, the community, outside law enforcement agencies, correctional facilities, businesses and schools. In particular, the squad facilitates a monthly gang tracking and information meeting with several criminal justice agencies. In 2013, they also assisted with 187 home visits of at-risk youth on probation or parole.

In addition, the unit is assigned to the Greater Omaha Safe Streets Task Force (GOSSTF) which is headed by the FBI. In 2013 the GOSSTF



conducted several notable investigations targeting gangs in Omaha. One of the investigations, Operation "Purple Haze," concluded in 2013 and resulted in 13 individuals either being indicted or arrested on state charges. Additionally, in 2013, a GOSSTF detective was recognized by the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee Conference for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Professionals for his outstanding efforts during Operation "South Paw."

GOSSTF Activity	2013
Indictments or Felony Arrests	35
Search Warrants	24
Firearms Seized	32
Dollars Seized	\$729,000
Crack Seized (ounces)	27
Methamphetamine Seized (pounds)	38
Marijuana Seized (Pounds)	97

\*Information provided by the Gang Unit

## GANG SUPPRESSION SQUAD

The Suppression Squads conduct operations in both north and south Omaha to reduce gang and gun violence and also participate in community events to maintain a strong working relationship with the community. The squads also assist other Gang Unit squads with fugitive apprehension, firearms investigations and large-scale investigations conducted by the GOSSTF and the ATF Task Force. In 2013 the Gang Unit added an additional Gang Suppression Squad to provide the city coverage seven days a week.

Through various investigations working with local, state, and federal agencies the squads made hundreds of arrests, seized over 200 guns and apprehended multiple fugitives involved in violent crime in 2013. Additionally, in response to an increase in gang violence, officers put together an operation that resulted in the confiscation of weapons and the detention of a party later charged for involvement in a homicide. A couple of notable investigations also resulted in the seizure of large amounts of drugs, cash, and weapons. In one case 88 pounds of marijuana and \$43,000 were recovered. In another, officers seized 40 pounds of marijuana, \$11,000 in cash, a stolen vehicle, a handgun, and a rifle.

The squads use a well-rounded, community policing approach to combat the violence associated with street gangs. In 2013, officers assigned to these squads made positive impacts in local neighborhoods, and took part in after school athletic youth leagues designed to give kids alternatives to gang membership. One officer designed soccer, baseball, and volleyball programs for inner city youth and other officers participated by coaching and mentoring the youth.



## NARCOTICS UNIT

The Narcotics Unit investigates complaints from citizens and develops long-term cases leading to the interdiction of major drug suppliers. Narcotics Unit investigators also follow-up on information and arrests generated by Uniform Patrol Bureau officers and assist the Traffic Unit, Canine Unit, and Criminal Investigations Bureau with forfeitures when assets are seized from drug dealers and other criminals.

As a result of several long-term investigations working with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, numerous large-scale drug trafficking organizations were successfully dismantled in 2013. Throughout the course of these investigations multiple arrests were made and several pounds of methamphetamine, cocaine and crack were seized and removed from the streets of Omaha. One large scale case resulted in the seizure of 85 firearms in addition to a large amount of illegal drugs. In another case, Narcotics Unit officers were able to tie local narcotics activity to a supplier in California. The unit coordinated with federal agencies working across the country to ultimately identify and arrest the supplier. This case resulted in 10 federal indictments as well as the seizure of 13 pounds of methamphetamine, three handguns, three bullet proof vests, and a large sum of money.

2013 brought a new trend to the local narcotics market. Synthetic drugs, which cause various hallucinogenic behavior and mood alterations, emerged on a wider scale and have become popular amongst younger individuals within the community. With the assistance of local and state government, changes in laws have helped to combat the distribution and use of these drugs.

The Narcotics Unit participates in the Metro Drug Task Force (MDTF). The MDTF is made up of several federal, state and local agencies including the ATF, FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). MDTF investigations are centered in the Omaha metropolitan area, but many have ties to other states and countries. Several investigations in 2013 involved local gang members and resulted in numerous federal indictments. Crack cocaine, powder cocaine, methamphetamine, and numerous firearms were seized during MDTF investigations. The MDTF has taken many illicit drugs off the streets of Omaha, including pounds of marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine.

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## INTELLIGENCE SQUAD

The Intelligence Squad monitors suspected terrorist organizations and organized crime figures with ties to the Omaha area. An officer from the squad is assigned to work full-time with the Omaha Joint Terrorism Task Force to investigate domestic and international terrorism. In 2013, the squad continued to monitor outlaw motorcycle gangs and bookmakers in the Omaha area. The squad collected necessary information to disseminate bulletins within the Department, as well as to other agencies. The squad also assists other OPD units and squads in obtaining information to help further investigations.

The squad continues to 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 law enforcement and civilian entities in the Omaha metro area. TEWG members set up, maintain and monitor a website dedicated to the terrorism early warning cause ([www.otewg.org](http://www.otewg.org)).

## SPECIAL OPERATIONS/VICE SQUAD

The Special Operations/Vice Squad (SOVS) provides surveillance and support to both the Criminal Investigations and Uniform Patrol Bureaus. In addition, the SOVS assists other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Officers utilize a variety of surveillance methods and equipment to build solid cases for successful prosecution.

In 2013, the SOVS provided support to the Uniform Patrol Bureau with vice enforcement, which included prostitution and lewd conduct operations as well as the investigation of alcohol and tobacco violations. SOVS officers provided assistance at several large events including the NCAA College World Series. The SOVS also conducted physical and electronic surveillance and assisted many units within the OPD as well as outside agencies involved in the MDTF. For example, in 2013, the SOVS provided undercover surveillance assistance with a drug investigation involving "bath salts." The investigation was conducted in conjunction with the ATF and led to several federal indictments and the seizure of property and currency in excess of 1 million dollars.

The SOVS is also a member of the FBI's Innocence Lost Task Force, which targets the domestic sex trafficking of children. Task force officers participated in outreach efforts by providing

presentations and training on human trafficking for clergy, educational professionals, medical and mental health professionals and law enforcement officers in the community and around the country. The SOVS conducted several long-term investigations into human trafficking in the Omaha area as well. These investigations were multi-jurisdictional efforts and involved federal, state and local agencies. Victims were identified, located and provided with services. These services ultimately led to some of the victims moving on to a new life and out of prostitution. In 2013, members of the SOVS in conjunction with the task force were responsible for 19 federal indictments related to human sex trafficking of adults and minors. The task force has maintained a 100% federal conviction rate since it began in 2010.

## POLICE SERVICES BUREAU

The Police Services Bureau (PSB) is commanded by Deputy Chief M. Elizabeth Davis. The PSB includes the Air Support Unit, Information Technology Unit, Administrative Information Section and Support Services Section. The PSB Deputy Chief is also responsible for OPD expenditures and management of the annual strategic budgeting process.



## AIR SUPPORT UNIT

The Air Support Unit provides professional services for the officers and citizens of Omaha, and serves surrounding communities, as needed. The Air Support Unit is commanded by a lieutenant and includes eight highly trained and skilled pilots, two part-time officers and one aviation mechanic. The lieutenant also pilots the helicopters when needed. The Air Support Unit has an active patrol fleet of two Bell Jet Ranger helicopters, purchased in 2008, one OH-58 helicopter, and another OH-58 that is used only for flight training.





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## Air Support 2013

Flight Hours	928.2
Outside Agency Assistance	111
Unit Presentations	48
<i>Total Activity</i>	10,507
Officer Involved	7,042
Radio Calls	1,191
Assignments	2,274
<i>Total Pursuits</i>	81
Vehicle	42
Foot	39

\*Information provided by the Crime Analysis Unit

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIT

The Information Technology Unit reports directly to the PSB Deputy Chief and works to maintain and develop OPD's information technology systems, including the Law Records Management System (LRMS), Mobile Data Computers, IT infrastructure, and all web-based applications. The unit also acts as the department liaison with all outside IT vendors and the Douglas County Department of Communications (i.e. 911 call center).

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION SECTION

The Administrative Information Section (AIS) is commanded by Captain Michelle Bang and delivers specialized support services to the OPD, other law enforcement agencies, and the community. The AIS includes the Records Unit, Inspections Unit, and Human Resources Unit.



As a part of her role in commanding the AIS, Capt. Bang works with other OPD bureaus to develop policy and maintain the professional standards database. She also serves as the liaison for the volunteer chaplain program.

A significant accomplishment in 2013 was the implementation of a robust peer support program for OPD. The goal of the peer support program is to provide OPD employees with tangible emotional and peer support during times of personal and professional crises and to identify potential difficulties. Capt. Bang is assisted by a Human Resources sergeant who is the team leader for the peer support program and also the OPD liaison for the City of Omaha Worker's Compensation program.

## RECORDS UNIT

The Records Unit is overseen by an Administrative Information Manager and includes the Records

Squad, Telephone Response Squad and the Data Center. The Records Unit processes all reports and traffic citations completed by OPD employees. The unit also processes all requests for service regarding criminal history checks, reports, and records of arrest for the Department, outside agencies, and the public. In 2013, an existing OPD employee was promoted to the position of Administrative Information Coordinator and was instrumental in leading and providing stability to the Records Unit through a time of transition in which several long-serving employees retired from the unit.

## RECORDS SQUAD

The Records Squad handles all reports generated by the OPD. The squad stores, retrieves, reproduces and delivers reports to both internal and external customers.

## Records Squad 2013

Reports Processed	84,272
Criminal History Requests	8,463
Juvenile Court Seals	2,427

\*Information provided by the Records Unit

## DATA CENTER

The Data Center staff operates the OPD Information Channel (internal radio channel); convey and receive history information from the Nebraska and National Law Enforcement Teletype System (NCLETS); and enter and retrieve criminal data for the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the Nebraska Crime Information System (NCIS). In 2013, the Data Center processed various reports, provided record checks and support information through the radio communications system, and averaged over 200 calls per day.

## Reports Processed 2013

Accident Reports	14,259
Incident Reports	32,942
Citations	20,809

\*Information provided by the Records Unit

## TELEPHONE RESPONSE SQUAD

The Telephone Response Squad (TRS) takes telephone report calls and all non-emergency police reports. This allows OPD officers to focus on active patrol, traffic enforcement, and the investigation of more serious criminal matters.

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TRS Activity	2013
Report Made	15,230
Incidents Reported	16,870
No Report Made	7,648
Referral to 911	2,712
Left Message	14,018
Unable to Contact	2,551
<b>Total Activity</b>	<b>59,029</b>

\*Information provided by the Crime Analysis Unit

## INSPECTIONS UNIT

The Inspections Unit functions as an information resource for the Chief of Police. This information includes uniform regulation compliance, rules and procedure compliance for all bureaus, and generally any information that affects day-to-day operations of the agency. The Unit's objective is to evaluate Department policies and procedures and offer constructive suggestions to better the Department. The Inspections Unit conducts staff inspections of all units to include worksites, equipment, and working conditions. Each OPD organizational unit is inspected at least once every three years. The Unit also conducts quarterly audits of units where money or other valuables are held. These audits ensure proper handling and documentation of money and property. The unit also oversees off-duty employment by conducting pre-inspections on businesses who wish to have an OPD officer work off-duty at their establishment(s). Surprise onsite inspections are completed to make sure officers who work off-duty operate in accord with OPD's policies and procedures.

## HUMAN RESOURCES UNIT

The Human Resources Unit is supervised by an Office Manager and provides a variety of services and support functions. These include the coordination of hiring and employee actions; application of rules of labor contracts and the Omaha Municipal Code in areas relevant to Human Resources; and management of payroll/timekeeping functions. The unit also provides personnel cost reports and projections which are used in the annual budgetary process and other operational analyses.

## 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 is supervised by a lieutenant and is comprised of the Front Desk Squad, Information Services Squad, and Court Liaison Squad. Each of these squads has different responsibilities and works independently of one another.

## FRONT DESK SQUAD

The Front Desk Squad includes two sergeants, seven officers, and nine information services technicians. The Front Desk operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is the first point of contact for the public at Central Police Headquarters. Employees handle public inquiries, incoming phone calls, and requests from police officers. The squad is responsible for the registration of handguns, the issuance of taxi permits, fingerprint services, the sale of police reports, criminal history requests, and the completion of Incident Reports.

Front Desk Squad Activity	2013
Gun Registrations	3,846
Fingerprinting Services	1,551
Police Reports Sold	3,954
Criminal History Requests	1,622

\*Information provided by the Customer Services Unit

## INFORMATION SERVICES SQUAD

The Information Services Squad includes three police officers and one clerk. The squad handles a variety of tasks including answering telephone calls, data entry, and processing court subpoenas.

## COURT LIAISON SQUAD

The Court Liaison Squad includes one sergeant and one officer who work with the City Prosecutor's Office to cancel officers who are not needed for court, and to investigate cases of wrong party identification. In 2013, the squad saved the City of Omaha approximately \$763,923 in court pay for officers and cleared 98 wrong party identification requests. In June of 2013 the Mayor's Office Security detail was added to the responsibilities of the squad which consists of four retired officers. These officers primarily provide security for the Mayor's Office and for the Mayor at various events.

## POLICE SUPPLY UNIT

The Police Supply Unit includes three full time civilian employees who serve over 900 employees. The unit performs a wide variety of duties including furnishing office supplies, managing a quartermaster system, and processing all items ordered through the Oracle system. The unit also administers a petty cash fund, processes trip

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vouchers and invoices, generates payment vouchers, and receives and mails out packages. The unit also maintains records and installs "City" tags on equipment and is responsible for the repair of many equipment items such as radars, radios etc.

## FLEET AND FACILITIES UNIT

The Fleet and Facilities Unit provides building and fleet maintenance and acquisition services for the OPD. In 2013, the unit brought the new Canine Unit facility into operation; completed first floor demolition work at central police headquarters; brought 45 new police cruisers and 18 unmarked vehicles into the vehicle fleet; submitted more than 320 work orders to Public Works Facilities Management for building repairs; and completed more than 500 work requests for items such as phone repairs, moving furniture, and small building repairs, etc.

## VEHICLE IMPOUND UNIT

The Vehicle Impound Unit tows and disposes of abandoned and wrecked vehicles for both the OPD and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. The unit is managed by an Impound Lot Manager and includes 15 employees. The unit assisted various law enforcement agencies, insurance carriers, and the general public regarding more than 8,350 towed vehicles in 2013. The staff of the Vehicle Impound Unit work hard to provide excellent customer service for both the public and the various agencies they serve.

While most vehicles are claimed by their owners, approximately a third of the vehicles at the Impound Lot are not claimed and are eventually auctioned to private entities after the legally required holding period. As a result, the Vehicle Impound Unit generated more than \$1.9 million in 2013 which goes into the General Fund of the City of Omaha. Additionally, the Omaha Fire Department Training Unit practices extracting individuals from vehicles provided by the unit. This invaluable training ensures they can deliver lifesaving services to the citizens of Omaha.

## EXECUTIVE SERVICES BUREAU

The Executive Services Bureau (ESB) is commanded by Deputy Chief Gregory Gonzalez. The ESB Deputy Chief oversees the Training and Community Services Section, which, in 2013, included the Backgrounds Unit, Neighborhood Services Unit, Research and Planning Unit, and



Training Unit.

## TRAINING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTION

The Training and Community Services Section (TCSS) is commanded by Captain Diana Kelly and includes the Backgrounds Unit, Neighborhood Services Unit, Research and Planning Unit, and Training Unit. TCSS is also responsible for duties as assigned by the Executive Services Bureau Deputy Chief.



## BACKGROUND UNIT

The Backgrounds Unit is commanded by a lieutenant and includes one sergeant, five detectives, and one part-time clerk-typist. Backgrounds Unit employees are active police officers who work full-time to evaluate the qualifications of sworn and non-sworn job applicants. Officers investigate relevant information concerning applicants' integrity, past behavior, and previous job performance in order to forecast future job performance. Backgrounds Unit detectives complete thorough, fair, and unbiased background investigations.

In 2013, the OPD received more than 1,800 police applications for the April 2014 recruit class. The Backgrounds Unit investigated over 200 of the applicants and the recruit class subsequently began on April 14th with 40 recruit officers. The Unit also performed background investigations on 423 civilian job applicants. This included numerous contractor background investigations due to the OPD's various remodeling projects, background checks for 61 "ride-along" participants, and checks for various volunteer and internship positions. A total of 288 civilians were cleared for various positions within the OPD and other City of Omaha departments. In addition, the Backgrounds Unit participated in 12 career fairs including several focused on recruitment of both minorities and females.

Backgrounds Activity	Received	Assigned
Police Applicants	1,847	40
Citizen Applicants	423	288

\*Information provided by the Backgrounds Unit

During a typical recruitment cycle, the Backgrounds Unit works extensively with local media outlets to publicize open police officer positions. This includes purchasing billboards, radio and newspaper ads, and posting notices in public buildings. The Unit participates in television interviews and holds panel

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discussions. The OPD has a dedicated website for recruitment with links to the recruitment brochure and a question/answer page. The use of social media also helps keep potential applicants informed and up-to-date on the hiring process, and serves to increase the number of police officer applications received.

The Backgrounds Unit emphasizes the recruitment of qualified female applicants. In 2013, the Unit continued to strive toward this goal by ensuring female police officers attended career fairs, recruitment events, and other agency events that involved the public. Female officers are also depicted on the "Join OPD" website and in various recruitment materials. Additionally, the Backgrounds Unit hosted three Women in Law Enforcement panel discussions. These panels provided an opportunity for women considering applying to the OPD to ask questions and speak with current female officers. This communicates to prospective future applicants and the general public that the OPD is a female-friendly workplace.

The Backgrounds Unit also emphasizes the recruitment of qualified minority applicants, and continued to work toward that goal in 2013 by depicting officers of various races and ethnicities in recruitment materials. Additionally, officers of various races and ethnicities represented the OPD at career fairs, recruitment events, and other public events. The OPD continues to strive to build an agency workforce that reflects the demographic diversity of the Omaha area by reducing the statistical difference between the percentage of ethnic minorities available in the workforce and the percentage of ethnic minorities employed by the agency.

## NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES UNIT

The Neighborhood Services Unit (NSU) is commanded by a Lieutenant and includes the North School Resource Officer Squad, South School Resource Officer Squad, Nuisance Task Force Squad, Prevention Programs Squad, Business Watch Squad, Truancy Officer Squad, and the Volunteer Services Squad.

The NSU assists the public with problem resolution and prevention programs and acts as a liaison between the OPD and neighborhood watch groups, neighborhood associations, community groups, and individuals who desire to help with crime prevention and problem solving. The NSU helps develop and promote a better, safer quality of life by utilizing a variety of crime prevention resources and

programs. In addition, the NSU schedules meetings to solve community problems; assists in documentation of illegal drug and gang activity; helps initiate Neighborhood Watch groups; connects individuals with neighborhood associations; provides information on various code enforcement issues; and arranges OPD speakers for community organizations and clubs, including annual citywide events such as the Safety Expo (55,734 attendees), and Kindergarten Traffic Training (165 attendees).

Neighborhood Services Unit	2013
Presentations	319
Neighborhood Watch Groups	916
<i>Nuisance Task Force</i>	
Mayor's Action Line Complaints	351
Nuisance Notices Issued	355
Vehicle Tows	102
Complied Vehicle Checks	281
<i>Business Watch Squad</i>	
Business Watch Contacts/Follow-ups	589
<i>Precinct Community Meetings</i>	
Northwest Precinct	171
Northeast Precinct	89
Southeast Precinct	421
Southwest Precinct	53

\*Information provided by the Crime Analysis Unit

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SQUAD

In 1995, the OPD partnered with local school districts to implement the School Resource Officer (SRO) program. The goal of the SRO program is to enhance police relations with students, parents, and school staff, and to promote positive youth citizenship by utilizing both police and school district resources. The OPD currently has 17 SRO's working in middle schools and 12 SRO's working in high schools. Four roving SRO's fill in as is necessary. Participating districts include the Omaha Public Schools, Millard Public Schools, Elkhorn Public Schools, and Westside Community Schools. In the fall of 2013, the OPD also added an SRO at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).

SRO Activities	2013
Incident Reports	3,920
Arrests – Felony	56
Arrests – Misdemeanor	829
Traffic Citations	18
Assist to Patrol/Detective	823

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## NUISANCE TASK FORCE SQUAD

The Nuisance Task Force Squad (NTFS) handles the most serious violations of the nuisance litter complaints reported to the Mayor's Hotline. In 2013, NTFS officers responded to 351 Mayor's Hotline complaints; issued 355 nuisance notices (and achieved compliance on 281 of these); and towed 102 vehicles. This success was despite NTFS personnel being assigned to other areas within OPD during a portion of the year due to budgetary reasons.

## PREVENTION PROGRAMS SQUAD

In 2013, the Prevention Programs Squad presented crime prevention information to schools and community groups, offered safety patrol training to elementary school students, conducted 127 school safety audits, attracted up to 51 Explorer Program members at a time (depending on the phase), and conducted elementary school outreach. Officers also gave 204 presentations to schools and community groups regarding topics such as stranger danger, police officer duties, and bike safety.

## BUSINESS WATCH SQUAD

The Business Watch Squad offers crime prevention tips to the Omaha business community and enables area businesses to network in an effort to decrease crime. The Business Watch Squad provides programs such as Business Watch, Crime Free Multi-Housing, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, and Closed Property. The Squad also issues business alerts regarding robberies, burglaries, internal and external theft, bad check detection, workplace violence, employee safety, and options to ban and bar problem individuals from business properties. Upon request, Business Squad Officers conduct security audits of business properties. In 2013, the Squad made 589 business contacts, and conducted 32 full security business property audits and numerous partial audits.

## RESEARCH AND PLANNING UNIT

The Research and Planning Unit (R&P) includes two R&P Specialists, one Grant Writer, and one part-time retired sergeant who assists with the Department's accreditation process. R&P conducts research into department needs; analyzes data; reviews general orders, legislative bills, state statutes, city ordinances, policies and procedures manuals, and periodicals to learn of needed procedural changes; produces reports to explain research findings; drafts and reviews general and information orders; manages changes to OPD

policies and procedures and narrative reports; manages the accreditation process for the OPD; maintains and updates the OPD Policies and Procedures Manual master copy; surveys other agencies to discover improved methods, policies, and procedures; responds to surveys from other agencies; manages and creates new and revised OPD forms; participates in committee meetings to develop the direction and scope of plans for future projects; and produces the OPD Annual Report, which is featured on the OPD web site.

## TRAINING UNIT

The Training Unit is dedicated to providing excellence in training to all OPD employees. The Training Unit is commanded by a lieutenant and includes three sergeants, seven officers, one part-time officer, a Training Specialist, and a secretary. The unit conducts training for OPD recruit classes and existing OPD employees, and provides in-service and firearms training.

Training	2013
Training Classes-Total	200
Training Hours-Total	54,236
<i>Participants-Total</i>	5,237
Sworn	3,874
Non-Sworn	63
Citizens/Guests	1,300

\*Information provided by the Crime Analysis Unit

The Training Unit not only provides training for all sworn OPD employees but also provides training for civilian employees and hosts a number of outside training courses for other agencies. In addition to the mandated in-service training and the recruit academy training, the Training Unit also provides leadership and management training to sergeants, lieutenants, and captains. In 2013, Training Unit Instructors provided a four-hour course in defense strategies for the Omaha Fire Department which focused on dealing with armed individuals.

## RECRUIT ACADEMY TRAINING

Twenty-six Omaha Police recruits and six Omaha Fire Department Arson Investigators graduated from the Omaha Police Training Academy on January 17, 2013 after twenty-four (24) weeks of intense training. After graduation, the new OPD officers moved into the Field Training Phase of the Academy which lasted an additional fifteen weeks. On May 12, 2013, the officers successfully completed the Field Training Phase for a total of

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thirty-nine weeks of training and are now working various assignments throughout the City of Omaha.

After a complete overhaul of the Training Academy's curriculum in 2012, the Training Unit operates under the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center's (NLETC) Job Task Analysis (JTA) mandates. These mandates establish a list of approximately 500 tasks which must be covered during a basic police recruit academy training class. The establishment and monitoring of these mandates is required in order to maintain certification of the Department's Recruit Academy. These tasks are monitored and tracked and identified in a lesson plan. Additionally, performance objectives and a means of testing each objective must be established for each task. These tasks are continually monitored, updated, and revised as needed. Academy Instructors are responsible for the routine monitoring and updating of curriculum and ensuring the JTA's are included, taught, and documented. Instructors manage over 135 lesson plans ranging from five to fifty pages in length.

## IN-SERVICE TRAINING

The OPD provides every sworn officer with a minimum of 24-hours of mandated training annually. The 2013 in-service training was divided into three in-service sessions over a 25-week time frame. The training focused on topics such as CPR, Emergency Vehicle Operation (including familiarization with the new OPD Chevy Caprice cruisers), a review of the Omaha Police Department's new Use of Force policies, and various additional topics. One in-service session was devoted to the Department's new computerized/electronic reporting system, which included new computer aided dispatch procedures.

## FIREARMS TRAINING

Firearms Instructors assigned to the Training Unit are responsible for the coordination and execution of all firearms-related training. This includes firearm training for all recruits, as well as in-service and mandated qualification training for existing sworn officers. The training includes proficiency in handguns, shotguns, as well as elective rifle training.

*Patrol Rifle Program:* In 2013, a cadre of 10 Senior Patrol Rifle Instructors conducted training and certifications for all patrol rifle officers in the OPD. A total of 310 officers received eight hours of continuing education, as well as a certification course on their personally owned rifles.

Additionally, two five-day certifications courses were held, certifying an additional 40 officers on patrol rifles. These courses involved firing approximately 120,000 rounds of ammunition and were held at the OPD's outdoor range.

OPD officer David Staskiewicz received the national 2012 Range Master of the Year Award which was awarded by Action Target, Inc, a privately owned business located in Provo, Utah. Action Target, Inc. is a leader in shooting range technology. Officer Staskiewicz was selected from amongst hundreds of applicants worldwide for his instrumental contributions to the OPD Firearms Training program.



## HONOR GUARD

The OPD Honor Guard was established in 1954 as a volunteer organization devoted to representing the OPD in a positive manner through various civic functions. The Honor Guard currently includes 30 members who serve without regard to rank. The Honor Guard president, vice president, secretary, and sergeant of arms are elected every two years to manage the Honor Guard. These officeholders serve a one-year term beginning on May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Training takes place every other month and is a combined effort with other metro area honor guards. Training includes a drill ceremony, firing party detail, casket bearing, flag folding and presentation, and color guard training.

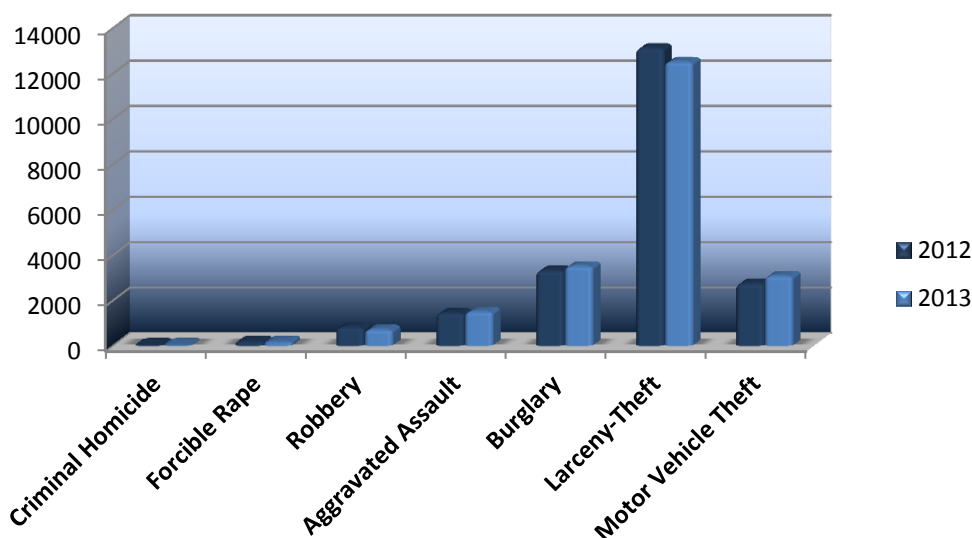
In 2011, the OPD formed a Pipe and Drums Corps to provide ceremonial services at public events such as parades, funerals, and other civic functions. The Pipe and Drums Corps falls under the Honor Guard administratively, but is organized separately and is commanded by an elected sergeant. The ultimate goal is to fully staff the Pipe and Drums Corps with five drummers and ten pipers (the Corps currently includes two drummers and three pipers). In 2013, the OPD Honor Guard participated in 31 events. These events included 13 color guard presentations, 11 funerals, one parade, and six additional events. The OPD Pipe and Drums Corps participated in 18 events during the year. This included seven funerals and 11 special events.

## OFFENSE COMPARISON

## NUMBER OF PART I OFFENSES

Part I Offenses	2012	2013	Percent Change
Criminal Homicide	41	42	+2%
Forcible Rape	187	184	-2%
Robbery	815	718	-12%
Aggravated Assault	1,442	1,505	+4%
Burglary	3,311	3,509	+6%
Larceny-Theft	13,120	12,519	-5%
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,747	3,080	+12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,663</b>	<b>21,557</b>	<b>0%</b>

Number of Part I Offenses



## CLEARANCE OF PART I OFFENSES

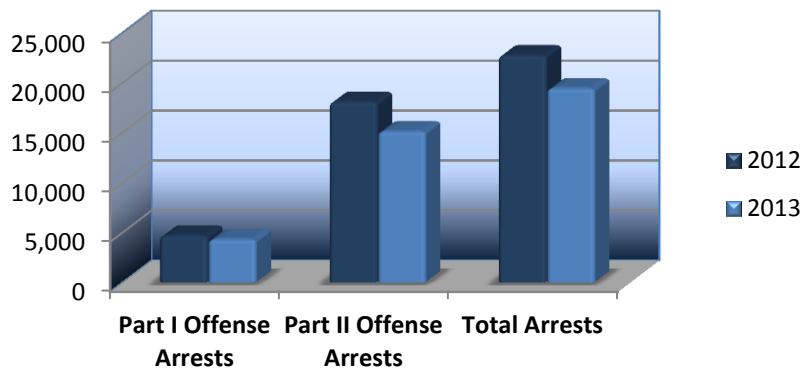
Part I Offenses	2012		2013		Percent Change
	Number Cleared	Percent Cleared	Number Cleared	Percent Cleared	
Criminal Homicide	19	46%	33	79%	+32%
Forcible Rape	102	55%	105	57%	+3%
Robbery	291	36%	300	42%	+6%
Aggravated Assault	809	56%	888	59%	+3%
Burglary	304	9%	261	7%	-2%
Larceny-Theft	3,677	28%	3,484	28%	0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	407	15%	383	12%	-2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,609</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>5,454</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>-1%</b>

\*Figures include clearances of incidents reported prior to current UCR reporting month

## ARREST COMPARISON

Offense	2012	2013	% Change
<i>Part I Offenses</i>			
Murder-Manslaughter	23	28	+22%
Death by Negligence	7	3	-57%
Forcible Rape	45	47	+4%
Robbery	193	165	-15%
Aggravated Assault	508	521	+3%
Burglary	263	227	-14%
Larceny-Theft	3,506	3,211	- 8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	137	94	-31%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,682</b>	<b>4,296</b>	<b>-8%</b>
<i>Part II Offenses</i>			
Assault, Misdemeanor	1,641	1,614	- 2%
Arson	25	25	0%
Forgery, Counterfeiting	126	182	+44%
Fraud	463	392	-15%
Embezzlement	29	23	-21%
Stolen Property	402	278	-31%
Vandalism/DOP	820	640	-22%
Weapons, Carry/Possess	452	372	-18%
Prostitution	175	137	-22%
Sex Offenses (Excl. Rape)	234	211	-10%
Drug Law Violations	3,062	2,772	-9%
Gambling	2	5	+150%
Against Family/Children	331	348	+5%
Driving Under Influence	3,213	2,594	-19%
Liquor Violations	2,156	1,472	-32%
Disorderly Conduct	1,046	823	-21%
Loitering/Prowling/Curfew	1	0	-100%
Other (except traffic)	3,872	3,223	-17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,050</b>	<b>15,111</b>	<b>-16%</b>
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>22,732</b>	<b>19,407</b>	<b>-15%</b>

Arrest Comparison

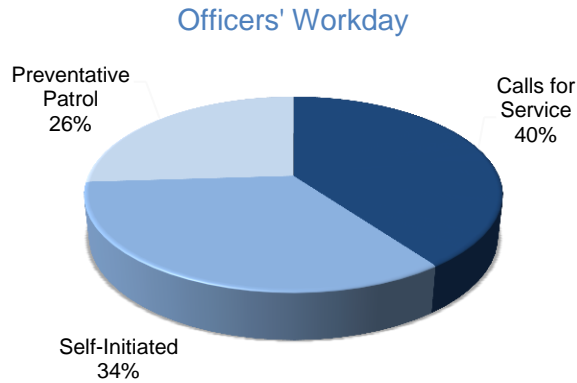




## PERSONNEL

Personnel Complement (Dec. 2013)	Budgeted Personnel		Actual Personnel	
	Sworn	Non-Sworn	Sworn	Non-Sworn
Total Personnel	804	157	757	179

## DAILY ACTIVITIES



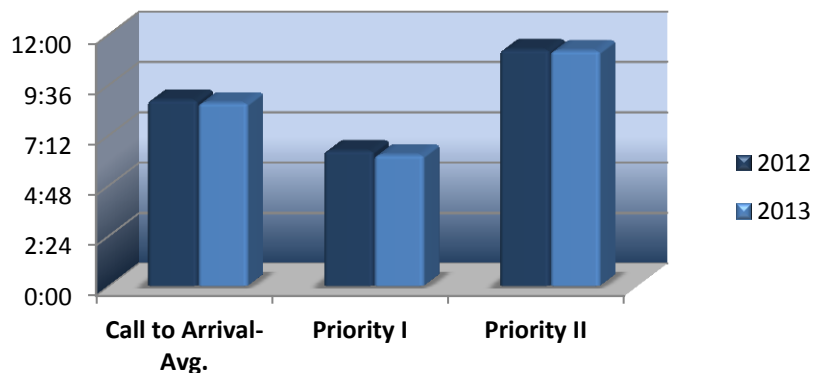
\*Figures Represent Average Number Of Minutes Per Officer Per Day For Noted Activity

CALLS FOR SERVICE  
911/TELEPHONE REPORTING

911 Calls for Service	2012	2013	Percent Change
911 Calls Received	217,149	216,113	0%
Daily Calls-Average	595	592	-1%
Officer-Initiated Traffic Stops	40,602	42,698	5%

Response Time (MM/SS)	2012	2013	Percent Change
Call to Arrival-Avg.	08:52	08:44	-1%
Priority I	06:27	06:15	-3%
Priority II	11:16	11:13	0%

## Response Time



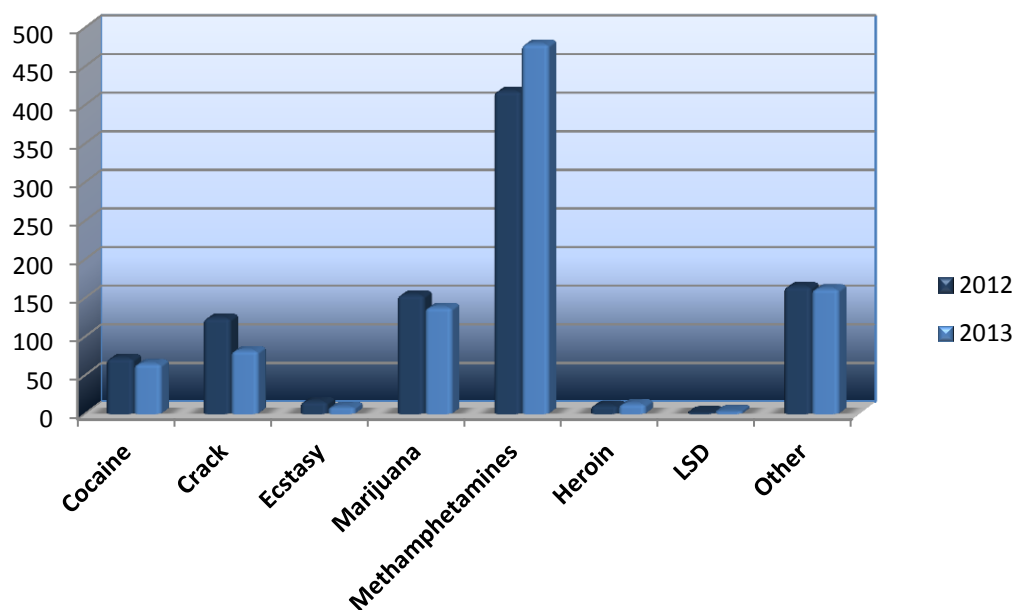
## DRUG ENFORCEMENT

Drug Enforcement	2012	2013	% Change
<i>Arrests</i>			
Cocaine	72	65	-10%
Crack	124	82	-34%
Ecstasy	16	9	-44%
Marijuana	154	138	-10%
Methamphetamines	418	479	+15%
Heroin	11	13	+18%
LSD	2	4	+100%
Other	165	162	-2%
<b>Felony Arrest Total</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<i>Seizures*</i>			
Cocaine	2,788	17,011	+510%
Crack	1,212	4,256	+251%
Ecstasy	611	309	-49%
Marijuana	295,684	210,543	-29%
Methamphetamines	38,405	63,456	+65%
Heroin	4,558	198	-96%
LSD**	412	36	-91%
Other**	20,854	4,886	-77%

\* Weight = Grams

\*\* Weight = Dosage Units

Drug Enforcement Arrests



## GANG ACTIVITY

Gang Related Part I Offenses	2012	2013	Percent Change
Criminal Homicide	10	10	0%
Forcible Rape	2	2	0%
Robbery	15	7	-53%
Aggravated Assault	107	76	-29%
Burglary	22	24	+9%
Larceny-Theft	30	36	+20%
Motor Vehicle Theft	30	30	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>-14%</b>

Arrests for Gang Related Part I Offenses	2012	2013	Percent Change
Criminal Homicide	8	15	+88%
Forcible Rape	12	8	-33%
Robbery	64	62	-3%
Aggravated Assault	51	152	+198%
Burglary	63	39	-38%
Larceny-Theft	157	102	-35%
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	0	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>+5%</b>

Gang Related Arrests for PWID and Firearms	2012	2013	Percent Change
Possession with Intent to Deliver Narcotics	29	30	+3%
Firearms	138	121	-12%
<b>Total Activity</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>-10%</b>

Gang Related Domestic Violence	2012	2013	Percent Change
Domestic Violence	204	156	-24%

Gang Members	2012	2013	Percent Change
New Gang Members	128	121	-5%
Deleted Gang Members	585	582	-1%
Suspected Gang Members	3,029	2,568	-15%
Suspected Number of Gangs	81	82	+1%

Gang Related: An individual who is known to be a gang member or associate

## 2013 POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET-APPROPRIATED SUMMARY

The following information was obtained from the City of Omaha 2013 Adopted Budget. For more detailed information please refer to the City of Omaha Finance Department website:  
<http://www.cityofomaha.org/finance/>

## APPROPRIATED FUNDING

Department	2012	2013
Office of the Chief of Police	4,479,650	2,863,240
Criminal Investigations Bureau	28,648,481	30,155,951
Executive Officer Bureau	6,534,280	7,024,239
Police Services Bureau	20,430,167	20,877,946
Uniform Patrol Bureau	57,923,765	61,092,354
<b>Total</b>	<b>118,016,343</b>	<b>122,013,730</b>

## SOURCE OF FUNDING

Source of Funds	2012	2013
2010 Public Safety	170,000	165,000
Advanced Acquisition	900,000	-
General	115,920,343	121,272,730
2006 Public Safety	275,000	-
2006 Public Facilities	183,000	-
2010 Public Facilities	92,000	100,000
Keno/Lottery Proceeds	476,000	476,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>118,016,343</b>	<b>122,013,730</b>

## APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES

Category	2012	2013
Employee Compensation	103,936,840	108,993,248
Non-Personal Services	12,459,503	12,755,482
Capital	1,620,000	265,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>118,016,343</b>	<b>122,013,730</b>

## APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY ORGANIZATION

Category	Office of the Chief of Police	Criminal Investigations Bureau	Executive Officer Bureau	Police Services Bureau	Uniform Patrol Bureau
Employee Compensation	2,418,963	29,847,426	6,729,590	9,261,066	60,736,203
Non-Personal Services	179,277	308,525	294,649	11,616,880	356,151
Capital	265,000	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,863,240</b>	<b>30,155,951</b>	<b>7,024,239</b>	<b>20,877,946</b>	<b>61,092,354</b>

**MEDAL OF VALOR**

- Officer Coral Walker

On June 15, 2013, a suspect shot four innocent people at four different locations (two of whom died from their injuries). Officer Walker encountered the suspect, and gunfire was exchanged. Officer Walker's cruiser was hit by the suspect's bullets several times, yet he was able to return fire and stop the suspect from further terrorizing the community and claiming more innocent lives.

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*The Medal of Valor is awarded to employees who distinguish themselves conspicuously by gallantry and courage at the risk of their life, above and beyond the call of duty, while displaying heroism in the face of extreme danger.*

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**POLICE LIFESAVING MEDAL**

- Sergeant Harmon Moss
- Officer Nicholas Andrews
- Officer Andrew Bensalah
- Officer Ikhui Chong
- Officer Chad Dalrymple
- Officer Adam Fisher
- Officer Jonathan Fraley
- Officer Leighanne Loges
- Officer Nathan Meisinger
- Officer Brendan O'Flynn
- Officer Chad Schroeder
- Officer Brian Schuster
- Officer Tristan Schwartz

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*The Police Lifesaving Medal is awarded to employees who rescued or endeavored to rescue any person from a life threatening incident, going above and beyond what is the normal police function in safeguarding the lives of the public.*

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**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**

- Captain Kerry Neumann
- Lieutenant Stefanie Fidone
- Sergeant Teresa Negron
- Sergeant Michael Ratliff
- Officer Ryan Davis
- Officer Oscar Dieguez
- Officer Nicholas Herfordt
- Officer Douglas Herout
- Officer Daniel Martin
- Officer Derek Mois
- Officer Travis Oetter
- Officer Christopher Perna
- Officer David Schneider
- Officer Christopher Spencer

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*The Distinguished Service Medal is presented to employees who performed a dangerous and/or distinguished act that conspicuously exceeded the performance that is normally expected.*

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- Officer Scott Warner
- Crime Analyst Shawn Fisher
- Senior Crime Lab Technician Amanda Miller
- Clerk Typist II Georgia Noriega
- Criminalist Stephen Vaccaro
- Secretary I Sharon Welchert
- Secretary I Jacqueline Williams-Elliston

**LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

- Officer Ronnie Beasley
- Officer Brian Gerrity
- Officer Conrad Hansen
- Officer Charles Kraemer
- Officer Daniel Martin
- Officer James Paul
- Officer Patrick Telley
- Officer Kimberly Woolery

**LETTER OF WELL DONE**

- Lieutenant Mark Matuza\*
- Sergeant Dave Bianchi
- Sergeant Harmon Moss
- Sergeant Matthew Rech
- Officer Patrick Acquazzino
- Officer Joshua Ames
- Officer Antone Arrick
- Officer Matthew Austin
- Officer Anthony Barnes
- Officer James Becklun
- Officer Scott Beran
- Officer Jacob Bettin
- Officer Jordan Brandt
- Officer Debbie Cass
- Officer Corey Clements
- Officer John Dlouhy
- Officer John Dole
- Officer Wendi Dye
- Officer Shane Farrow\*
- Officer Daniel Flynn
- Officer Juan Fortier
- Officer Chad Frodyma
- Officer Jeffrey Gassaway
- Officer Brandon Hahn
- Officer James Haley\*
- Officer Gregory Hamill
- Officer Paul Hanson
- Officer Dustin Hill
- Officer Troy Hiller\*
- Officer James Holtmeyer\*
- Officer Adam Kruse\*
- Officer Joshua Kelley
- Officer Daniel Martin
- Officer Christopher McElligott
- Officer Christopher Melton
- Officer Michael Meyer

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*The Letter of Commendation is awarded to employees for an exceptional police act that brought credit to the OPD and the employee, and was highly regarded by fellow officers and citizens as an outstanding example of police work.*

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*The Letter of Well Done is awarded to an employee for quality service to the OPD and/or community for performance of duty or duties above that which would be normally expected.*

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- Officer Bryan Miller
- Officer Dustin Morris
- Officer Joseph Mraz\*
- Officer Joseph Negrete
- Officer Shawn Pearson
- Officer Thomas Raudenbush
- Officer Gregory Reisbig
- Officer Brooks Riley
- Officer Joseph Sanchez
- Officer Brian Schuster\*\*
- Officer Brian Seaton
- Officer Chad Simmons
- Officer Justin Smith\*
- Officer Michael Smith
- Officer Kevin Snethen
- Officer Matthew Stewart
- Officer Richard Stickney
- Officer Dale Thomas
- Officer Adele Tomsu
- Officer David Ullery
- Officer John Villwok
- Officer Coral Walker
- Officer Robert Wiley\*
- Officer Matthew Williams
- Officer Michael Wright
- Officer Nicholas Yarbe
- Secretary I Wanda Bobb
- Info. Services Tech. Mark Haefele
- Admin. Info. Mgr. David Robertson
- Police Information Operator I Alycia Volz

\*Received Two Letters of Well Done in 2013

\*\*Received Three Letters of Well Done in 2013

**POLICE RIBBON OF EXCELLENCE**

- Administrative Assistant III Suzanne Stone

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*The Police Ribbon of Excellence is awarded to employees who, in the performance of their duty, successfully developed or accomplished an administrative project or investigatory task in which the employee displayed exceptional initiative, tenacity, and expertise.*

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**POLICE RIBBON OF UNIT EXCELLENCE****PREVENTION PROGRAMS SQUAD**

- Sergeant Erin Payne
- Officer Michael Bratcher
- Officer Angela Echtenkamp
- Officer Sonia Elkins
- Officer Jennifer Nelson
- Officer Joel Strominger
- Officer John Supeh

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*The Police Ribbon of Unit Excellence is awarded to a unit, section, team, or group of employees, who, as a group, performed in a manner which, if performed by an individual, would merit recognition for quality service to the community for performance of duty or duties clearly above that which would normally be expected.*

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**HOMICIDE UNIT**

- Lieutenant Stefanie Fidone
- Sergeant Sheila Cech
- Sergeant Matthew Chandler
- Sergeant Anna Colon
- Sergeant Rochair Jenkins
- Sergeant Teresa Negron
- Sergeant Michael Ratliff
- Sergeant Alan Reyes
- Officer Larry Cahill
- Officer Ryan Davis
- Officer Oscar Dieguez
- Officer Mike Dose
- Officer Christopher Gordon
- Officer Chantelle Habell
- Officer Brian Hayes
- Officer Nicholas Herfordt

- Officer Douglas Herout
- Officer Ryan Hinsley
- Officer Fredric James
- Officer Sherry King
- Officer Daryl Krause
- Officer Derek Mois
- Officer Travis Oetter
- Officer Johnny Palermo
- Officer Christopher Perchal
- Officer Candace Phillips
- Officer Thomas Queen
- Officer David Schneider
- Officer Christopher Spencer
- Officer Scott Warner
- Officer Eugene Watson
- Secretary I Sharon Welchert

**PUBLIC LETTER OF APPRECIATION**

- Mr. Virgil Patlan (OPD-Retired)

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*The Public Letter of Appreciation is awarded to a member of the public who distinguished themselves by assisting members of the OPD to perform their duties in a time of need, or with an act(s) of support for the mission or goals of the OPD whether involving a specific incident or important long-term project.*

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**OMAHA POLICE FOUNDATION’S OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

- Officer Coral Walker

Officer Coral Walker was also a recipient of the Police Officers Association of Nebraska (POAN) “Officer of the Year” Award and the Attorney General’s Extraordinary Acts of Service “Act of Valor” Award for his actions on June 15, 2013.

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*The Omaha Police Foundation’s Officer of the Year is selected by the Omaha Police Foundation’s Board of Directors and must have been recognized as an “Officer of the Month” during the previous year.*

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**OFFICER/EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

*Officers and civilian employees must be nominated to be recognized as an Officer/Employee of the Month and are ultimately selected by the senior staff at the OPD. Officers/Employees who receive this award have their names and photographs displayed in a prominent location and may be included in the City newsletter in order to be recognized for their work.*

<b>January</b> Officer Adam Kruse Officer Nicholas Yarpe	<b>February</b> Officer Adele Tomsu	<b>March</b> Officer Daniel Martin
<b>April</b> Officer Scott Beran	<b>May</b> Officer Andrew Bensalah Officer Brian Schuster	<b>June</b> Admin. Info. Mgr. David Roberston
<b>July</b> Officer Coral Walker Admin. Asst. III Suzanne Stone	<b>August</b> Officer Jonathan Fraley Officer Nathan Meisinger	<b>September</b> Officer Troy Hiller Officer Brian Schuster
<b>October</b> Officer Dale Thomas Officer Robert Wiley	<b>November</b> Officer Joshua Ames Officer Shawn Pearson	<b>December</b> Officer Chad Dalrymple Officer Adam Fisher Officer Tristan Schwartz Police Info. Operator I Alycia Volz



## 2013 PROMOTIONS

	Date of Promotion	New Rank/Position
Police Information Operator II <b>Kelly J. McDonald</b>	January 6 <sup>th</sup>	Admin. Information Coordinator
Officer <b>Ryan F. McGuire</b>	June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sergeant
Officer <b>Amy E. Oetter</b>	August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sergeant

## 2013 RETIREMENTS

	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
Secretary I <b>Vickie L. McCann</b>	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	26 years 8 months
Police Officer <b>Anna M. Doyle</b>	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	22 years 1 month
Police Officer <b>Karen R. Fidone</b>	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	22 years 1 month
Automotive Equipment Operator I <b>Ronald Stevens</b>	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	5 years 6 months
Police Officer <b>Michael P. Douglas</b>	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	20 years 6 months
Aviation Mechanic <b>Gary L. Richardson</b>	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	8 years 8 months
Police Officer <b>David F. Brumagen</b>	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	20 years
Police Officer <b>Brian H. Craig</b>	July 31 <sup>st</sup>	24 years 4 months
Secretary I <b>Alice M. Aguilera</b>	August 16 <sup>th</sup>	40 years 6 months
Police Officer <b>Gregory P. Hadcock</b>	August 24 <sup>th</sup>	22 years 6 months
Police Information Operator II <b>Karen J. McCarthy</b>	October 11 <sup>th</sup>	10 years 1 month
Police Officer <b>Michael D. Halbleib</b>	November 21 <sup>st</sup>	14 years 8 months
Office Manager <b>Shelley A. Lesac</b>	December 7 <sup>th</sup>	31 years 3 months

## IN MEMORY OF OFFICER TORREY S. GULLY



Officer Torrey S. Gully, 42, passed away on Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Officer Gully joined the Omaha Police Department on January 5, 2004 and served the citizens of Omaha for nine years. During his career with the OPD Officer Gully received two Letters of Commendation. He was assigned to the Southwest Precinct where he served for most of his career.

## In Remembrance

## Years of Service

Ret. Police Ofc. LeRoy Albrecht	28 yrs.	8 mo.
Ret. Police Ofc. Nancy C. Bradshaw	25 yrs.	4 mo.
Ret. Deputy Police Chief Monroe Coleman, Sr.	36 yrs.	7 mo.
Ret. Police Ofc. James M. Elder	29 yrs.	11 mo.
Ret. Police Ofc. Arthur A. Erikson	28 yrs.	5 mo.
Ret. Police Sgt. Ned G. Forsman	31 yrs.	7 mo.
Police Ofc. Torrey S. Gully	9 yrs.	
Ret. Crime Lab Tech. Richard D. Ingraham	18 yrs.	11 mo.
Ret. Police Sgt. Robert L. Johnson	32 yrs.	5 mo.
Ret. Police Ofc. Samuel Lee, Jr.	27 yrs.	7 mo.
Ret. Police Ofc. Jerry C. Menousek	35 yrs.	10 mo.
Ret. Police Sgt. Darrell J. Simmons	25 yrs.	
Ret. Security Guard Jeannine Springer	15 yrs.	7 mo.
Ret. Police Ofc. Eugene D. Uryasz	27 yrs.	11 mo.
Ret. Police Sgt. Ronald F. Vrbanac	29 yrs.	

## Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

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