

2014

Omaha Police Department Annual Report



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Thank you for your interest in the Omaha Police Department's 2014 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 2014 by solving the city's most violent crimes. Through the partnership with our great community, the Omaha Police Department has had a homicide clearance rate well above the national average for two consecutive years. 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 2014. 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 style.

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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

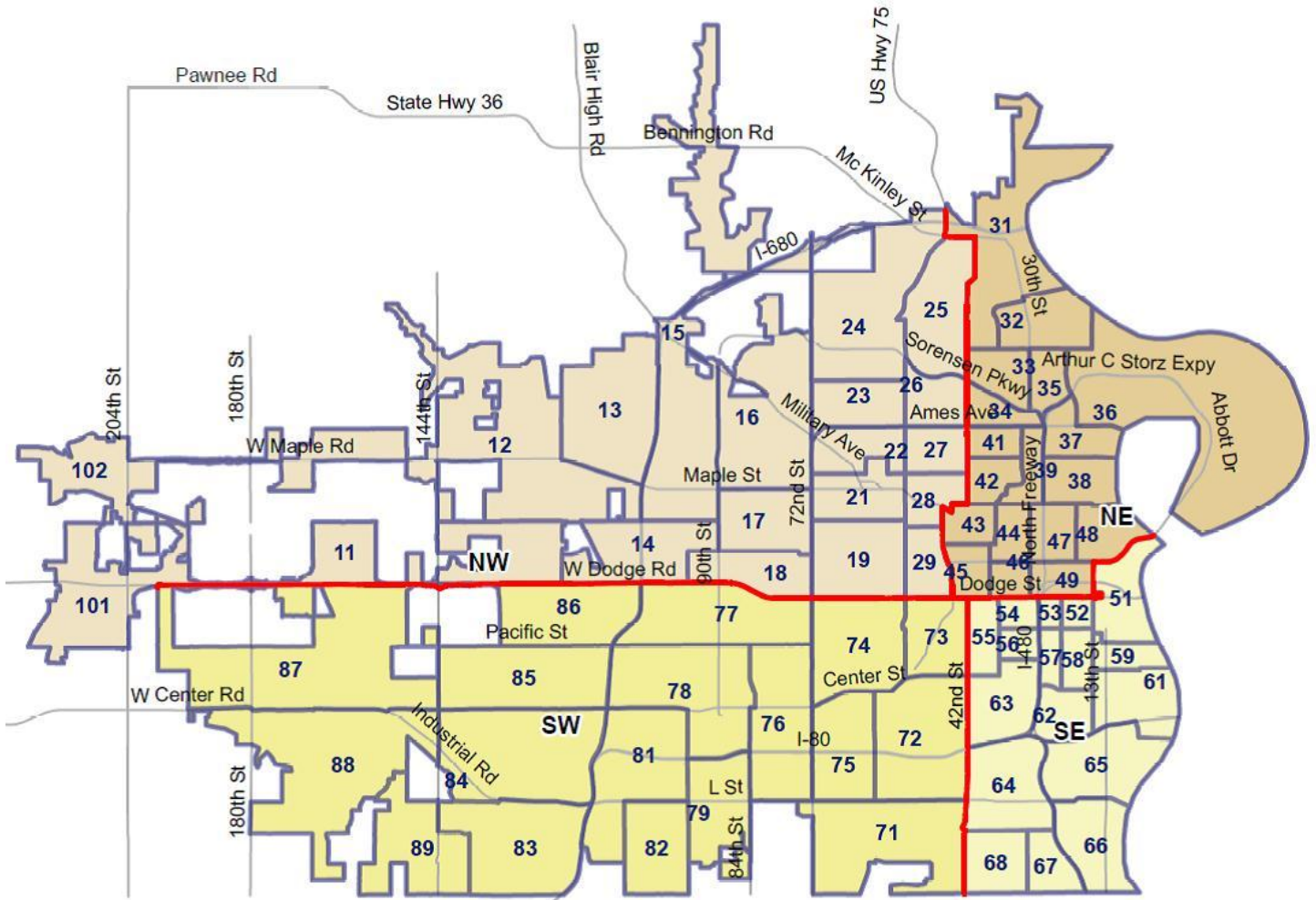
VALUES

- 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.

ACCREDITATION

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.





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 42nd 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.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police Todd R. Schmaderer commands Omaha Police Department (OPD) operations. In 2014, the Office of the Chief of Police received support from the Professional Standards Section 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.



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SECTION

The Professional Standards Section is commanded by Capt. Thomas Shaffer. In 2014, the Professional Standards Section included the Internal Affairs Unit and the Inspections Unit.

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 completed, the Chief of Police has a variety of options to address violations, ranging from verbal warnings to suspensions without pay and terminations.

Internal Affairs Activity **2014**

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Citizen Complaints Total | 98 |
| Internal Complaints Total | 40 |

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

Internal Affairs Dispositions **2014**

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Not Sustained | 202 |
| Sustained | 203 |
| Exonerated | 115 |
| Unfounded | 38 |
| No Finding/Court Issue | 0 |

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|--------------|------------|
| Total | 558 |
|--------------|------------|

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

**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 OPD policies and procedures and offer constructive suggestions to better the OPD. The Inspections Unit conducts staff inspections of OPD units and/or squads to include worksites, equipment, and working conditions. 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.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The Public Information Office (PIO) is commanded by a lieutenant. The PIO disseminates information to the news media and manages the Omaha Crime Stoppers program. In 2014, 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 107 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

22,000 Twitter followers and 37,000 “likes” on Facebook.

- Managed over 2,882 Crime Stoppers tips that led to 120 arrests and the clearance of 187 cases. Over \$142,000 was paid out in rewards for tips.
- Coordinated news conferences.
- Organized promotional and retirement ceremonies.
- Participated in community events such as the Salute to Safety Expo; Safety, Awareness, Fitness and Education (SAFE) event; Blue Mass; Fun in the Park; and Coffee with a Cop.
- Participated in 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.
- Taught “Social Media and Media Relations” to the OPD Academy recruit class and at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC).



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 places a strong emphasis on community policing and maintaining a direct line of communication with citizens. The NW holds monthly Precinct Advisory Council meetings which offer both citizens and the NW the opportunity to exchange information and communicate about issues that need to be addressed. In addition, numerous Neighborhood Watch groups were started or adopted from newly annexed areas in the NW precinct in 2014.

In 2014, the NW continued its partnership with Central Park Elementary School in the Adopt-A-School program. Officers frequently eat lunch with students and attend special events at the school. This partnership has allowed NW officers and students to develop a positive personal relationship. The NW 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 NW also continues to host both “Coffee with a Cop” and “Pop with a Cop” events.



The NW emphasized Problem Oriented Policing in 2014. 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 the success of their POP projects. In addition, the NW took a more proactive approach to policing by adding an evening Beat Patrol on two shifts. The Beat Patrol focuses most of their activities in the Benson and Dundee areas. In December the NW hosted Operation Break It Down. This event provides dumpsters for people to

dispose of their large electronics boxes to prevent burglars from seeing what is inside of their homes.

In 2014, the NW continued to reach out to the community it serves by actively participating in Omaha 360 and by attending prayer walks at the sites of homicides. The NW also worked with numerous community partners to conduct a large event for refugees to educate them about the dangers of illegal drugs and about calling police when help is needed.

CANINE UNIT

The Canine Unit serves 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 to meet state and/or other applicable standards.



can more effectively address neighborhood crime problems in a manner that is focused and effective.

In order to utilize community input in neighborhood problem-solving, the NE works with the NE Precinct Advisory Council (PAC). The NE PAC is composed 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. Specifically, the Crime Prevention Specialist speaks at a

variety of neighborhood meetings and manages the NE precinct's social media accounts in order to work with community members to proactively address neighborhood issues and provide crime prevention and safety information. In addition, they also coordinated a variety of community events in 2014 including the Youth Citizens Academy, Coffee with a Cop, Fun in the Park, National Night Out, Safe Night Out, Cops and Bobbers, Adopt-a-Family and Prescription Drug Take-Back Days. These free events provide citizens of the NE with opportunities to interact with police officers in a non-threatening casual environment resulting in positive community relations.



| Canine Unit | 2014 |
|-------------------|-------|
| Arrests | 312 |
| Calls for Service | 1,942 |
| <i>Searches</i> | |
| Area | 170 |
| Building | 137 |
| Evidence | 19 |

*Information provided by the Crime Analysis Unit

NORTHEAST PRECINCT

The Northeast Precinct (NE) is commanded by Captain Scott Gray. In 2014, Capt. Gray was selected to attend the elite FBI National Academy. At this 10-week course Capt. Gray joined police leaders from around the world to learn new concepts and best practices in policing strategies and leadership.



The NE precinct is a diverse area rich with history. The officers that serve this diverse population seek to develop lasting relationships while building community trust. This on-going goal is accomplished by utilizing a policing strategy that combines community policing with intelligence-led and evidence-based policing. By doing so, officers

In addition, the NE actively participated in many community groups and events including the following:

Empowerment Network: The NE participates with the Empowerment Network in the following initiatives: (1) Omaha 360 – Violence intervention and prevention collaborative; (2) Pastors and Faith Leaders – 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. In 2014, this event attracted over

3,000 visitors and Capt. Gray and NE officers handed out candy canes and OPD stickers.



North Omaha Neighborhood Alliance (NONA): Representatives from the NE precinct 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.

ABIDE: 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.

Prospect Village: Prospect Village is a neighborhood undergoing revitalization where NE representatives attend monthly meetings in order to build relationships with residents and provide information regarding neighborhood safety.

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 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 including the NCAA College World Series. In 2014, the NE worked with officers from the Gang Unit to provide a fun-filled day of celebration.

Habitat for Humanity: Residents of Habitat for Humanity homes are often non-English speakers who may distrust law enforcement due to experiences in their native countries. In 2014, NE employees attended meetings with representatives from Habitat for Humanity as well as residents of Habitat for Humanity homes in order to build better communication and trust.

Violence as a Public Health Initiative: Capt. Gray and the NE Crime Prevention Specialist, Theola Cooper, are participating with Creighton University and the University of Nebraska Medical Center in research looking at the effects of violence on health as well as best practices to address this issue. Specifically, Capt. Gray serves as a board member for Creighton University's Center for Promoting Health and Health Equality, while Theola Cooper is a member of the University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Public Health Community Conversation group.



Working with community stakeholders to develop holistic crime management strategies has resulted in tangible results and presents the opportunity to produce long-term positive change. Specifically, in 2014, the NE experienced a reduction in crime including a reduction in shots fired incidents and gun assaults.

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. In 2014 the SE participated in numerous community events to provide information to the community as well as develop positive relationships with the citizens it serves.

Safety Awareness Fitness and Education (SAFE): In 2014 this event was attended by over 900 participants who had the opportunity to learn about bike safety, have their bikes checked by professionals from the Bike Rack, and to get important information and watch demonstrations from participating agencies. Participants were also able to see the OPD bomb robot, Mounted Patrol Squad, and the OPD helicopter.

The SE worked closely with the Salvation Army KROC Center which provided facilities and helped set up the event. Various organizations such as the WCA and the Boys & Girls Club of the Midlands provided informational booths, and local businesses contributed food, entertainment, and equipment to make the event a success.



Santa at the Southeast: In 2014 South High School graciously opened its doors to house this event which was attended

by over 2,000 people. Participants collected safety and crime prevention information, visited Santa, met the Grinch, and had the opportunity to meet the “cast” from the movie “Frozen.” Children also received toys from officers. All toys, treats, refreshments and entertainment were donated 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 and private donors. The SE also had help from many volunteers from South High School, the SE Precinct Advisory Council, Omaha Coalition of Citizen Patrol members, officers, and neighborhood watches and associations.

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. In 2014, the SE welcomed approximately 1,500 attendees. Students from South 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 the dangers of distracted driving and driving under the influence as well as education surrounding bullying. Families were also provided with safety tips. Kids came to the event in costume, and received books donated by Sisters of Mercy High School, toothpaste and toothbrushes from Testa Dental,



healthy treats from Hy-Vee and candy from SE officers. The SE worked closely with South High School’s National Honor Society, Latino Leaders, and ESL Club students to make the event a success. This allowed these teenagers to use their creativity while interacting with officers in a positive environment.

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 2014, the academy was offered in both Spanish and Nuer in order to reach both the Latino and Sudanese communities as well as to high school age students. Overall, 34 participants graduated from the program in 2014. The SE has received support for this program from local businesses which is greatly appreciated as this sort of community support is integral to the SE’s efforts.



Coffee with a Cop/Pop with a Cop: Two Coffee with a Cop and two Pop with a Cop events were held in 2014. These events provided an opportunity for citizens and officers to get to know one another and discuss issues facing the community. Four more events have already been planned for 2015.

Community Garden: In 2014, the SE precinct grew a community garden with the help of numerous community members including: Gustave Von Roenn with Permaculture, A & R Salvage, Benson Plant Rescue, City Sprouts, No Frills, Hanscom Park Greenhouse, Meño’s Landscaping, and youth volunteers from Restoration and Power Church. A flower garden was planted in front of the SE precinct and a vegetable garden was planted that included carrots, radishes, tomatoes, onions, cucumbers, cabbages, peppers, herbs, and corn. The vegetables were donated to the Restoration and Power Church members who assisted with garden and to families of Indian Hill Elementary School students.

MOUNTED PATROL SQUAD

The Mounted Patrol Squad is supervised by a sergeant and includes six officers and one full-time civilian stable hand. The squad patrols the Old Market, the Leavenworth/Park Avenue corridor, the Riverfront, and TD Ameritrade Park and performs other assignments as needed.

In 2014 the squad underwent several personnel changes. While the squad had to say goodbye to an officer, two new officers completed the required Mounted Patrol Squad training in 2014. In addition, a third Mounted Patrol officer obtained his Rider Trainer Certification via K-R Equine in 2014 which will allow him to assist with Mounted Patrol Squad training in 2015 and prepare him to take on duties when the existing training officer within the squad retires in the future. This is a significant accomplishment and will be of great benefit to the squad.



The Mounted Patrol Squad also had to retire one of its strongest horses, Lucy, in 2014 due to severe asthma. Lucy was a 19 year-old Percheron cross who served the citizens of Omaha for 7 years. While she is greatly missed she is doing very well in her new home. The Citizens Foundation for the Omaha Police Mounted Patrol purchased a Quarter Horse named Sorrey in December to replace Lucy.



The Mounted Patrol Squad participated in a total of 65 special events throughout the city in 2014. These

events included the: NCAA College World Series, Septemberfest, El Grito Festival, Holiday Lighting Ceremony, Cops N' Bobbers, Blessing of the Animals, Bellevue Citizens Academy, K-9 Training, TD Ameritrade's July 4th fireworks show, Taste of Omaha, SAFE Event, Santa Lucia Festival, Summer Arts Festival, Bank of the West Celebration, Berkshire Hathaway shareholder's meeting, First Responders Action Day, Coffee with a Cop, Pop with a Cop, Nebraska Horse Expo, Memorial Day Services, the International Omaha Horse Show, HETRA Blue Jeans and Dreams

Fundraiser, OPD Foundation Lunch, Safety Expo, LPOA Easter Egg Hunt, neighborhood block parties, school visits, parades, and other local community events.

Mounted Patrol

2014

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|--------------------------|--------|
| Training Days | 10 |
| Assignments | 10,047 |
| <i>Calls for Service</i> | |
| Arrests | 176 |
| Traffic Stops | 68 |
| Citations | 523 |

*Information provided by the Crime Analysis Unit and the Mounted Patrol Squad

In 2014, the squad hosted many events at the Mounted Patrol Barn including 82 tours for various groups and school children from around the Omaha metro area as well as various community education programs. The squad also participated in the Holiday of Lights Festival which attracted over 4,000 visitors to the barn. The squad performed hourly demonstrations for the public during this event. Additionally, over 500 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. These donations were used to purchase new horses, tack, and equipment.

SOUTHWEST PRECINCT



The Southwest Precinct (SW) is commanded by Captain Russell Horine. The SW is the largest and most populated of the OPD's four precincts and serves over 55 square miles and 150,000 people.

The SW 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 jurisdiction. 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 to relay public safety concerns, as well as an

opportunity for the SW to provide members with information regarding OPD functions.

In 2014, 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 2014, 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. In 2014, interest in the SW's Neighborhood Watch Program continued to grow. Currently, the SW has 381 registered Neighborhood Watch groups within the precinct, which is the highest number of all four OPD precincts.



In 2014, the SW hosted several "Coffee with a Cop" events in cooperation with local business partners. These events provided officers an opportunity to

interact with citizens, answer questions, and relay information. Inspired by the success of this event, in 2014 the "Cocoa with a Cop" event was developed in partnership with Jones Bros. Cupcakes in order to engage youth and families during the holiday season. This event provided officers with an opportunity to interact with youth through art-centered activity tables focusing on personal safety themes and to provide crime prevention information to adults. In 2015, the SW plans to host a corporate "Coffee with a Cop" event specifically for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska employees.



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 as well as national programs such as National Night Out, Citizen Corp and the DEA Prescription Drug Take Back program. 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 includes 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 and manages 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 2014, the unit received more than \$293,000 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 the investigation of 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 OPD command officers. The AIS also assists the other Traffic Unit squads in coordinating and providing personnel for special events and assignments. In 2014, the four A-shift Accident Investigators led the entire State of Nebraska with over 700 arrests for Driving Under the Influence.



These four officers received several awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for their efforts.

| Accidents Investigated | 2014 |
|------------------------|-------|
| Hit and Run | 4,241 |
| City-Owned Vehicles | 226 |
| Serious Bodily Injury | 220 |
| Fatalities | 32 |

*Information provided by the Traffic Unit

SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT SQUAD

The Selective Enforcement Squad includes the Motor Squad. Two sergeants and 16 officers were assigned to the squad in 2014. The squad’s areas of responsibility include speed enforcement, addressing the Mayor and City Council’s traffic hotspot areas, routine speed and traffic complaints, addressing high-profile areas of concern for speed and traffic enforcement, and assisting with patrol in high crime areas focusing on violence reduction. The squad also creates and implements traffic plans for special events, which are critical for the safety of all participants and spectators.



In 2014, the Selective Enforcement Squad provided traffic and crowd control for 252 special events throughout the year, including the following: the 2014 NCAA College World Series at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, 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 concerts and events at the CenturyLink Center and other venues.

In addition to the activities mentioned above, 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 2015 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 2014, the PNL Squad funded 70 selective enforcement operations and made more than 600 arrests. The PNL also gave 131 presentations to local high schools and distributed materials about the dangers of risky driving to approximately 4,937 students through community presentations. The PNL also provided 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.

| Project Night Life Squad | 2014 |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Selective Enforcement Operations | 70 |
| Citations Issued | 3,162 |
| Restriction Violations Issued ** | 65 |
| <i>Arrests for:</i> | |
| Minor in Possession | 177 |
| Driving Under the Influence | 100 |

*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 composed 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 2014, the CIS included the Administrative Analysis Squad, Crime Analysis Squad, Crime Lab Unit, Criminal Investigations Unit, Homicide Unit, Major Crimes Unit, North Investigations Unit, South Investigations Unit, Operations Squad, and Special Victims Unit.



ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYSIS SQUAD

The Administrative Analysis Squad is commanded by a sergeant and is responsible for analyzing OPD reports and disseminating the reports to various OPD units/squads for follow-up action.

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 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 Squad is an experienced team that made significant contributions to many cases throughout the year. Notably, in 2014, Crime Analysts assisted detectives and police staff with investigations of serial burglaries, serial auto thefts, and serial robbery cases. The squad also attended the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) technology training program during 2014.

CRIME LAB UNIT

The Crime Lab Unit provides forensic evidence collection, preservation, documentation, and analysis for the OPD. In 2014, the unit included three Criminalists (shift supervisors), six Senior Crime Lab Technicians, ten Crime Lab Technicians, three Crime Lab Trainees, a secretary, and two part-time Senior Crime Lab Technicians.

After an extensive renovation project, the new Crime Lab offices were dedicated in 2014. These renovations increased the Crime Lab Unit's workspace and provided a vast improvement over the previous facility.

| Crime Lab Unit | 2014 |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| 3D Laser Scans of Crime Scenes | 381 |
| Street Calls** | 5,083 |
| Crime Scene Photographs Taken** | 198,378 |
| IBIS Hits Received | 265 |
| Firearms Examinations/Test Fires | 485 |
| Fingerprints Developed** | 1,189 |
| Breath Tests for DUI | 1,411 |

*Information provided by the Crime Lab Unit

**This information does not include most of the month of June.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Criminal Investigations Unit is commanded by a lieutenant and includes the Field Investigations Squad and the North/South Investigations Squad.

FIELD INVESTIGATIONS SQUAD

The Field Investigations Squad (FIS) investigates serious misdemeanor and felony crimes that occur during evening and overnight hours and FIS detectives are often the first on the scene. FIS detectives work the investigation until the end of the shift to ensure a thorough investigation is completed when the case is assigned to the appropriate investigative unit. In addition, FIS detectives assist UPB officers by conducting interviews of witnesses, victims, and suspects; writing search warrants and court orders; and applying for felony arrest warrants.

| Field Investigations Squad | 2014 |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Incidents Investigated | 1,514 |
| Interviews Conducted | 3,069 |
| Arrests | 1,427 |
| Searches Completed | 40 |

*Information provided by the Criminal Investigations Unit

NORTH/SOUTH INVESTIGATIONS SQUAD

The North/South Investigations Squad provides additional investigatory support to the Criminal Investigations Unit during evening and overnight hours.

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.

HOMICIDE SQUAD

In 2014, the Homicide Squad investigated 32 homicides and 3 justified homicides. The squad also made arrests in 3 homicide cases from previous years. In 2014, the squad's clearance rate for criminal homicides was 72% which is significantly higher than the national average of 62.5% (Federal Bureau of Investigations). In addition to investigating criminal homicides, the squad also investigated officer-involved shooting incidents, in-custody deaths, suicides, overdoses, and deaths of unknown causes; attended over 100 autopsies; and reviewed mental health committals, sickness and injury reports, and terroristic threat 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 2014, the squad was awarded a grant by the National Institute of Justice's Solving Cold Cases with DNA Funding Program. This grant provides the squad with additional resources and personnel to identify cold case homicides that have the potential to be solved using DNA analysis and to locate and analyze biological evidence associated with those cases.

FELONY ASSAULT SQUAD

The Felony Assault Squad investigates assaults that result in serious bodily harm. Detectives investigated over 100 felony assault cases in 2014. These investigations resulted in numerous search warrants, subpoenas, and interviews. The squad had a clearance rate of 64% in 2014 which is well above the national average of 55.8% (Federal Bureau of Investigations).

MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

The Major Crimes Unit is commanded by a lieutenant and includes the Fraud Squad and Major Crimes Squad.

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 advocate for prevention measures and spend numerous hours talking with victims about what they can do to protect themselves in the future. The squad also participates in the Secret Service Task Force.

| Fraud Squad | 2014 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Cases Reviewed | 1,952 |
| Interviews Conducted | 1,176 |
| Arrests | 265 |
| Felony Arrest Warrants Issued | 134 |

*Information provided by the Major Crimes Unit

MAJOR CRIMES SQUAD

The Major Crimes Squad investigates bank robberies, commercial robberies, and person robberies citywide. In addition, the squad works in joint task forces with the FBI, Douglas County Attorney's Office, City Prosecutor's Office, and United States Attorney's Office. In 2014, the squad participated in a multi-agency task force to investigate a series of bank robberies committed by a group of local gang members. The investigation resulted in the arrest of 11 suspects as well as the recovery of firearms. The squad had an excellent clearance rate for robberies of 41% in 2014 when compared with the national average clearance rate of 28.1% (Federal Bureau of Investigations).

| Major Crimes Squad | 2014 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Searches Conducted | 109 |
| Interviews Conducted | 1,357 |
| Arrests | 269 |
| <i>Robberies Investigated</i> | |
| Bank Robberies | 38 |
| Commercial/Business Robberies | 218 |
| Person Robberies | 467 |

*Information provided by the Major Crimes Unit

NORTH INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

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

In 2014, NIU detectives investigated more than 3,200 cases; conducted more than 3,800 interviews; conducted over 175 searches; and made 529 arrests. NIU detectives utilized various means while conducting investigations including undercover operations, surveillance, social media websites, and crime analysis of assigned territory.

| NIU Activity | 2014 |
|---------------------|-------|
| New Cases Assigned | 3,216 |
| Persons Interviewed | 3,884 |
| Arrests Made | 529 |
| Searches Completed | 177 |

*Information provided by the North Investigations Unit

NIU 2014 Highlights:

- The NIU investigated more than twenty thefts/attempted thefts of ATM's within Omaha that had occurred since May of 2013. By working with other jurisdictions experiencing similar crimes, NIU detectives were able to identify the suspect leading to their arrest.
- NIU detectives and UPB officers conducted joint operations to address a large increase in residential burglaries in Northwest Omaha. UPB officers were able to arrest a suspect after responding to a burglary-in-progress call in which the 12-year-old caller was home alone. NIU detectives were able to obtain a confession from the suspect in which the suspect admitted to committing at least 30 burglaries since January with another suspect. Both suspects are currently awaiting sentencing.
- NIU detectives investigated several stolen auto cases involving a large, loosely organized group of suspected drug users. Working with UPB officers, NIU detectives were able to identify and locate members of the group and obtain search warrants which resulted in lengthy jail sentences for those involved.
- After noticing an increase in thefts of Ford F-250 and F-350 series trucks in the area of Eppley Airfield, NIU detectives collaborated with the Eppley Airfield Police, Washington County Sheriff's Office, Council Bluffs Police Department, and Northeast Precinct A-Shift UPB officers to share information regarding the stolen vehicles and the locations where the vehicles were recovered. Two suspects were arrested after crashing a stolen vehicle that was

used in some of these thefts. Stolen property from numerous victims was found in the vehicle resulting in charges in the three affected jurisdictions.

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, thefts from motor vehicles, and shoplifting incidents. Detectives work closely with the Uniform Patrol Bureau, Crime Analysis Squad, Pawn Squad, the Crime Lab Unit, and outside agencies to aggressively and efficiently solve cases and arrest offenders.

SIU 2014 Highlights:

- In March, SIU detectives located and arrested two suspects who orchestrated numerous motor vehicle thefts and thefts from motor vehicles throughout the city. The detectives recovered stolen property including two stolen vehicles, a stolen handgun, and several stolen credit cards and checks. These arrests resulted in the clearance of 61 auto theft and theft from motor vehicle cases. Three suspects were sentenced to several years in prison.
- SIU detectives worked with the Nebraska Humane Society to investigate a burglary of a business dealing with exotic animals. After recovering a handgun from the scene, SIU detectives served two search warrants and arrested two suspects, one of whom was charged and sentenced to prison.
- The SIU investigated a multi-state theft ring involving stolen vehicles as well as keys, credit cards and checks from area gyms. The investigation resulted in the arrest of a suspect who was booked for 32 felony counts including forgery, credit card use, shoplifting, and methamphetamine possession.
- SIU detectives identified a suspect that was selling stolen vehicles and vehicle parts. After serving eleven search warrants the suspect was arrested on five felony counts and is currently awaiting trial.

- While investigating several residential burglaries, a victim identified a suspect who detectives believed was responsible for as many as 30 burglary cases. The suspect was convicted of two felonies and was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

| SIU Activity | 2014 |
|---------------------|-------|
| New Cases Assigned | 3,104 |
| Persons Interviewed | 3,479 |
| Arrests Made | 826 |
| Searches Completed | 204 |

*Information provided by the South Investigations Unit

PAWN SQUAD

The Pawn Squad includes one sergeant, two officers, and four clerk-typists. 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 felony or domestic violence convictions. The OPD Pawn Squad is the only pawn/salvage squad in the Omaha metro area.

| Pawn Squad | 2014 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Pawn/Secondhand Store Cards Entered | 142,536 |
| Salvage Cards Entered | 31,369 |
| Field Observation Cards Entered | 14,049 |
| Value of Recovered Items** | \$375,164.88 |

*Information provided by the Pawn Squad

**Amount does not include vehicles or construction equipment

OPERATIONS SQUAD

The Operations Squad is commanded by an Administrative Sergeant and provides support and assistance to the CIS. The squad includes a polygraph officer and administrative personnel who provide clerical support to CIS detectives.

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 includes a detective assigned full-time to the Cyber Crimes Task Force. The unit includes sergeants and detectives who are on-call when not on duty, so that support and assistance can be provided 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 squad includes three sergeants, nine detectives, and two administrative assistants. The squad provides dedicated and specialized response to investigations involving child abuse and neglect, child abduction, sexual offenses, and computer crimes.

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 with other OPD units, outside law enforcement agencies, victim advocacy agencies, and the court system.

In 2014, CVSA detectives attended the 26th annual Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas, Texas. This conference provided continuing education to law enforcement personnel, medical professionals, and social workers from around the country. The squad also had a clearance rate for forcible rape of 51% which is well above the national average of 40.1% (Federal Bureau of Investigations).

| CVSA Squad Investigations | 2014 |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| Child Abuse/Neglect | 380 |
| Sexual Assault of a Juvenile | 329 |
| Sexual Assault of an Adult | 234 |
| Indecent Exposure & Lewd Conduct | 20 |
| Attempted Kidnapping/Child Enticement | 14 |
| Child Pornography | 15 |
| Child Deaths | 12 |

*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 2014, the CCTF investigated 52 cyber tips, completed forensic examinations of over 70 computers and phones, and assisted with 12 federal investigations.

MISSING PERSONS SQUAD

The Missing Persons Squad is commanded by a sergeant and includes one full-time and one part-time officer. The squad handles investigations involving persons who are reported missing. The squad completes follow-up interviews with family, friends and co-workers; collects the missing person's investigative records (financial, work, computer, etc.); searches local, state and federal databases; and collects DNA. The squad contacts many resources outside of the OPD to gather information relating to these investigations. The squad completed 302 missing adult investigations and 2,357 missing juvenile investigations in 2014.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SQUAD

The Domestic Violence Squad (DVS) is housed at an off-site location shared with the Omaha-Douglas County/ 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 crimes involving domestic violence and vulnerable adults. The squad includes one sergeant, six detectives, a part-time officer, and an 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 2014, the DVS participated in multiple domestic violence sweeps in partnership with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Nebraska State Probation. These sweeps led to multiple arrests and protection orders served.

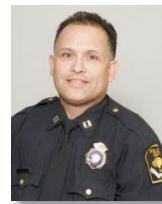
Due to the complex nature of domestic violence the squad continuously seeks education and training

opportunities and participates in a variety of awareness events including those addressing dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, and domestic violence within the community. In 2014 the DVS Sergeant attended training funded by grant funds and the Domestic Violence Council.

| Domestic Violence Squad | 2014 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Misdemeanor Arrests | 519 |
| Misdemeanor Investigations | 4,482 |
| Misdemeanor Warrants | 598 |
| Felony Arrests | 132 |
| Felony Investigations | 958 |
| Felony Warrants | 171 |

*Information provided by the Special Victims Unit

SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION



The Criminal Investigations Bureau's Special Operations Section (SOS) is commanded by Captain Richard Gonzalez. The SOS includes the Gang Unit and the Narcotics Unit and designated personnel are assigned to participate in several local, regional, and/or federal task forces. An Administrative Sergeant provides assistance to the SOS Captain and also coordinates and facilitates the Metro Area Drug Task Force.

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 eight sergeants, numerous officers, two civilian clerical employees, two Gang Specialists, 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.

In addition to enforcement operations the unit also implements prevention and intervention strategies. The Gang Unit conducts community presentations and visits organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands, Victory Boxing Club, the Hope Center and many other organizations to speak with staff members and kids about the dangers of gang activity. In 2014, 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.



As part of its community policing strategy, the OPD works with Gang Specialists who intervene and educate youth regarding gangs. In 2014, a new Gang Specialist was hired and the program was expanded by partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands. The new Gang Specialist, Alberto Gonzales, started a program that educates parents about gangs and gang associations. Additionally, Gonzales

spearheaded the “Back to School Bash” at the Stratford Square Apartments which provided an opportunity for residents to meet UPB and Gang Unit officers that serve in the area. Over 100 school backpacks were donated and given to youth during the event. Finally, throughout 2014, Gonzales was able to bring youth to events such as a Nebraska Cornhusker football game and a Creighton University basketball game with the help of private donations.

FIREARMS SQUAD

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

In 2014, the Firearms Squad, in conjunction with the ATF Task Force, continued conducting long-term investigations targeting gang activity in relation to straw purchasing, gun trafficking, and drug dealing. In addition, the squad was responsible for researching and investigating over 1,000 firearms that came into the possession of the OPD through arrests, as recovered property, and via search warrants. The squad was able to trace over 800 of these firearms in cooperation with the ATF.

With the assistance of the ATF and the OPD Bomb Squad, the Firearms Squad also held two Gun Amnesty events in 2014. These events resulted in the removal of 62 guns, over 1,000 pounds of ammunition, seven pipe bombs, and 800 pounds of fireworks from the streets of Omaha.



FUGITIVE SQUAD

The Fugitive Squad participates in the Omaha Metro Area Fugitive Task Force, which is sponsored and led by the US Marshals Service. The task force includes 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 who work together to locate and arrest parties in and around the Omaha area who have felony or serious misdemeanor warrants.

In 2014, Fugitive Squad officers made 994 felony warrant arrests and 614 misdemeanor arrests. These arrests included 277 for crimes against persons, 17 for criminal homicide, 44 for assault with a weapon, 29 for sexual assaults, and 38 for domestic violence warrants. The task force also made 63 arrests for weapons violations and 236 arrests for narcotics violations.

GANG INTELLIGENCE SQUAD

The Gang Intelligence Squad is commanded by a sergeant and includes three detectives. The squad works to



reduce gun and gang violence by providing gang education and training to the OPD, outside law enforcement agencies, correctional facilities, schools, businesses, and members of the community. In 2014, the squad conducted directed patrols and Project Safe Neighborhood hotspot operations, served search warrants and conducted various investigations. Additionally, the squad conducted over 71 home visits with the OPD Gang Specialists in an attempt to educate juveniles and

their families regarding the dangers of gang involvement.

| Intelligence Squad Activity | 2014 |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Misdemeanor Arrests | 49 |
| Felony Arrests | 25 |
| Firearms Seized | 17 |
| Search Warrants | 25 |

*Information provided by the Gang Unit

GREATER OMAHA SAFE STREETS TASK FORCE

An OPD sergeant and three officers are assigned to the Greater Omaha Safe Streets Task Force (GOSSTF) which is headed by the Federal Bureau of Investigations. During 2014, the GOSSTF conducted several investigations that targeted gangs in North and South Omaha. One multi-jurisdictional drug trafficking investigation that concluded in September 2014 resulted in 26 indictments, and the purchase, recovery, or seizure of over 142 pounds of methamphetamine valued at over \$5 million. Several investigators received numerous awards for this investigation including the "Outstanding Investigative Effort Award" presented by the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program.

A second ongoing investigation focusing on the distribution of methamphetamine and marijuana has resulted in 11 indictments and the seizure of over 15 kilos of methamphetamine to date. Two fugitives related to this investigation who had fled to Mexico were recently apprehended by Mexican authorities and were returned to the US to await trial.

Finally, in 2014 the GOSSTF assisted other units in investigating a large scale bank robbery. This investigation resulted in the arrest of 7 people in connection with the robbery as well as the recovery of 11 firearms.

GANG SUPPRESSION SQUAD

The Gang Suppression Squads conduct operations in both north and south Omaha to reduce gang and gun violence and also participate in community events in order to build and 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 2014 the Gang Unit added an additional Gang Suppression Squad that operates during daytime hours to provide additional coverage particularly for events such as parades and festivals. Throughout the year this squad conducted 185 community visits, made 187 felony arrests and served 77 search warrants.

With their knowledge of gang activity, the Gang Suppression Squads assisted other units in numerous homicide and felony assault investigations as well as graffiti investigations and arrests. Most notably, the squad assisted in the Payton Benson homicide investigation, helping to ensure the quick arrest of the suspects and location of the suspect's vehicle. In 2014, the squads seized over 100 firearms as well as numerous illegal narcotics.



In addition to enforcement operations, the squads use a well-rounded, community policing approach to combat the violence associated with street gangs. In 2014, officers assigned to these squads made positive impacts in local neighborhoods by visiting organizations such

as the Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands, Victory Boxing, and the Hope Center; handing out candy on Halloween and Christmas; and taking part in after school athletic youth leagues designed to give kids alternatives to gang membership. In 2014 the baseball program that was started by the Gang Unit was expanded from South Omaha to include fields and teams in Northeast Omaha providing more kids from across the city an opportunity to get involved.



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.

Throughout 2014, the unit worked with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies on several long-term investigations. As a result of these investigations large-scale drug trafficking organizations were successfully dismantled, multiple arrests were made and several pounds of methamphetamine, cocaine and crack were seized and removed from the streets of Omaha. One such investigation of an organization based in Acapulco, Mexico disrupted the organization's operations and caused many key players to flee the United States. Several months later the organization resurfaced and the organization was dismantled resulting in 6 federal indictments and the seizure of a large amount of illegal drugs. A second investigation resulted in over 20 arrests and the seizure of several pounds of methamphetamine.

In 2014, the unit also dealt with a new narcotics trend that involves smoking THC "Wax". The investigation of THC "Wax" cases is complex, and the unit anticipates the trend will continue into 2015.

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. Investigations conducted by the task force in 2014 resulted in the dismantling of drug operations and arrests of large-scale narcotics dealers as well as the seizure of firearms and pounds of crack cocaine, powder cocaine, and methamphetamine.

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 threats and/or incidents. In 2014, the squad continued to monitor outlaw motorcycle gangs, conduct comprehensive gambling investigations, and investigate narcotics complaints in the Omaha area. The squad reviewed

investigative information to distribute information and situational awareness bulletins both within the OPD and to other agencies. The squad also supports other OPD units by gathering information on targets relating to criminal cases.

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 maintain and monitor a website dedicated to the terrorism early warning cause (www.otewq.org). In 2014, the squad also hosted the State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT) program. The SLATT program provides law enforcement officers and personnel with specialized training and resources to combat terrorism and extremist criminal activity.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS/VICE SQUAD

The Special Operations/Vice Squad (SOVS) provides surveillance and support to the Criminal Investigations and Uniform Patrol Bureaus as well as other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies by utilizing a variety of surveillance methods and equipment to help build solid cases for successful prosecution.

Specifically, the SOVS assisted 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 also provided assistance at several large events including the NCAA College World Series. In addition, the SOVS participated in the MDTF by conducting physical and electronic surveillance. In 2014, the SOVS also assisted the Major Crimes Unit in investigating a series of robberies by providing video surveillance. The investigation resulted in the identification and arrest of several parties involved in committing these robberies.

The SOVS is also a member of the Omaha Child Exploitation Task Force, which targets the domestic sex trafficking of children. The task force is operated by the FBI and consists of multiple local law enforcement agencies within the Omaha metro area. In 2014, 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 has also conducted several long-term investigations into human trafficking in the Omaha area. These investigations are multi-jurisdictional efforts involving federal, state and local agencies.

Specifically, in 2014, members of the SOVS investigated 18 cases related to human sex trafficking of adults and juveniles in conjunction with the task force. In addition, the task force was responsible for 3 federal indictments as well as 3 convictions from cases in 2013. The task force has maintained a 100% federal conviction rate since it began in 2010. As a result of these investigations, victims have been identified, located and provided services. These services have ultimately led to some of the victims moving on to a new life and out of prostitution.

POLICE SERVICES BUREAU



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

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 OPD's liaison with all outside IT vendors. In 2014 the unit hired a new Applications Analyst who is responsible for assisting in making enhancements to OPD's new systems as well as updating existing systems.

In 2014, the Information Technology Unit introduced electronic field-reporting which allows officers to issue citations and complete accident reports in less than half the time it took to complete paper forms. Electronic field-reporting also allows officers to scan driver's licenses and registrations resulting in more accurate entry of information.

Additionally in 2014, the unit developed a new Records Management System that warehouses all reports and citations entered into the electronic field-reporting system. This system provides real-

time information to officers and command that is invaluable for tactical and strategic decision-making.

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 Air Support Unit, Emergency Response Unit, Evidence and Property Unit, Records Unit, and Human Resources Unit. In addition, the AIS has an administrative sergeant who serves as the Peer Support Team Leader, liaison for worker's compensation, and assists OPD employees who are injured, ill, or unable to work in a full-duty capacity.

AIR SUPPORT UNIT

The Air Support Unit provides professional services for the officers and citizens of Omaha, and serves surrounding communities, as needed. The unit's primary mission is to provide air support to OPD officers on the ground. The unit is commanded by a lieutenant and includes five full-time pilots, one part-time retired pilot, and one aviation mechanic. The Air Support Unit has an active patrol fleet of two Bell 206 B3 helicopters and two OH-58 helicopters.

OPD aircrews are on-call 24-hours a day, seven days a week although most flight time is during the evening and nighttime hours. The Air Support Unit averages five hours of patrol flight time over the city per duty day and provides special attention to high crime areas and areas with current crime trends in addition to providing infrared surveillance of critical infrastructure. Forward-Looking Infrared (FLIR) cameras allow pilots to see people and vehicles (even those concealed by objects) during nighttime hours by utilizing heat signatures. The unit also uses GPS mapping software which provides pilots with the exact address of buildings and parcels of land allowing pilots to direct officers on the ground. Since 1997 the unit has amassed approximately 25,000 flight hours serving the City of Omaha.

In 2014 the Air Support Unit flew 972 hours and was involved in 10,022 activities including over 1,200 radio calls and 1,900 assignments. The unit assisted in a number of high-profile pursuits and arrests made by the OPD and surrounding

jurisdictions and provided support to outside agencies in Nebraska and Iowa 124 times.



| Air Support | 2014 |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Flight Hours | 972.8 |
| Outside Agency Assistance | 124 |
| Unit Presentations | 57 |
| <i>Total Activity</i> | 10,022 |
| Officer Involved | 6,774 |
| Radio Calls | 1,252 |
| Assignments | 1,996 |
| <i>Total Pursuits</i> | 105 |
| Vehicle | 34 |
| Foot | 71 |

*Information provided by the Crime Analysis Unit

EVIDENCE/PROPERTY UNIT

The Evidence/Property Unit (EPU) securely stores and manages all evidence and property collected by OPD. The unit is managed by a lieutenant and consists of four full-time and two part-time storekeepers as well as one part-time clerk typist. At any given time the unit is responsible for anywhere between 800,000-900,000 individual items of property and evidence. More complicated investigations may have several hundred evidentiary items which need to be packaged, entered into agency records, and stored securely.

In 2014, the EPU staff continued to work toward completing the renovation of EPU storage areas that began in 2013. Since physical evidence can be one of the most important aspects of criminal prosecution, chain-of-custody of evidence must be thoroughly documented. Consequently, the EPU began using Tracker, an evidence and property bar-coding system, in 2013. As a result of this change the EPU has been working to identify items that are no longer needed for criminal proceedings (i.e., case was prosecuted, statute of limitations expired, etc.). This has proven to be a monumental task that will take several more years to complete.

The renovation project also enhanced unit security and the EPU is now monitored by multiple cameras and key card access is required to enter the facility. 2014 also saw the completion of spaces dedicated to cold storage with temperature alarms for biological evidence and a safe room with enhanced security measures for currency and other high-value items. All items that are required to be stored in these locations have been physically located, scanned into Tracker, and moved to their new location.

In 2015, the OPD plans to begin building a separate high-density homicide storage area within the EPU. A dedicated area for homicide evidence will ensure that this sensitive evidence is stored away from main evidence that is handled more frequently.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT

The Emergency Response Unit (ERU) includes the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, Bomb Response Squad, Bomb Dog Squad, and Crisis Negotiations Team. The ERU is commanded by a lieutenant and also includes one sergeant and five officers.

The ERU is also tasked with managing OPD's cellular telephones and radio communications systems. In 2014, the unit began a \$3.4 million upgrade to OPD portable and mobile radio systems. As a part of this upgrade, encrypted channels are available to be used during events where scanning apps available on smart phones might compromise the safety of responding officers and/or the public. The ERU also maintains OPD's Mobile Command Center (MCC) along with several other technical pieces of equipment. The MCC is used during many high-profile events or extended crime scenes.

SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT) SQUAD

In 2014, the SWAT Squad completed a variety of high-risk assignments including the following: 118 high-risk warrant entries; response to four barricaded gunman incidents; completion of various React Team operations to protect undercover officers; one dignitary protection assignment; and 28 additional SWAT deployments. The squad also completed its bi-annual, two-week, Basic SWAT School in September. Ten OPD officers and fourteen officers from other jurisdictions in the region were trained on basic SWAT operations. In addition to this training, the squad also completed 176 hours of additional training in 2014.

BOMB RESPONSE SQUAD

In 2014, the Bomb Response Squad handled 65 calls regarding explosives or suspicious devices; took possession of



and disposed over 800 lbs. of fireworks; and assisted the ATF with a federal search warrant in which 200 lbs. of explosive powders and 1,200 lbs. of additional chemicals were seized. The explosive detection canine teams participated in prevention and deterrence operations at events such as the NCAA College World Series, Berkshire Hathaway shareholders' meeting, and the Omaha Marathon. In addition, an Open Vision X-Ray Machine was purchased through a federal Homeland Security grant to assist with quickly and safely examining suspicious packages. In 2014, the squad also assisted in instructing "Improvised Explosive Familiarization" courses for over 15 different law enforcement agencies and fire departments, and completed over 2,000 hours of team training and 300 hours of explosives breaching training.

BOMB DOG SQUAD

The Bomb Dog Squad includes four K-9 officers who work full-time at Eppley Airfield providing security and bomb detection services. The bomb detection canines are provided by the Department of Homeland Security and receive extensive training with their handlers. These officers also assist in other areas of the city as needed including conducting bomb sweeps at high-profile events such as the NCAA College World Series.

CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM

The Crisis Negotiation Team 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 2014, the team responded to eight incidents including six barricaded suspects, and two suicidal parties. Team members also completed more than 300 total hours of officer training including a joint training session with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. Several team members also attended a week-long class instructed by the FBI. In 2014, senior members of the team developed and instructed a

course on "Crisis Negotiations for First Responders" which was taught to all officers during the OPD's annual in-service training.

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 OPD, outside agencies, and the public. In 2014, the unit hired and trained 10 new employees and is currently staffed by 45-50 non-sworn employees in various functions.

RECORDS SQUAD

The Records Squad handles all reports generated by the OPD. The squad stores, retrieves, reproduces and delivers reports such as criminal history requests to both internal and external customers. Squad employees must understand federal, state, and local law relating to open public records and the Freedom of Information Act. Each record must be reviewed to ensure that investigative information, sealed records, expunged criminal records, and sensitive personal information that is not considered public information is redacted from reports and criminal histories.

| Records Squad | 2014 |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Reports Processed | 84,185 |
| Criminal History Requests | 8,455 |
| Juvenile Court Seals | 10,499 |

*Information provided by the Records Unit

DATA CENTER

The Data Center staff operates the OPD Information Channel (internal radio channel) which is used to convey critical information to officers in the field. The Data Center staff retrieves and enters criminal history information, driving records, vehicle information, and stolen article information in a timely manner into various sources such as the Nebraska and National Law Enforcement Teletype System (NCLETS), the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and the Nebraska Crime Information System (NCIS).

The Data Center also processes all citations, incident reports, and accident reports completed by the OPD. This includes entering information into appropriate systems and ensuring that the courts

have all reports and records necessary for criminal prosecution. In 2014, the Data Center began using the new electronic field-reporting system known as PortalOne to process reports and citations. By the end of the 2014, the Data Center was processing 80% of all accident reports and 90% of all citations through PortalOne resulting in a more streamlined process.

| Reports Processed | 2014 |
|-------------------|--------|
| Accident Reports | 14,986 |
| Incident Reports | 30,753 |
| Citations | 18,485 |

*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. In 2014, TRS hired a full-time Spanish speaking Police Information Operator I to better serve the Spanish-speaking community.

| TRS Activity | 2014 |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Report Made | 15,476 |
| Incidents Reported | 17,377 |
| No Report Made | 9,128 |
| Referral to 911 | 2,521 |
| Left Message | 15,129 |
| Unable to Contact | 2,990 |
| Total Activity | 62,621 |

*Information provided by the Crime Analysis Unit

HUMAN RESOURCES UNIT

The Human Resources Unit is supervised by an Office Manager and provides a variety of services and support functions. These include 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. The unit continues to update processes and streamline procedures where applicable in order to increase efficiency.

SUPPORT SERVICES SECTION



The Support Services Section, commanded by Captain Adam Kyle, provides informational and specific support services. This 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 includes the Front Desk Squad, Information Services Squad, Public Library Security, and Court Liaison Squad. The unit provides a variety of services including receiving and processing incoming telephone calls, handling inquiries from the public and taking walk-in reports.

FRONT DESK SQUAD

The Front Desk Squad includes two sergeants, seven officers, and nine information services technicians. The Front Desk Squad 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 also 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 | 2014 |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Gun Registrations | 2,792 |
| Fingerprinting Services | 1,295 |
| Police Reports Sold | 3,862 |
| Criminal History Requests | 1,703 |

*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 2014, the squad saved the City of Omaha approximately \$750,148 in court pay for officers and cleared 27 wrong party identification requests.

The Court Liaison Squad also includes the Mayor's Office Security detail. The Mayor's Office Security detail consists of four officers whose primary duty is to provide security for the Mayor's Office and the Mayor at various events.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SECURITY

The Public Library Security detail consists of three officers who provide security for the Omaha Public Libraries.

POLICE SUPPLY UNIT

The Police Supply Unit includes three full-time civilian employees who serve over 900 employees. The unit performs a 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 vouchers and invoices, generates payment vouchers, provides and prints OPD forms and receives and mails out packages. In addition, the unit maintains records and installs "City" tags on equipment and is responsible for the repair of many equipment items such as radars and radios.

FLEET AND FACILITIES UNIT

The Fleet and Facilities Unit provides building and fleet maintenance and acquisition services for the OPD. In 2014, the unit worked to renovate OPD Headquarters by expanding the Crime Lab Unit and Evidence and Property Unit as well as renovating the men's and women's locker rooms and OPD workout room. The renovation covered approximately 28,000 square feet of the first floor of OPD Headquarters. In addition, the unit added 49 new police cruisers and 22 unmarked vehicles to OPD's vehicle fleet; submitted more than 480 work orders to Public Works Facilities Management for building repairs; and completed more than 450 work requests for items such as phone repairs, moving furniture, and small building repairs.

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 9,280 towed vehicles in 2014. 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 owners, approximately one fifth 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 2014 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 and the Research and Planning Unit.



RESEARCH AND PLANNING UNIT

The Research and Planning Unit (R&P) includes an R&P Supervisor and three R&P Specialists. R&P conducts research into departmental 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 OPD accreditation process; maintains and updates the OPD Policies and Procedures Manual; 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 AND COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTION

The Training and Community Services Section (TCSS) is commanded by Captain Michael McGee and, in 2014, included the Backgrounds Unit, Neighborhood Services Unit, Training Unit, and the Honor Guard. TCSS is also responsible for duties as assigned by the Executive Services Bureau Deputy Chief.

BACKGROUNDS UNIT

The Backgrounds Unit is commanded by a lieutenant and includes one sergeant, five detectives, and a secretary. 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 2014, the Backgrounds Unit began investigating applicants for the July 2015 OPD recruit class. The unit also performed background investigations on civilian job applicants including administrative personnel, professional support units, contractor background investigations due to the OPD's various remodeling projects, background checks for "ride-along" participants, and checks for various volunteer and internship positions. In addition, the Backgrounds Unit participated in 6 career fairs during 2014.

| Backgrounds Activity | 2014 |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Police Applicants Investigated | 200 |
| Citizen Applicants Investigated | 334 |

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

The Backgrounds Unit strives to build an agency workforce that reflects the demographic diversity of the Omaha area by emphasizing the recruitment of both qualified female and minority applicants. In 2014, the unit ensured that both female officers and officers of various races and ethnicities attended career fairs, recruitment events, and other agency events that involved the public. A diverse group of officers is also depicted on the "Join OPD" website

and in various recruitment materials. Additionally, in 2014, the Backgrounds Unit participated in a three day workshop focusing on recruitment strategies for reaching potential minority and female candidates.

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 documenting illegal drug and gang activity; helps initiate Neighborhood Watch groups; connects individuals with neighborhood associations; provides information on various code enforcement issues; and arranges OPD speakers for community organizations and clubs, including annual citywide events such as the Safety Expo (48,863 attendees), Kindergarten Traffic Training (289 attendees), and the annual Boy and Girl Scouts Day (1,500 attendees).

| Neighborhood Services Unit | 2014 |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Presentations | 272 |
| Neighborhood Watch Groups | 690 |
| <i>Nuisance Task Force</i> | |
| Mayor's Action Line Complaints | 963 |
| Nuisance Notices Issued | 433 |
| Vehicle Tows | 188 |
| Complied Vehicle Checks | 400 |
| <i>Business Watch Squad</i> | |
| Business Watch Contacts/Follow-ups | 674 |
| <i>Precinct Community Meetings</i> | |
| Northwest Precinct | 255 |
| Northeast Precinct | 41 |
| Southeast Precinct | 382 |
| Southwest Precinct | 88 |

*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, 13 SRO's working in high schools, one SRO at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and four roving SRO's who fill in as is necessary. Participating districts include Omaha Public Schools, Millard Public Schools, Elkhorn Public Schools, and Westside Community Schools. In 2014, the OPD also added an SRO at the Teacher Administration building of the Omaha Public Schools.

| SRO Activities | 2014 |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Incident Reports | 3,001 |
| Arrests – Felony | 43 |
| Arrests – Misdemeanor | 726 |
| Traffic Citations | 14 |
| Assist to Patrol/Detective | 793 |

*Information provided by the Crime Analysis Unit

NUISANCE TASK FORCE SQUAD

The Nuisance Task Force Squad (NTFS) handles the most serious violations of nuisance litter complaints reported to the Mayor's Hotline. Despite NTFS personnel being assigned to other areas within OPD during a portion of 2014, NTFS officers responded to 783 Mayor's Hotline complaints; issued 383 nuisance notices (NTFS achieved compliance on 319 of these); and towed 1,156 vehicles.

PREVENTION PROGRAMS SQUAD

In 2014, 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, mentored 70 students in OPD's Police Explorer Program and conducted elementary school outreach. Officers also gave 223 presentations to schools and community groups regarding topics such as stranger danger, police officer duties, and bike safety. The squad also works closely with media outlets to provide information on safety to the community. In 2014, the squad worked with local television stations and radio stations on 37 different stories.

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 2014, the squad made over 800 business contacts, and conducted 39 full security business property audits and numerous partial audits.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES SQUAD

The Volunteer Services Squad works to get community members involved with various OPD volunteer programs including the Handicapped Parking Patrol, the Omaha Chaplain Corps, and the Omaha Police Volunteer Program. In 2014, approximately 45 volunteers helped to enforce handicapped parking violations as part of the Handicapped Parking Patrol. Nineteen local clergy volunteered their time as Omaha Police Chaplains to assist citizens during times of crisis. Volunteers who are part of the Omaha Police Volunteer Program apply their skills and knowledge to assist with administrative duties throughout the OPD. In 2014, OPD volunteers gave back to the community by donating over 10,000 hours of their time to these programs.

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 (both sworn and non-sworn), and provides in-service and firearms training.

| Training | 2014 |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Training Classes-Total | 200 |
| Training Hours-Total | 63,278 |
| <i>Participants-Total</i> | 3,782 |
| Sworn | 3,209 |
| Non-Sworn | 168 |
| Citizens/Guests | 405 |

*Information provided by the Crime Analysis Unit

RECRUIT ACADEMY TRAINING



Thirty-six Omaha Police recruits graduated from the Omaha Police Training Academy on August 28, 2014 after twenty 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. During this phase each newly sworn officer rode with and shadowed veteran Omaha Police Officers. These officers have now completed the Field Training Phase of the Academy and are assigned throughout the City of Omaha in various assignments.



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 OPD's Recruit Academy. These tasks are monitored, tracked, and identified in a lesson plan. Additionally, performance objectives

and a means of testing each objective must be established for each task.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

As mandated by the State of Nebraska, every sworn Nebraska law enforcement officer must complete twenty hours of continuing education each year in order to maintain law enforcement certification. The Training Unit is responsible for the tracking and reporting these hours as well as providing training required by the State of Nebraska and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

In 2014, the OPD provided every sworn officer with 24-hours of continuing education. The 2014 in-service training was divided into three in-service sessions over a 25-week time frame. The training focused on topics such as hate crimes, accident diagramming, arrest and control disarming, ethics, refugee awareness, excited delirium and stop stick training. Additionally, the Training Unit conducted a firearms qualification as well as training on proficiency in the use of Baton, OC, and Tasers.

TASER PROGRAM

In 2014, the Taser Program was re-organized to include a new overall structure for the program, an assigned Program Coordinator, and new training requirements. During this process, the OPD certified four new Taser Instructors, purchased fifteen new Taser weapons, and re-certified 293 officers in the Taser user program. These officers reviewed OPD policy regarding proper Taser protocol and completed an efficiency test following Taser International standards.

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 and shotguns as well as elective rifle training.

Patrol Rifle Program: In 2014, the OPD certified an additional 16 officers in the Patrol Rifle Program. Currently, the program has a total of 330 rifle certified officers. All patrol rifle certified officers are required to re-certify annually and complete an eight-hour refresher course. The course provides training for officers to safely navigate critical incidents such as active shooter scenarios.

VIRTRA

The Omaha Police Foundation provided funding for the OPD to receive an elite, new, state-of-the-art training tool known as the VirTra V-180LE Firearms Simulator. This cutting edge tool provides over seventy different use of force decision-making scenarios in a controlled training environment. VirTra has been rapidly growing in popularity as an invaluable law enforcement training tool.

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 28 members who serve without regard to rank. The Honor Guard president, vice president, secretary, and sergeant of arms are elected every two years. These officeholders serve a one-year term beginning on May 15th of each year. Training takes place every other month and is a combined effort with other metro area honor guards. In 2014, the Honor Guard participated in 43 events including color guards, funerals, parades, the Blue Mass, Memorial Day Services, and Police Memorial Day.

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 Corps currently includes four drummers and three pipers. Three of the drummers are currently being trained to play the bagpipes as well. In 2014, the Pipe and Drum Corps participated in 33 events, nearly twice as many events as in 2013, including 8 funerals and 25 special events.

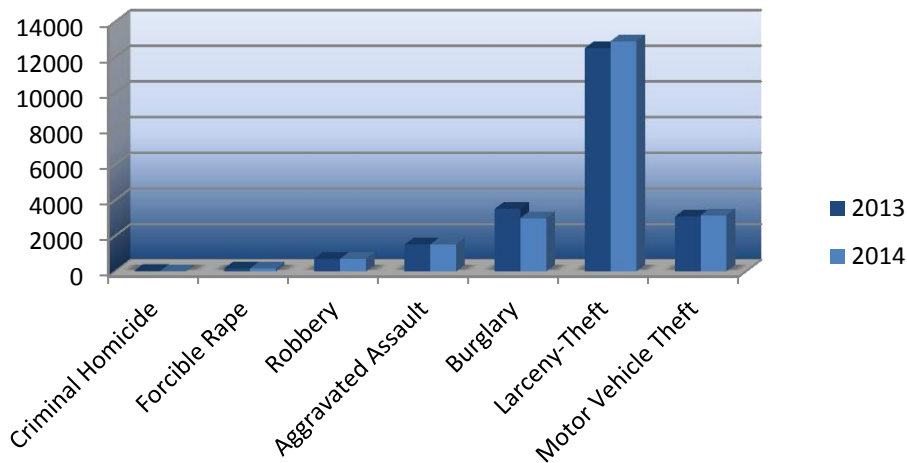


OFFENSE COMPARISON

NUMBER OF PART I OFFENSES

| Part I Offenses | 2013 | 2014 | Percent Change |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Criminal Homicide | 42 | 32 | -24% |
| Forcible Rape | 184 | 180 | -2% |
| Robbery | 718 | 723 | +1% |
| Aggravated Assault | 1,505 | 1,523 | +1% |
| Burglary | 3,509 | 2,997 | -15% |
| Larceny-Theft | 12,519 | 12,910 | +3% |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 3,080 | 3,146 | +2% |
| Total | 21,557 | 21,511 | 0% |

Number of Part I Offenses



CLEARANCE OF PART I OFFENSES

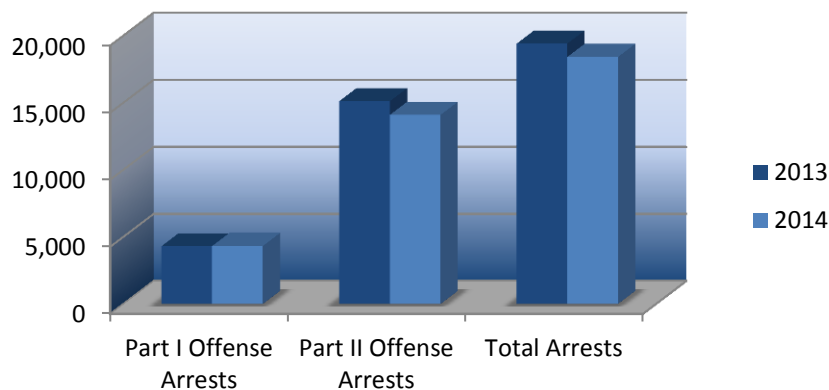
| Part I Offenses | 2013 | | 2014 | | Percent Change |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | Number Cleared | Percent Cleared | Number Cleared | Percent Cleared | |
| Criminal Homicide | 33 | 79% | 23 | 72% | -30% |
| Forcible Rape | 105 | 57% | 91 | 51% | -13% |
| Robbery | 300 | 42% | 300 | 41% | 0% |
| Aggravated Assault | 888 | 59% | 979 | 64% | +10% |
| Burglary | 261 | 7% | 335 | 11% | +28% |
| Larceny-Theft | 3,484 | 28% | 3,030 | 23% | -13% |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 383 | 12% | 449 | 14% | +17% |
| Total | 5,454 | 25% | 5,207 | 24% | -5% |

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

ARREST COMPARISON

| Offense | 2013 | 2014 | % Change |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| <i>Part I Offenses</i> | | | |
| Murder-Manslaughter | 28 | 26 | -7% |
| Death by Negligence | 3 | 5 | +67% |
| Forcible Rape | 47 | 32 | -32% |
| Robbery | 165 | 151 | -8% |
| Aggravated Assault | 521 | 532 | +2% |
| Burglary | 227 | 191 | -16% |
| Larceny-Theft | 3,211 | 3,258 | +1% |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 94 | 124 | +32% |
| Total | 4,296 | 4,319 | +1% |
| <i>Part II Offenses</i> | | | |
| Assault, Misdemeanor | 1,614 | 1,649 | +2% |
| Arson | 25 | 20 | -20% |
| Forgery, Counterfeiting | 182 | 152 | -16% |
| Fraud | 392 | 383 | -2% |
| Embezzlement | 23 | 34 | +48% |
| Stolen Property | 278 | 340 | +22% |
| Vandalism/DOP | 640 | 676 | +6% |
| Weapons, Carry/Possess | 372 | 375 | +1% |
| Prostitution | 137 | 109 | -20% |
| Sex Offenses (Excl. Rape) | 211 | 181 | -14% |
| Drug Law Violations | 2,772 | 2,583 | -7% |
| Gambling | 5 | 1 | -80% |
| Against Family/Children | 348 | 319 | -8% |
| Driving Under the Influence | 2,594 | 2,055 | -21% |
| Liquor Violations | 1,472 | 1,386 | -6% |
| Disorderly Conduct | 823 | 948 | +15% |
| Loitering/Prowling/Curfew | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Other (except traffic) | 3,223 | 2,887 | -10% |
| Total | 15,111 | 14,098 | -7% |
| Total Arrests | 19,407 | 18,417 | -5% |

Arrest Comparison



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PERSONNEL

| Personnel Complement (Dec. 2014) | Budgeted Personnel | | Actual Personnel | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| | Sworn | Non-Sworn | Sworn | Non-Sworn |
| Total Personnel | 804 | 157 | 787 | 202 |

| Race/Ethnicity | Service Population* | | Current Sworn Officers** | | Current Sworn Female Officers** | |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| | Number | Percentage | Number | Percentage | Number | Percentage |
| <i>Race</i> | | | | | | |
| Caucasian | 320,738 | 76% | 639 | 81.1% | 119 | 15.1% |
| African-American | 55,187 | 13% | 59 | 7.5% | 11 | 1.4% |
| Other | 46,574 | 11% | 24 | 3% | 4 | .5% |
| Total | 422,499 | 100% | | | | |
| <i>Ethnicity</i> | | | | | | |
| Hispanic | 55,198 | 13% | 66 | 8.4% | 11 | 1.4% |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 367,301 | 87% | | | | |
| Total | 422,499 | 100% | 788 | 100% | 145 | 18.4% |

*Service Population is calculated based on data provided by the US Census Bureau

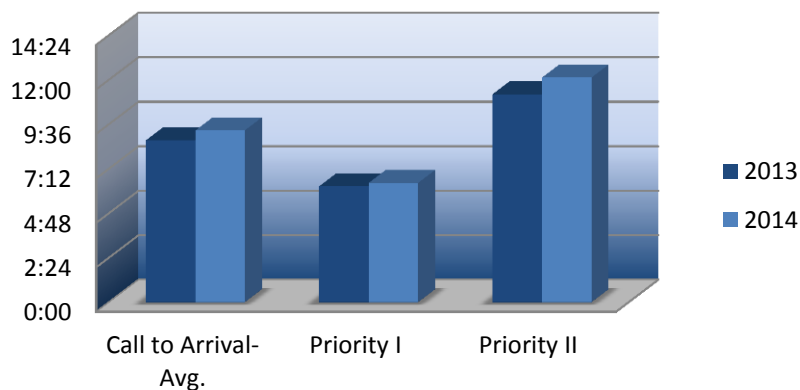
**Current Sworn Officers/Current Sworn Female Officers is calculated based on data provided by the City of Omaha

CALLS FOR SERVICE
911/TELEPHONE REPORTING

| 911 Calls for Service | 2013 | 2014 | Percent Change |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|----------------|
| 911 Calls Received | 216,113 | 223,272 | +3% |
| Daily Calls-Average | 592 | 615 | +4% |
| Officer-Initiated Traffic Stops | 42,698 | 37,638 | -12% |

| Response Time (MM/SS) | 2013 | 2014 | Percent Change |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|----------------|
| Call to Arrival-Avg. | 08:44 | 09:16 | +6% |
| Priority I | 06:15 | 06:26 | +3% |
| Priority II | 11:13 | 12:07 | +8% |

Response Time



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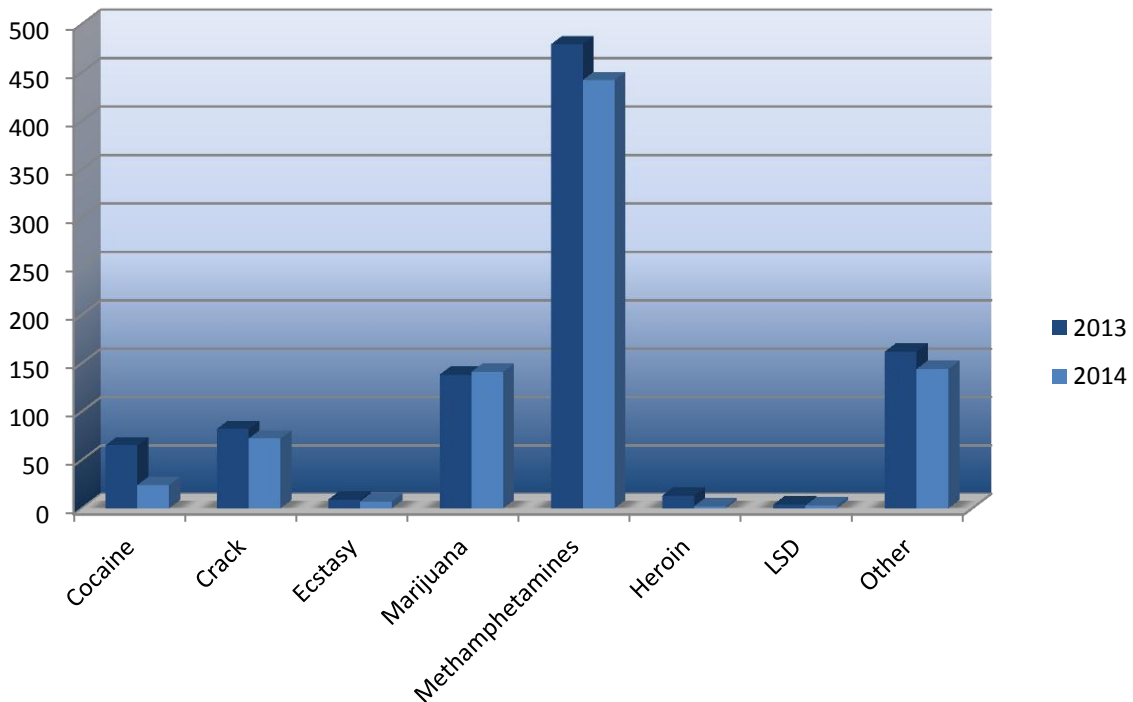
DRUG ENFORCEMENT

| Drug Enforcement | 2013 | 2014 | % Change |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| <i>Arrests</i> | | | |
| Cocaine | 65 | 24 | -63% |
| Crack | 82 | 72 | -12% |
| Ecstasy | 9 | 7 | -22% |
| Marijuana | 138 | 141 | +2% |
| Methamphetamines | 479 | 442 | -8% |
| Heroin | 13 | 2 | -85% |
| LSD | 4 | 3 | -25% |
| Other | 162 | 144 | -11% |
| Felony Arrest Total | 952 | 835 | -12% |
| <i>Seizures*</i> | | | |
| Cocaine | 17,011 | 21,764 | +28% |
| Crack | 4,256 | 1,761 | -59% |
| Ecstasy | 309 | 8,088 | +2517% |
| Marijuana | 210,543 | 350,524 | +66% |
| Methamphetamines | 63,456 | 34,921 | -45% |
| Heroin | 198 | 118 | -40% |
| LSD** | 36 | 122 | +239% |
| Other** | 4,886 | 3,410 | -30% |

* Weight = Grams

** Weight = Dosage Units

Drug Enforcement Arrests



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GANG ACTIVITY

| Gang Related Part I Offenses | 2013 | 2014 | Percent Change |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Criminal Homicide | 10 | 3 | -70% |
| Forcible Rape | 2 | 1 | -50% |
| Robbery | 7 | 9 | +29% |
| Aggravated Assault | 76 | 67 | -12% |
| Burglary | 24 | 10 | -58% |
| Larceny-Theft | 36 | 32 | -11% |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 30 | 31 | +3% |
| Total | 185 | 153 | -17% |

| Arrests for Gang Related Part I Offenses | 2013 | 2014 | Percent Change |
|--|------------|------------|----------------|
| Criminal Homicide | 15 | 12 | -20% |
| Forcible Rape | 8 | 10 | +25% |
| Robbery | 62 | 38 | -39% |
| Aggravated Assault | 152 | 192 | +26% |
| Burglary | 39 | 30 | -23% |
| Larceny-Theft | 102 | 93 | -9% |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 378 | 375 | -1% |

| Gang Related Arrests for PWID and Firearms | 2013 | 2014 | Percent Change |
|---|------------|------------|----------------|
| Possession with Intent to Deliver Narcotics | 30 | 30 | 0% |
| Firearms | 121 | 151 | +25% |
| Total Activity | 151 | 181 | +20% |

| Gang Related Domestic Violence | 2013 | 2014 | Percent Change |
|--------------------------------|------|------|----------------|
| Domestic Violence | 156 | 183 | +17% |

| Gang Members | 2013 | 2014 | Percent Change |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|----------------|
| New Gang Members | 121 | 307 | +154% |
| Deleted Gang Members | 582 | 72 | -88% |
| Suspected Gang Members | 2,568 | 2,799 | +9% |
| Suspected Number of Gangs | 82 | 82 | 0% |

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

2014 POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET – APPROPRIATED SUMMARY

The following information was obtained from the City of Omaha 2014 Adopted Budget. For more detailed information please refer to the City of Omaha Finance Department website:
<http://www.cityofomaha.org/finance/>

APPROPRIATED FUNDING

| Department | 2013 | 2014 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Office of the Chief of Police | 2,863,240 | 4,999,533 |
| Criminal Investigations Bureau | 30,155,951 | 33,365,153 |
| Executive Officer Bureau | 7,024,239 | 8,287,263 |
| Police Services Bureau | 20,877,946 | 16,396,834 |
| Uniform Patrol Bureau | 61,092,354 | 63,930,654 |
| Total | 122,013,730 | 126,979,437 |

SOURCE OF FUNDING

| Source of Funds | 2013 | 2014 |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2010 Public Safety | 165,000 | 975,000 |
| Advanced Acquisition | - | 600,000 |
| General | 121,272,730 | 124,298,437 |
| 2010 Public Facilities | 100,000 | 630,000 |
| Keno/Lottery Proceeds | 476,000 | 476,000 |
| Total | 122,013,730 | 126,979,437 |

APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES

| Category | 2013 | 2014 |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Employee Compensation | 108,993,248 | 110,731,171 |
| Non-Personal Services | 12,755,482 | 14,043,266 |
| Capital | 265,000 | 2,205,000 |
| Total | 122,013,730 | 126,979,437 |

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 | 2,482,879 | 29,398,240 | 7,874,840 | 9,418,992 | 61,556,220 |
| Non-Personal Services | 311,654 | 3,966,913 | 412,423 | 6,977,842 | 2,374,434 |
| Capital | 2,205,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 4,999,533 | 33,365,153 | 8,287,263 | 16,396,834 | 63,930,654 |

2014 PROMOTIONS

| | Date of Promotion | New Rank/Position |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Lt. Thomas H. Shaffer | February 2 nd | Captain |
| Ofc. Martin A. Stiles | February 2 nd | Sergeant |
| Sgt. Jerald R. Swanson | March 2 nd | Lieutenant |
| Ofc. Shane D. Myers | March 2 nd | Sergeant |
| Ofc. Aaron W. Hanson | March 2 nd | Sergeant |
| Police Info. Operator-I Sylvia L. Miller | March 30 th | Police Info. Operator-II |
| Storekeeper-I Paul T. Staley | March 30 th | Storekeeper-II |
| Clerk Typist-II Christopher J. Weber | March 30 th | Police Info. Operator-I |
| Police Info. Operator-I Ryan M. Taylor | April 27 th | Police Info. Operator-II |
| Clerk Typist-II Leanne S. Siedelmann | June 22 nd | Police Info. Operator-I |
| Police Info. Operator-I Kimberly A. Vaughan | August 3 rd | Senior Administrative Clerk |
| Research and Planning Specialist Liddie M. Daniels | August 17 th | R&P Supervisor |
| Clerk Typist-II Sandy L. Hager | August 17 th | Police Info. Operator-I |
| Lt. Michael G. McGee | Sep. 14 th | Captain |
| Sgt. Steve J. Cerveny | Sep. 14 th | Lieutenant |
| Ofc. Danette M. Culler | Sep. 14 th | Sergeant |
| Sgt. James D. Pauly | October 12 th | Lieutenant |
| Ofc. Brian A. Heath | Nov. 9 th | Sergeant |
| Clerk Typist Michael A. Waisanen | Dec. 21 st | Secretary I |

2014 RETIREMENTS

| | Date of Retirement | Years of Service |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Sgt. James J. Murphy | February 28 th | 23 years |
| Sgt. Jeffrey K. Chubb, Jr. | March 7 th | 20 years 7 months |
| Ofc. Howard W. Tarver, Jr. | February 24 th | 23 years |
| Ofc. Jacqueline A. Aerts | March 1 st | 22 years |
| Ofc. Denise A. Matson | February 14 th | 20 years 7 months |
| Police Info. Operator-I Phyllis I. Cuellar | May 1 st | 13 years 11 months |
| Senior Admin. Clerk Graham R. Murray | August 29 th | 24 years 9 months |
| Senior Clerk Kristina "Irene" Nelson | Sep. 4 th | 19 years 9 months |
| Secretary I Karen S. Kovar | August 28 th | 8 years 6 months |
| Captain Diana A. Kelly | Sep. 1 st | 22 years 6 months |
| Ofc. Mark A. Howie, Sr. | Sep. 1 st | 22 years 6 months |
| Police Info. Operator-I Linda K. James | Sep. 12 th | 25 years 5 months |
| Lt. Cathy A. Cook | Sep. 12 th | 22 years 6 months |
| Ofc. Steven F. Williams | October 1 st | 25 years |
| Ofc. Thomas J. Hickey | October 1 st | 25 years |
| Ofc. Daniel R. Nielsen | October 16 th | 18 years 1 month |
| Crime Laboratory Manager Karenina L. Smith | November 7 th | 30 years 10 months |
| Information Services Technician Steven L. Dawes | November 29 th | 16 years 11 months |
| Senior Crime Lab Technician James M. Brady | December 6 th | 22 years 5 months |

MEDAL OF VALOR

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.

- Officer Douglas Arrick
- Officer Carl Hanson
- Officer Chithauta Hester
- Officer Alan Peatrowsky

POLICE LIFESAVING MEDAL

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.

- Officer Tara Ackerson
- Officer Nicholas Buck
- Officer Mark Cupak
- Officer Douglas Herout
- Officer Chithauta Hester
- Officer Joshua Kelley
- Officer Shawn Pearson
- Officer Kenneth Porter
- Officer Timothy Ringhoff
- Officer Anna Urban
- Officer Derek Voss
- Officer Michael Wright

PURPLE HEART

The Purple Heart is awarded to employees who have suffered serious injuries during the performance of their duties which are likely to cause death or great bodily harm.

- Officer Sophia Jordan

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

The Distinguished Service Medal is presented to employees who performed a dangerous and/or distinguished act or who perform their duties in an exemplary manner.

- Captain Kerry Neumann
- Lieutenant Catherine Milone
- 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
- Officer Allen Straub
- Officer Scott Warner
- Officer Craig Wylie
- Crime Analyst Shawn Fisher
- Administrative Assistant III Suzanne Stone
- 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

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.

- Officer Phillip Anson
- Officer Jordan Brandt
- Officer Corey Clements
- Officer Vaughn Cotton
- Officer Theodore Delezene*
- Officer Patrick Dempsey
- Officer Jaime Desautels
- Officer Jonathan Fraley
- Officer Jason Friedrichsen
- Officer Paul Hasiak*
- Officer Brian Korth
- Officer Jackie Liebe
- Officer Daniel Martin
- Officer Eric Meads*
- Officer Adam Moore
- Officer Scott Richter
- Officer Brian Schuster
- Officer Nicholas Sorensen
- Officer Tyler Stricker
- Officer Adele Tomsu
- Officer Jeffrey Wasmund
- Officer Kirk Weidner
- Officer Nicholas Yarpe

LETTER OF WELL DONE

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.

- Lieutenant Laurie Scott
- Lieutenant Marcia West
- Sergeant Stephen Fornoff
- Sergeant Rochair Jenkins
- Sergeant Ryan McGuire
- Sergeant Amy Oetter
- Sergeant Charles Ott
- Sergeant Martin Stiles
- Sergeant Stephen Worley
- Officer David Ackerson
- Officer Aaren Andersen
- Officer Phillip Anson
- Officer Douglas Arrick
- Officer Cody Baines
- Officer Angela Baker
- Officer Ian Baxter
- Officer Alexis Boults
- Officer Jordan Brandt*
- Officer Brandon Braun
- Officer Nathan Buresh
- Officer Terence Cabral
- Officer Corey Clements*
- Officer Todd Coniglio
- Officer Brian Dembinski
- Officer Jaime Desautels*
- Officer Matthew Digilio
- Officer Kenneth Fortune*
- Officer Mark Gillaspie
- Officer Jonathan Gorden
- Officer Nicholas Groth
- Officer Joseph Hall
- Officer Conrad Hansen
- Officer Aaron Hanson
- Officer Paul Hanson
- Officer William Hardisty
- Officer Brian Heath
- Officer Jason Heft
- Officer John Henige
- Officer Douglas Herout
- Officer Troy Hiller*
- Officer Roman Hutton
- Officer Jordan Jacob
- Officer Jerry Kassen
- Officer Nathan Keenan
- Officer Jason Kennedy
- Officer Jeremy Kerwin
- Officer Charles Kraemer
- Officer Derrick Kreikemeier
- Officer Adam Kruse**
- Officer Mark Lang
- Officer Christopher Leick
- Officer Brent Martin
- Officer Jon Martin
- Officer Felicia Merritt
- Officer Jose Nava
- Officer Mark Negrete
- Officer Bradley Nielsen
- Officer Travis Oetter
- Officer Roger Oseka
- Officer Eric Picht
- Officer Kara Platt**
- Officer David Preston, Jr.*
- Officer Sean Quinlan
- Officer Joseph Richter
- Officer Phillip Ricker*
- Officer Christopher Rock*
- Officer Justin Rudloff
- Officer Emilio Saldierna*
- Officer Paul Sarka
- Officer Brett Schrage
- Officer Brian Schuster
- Officer Brian Seaton
- Officer Nick Sidzyik
- Officer Kevin Snethen
- Officer Ann Sorys
- Officer Ruben Soto
- Officer Matthew Stigge
- Officer Mike Sundermeier
- Officer Louis Tomsu
- Officer John Villwok
- Officer Jeremy Wedel
- Officer Chad Wiebers
- Officer Anna Urban
- Officer Joseph Wolf
- Officer Nicholas Yarpe
- Officer Michael Young*
- Officer Scott Zymball
- Criminalist William Henningsen
- Criminalist Stephen Vaccaro
- Sr. Crime Lab Tech. James Brady
- Crime Lab Tech. Maggie Horan
- Crime Lab Tech. Rebecca Learned
- Crime Lab Tech. Kristen Smith
- Police Info. Operator II Ryan Taylor
- Police Info. Operator I Jessica Barrineau
- Police Info. Operator I Kimberly Vaughan

*Received Two Letters of Well Done/Letters of Commendation in 2014

**Received Three Letters of Well Done/Letters of Commendation in 2014

POLICE RIBBON OF EXCELLENCE

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.

- Officer James Haley
- Officer James Holtmeyer
- Admin. Info. Coordinator Kelly McDonald
- Police Info. Operator II Constance Barbas
- Clerk Typist II Natalie Peterson

OMAHA POLICE FOUNDATION’S OFFICER OF THE YEAR

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.

- Officer Sophia Jordan

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.

JANUARY:

- Officer Patrick Dempsey
- Officer Nicholas Sorensen
- Criminalist William Henningsen
- Criminalist Stephen Vaccaro
- Senior Crime Lab Tech. James Brady
- Crime Lab Tech. Maggie Horan
- Crime Lab Tech. Rebecca Learned
- Crime Lab Tech. Kristen Smith

FEBRUARY:

- Officer Mark Gillaspie

MARCH:

- Officer Paul Hasiak
- Officer Eric Meads

APRIL:

- Lieutenant Catherine Milone
- Officer Douglas Arrick
- Officer Carl Hanson
- Officer Chithauta Hester
- Officer Alan Peatrowsky
- Officer Allen Straub

MAY:

- Officer Adam Kruse
- Officer Emilio Saldierna

JUNE:

- Officer Jaime Desautels
- Admin. Info. Coordinator Kelly McDonald

JULY:

- Officer Theodore Delezene
- Officer Jonathan Fraley
- Clerk Typist II Natalie Peterson

AUGUST:

- Officer James Haley
- Officer James Holtmeyer
- Police Info. Operator II Ryan Taylor

SEPTEMBER:

- Sergeant Stephen Fornoff
- Officer Adam Kruse
- Officer Christopher Rock

IN MEMORY OF OFFICER GREGORY K. HAMILL

March 21, 1970-February 19, 2014



Officer Gregory K. Hamill, 43, passed away on Wednesday February 19, 2014. Officer Hamill joined the Omaha Police Department on November 26, 2001 and served the citizens of Omaha for twelve years. During his career with the OPD Officer Hamill received six Letters of Well Done and one Ribbon of Unit Excellence. His final assignment was within the Criminal Investigations Bureau, Narcotics Unit.

IN REMEMBRANCE

YEARS OF SERVICE

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Ret. Police Ofc. Fred Altic, Sr. | 34 yrs. 7 mo. |
| Ret. Police Ofc. Antonio (Tony) Ayala | 26 yrs. 6 mo. |
| Ret. Admin. Secretary III Jean Bojanski | 33 yrs. 9 mo. |
| Ret. Police Detective Sgt. Reno Chiesa | 28 yrs. |
| Ret. Clerk Typist II Nancy Drake | 8 yrs. 11 mo. |
| Ret. Parking Control Tech. Donald Eaton | 16 yrs. 2 mo. |
| Police Ofc. Gregory Hamill | 12 yrs. 3 mo. |
| Former Police Ofc. Cari (Hughes) Harrison | 13 yrs. 11 mo. |
| Ret. Police Lt. Vernard ("Vern") Hauger | 29 yrs. 8 mo. |
| Ret. Police Ofc. Robert Hauptman | 20 yrs. 4 mo. |
| Ret. Police Lt. John Hill, Sr. | 27 yrs. 8 mo. |
| Ret. Police Sgt. James Kasun | 27 yrs. 7 mo. |
| Ret. Police Ofc. Terry Iselin | 28 yrs. 8 mo. |
| Ret. Police Sgt. Richard James | 23 yrs. 6 mo. |
| Ret. Automotive Mechanic Oswald Jeck | 11 yrs. 10 mo. |
| Ret. Police Sgt. Carl Longstreth | 29 yrs. 7 mo. |
| Ret. Police Sgt. Richard Mahoney, Sr. | 26 yrs. 11 mo. |
| Ret. Police Ofc. Wayne Saunders | 32 yrs. |
| Ret. Police Sgt. Loren Skogman | 31 yrs. 4 mo. |
| Ret. Police Sgt. John Thrush | 27 yrs. 4 mo. |
| Ret. Police Ofc. William Yost | 34 yrs. 8 mo. |

OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

DATE OF DEATH

| OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY | DATE OF DEATH |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 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 |