

2015 Annual Report

Omaha Police Department
Partners with our Community



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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

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Omaha Police Phone Directory

A Message From Our Chief

Thank you for your interest in the Omaha Police Department's 2015 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 2015 even though it was a trying time for law enforcement across the country. Through the partnership with our great community, the City of Omaha experienced a 14% drop in overall crime. Thank you to the professional men and women of the Omaha Police Department and our community partners.

The following report includes information explaining the day-to-day activities and accomplishments of the Omaha Police Department during the year 2015. 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,

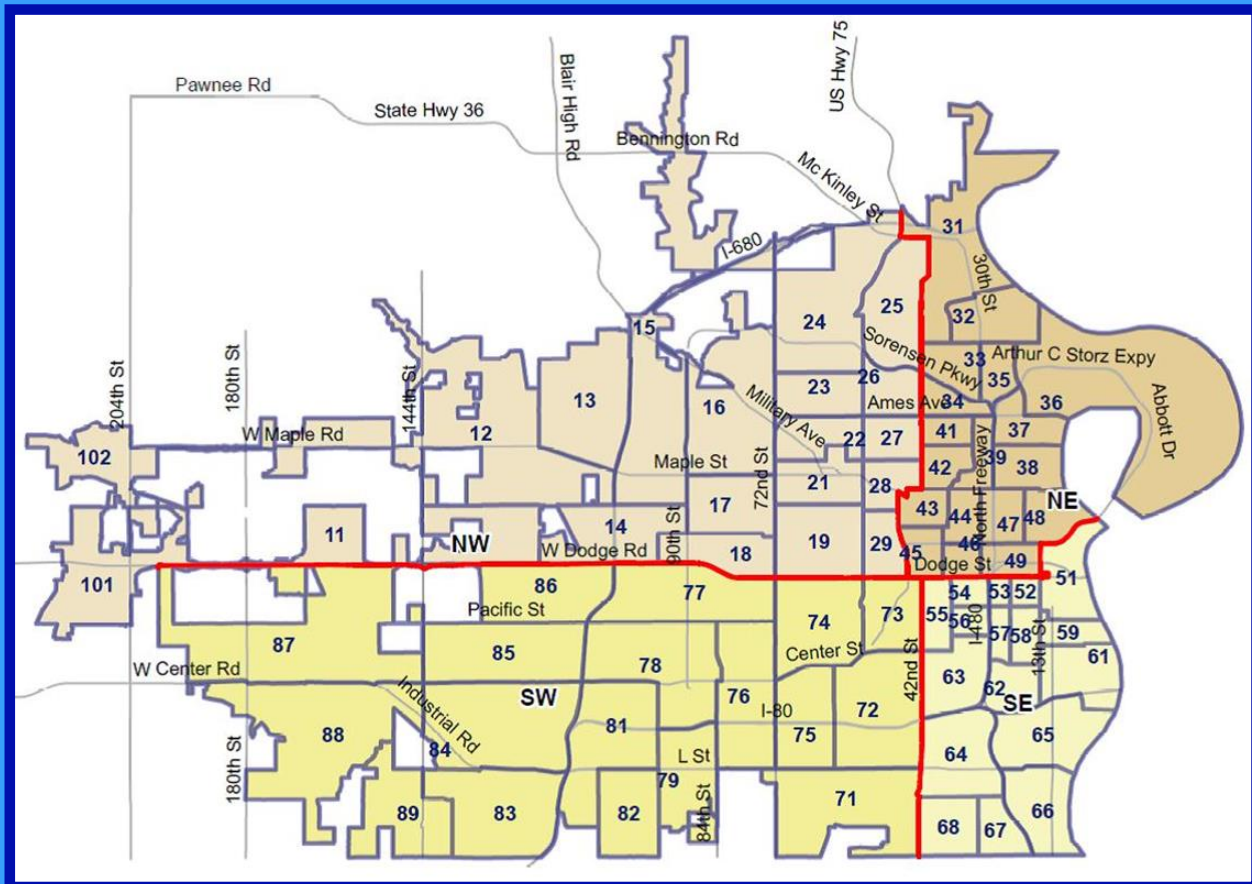
Todd R. Schmaderer
Chief of Police
Omaha Police Department



Quick Facts about the Omaha Police Department



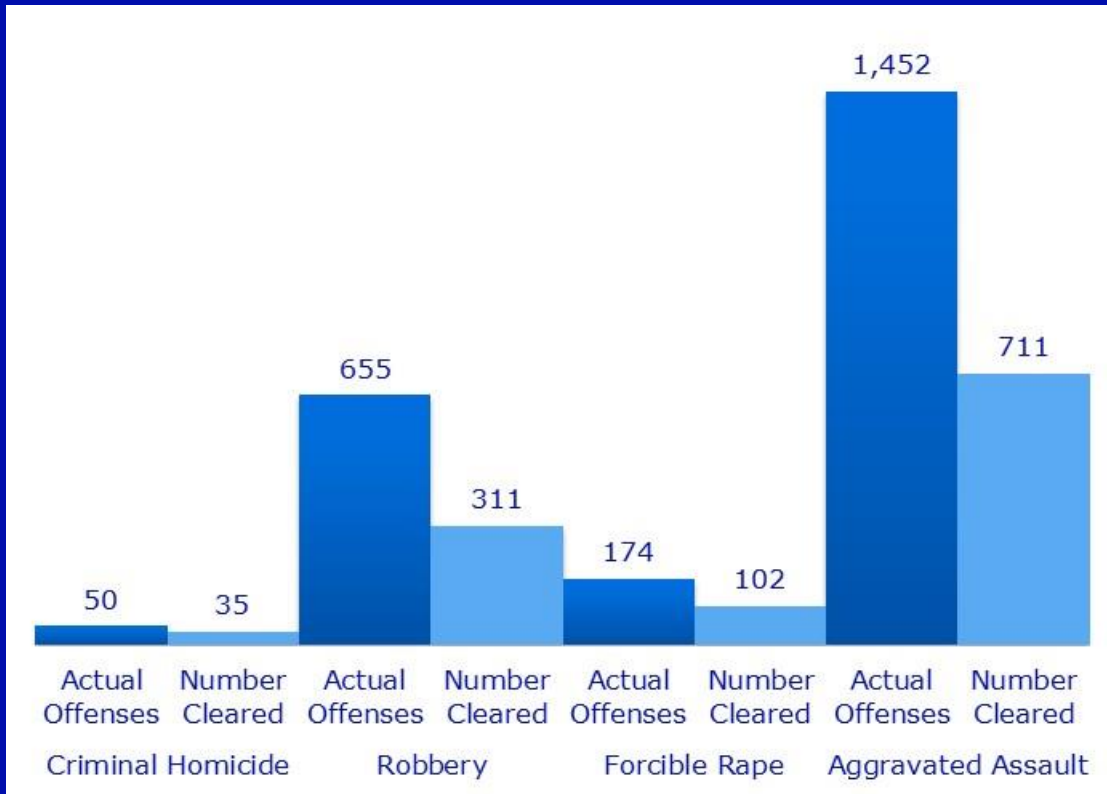
- Population Served: 443,885
- Land Patrolled in Square Miles: 127
 - Sworn Officers: 843
 - Non-Sworn Personnel: 206
- The Omaha Police Department is organized into 4 Bureaus: Uniform Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Police Services, and Executive Services.



The Omaha Police Department's jurisdiction is divided into four precincts (Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest) and 73 districts.

2015 Crime Statistics

[Click Here for More Crime Statistics](#)

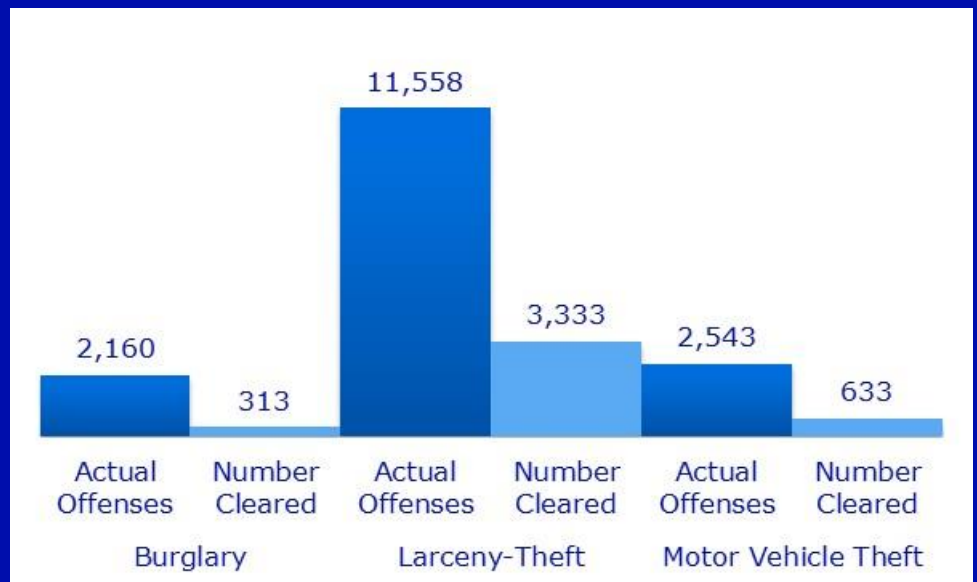


VIOLENT CRIME

↓ **5%**

PROPERTY CRIME

↓ **15%**



2015 CALLS FOR SERVICE

[Click Here for All Calls for Service](#)

	2014	2015
911 Calls Received	223,272	227,239
Daily Call Average	611	625

↑ 2%



↓ 7%

RESPONSE TIME

	2014	2015
Priority I Calls	06:26	5:43
Priority II Calls	12:07	11:33
Average Response Time	09:16	8:38

2015 PERSONNEL



Sworn Personnel

Race/Ethnicity	Current Sworn Officers		Current Sworn Female Officers	
Race	#	%	#	%
African-American	68	8.1	13	1.5
Caucasian	675	80.1	126	14.9
Hispanic	75	8.9	13	1.5
Other	25	2.9	4	1.5
Total	843	100	156	18.5



Personnel Complement



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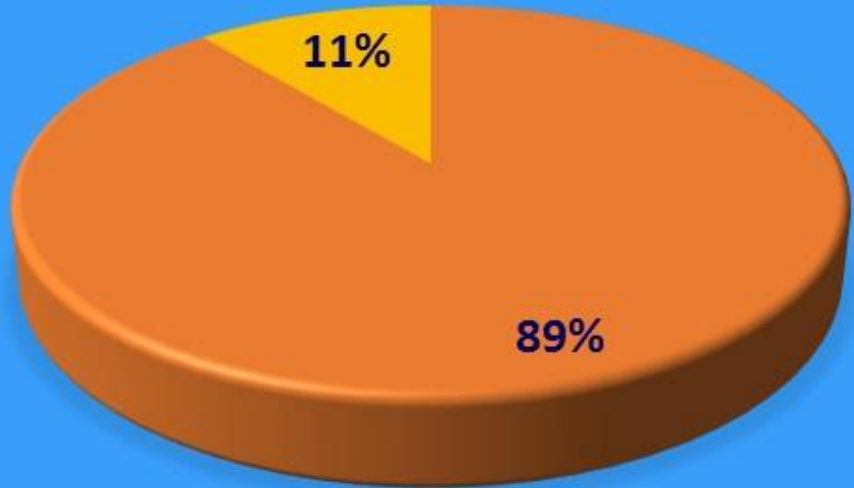
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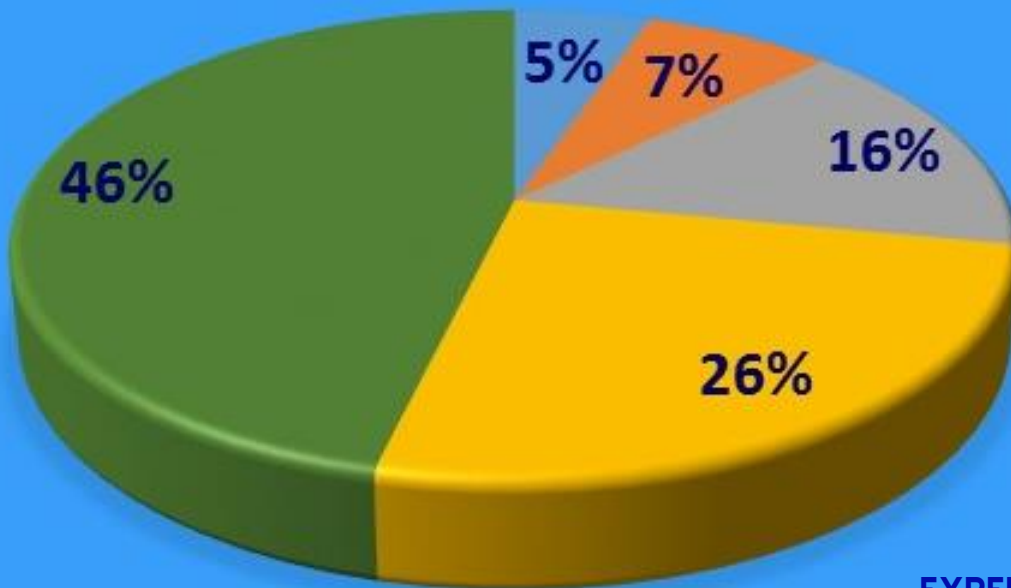
EXPENDITURES SUMMARY

89% - Employee Compensation: \$112,499,709

11% - Non-Personnel Services: \$13,949,539



Note: - Capital Improvements for the OPD in Fiscal Year 2015 totaled \$3,497,000



EXPENDITURES BY BUREAU

5% - Office of the Chief of Police: \$6,846,813

7% - Executive Services Bureau: \$9,578,807

16% - Police Services Bureau: \$20,004,507

26% - Criminal Investigations Bureau \$33,391,444

46% - Uniform Patrol Bureau: \$60,124,677

2015 COMMUNITY EVENT



HIGHLIGHTS

Check out our Community Involvement Page for more info

- Citizens Education Training Academy
- Safety Expo
- Battle of the Badges Blood Drive
- Police Memorial Ceremony
- Taste of Omaha
- SAFE Event (Safety, Awareness, Fitness, Education)
- Fun in the Park
- Fireworks/Gun/Ammunition Amnesty Day
- Kindergarten Traffic Safety Training
- National Night Out
- Thank Blue Event
- Spanish Citizen Police Academy
- Heritage Day Parade
- ABIDE Network Block Party
- Action Day
- Blue Mass
- Cops & Bobbers
- Safe Night Out
- Pop/Coffee/Cocoa with a Cop
- DEA Drug Take Back Day





OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE



Todd R. Schmaderer
CHIEF OF POLICE

Captain Thomas Shaffer
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SECTION

INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS LIEUTENANT

Lieutenant Darci Tierney
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

UNION LIAISON

Criminal Investigations Bureau
Deputy Chief Mary Newman

Police Services Bureau
Deputy Chief M. Elizabeth Davis

Uniform Patrol Bureau
Deputy Chief David Baker

Executive Services Bureau
Deputy Chief Gregory Gonzalez

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SECTION



INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT

The Internal Affairs Unit Investigates both internal complaints and external complaints brought by citizens.

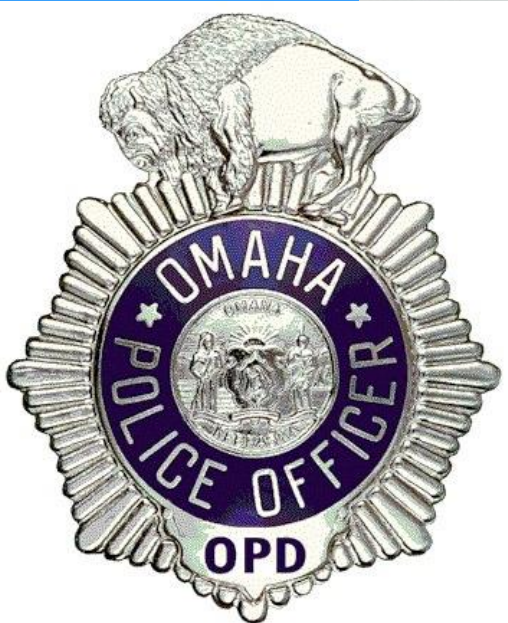
External Complaints	2015
Formal Citizen Complaints	69*
Sustained	47
Not Sustained	71
Unfounded	4
Exonerated	78

Internal Complaints	2015
Internal Complaints	48*
Sustained	100
Not Sustained	25
Unfounded	1
Exonerated	25

* Note – Multiple allegations can occur due to One Complaint and may result in a combination of sustained, not-sustained, unfounded or exonerated. New complaints are counted in the month they are received by the unit and dispositions are counted in the month in which the complaint is closed.

THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS LIEUTENANT

In 2015 the Professional Standards Lieutenant functioned as an information source and special assistant to the Chief of Police while also providing administrative support to the Professional Standards Section.



PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE (PIO)



The PIO disseminates information to the news media and manages the Omaha Crime Stoppers Program and the Omaha Police Department's social media presence.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- Disseminated information to both local and national media outlets
- Organized events such as the Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year awards luncheon, Crime Stoppers golf fundraiser, and promotional and retirement ceremonies
- Participated in community events such as the “Fun in the Park” and “Coffee with a Cop”
- Participated in community-based programs such as Omaha 360 and gave Crime Stoppers presentations to local schools and organizations
- Worked with the First Responders Foundation to bring community awareness to issues faced by Omaha Police Department officers
- Taught Social Media and Media Relations to Omaha Police Department Academy recruit class, the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center and various schools throughout the metro.

PIO Website and INFO



- 2,918 Tips
- 120 Arrests
- 140 Cases Cleared
- \$176,000 in Rewards



UNIFORM PATROL BUREAU

The UNIFORM PATROL BUREAU (UPB) is commanded by Deputy Chief David Baker. The City of Omaha is divided into four Police Precincts: Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest. These precincts provide 24-hour general police services to the public.



DAVID BAKER
DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

CAPTAIN MARCIA WEST
NORTHWEST PRECINCT

CAPTAIN SCOTT GRAY
NORTHEAST PRECINCT

CAPTAIN KATHERINE BELCASTRO-GONZALEZ
SOUTHEAST PRECINCT

CAPTAIN RUSSELL HORINE
SOUTHWEST PRECINCT

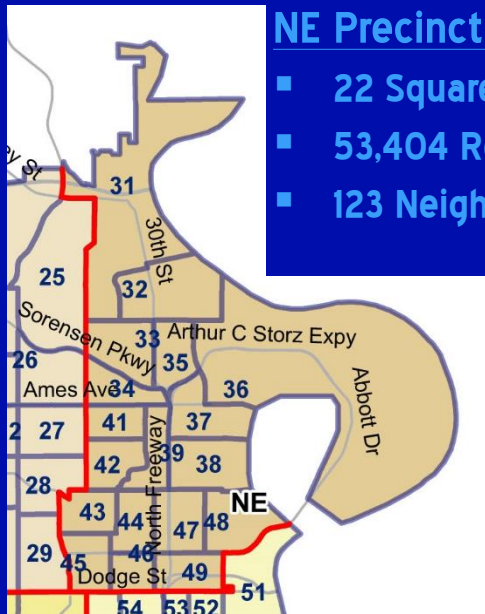


NORTHEAST PRECINCT (NE)



NE Precinct Quick Facts

- 22 Square Miles
- 53,404 Residents
- 123 Neighborhood Watch Groups



The Northeast Precinct (NE) is commanded by Captain Scott Gray. NE employees provide professional police services by using innovative community based policing methods and collaborating with grassroots community outreach organizations, neighborhood associations, public schools, faith-based organizations, political leaders and area businesses.

In 2015, the NE Precinct continued to focus on reducing incidents of gun violence. Officers recovered a significant number of firearms on traffic stops, citizen contacts and other investigations. They also utilized the ShotSpotter gunfire detection system to rapidly respond to gunfire incidents. At the end of 2015, the Omaha City Council approved the purchase of an expanded ShotSpotter service area. This increased coverage will allow officers to investigate gunfire incidents in a timely and complete manner.

The NE Precinct finished 2015 with a 27% reduction in gun assaults. In addition, shots fired decreased 8% compared to 2014. The precinct made notable progress in the reduction of property crimes, with overall reductions in the number of burglaries and auto thefts.

[Northeast Precinct Website](#)



NORTHEAST PRECINCT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



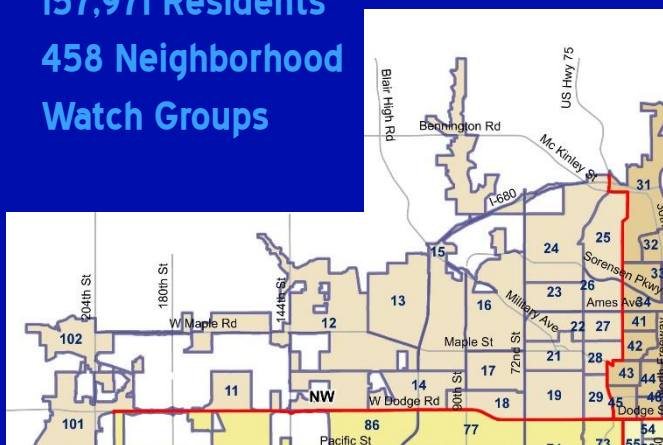
- Conducted Youth Citizen Education Training Programs
- Participated in Juneteenth Parade
- Hosted Fun in the Park Event
- Participated in Native Omaha Days
- Assisted in Prescription Drug Takeback Event
- Hosted the 6th Annual Cops and Bobbers Youth Fishing Event
- Hosted Safe Night Out, Trick-or-Treat Event
- Participated in Thankful Tuesday Turkey Giveaway
- Participated in Christmas in the Village
- Hosted and participated in many block parties

NORTHWEST PRECINCT (NW)



NW Precinct Quick Facts

- 50 Square Miles
- 157,971 Residents
- 458 Neighborhood Watch Groups



In 2015, the NW precinct was commanded by Captain Shayna Ray who recently retired. The NW is now commanded by Captain Marcia West who continues to place a strong emphasis on community policing and maintaining a direct line of communication with citizens.

Officers work with neighborhood associations, citizen patrols, schools, and businesses to fight and deter crime, and address quality of life issues. The NW values the citizens of Northwest Omaha and places a strong emphasis on creating and maintaining positive relationships with the public.

NW officers regularly attend community meetings and hold Precinct Advisory Council (PAC) meetings. These meetings maintain an open line of communication with the public and provide citizens with the opportunity to communicate issues that need to be addressed. Numerous neighborhood associations and Neighborhood Watch groups were started in the NW precinct in 2014 and community involvement continues to grow.

The Northwest Precinct also commands the Canine Unit.



[Northwest Precinct Website](#)

NORTHWEST PRECINCT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



- Hosted Coffee and Pop With A Cop Events
- Participated in Homicide Prayer Walks
- Assisted with Brighten the Bluffs @ Cherry Hills
- Participated in Neighborhood Clean-up Events
- Hosted the “IN the Neighborhood” presentations on Community Policing
- Participated in Health Fairs
- Hosted Trunk or Treat Event
- Assisted at Metcalfe Movie Night
- Assisted in Neighborhood Block Party events
- Assisted with the Nebraska Humane Society safety and awareness meeting
- Assisted in Citizen Education Training Programs

- Assisted with the Memorial Park 9/11 Event
- Assisted with the DEA Drug Take Back Day
- Hosted Citizen Academy Events
- Assisted with FBI Executive “Steak-out” event
- Assisted in the Elkhorn Breast Cancer Event
- Participated in the CASA Superhero Run - Honorary Starter—Capt. Ray)
- Participated in the J.E. George Blvd 4th of July Parade (Honorary Guest—Capt. Ray)
- Assisted with the ABIDE Easter Egg Hunt
- Assisted with the Indie Run
- Assisted with Harmony Week at Memorial Park
- Participated in Juvenile Justice Reform with the Omaha Home for Boys
- Assisted with World Refugee Day

NORTHWEST PRECINCT - CANINE UNIT

The Canine Unit reports to the NW Precinct and serves the citizens of Omaha by performing patrol and narcotics detection duties. The unit currently has nine (9) police service dogs. Eight (8) are dual purpose, performing patrol duties and narcotics detection, and one (1) is a single purpose narcotics detection canine. Uniform Patrol Bureau officers call for the canine teams to search for, locate and apprehend potentially dangerous suspects who have fled or are hiding from officers. These duties require the canines and their handling officers to take the lead in dangerous searches in many types of environments. When searching for narcotics the canines sniff for, alert, and indicate to the odor of illegal drugs.



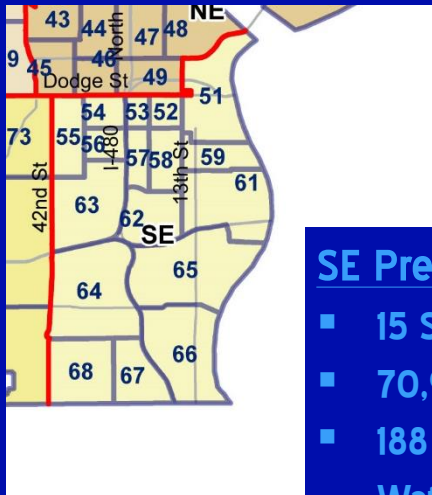
2015 Canine Unit Statistics

- 2,534 Calls for Service
- 395 Arrests
- 1,080 Interstate Contacts
- 338 Searches for Suspects
- 30 Evidence Searches
- 50 Firearms Recovered
- 56 Canine Demonstrations
- 436.6 lbs. of Marijuana Seized
- 20.8 lbs. of Meth Seized
- 16.5 lbs. of Cocaine Seized
- 185 Drug Searches



In 2015, the Omaha Police Department Canine Unit retired two dual-purpose canines, “Dingo” and “Pippen”. Both of these canines served their handlers and the citizens of Omaha faithfully for approximately seven years. The OPD subsequently began training their new canine replacements in 2015. The new canines and their handlers will attend a four month basic dog camp held at the Gary and Mary West Regional Canine Training Facility located at the Omaha Public Safety Training Center.

SOUTHEAST PRECINCT (SE)



SE Precinct Quick Facts

- 15 Square Miles
- 70,987 Residents
- 188 Neighborhood Watch Groups

The SE precinct is commanded by Captain Katherine Belcastro-Gonzalez. The SE precinct is a busy precinct with many events and tourist attractions. It is also the most culturally diverse area of the city. Historically, South Omaha has been a melting pot of cultures, including Polish, Italian, Czech, Lithuanian and Irish. In recent decades there has been a strong influx of Hispanic and Sudanese immigrants. The SE precinct serves citizens of the various cultures equally and with pride. Officers patrol this precinct using vehicles, bicycles, Segway's, recreational utility vehicles, horses and on foot.

In 2015 the SE precinct managed many events and cultural celebrations that included the NCAA baseball College World Series, Fourth of July fireworks at TD Ameritrade Park, various holiday celebrations and parades, concerts and events along the river front and at the CenturyLink Center, TD Ameritrade Park, Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Old Market.

The SE Precinct Advisory Council (PAC) is focused on increasing community participation in the SE PAC as well as the Neighborhood Watch Groups. These community based collaborative approaches have helped decrease crime numbers in the SE Precinct. The SE precinct also provides assistance to the public on problem resolution and prevention programs. The SE Crime Prevention Specialist (CPS) continues to assist the SE front desk officers and other Omaha Police Department precincts with Spanish interpretation and translation.



[Southeast Precinct Website](#)

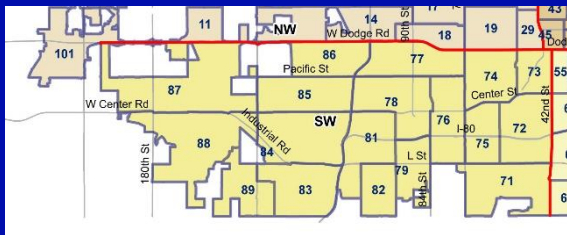
SOUTHEAST PRECINCT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



- Created and maintained the SE Precinct Community Garden
- Hosted multiple Citizen Police Academies
- Attended many Neighborhood Association Meetings
- Partnered with the Salvation Army KROC center to host the SAFE (Safety Awareness Fitness & Education) events
- Hosted the Meet and Treat Annual Halloween event
- Hosted the 14th Annual Santa at the SE Precinct event
- Hosted Pop/Coffee/Cocoa With A Cop Events



SOUTHWEST PRECINCT (SW)



SW Precinct Quick Facts

- 54 Square Miles
- 161,238 Residents
- 360 Neighborhood Watch Groups

The SW Precinct, commanded by Captain Russell Horine, incorporates a community policing approach to address the causes of and reduce the fear of crime. Specifically the SW Precinct, in partnership with business owners and neighborhood associations, takes an active role in developing strategies to improve the quality of life for citizens within its boundaries.

As a part of this approach, Captain Horine meets with members of the community through the SW Precinct Advisory Council (PAC). The SW PAC includes residents, neighborhood associations, citizens' patrols and business owners. The SW PAC fosters positive community relations by providing an opportunity for citizens to communicate directly with SW Precinct command officers in order to relay public safety concerns.

Due to the focused efforts of the SW Precinct, there was a decrease in Burglaries, Auto Thefts and Theft from Motor Vehicles incidents in SW Precinct in 2015.

In 2015 a new SW Police Precinct building was approved and construction began. The SW Precinct expects to move into the new facilities in the fall of 2016.



[Southwest Precinct Website](#)

SOUTHWEST PRECINCT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



- Hosted Pop/Coffee/Cocoa with a Cop Events
- Participated in the Community Halloween Party
- Assisted in the TD Ameritrade Active Shooter exercise
- Attended many Neighborhood Association Meetings
- Conducted Neighborhood Watch and PAC Meetings
- Hosted Citizens Academy Training Events and Ride Alongs
- Assisted with the Mayor's Faith and Community Task Force
- Hosted National Night Out Events and Block Parties
- Hosted Santa in the Southwest Precinct Event

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU (CIB) is commanded by Deputy Chief Mary Newman and provides 24 hour crime investigation services.



MARY NEWMAN

**DEPUTY CHIEF
OF POLICE**

**CAPTAIN KERRY NEUMANN
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION**

**CAPTAIN RICHARD GONZALEZ
SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION**

AUTO THEFT UNIT

HOMICIDE UNIT

BURGLARY UNIT

OPERATIONS SQUAD

CRIME ANALYSIS SQUAD

ROBBERY UNIT

**CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**

SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

**Officer Involved
Investigations Team**

GANG UNIT

NARCOTICS UNIT



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU



The Criminal Investigations Section (CIS) is commanded by Captain Kerry Neumann and includes the Auto Theft Unit (includes the Pawn Squad), Burglary Unit (includes the Fraud Squad), Crime Analysis Squad, Criminal Investigations Unit (includes the Field Investigations Squad), Homicide Unit (includes the Cold Case Squad, Digital Forensics Squad, and Felony Assault Squad), Operations Squad, Robbery Unit, Special Victims Unit (includes the Child Victim/Sexual Assault Squad, Domestic Violence Squad, and Missing Persons Squad), and the Officer Involved Investigations Team.



The Special Operations Section (SOS) is commanded by Captain Richard Gonzalez and includes the Gang Unit (includes the Firearms Squad, Fugitive Squad, Gang Intelligence Squad, four Gang Suppression Squads, and the Safe Streets Task Force Squad), and the Narcotics Unit (includes the Intelligence Squad, Narcotics Squad, and the Special Operations/Vice Squad). Several SOS personnel are also assigned to participate in local, regional, and/or federal task forces.



CIS - AUTO THEFT UNIT

The Auto Theft Unit is commanded by a Lieutenant and investigates all crimes related to stolen autos, theft from motor vehicles and criminal mischief of autos. This Unit includes the Pawn Squad which monitors and investigates all items pawned and sold to second-hand stores in the City of Omaha.

2015 Auto Theft Statistics

- 2,543 Motor Vehicle Thefts
- OPD Motor Vehicle Theft Clearance Rate: 25%
 - ✓ Increased from 14% in 2014
 - ✓ Nearly three times higher than the 2014 national Motor Vehicle Theft clearance rate of 9.3% for similar sized cities (FBI)

2015 Pawn Squad Statistics

- 2015 yielded the Squad's highest dollar amount of returned property—totaling \$1,050,439
- \$514,939 in stolen items were recovered from pawn shops and returned to the rightful owners

CIS - BURGLARY UNIT

2015 Burglary Statistics

- 2,160 New Cases Assigned
- OPD Burglary Clearance Rate: 14%
 - ✓ Increased from 11% in 2014
 - ✓ National Burglary clearance rate for similar sized cities (FBI): 11%
- 4,192 Persons Interviewed
 - ✓ 2,113 Victims
 - ✓ 863 Suspects
 - ✓ 1,216 Witnesses
- 115 Searches Completed

2015 Fraud Squad Statistics

- 2,500 Fraud Reports Reviewed



CIS - CRIME ANALYSIS SQUAD

The Crime Analysis Squad includes a supervisor and five crime analysts. The squad is responsible for gathering, reviewing and reporting crime data to department, local, state, and federal entities. The Squad also provides tactical support for other department units/squads by identifying crime series, crime patterns, drafting crime bulletins and more. The Squad works closely with all Omaha Police Department components and assists with all data analysis for the Omaha Police Department.

2015 Crime Analysis Squad Assists

- Assisted in analysis and identification of suspects in a series of crimes involving the theft of purses and wallets from UNO and College of St. Mary campuses
- Worked on a series of shoplifting crimes with Target, Lowes, Walmart, and Home Depot personnel
- Assisted in analysis of a series of commercial robberies targeting convenience stores (the suspect was located and arrested)



2015 Violent Crime Statistics

- Homicide clearance rate **70%** vs. **2014 National Average 56.6%**
- Forcible Rape **2015** clearance rate **59%** vs. **2014 National Average 36.8%**

2015 Property Crime Statistics

- Burglary clearance rate **14%** vs. **2014 National Average of 11%**
- Larceny—Theft clearance rate **29%** vs. **2014 National Average of 19.2%**
- Motor Vehicle Theft clearance rate **25%** vs. **2014 National Average of 9.3%**

CIS - FIELD INVESTIGATIONS SQUAD

2015 Notable Field Investigations

- In 2015, the Field Investigations Squad (FIS) was able to investigate and apprehend suspects in 600 cases
- In March, the FIS was able to apprehend and arrest a suspect for the destruction of property and a hate crime involving the theft and burning of a “Gay Pride” flag
- In November, the FIS investigated and arrested a suspect that was an employee of an area grocery store. The investigation led to a significant amount of cash being recovered, a confession, and the identification of the suspect’s co-conspirators

2015 Field Investigation Statistics

- 1,453 Incidents Investigated
- 3,046 Interviews Conducted
- 600 Arrests (464 Felony/136 Misdemeanor)
 - 116 Searches Completed



CIS - HOMICIDE UNIT

The HOMICIDE UNIT includes the Cold Case Squad, Digital Forensics Squad and the Felony Assault Squad. The Homicide Unit is commanded by a Lieutenant and each Squad is commanded by a Sergeant.

2015 Homicide Unit High Profile Cases

- During 2015, the Homicide Unit investigated:
 - A triple homicide and six double homicides
 - A murder involving a 12 year old suspect
 - A human trafficking murder

2015 Homicide Statistics

- 50 new homicides investigated
- Arrests made in 29 of the 50 homicides
- Made arrests in nine (9) homicides that occurred in years prior to 2015, including one dating back to 2009
- Homicide clearance rate 70% vs. 2014 National Average 56.6%



CIS - Operations Squad, Robbery Unit and Special Victims Unit

2015 Robbery Unit Accomplishments

- In 2015, the Robbery Unit was awarded an “Award of Excellence” for its work in the “Operation Red Rising” bank robbery task force
 - This task force resulted in multiple arrests and the clearance of 16 bank robbery cases
- 655 reported robbery cases
- 47% clearance rate with 311 cleared cases



2015 Special Victims Unit Accomplishments

The Special Victims Unit (SVU) includes the Child Victim/Sexual Assault Squad, the Domestic Violence Squad and the Missing Persons Squad.

- The Domestic Violence Squad (DVS) participated in four domestic violence sweeps, in partnership with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Nebraska State Probation office. This led to multiple arrests and protection orders being served.
- The Cyber Crimes Task Force has changed its name to the Child Exploitation Task Force (CETF). Using some of the most powerful technology available, the CETF investigates local, national and international criminal activity. The goal of the CETF 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. The CETF officers investigated 45 cyber tips, completed forensic examinations of over 65 digital devices, and assisted with 9 federal investigations.
- Several Child Victim/Sexual Assault Squad staff received Project Harmony awards for their excellent work and commitment to helping child victims.
- The Missing Persons Squad completed 373 missing adult investigations and 2,588 missing juvenile investigations.

2015 CVSA SQUAD INVESTIGATIONS

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| ▪ 637 Child Abuse/Neglect Cases | ▪ 434 Misdemeanor Arrests |
| ▪ 224 Sexual Assault of a Juvenile Cases | ▪ 842 Misdemeanor Warrants Issued |
| ▪ 11 Child Deaths | ▪ 790 Felony Investigations |
| ▪ 145 Sexual Assault of an Adult Cases | ▪ 123 Felony Arrests |
| ▪ 4,007 Misdemeanor Investigations | ▪ 196 Felony Warrants Issued |

Special Operations Section (SOS) - GANG UNIT

The GANG UNIT is commanded by a Lieutenant and includes the Firearms Squad, Fugitive Squad, Gang Intelligence Squad, four Gang Suppression Squads and the Safe Streets Task Force.

In April of 2015 the Gang Unit collaborated with the Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands to assist them in hiring a new North Omaha Gang Specialist. The North and South Omaha Gang Specialists visit schools, correctional facilities, and community events to work with hundreds of youth across Omaha in an effort to intervene and prevent gang membership, gang violence, and gang-related crime. The Gang Specialists and Gang Unit Officers work together in many capacities, including participating in workshops called “Breaking Down Barriers” aimed at developing a positive relationship between youth and police and providing extra-curricular activities for youth.

2015 Gang Unit Community Events

- Easter Egg Hunt at Miller Park Sponsored by BPOA (Black Police Officers Association)
- Promotion of Peace with SOVIP (South Omaha Violence Intervention and Prevention)
- “HIP HOP for Peace” Sponsored by BPOA
- 13th Annual SAFE (Safety Awareness Fitness and Education) Event
- “Breaking Down Barriers” with the Omaha Police Department Gang Unit, BGCM (Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands)
- “Fun In The Park” at Miller Park
- Police Athletics for Community Engagement (PACE) Events
- “Back to School Bash” - 2nd Annual Event with SOVIP and BGCM (300 back packs given out, 12 bikes raffled)
- 2nd Annual “Student Celebration” at Elmwood Park with the BPOA, Empowerment Network
- Assisted with Cops and Bobbers Event
- Halloween Event at Northeast Precinct Sponsored by BPOA
- Santa and Christmas Events at the Southeast Precinct
- Christmas in the Village Sponsored by the Empowerment Network



Firearms Squad, Project Safe Neighborhoods, and the Omaha Police Department Bomb Squad held a combined firearms and fireworks Amnesty Project in the Summer of 2015

This event cleared the streets of Omaha of:

- 61 firearms
- 800 pounds of ammunition
- 4 improvised explosive devices
- 800 pounds of fireworks



Special Operations Section (SOS) - GANG UNIT

2015 Gang Unit Accomplishments

- The Safe Streets Task Force was recognized by HIDTA for “Outstanding Investigative Efforts” as a result of its work on “Operation South Paw” in partnership with the FBI
- A Purple Heart was awarded to Gang Unit Officer Kerrie Orozco who was killed in the line of duty on May 20, 2015
- A Medal of Valor was awarded to Sgt. Jeff Kopietz in recognition of his actions during the tragic events of May 20th, 2015 that resulted in Gang Unit Officer Kerrie Orozco’s death
- Lt. Kenneth Kanger was awarded the “Prevention Means Progress” Community Star Award for exceptional effort in preventing and reducing substance abuse in our community

2015 Safe Streets Task Force Statistics

- 16 Firearms Seized
- \$28,253 Currency Seized
- 1,384 grams of Cocaine Seized
- 496 grams of Crack Seized
- 3,644 grams Methamphetamine Seized
- 64 grams of Heroin Seized
- 682 grams of Marijuana Seized

2015 Firearms Squad Statistics

- 37 Felony Arrests
- 77 Cases presented for Federal Indictment



2015 Fugitive Squad Statistics

- 937 Felon Arrests
- 688 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 13,753 Felon Arrests since joining the Task Force in 2003
- 14 Homicide Arrests
- 28 Weapons Arrests
- 48 Robbery Arrests



2015 Gang Suppression Statistics

- 310 Firearms recovered
- 711 Felony arrests
- 165 Search Warrants
- 364 Probation/Parole Youth Home visits

SOS - NARCOTICS UNIT

The NARCOTICS UNIT is commanded by a Lieutenant and includes the Intelligence Squad, the Narcotics Squad and the Special Operations/Vice Squad.

2015 Intelligence Squad Accomplishments

The Intelligence Squad was able to provide situational information regarding local events that were sparked from national-level incidents. The Squad handled many threat assessments regarding social media posts throughout 2015, including:

- The Intelligence Squad monitored and investigated information that helped them identify protests spurred by national events that were to take place in Omaha. The Squad was able to gather dates, locations and times so that relevant Omaha Police Department personnel could be notified and ensure adequate Omaha Police Department staffing at the events/protests
- The Intelligence Squad worked with the Department of Homeland Security and developed a landing page for the Criminal Intelligence Enterprise that is located in the Homeland Security Information Network. This landing page provides agencies such as local, state and federal with direct contact information for Intelligence Squad personnel
- Assisted with information sharing to help the Missing Persons Squad complete 373 missing adult investigations and 2,588 missing juvenile investigations
- The Intelligence Squad was able to investigate, identify, locate, interview and book a suspect who was posting anonymous threats on the Omaha Mayor's Facebook page. This party was also wanted for felony assault

2015 Special Operations/Vice Squad (SOVS)

In 2015 the Special Operations/Vice Squad (SOVS) made 102 arrests for prostitution, solicitation of prostitution and pandering. The SOVS also provided assistance to various Omaha Police Department units including Narcotics, Gang, Burglary, Auto Theft, Robbery and all four precincts.

- In coordination with the FBI Child Exploitation Task Force the SOVS conducted eight (8) undercover prostitution operations targeting prostitution and solicitation of prostitution
- Conducted undercover scalping operations during the NCAA baseball College World Series with the assistance of Narcotics Unit officers and undercover Uniform Patrol Bureau officers
- A total of 15 Human Trafficking presentations were given to various agencies in Omaha and other jurisdictions within the State of Nebraska

SOS - NARCOTICS SQUAD

2015 Narcotics Squad Accomplishments

- The Narcotics Unit has seen a rise in violent crime related to the high grade Marijuana/THC trade in Omaha
- Methamphetamine remains a problem in the Omaha Area. The majority of the Methamphetamine is being shipped into the area by local conveyances. Meth Labs are now very minimal in number due to the ready availability of meth and the new precursor laws that govern the purchase of ephedrine (a main component of meth)
- There has been an increase in the production of Hash Oils/THC. The Narcotics Unit effected several significant seizures of THC Oils, Candies and other forms of THC in the Omaha area. This has consistently been a problem since the change in legal status of Marijuana in the neighboring state of Colorado
- In 2015, as a direct result of the increase of THC extracts and eatables recovered in the metro area, the Narcotics Unit started a partnership with a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) research lab to study and analyze the products that are being distributed illegally in the Omaha metro area

DRUG	ARRESTS	SEIZURES
COCAINE	84	3,992 grams
CRACK	62	348 grams
ECSTASY	9	997 DU
MARIJUANA	134	449,883 grams
METH	494	41,555 grams
HEROIN	9	379 grams
LSD	2	122 DU
PCP	10	89.5 grams
HYDROCODONE	26	883 DU
XANAX	16	6,470 DU
OXYCODONE	20	496 DU
OTHER	151	8,656 DU

163 Firearms
were seized in 2015
as a result of drug-
related arrests.

The Narcotics Unit
executed **138**
Search Warrants in
2015.



POLICE SERVICES BUREAU

The POLICE SERVICES BUREAU (PSB) is commanded by Deputy Chief M. Elizabeth Davis and includes the Administrative Information Section, Forensic Investigations Section, Information Technology Unit, and the Support Services Section.



M. ELIZABETH DAVIS

**DEPUTY CHIEF
OF POLICE**

**CAPTAIN MICHELE BANG
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
SECTION**

AIR SUPPORT UNIT

**HUMAN
RESOURCES UNIT**

**EMERGENCY
RESPONSE UNIT**

RECORDS UNIT

**EVIDENCE AND
PROPERTY UNIT**

FISCAL AFFAIRS

**CAPTAIN EDWARD REYES
FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS
SECTION**

**FORENSIC
INVESTIGATIONS**

**INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY UNIT**

MOBILE IT SQUAD

**CAPTAIN ADAM KYLE
SUPPORT SERVICES SECTION**

**CUSTOMER
SERVICES UNIT**

POLICE SUPPLY UNIT

FLEET/FACILITIES UNIT

**VEHICLE IMPOUND
UNIT**

Administrative Information Section (AIS)

The Administrative Information Section (AIS) is commanded by Captain Michele Bang and delivers specialized support services to the Omaha Police Department, other law enforcement agencies, and the community. AIS includes the Air Support Unit, Emergency Response Unit, Evidence and Property Unit, Records Unit, Human Resources Unit and the Omaha Police Department's Peer Support function.



Peer Support

In 2015, the Peer Support Team (PST) response to the death of Officer Kerrie Orozco was immediate and continues today. PST members were available to officers immediately following the incident at the hospital, Central Police Headquarters, the police assemblies and the union hall. Continued Peer Support response included involvement with funeral organization, Critical Incident Response Debriefings for employees and their families, a group grief session, individual contacts with employees and continued follow-up with peers needing support.

2015 Peer Support Accomplishments

- Conducted 21 stress management sessions for Omaha Police Department employees and their families educating 352 attendees about identifying and addressing stress-induced issues
- Created a Google Site available to employees and families providing them with Peer Support information and other emotional/mental wellness information
- Networked with mental health providers and chaplains in order to create a viable resource list of mental health options for employees

AIS - Air Support Unit

The Air Support Unit provides 24 hour air support to the Omaha Police Department's officers on the ground and assists surrounding communities with professional air support services. In 2015, the Air Support Unit participated in over 35 community events, giving the community a chance to see ABLE One up close and the pilot officers a chance to meet and speak with the community they proudly serve. ABLE One goes to elementary schools, high schools, and local law enforcement events such as the Citizen's Education and Training Program (CETP), and First Responder's Foundation events among others.

AIR SUPPORT	2014	2015	% CHANGE
FLIGHT HOURS	973	1062	9%
CALLS FOR SERVICE	10,022	9,734	-3%
OFFICER-INITIATED	6,774	5,837	-14%
RADIO CALLS	1,252	1,311	5%
ASSIGNMENTS	1,996	2,586	30%
PURSUIITS	105	114	9%
VEHICLE	34	39	15%
FOOT	71	75	6%
OUTSIDE AGENCY ASSISTANCE	124	129	4%
UNIT PRESENTATIONS	57	54	-5%



ABLE One



AIIS - EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT

The EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT (ERU) is commanded by a Lieutenant and includes the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, Bomb Response Squad, Bomb Dog Squad, and Crisis Negotiations Team.



2015 ERU Accomplishments

- The ERU Provided enhanced security at several high profile events in Omaha including the 2nd and 3rd rounds of the NCAA men's Basketball Tournament, the annual Berkshire Hathaway Shareholder's meeting, the NCAA Men's baseball College World Series, NCAA Women's Volleyball Final Four Championship, and dignitary protection assignments for three (3) presidential candidates, coordinated with the Secret Service
- The ERU Secured funding to upgrade the Omaha Police Department's F6A Bomb Response Robot. This will allow the robot to function for years to come.
- The ERU participated in many community and police precinct activities including the 13th Annual Safety Awareness Fitness and Education Event, The Salute to Safety Expo and the First Responder Action Day
- The Bomb Response Team gave several demonstrations including summer camp demos for youth in Sarpy County
- The Bomb Response Team handled 71 calls for service related to explosives or suspicious devices, and took possession of over 900 pounds of fireworks, 58 firearms, 6 firearm suppressors, 4 IEDs and 800 pounds of ammunition. The team completed 1,700 hours of officer training
- The SWAT Team conducted 100 high-risk warrant entries, responded to 5 barricaded subject incidents, completed 2 dignitary protection assignments, and completed 19 high-risk deployment operations. The team completed 176 hours of training in firearms and tactics
- The 15 year-old SWAT Team Response Van was replaced with a new vehicle fully equipped and designed to suit the needs of the SWAT Team for the next decade thanks to funding from the Omaha Police Foundation
- The Crisis Negotiations Team responded to 18 incidents including 9 barricaded subjects, 5 high element jumpers, and 4 suicidal persons. The team completed more than 600 hours of officer training
- The Crisis Negotiation Team hosted the Center for Advanced Technical Law Enforcement Training and Crisis Management Systems in week-long Basic Crisis Negotiations and Advanced Crisis Negotiations courses

AIS - Evidence/Property Unit (EPU)

In 2015, the Evidence/Property Unit (EPU) began construction on a new temperature-controlled high density storage room to hold Sexual Assault and Homicide Evidence. The room will allow the Omaha Police Department the ability to preserve DNA for future prosecution and examination. In 2015, a separate room holding over 36,000 items of evidence, also with high density storage, was created to store homicide evidence. Homicide evidence needs to be stored for longer periods of time, sometimes decades.

AIS - Records Unit – Records Squad

In 2015, the Records Squad processed 92,098 police reports, 5,793 Criminal History Requests and 10,707 Juvenile Court Seals. This Squad stores, retrieves, and reproduces all reports generated by the Omaha Police Department and delivers the reports to both internal and external customers.

AIS - Records Unit - Data Center

The Data Center operates the Omaha Police Department's Information Channel (internal radio channel), conveys and receives criminal history information from the Nebraska and National Law Enforcement Teletype System (NLETS), and enters and retrieves criminal data for the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the Nebraska Crime Information System (NCIS).

AIS - Human Resources Unit

The Human Resources (HR) Unit is supervised by an Office Manager and provides a variety of services and support functions. In 2015 HR assisted all units in the required preparation and reporting of workload assessments, in preparation for the department's CALEA re-accreditation assessment. HR coordinates hiring and all employee actions, as well as the application of rules of labor contracts and the Omaha Municipal Code in areas relevant to Human Resources.

Information Technology Unit

The Information Technology Unit (IT) reports directly to the PSB Deputy Chief and includes the Mobile IT Squad. This unit maintains and develops the Omaha Police Department's Information Technology Systems, Records Management System and Mobile Data Computers.

Since approximately 2012 the Omaha Police Department's IT Unit has been working on the development and implementation of an electronic field-reporting system (PortalOne). During 2013 and 2014, the Unit was able to implement the Citations and Crash Reporting online - both were very successful launches. With a great deal of requirements gathering, data analysis, and field-testing the Unit was able to successfully launch the electronic Incident Report in June of 2015. The implementation of an electronic Incident Report has revolutionized the manner in which officers report crime. Taking advantage of 2D barcode readers, officers are able to scan driver's licenses to auto-populate driver/subject data into reports which maximizes the efficiency and accuracy of the entire reporting process and dramatically reduces the time it takes to complete a report from start to finish. Officers no longer handwrite duplicate information into reports, such as names; these fields can now be entered into multiple reports at the click of a button.

In preparation for the implementation of electronic reporting, the Omaha Police Department began working on a new Records Management System (RMS) in 2014, with work continuing into 2015. The new RMS provides Department employees quick access to data contained in electronically entered reports. The RMS is now fully functional and contains more than 2 million records. Both internal and external users of police data in Douglas County have access to the RMS. All of these records are now fully searchable, which has enabled the Department to solve many crimes.

In late 2015 the IT Unit was able to successfully make images of paper police reports (those completed prior to the implementation of PortalOne) available in the RMS. This allows all RMS users the ability to conduct "one-stop shopping" when looking for police report data. The IT Unit continues to improve and enhance the RMS on a weekly basis in order to provide Omaha Police Department employees with real-time data.



PSB - FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

The FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS SECTION (FIS) is commanded by Captain Edward Reyes. FIS provides forensic evidence collection, preservation, documentation, and analysis for the Omaha Police Department and other law enforcement agencies in the Omaha area. In 2015, the FIS took on the task of Integrated Ballistics Identification Entry (IBIS)/National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) entry for the entire state of Nebraska, previously assigned to the Nebraska State Patrol. Additionally, the FIS was awarded \$165,000 through the 2015 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant which allowed for the purchase of new equipment and employee training, both intended to improve latent print processing and evidence processing and to help reduce backlogs.



FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS SECTION	2015
3D Laser Scans of Crime Scenes	421
Street Calls	5,545
Crime Scene Photographs Taken	215,560
IBIS Entries	899
IBIS Hits made	467
Firearms Test Fired	438
Fingerprints Developed	1,474
DUI Breath Tests Administered by Forensic Investigations Section	1,369
Forensic Video Requests Completed	271

PSB - Support Services Section

The Support Services Section (SSS) is commanded by Captain Adam Kyle and provides informational and specific support services to the Omaha Police Department. The SSS is comprised of the Customer Services Unit, Fleet/Facilities Unit, Vehicle Impound Unit and Police Supply Unit.



SSS - Customer Services Unit

The Customer Services Unit, which includes the Court Liaison Squad, Front Desk Squad, and Information Services Squad modernized many processes in 2015. The Front Desk Squad, in particular, saw many improvements. With the addition of electronic payment processing and reporting directly via the computer, the Front Desk Squad increased its efficiencies and is much better equipped to serve the citizens of Omaha.

Service Provided	2015	2014	% Change
Gun Registrations	3,198	2,792	13%
Police Reports Processed	4,579	3,862	16%
Fingerprints	1,307	1,295	1%
Criminal Histories	2,250	1,703	24%

SSS - Fleet/Facilities Unit

The Fleet/Facilities Unit is commanded by a Fleet/Facilities Coordinator and provides building and fleet maintenance and acquisition services for the Omaha Police Department. 2015 brought 98 marked and unmarked vehicles into the fleet and an increase in unit personnel. The unit also completed 380 departmental work requests in 2015.

SSS - Vehicle Impound Unit

The Vehicle Impound Unit is commanded by an Impound Lot Manager and is responsible for the storage, security, and disposal of vehicles and property towed to the facility by tow companies contracted by the Omaha Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Nebraska State Patrol. In 2015, the Unit processed 9,577 vehicles. Each year approximately 20% of the vehicles brought to the Unit are not claimed and are eventually processed for auction. In 2015, \$1.9 million in revenue was generated by these auctions. The Impound Unit also made many improvements including a new point-of-sale and payment processing software, and an update of cash collection and handling procedures.

SSS - Police Supply Unit

The Police Supply Unit manages supplies for approximately 1,000 Omaha Police Department employees. The Unit performs a variety of duties including furnishing office supplies, managing a quartermaster system, and processing all items ordered through the Oracle purchasing system. The Unit also provides and prints Omaha Police Department forms and processes shipments for the Omaha Police Department. In 2015, the Supply Unit assisted in supplying uniforms and equipment for the largest recruit class in the Department's history and also assisted in the complete replacement of the Omaha Police Department's portable radios. Both tasks required extensive inventory updates and new record entries.



EXECUTIVE SERVICES BUREAU

The EXECUTIVE SERVICES BUREAU (ESB) is commanded by Deputy Chief Gregory Gonzalez and includes the Training and Community Services Section and the Research and Planning Unit.



Police Athletics for Community Engagement (PACE)

Police Athletics for Community Engagement (PACE), a program that originated under the umbrella of the Latino Police Officers Association (LPOA) and partnered with the Black Police Officers association (BPOA), the City of Omaha, and the Omaha Police Department, is dedicated to offering athletic opportunities to at-risk youth, completely **FREE** of charge. PACE programs combine community policing, crime prevention, youth development and education via team sports for inner city youth.



Chief Todd Schmaderer and PACE Team members at the NCAA baseball College World Series



Deputy Chief Greg Gonzalez, Captain Rich Gonzalez, Lt. Ken Kanger and PACE Team members



It is the belief of the Omaha Police Department that these programs develop discipline, self-esteem, and positive moral values through wholesome competition and educations and make a significant impact on juvenile crime and gang prevention. A key component of PACE's mission is to build positive bridges and develop relationships between police officers, youth participants, and the community at large.

ESB - Research and Planning Unit

The Research and Planning Unit (R&P) includes an R&P Supervisor and three R&P Specialists. R&P is responsible for the management and maintenance of the following:

- CALEA / Accreditation Process
- The Omaha Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual
- Research surveys from/to other agencies
- Various administrative reports and analyses
- Grant writing and grant management
- Review and dissemination of legislative bills, state statutes, city ordinances, and court rulings
- The Omaha Police Department Annual Report
- Omaha Police Department Forms
- Other research, analysis, and administrative tasks as assigned



ESB - Training and Community Services Section



The Training and Community Services Section (TCSS) is commanded by Captain Michael McGee and includes the Backgrounds/Inspections Unit, Honor Guard, Pipe and Drums Corp, Neighborhood Services Unit and the Training Unit.



TCSS - Backgrounds/Inspections Unit

2015 Backgrounds/Inspections Unit Accomplishments

2015 was a busy year for the Backgrounds/Inspections Unit. The Omaha Police Department increased its recruiting efforts and hired its largest Recruit Class ever, hosting 55 Recruits.

- Completed background investigations and processing for Class 1-2015 (55 recruits)
- Completed recruiting campaign for Recruit Class 1-2016
- Developed, designed and validated a new Physical Ability Testing (PAT) course
- Administered PAT course to new candidates for Recruit Class 1-2016



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TCSS - Neighborhood Services Unit

2015 Accomplishments and Statistics

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

- NSU gave 225 presentations in 2015 to members of the community
- The Business Watch Squad gave 61 presentations to businesses
- NSU officers held 130 school safety audits in area schools
- Hosted Kindergarten Traffic Training for over 300 youth
- Held educational events for 669 people at the annual Scout Days for Boy and Girl Scouts
- Participated in Salute to Safety Expo along with over 33 organizations and over 13,000 attendees
- Hosted the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



Business Watch Squad

- 180 Omaha Closed Properties Program Participants
- 200 participants in Business Watch groups
- 736 Officer follow-ups to businesses that were victims of a robbery or burglary
- 45 Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) follow-ups for businesses that were victims of crime
- Gave presentations on CPTED at the National Safety Council's Nebraska Safety and Health Summit with over 2,500 attendees

School Resource Officer Squad

- 3,024 Incident Reports
- 20 Felony Arrests
- 651 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 52 Traffic Citations
- 815 Assists to Patrol Detectives

Nuisance Squad

- 1,938 Mayor Action Complaints
- 1,023 Nuisance Notices Issued
- 232 Vehicle Tows
- 1,939 Complaints Taken
- 1,939 Complaints Started
- 1,355 Complaints Closed

Truancy Officer Squad

- 482 Meetings with Parents
- 322 Meetings with School Officials
- 99 Juvenile Justice Meetings
- 549 Truants Home Visits
- 502 Truants Transported to School

Volunteer Services Squad

- 22 Volunteer Chaplains
- 36 Volunteer Handicapped Parking Patrols
- 97 Omaha Police Department Volunteers
- 24 College Interns

TCSS - Training Unit

The Training Unit is dedicated to providing excellence in training to all Omaha Police Department 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 Omaha Police Department recruit classes and existing Omaha Police Department employees (both sworn and non-sworn), and provides in-service and firearms training.



Recruit Academy Training

In 2015, Recruit Class 1-2015 started on July 20th and Graduated on December 18th. Fifty-five (55) Recruits started the class and fifty-three (53) graduated.

- 22 Weeks of Training
- 838 Total Hours of Training for each Recruit Trained
- Topics Included: Arrest & Control, Firearms, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Law, DUI, and Crisis Intervention
- Graduating Recruits entered into the Field Training Officer (FTO) program to ride along with FTOs for 12 weeks of additional in-field training
- Awarded the Inaugural Officer Kerrie S. Orozco "Kerrie On" Award to Officer Nora L. Mujica Hernandez



TCSS - Training Unit cont'd



Firearms Training

- 364 Officers Trained in the Rifle Program – 5,200 aggregate hours completed
- 53 Recruits Firearm Trained – with 4,200 aggregate hours completed
- 833 On-Duty officers and 53 Recruits trained in decision-making via the Virtra simulator

In-Service Training

- Two (2) In-Service Trainings were held for a total of 11,471 hours of training completed
- Sworn Officers were trained in such topics as:
 - ✓ State Firearms Qualification Course
 - ✓ Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
 - ✓ Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint (LVNR)
 - ✓ Fair & Impartial Policing
 - ✓ Virtra Simulator Training
 - ✓ Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray/Baton/Taser Training

Hosted Training

- 83 outside training courses including topics such as:
 - ✓ Mental Health/First Aid
 - ✓ Crisis negotiation
 - ✓ Blood Stain Pattern Analysis
- 1,950 sworn and non-sworn attendees participated, including Omaha Police Department employees as well as participants from outside agencies for a total of 29,143 training hours completed

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Medal of Valor – Sergeant Jeffrey Kopietz

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.

Purple Heart (Posthumous) – Officer Kerrie Orozco

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.

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.

- **(P/T) Coordinator of Volunteers Loreen “Lori” Bray**
- **Officer Terence Cabral**
- **(Ret.) Officer Gregory Hansen**
- **Officer Adam Jaworski**
- **Officer Timothy Kissell**
- **Officer Justin Knapp**
- **Officer Brian Vanderheiden**

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.

- **Senior Crime Lab Technician Angela Harder**

Distinguished Service Medal

▪ Lt. Mark Matuza

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

Public Letter of Appreciation

- **Ms. Jessie Rolf**





Chief's Letter of Commendation

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

- **Officer Thomas Arrance**
- **Officer Anthony Barnes**
- **Officer Kristy Cook**
- **Officer Jaime Desautels**
- **Sergeant Stephen Fornoff**
- **Officer Kenneth Fox**
- **Officer Jason Friedrichsen**
- **Officer Jeffrey Gassaway**
- **Officer Conrad Hansen**
- **Lieutenant Colene Hinchey**
- **Officer Cole Johannsen**
- **Officer Brian Kulhanek**
- **Officer Alvin Lugod**
- **Officer Jon Martin**
- **Officer Nicholas Meade**
- **Officer Christian Mirch**
- **Sergeant Harmon Moss**
- **Officer Aneta Nelson**
- **Officer Bradley Nielsen**
- **Lieutenant James Pauly**
- **Officer Kevin Snethen**
- **Officer David Preston, Sr.**
- **Officer David Staskiewicz**
- **Officer David Ullery**
- **Officer Chad Wiebers**
- **Officer Brian Yaghoutfam**

Unit Ribbon of Excellence

- **Canine Unit**
 - **Sergeant Stephen Worley**
 - **Officer Randy Pignotti**
 - **Officer Joshua Downs**
 - **Officer Jodi Sautter**
 - **Officer Troy Liebe**
 - **Officer Jeffrey Vaughn**
 - **Officer Matthew McKinney**
 - **Officer Daniel Wootton**
 - **Officer Charles Moffitt**

Unit Ribbon of Excellence

- **Robbery Unit**
 - **Lieutenant Colene Hinchey**
 - **Detective William Hardisty**
 - **Sergeant Stephen Fornoff**
 - **Detective Jon Martin**
 - **Sergeant Pamela Heidzig**
 - **Detective Scott Orsi**
 - **Detective Matthew Backora**
 - **Secretary I Francene Holstein**
 - **Detective Kristy Cook**

Letter of Work Well Done

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

- Officer Ruteena Alcantara
- Officer Douglas Arrick **
- Officer Anthony Barnes
- Officer Alexis Boults
- Officer Nicholas Buck
- Officer Nathan Buresh **
- Officer Billie Jo Ceglar **
- Officer Vaughn Cotton
- Officer Michael Curd
- Officer Theodore Delezene
- Officer Brian Dembinski ***
- Officer Jamie Desautels
- Officer John Dlouhy
- Officer Aaron Dugick
- Sergeant Erik Forehead
- Officer Kenneth Fortune **
- Officer Lindsey Fox **
- Officer Jonathan Fraley
- Officer Sean Glassman
- Officer Darrell Greene
- Officer Nicholas Groth
- Officer Sergio Gutierrez
- Officer James Haley **
- Officer Joseph Hall
- Sergeant Aaron Hanson
- Sergeant Brian Heath
- Officer Eric Henka
- Officer Chithauta Hester
- Officer Dustin Hill
- Officer Steven Hogle **
- Officer James Holtmeyer
- Officer John Hopkins
- Officer Roman Hutton
- Officer Jordan Jacobs
- Officer Debbie Janing
- Officer Erich Jones
- Officer Jonathan Kauffman
- Officer Nathan Keenan
- Officer Ryan Kilawee
- Officer Joseph Koenig
- Officer Bart LeClere
- Officer Jackie Liebe
- Officer Eric Lima
- Lieutenant Matthew Lippold
- Officer Ronald Lyon
- Officer Daniel Martin **
- Officer Shawna McClure
- Officer Nicholas Meade
- Sergeant Steve Meister
- Officer Michael Meyer
- Officer Dustin Morris **
- Officer James Mosby
- Officer Robert Myers
- Sergeant Shane Myers
- Officer Robert Myers
- Officer Aarion Nielsen
- Officer Thomas Oelschlager
- Officer Eric Picht
- Officer Kara Platt
- Officer Carlie Potts
- Officer Justin Raders
- Officer Andrew Ramsay
- Officer Thomas Raudenbush **
- Officer Brooks Riley
- Sergeant Jacob Ritonya
- Officer Justin Rudloff
- Officer Jodi Sautter
- Officer Brian Schmaderer
- Officer Brian Schuster
- Officer Dennis Sexton
- Officer David Shavlik
- Officer Chad Simmons
- Officer Matthew Stewart
- Officer Matthew Stigge **
- Officer Tyler Stricker **
- Officer Jared Taylor
- Officer Aaron Thompson
- Officer Patrick O'Toole
- Officer Anna Urban
- Officer Kenneth Vakoc **
- Officer Jeffrey Vaughn
- Officer Jesse Walker
- Officer Ashley Warman
- Officer Josiah Warren
- Officer Benjamin Weidner
- Officer Kirk Weidner
- Officer Chad Wiebers
- Officer Jason Wilhelm
- Officer Daniel Wootton
- Officer Michael Young
- Officer Jeremy Zipay
- Officer Scott Zymball



** Received Two Letters of Work Well Done

*** Received Three Letters of Work Well Done



In Memory of Those Who Have Served

In Remembrance

Years of Service

Ret. Clerk Typist II Darlene Blankenship	19 yrs. 7 mo.
Ret. Storekeeper I Joachim Dankiw	19 yrs. 3 mo.
Ret. Police Info Operator Jolene Mowery	26 yrs. 2 mo.
Ret. Custodial Worker Almeta Corbin	14 yrs. 6 mo.
Ret. Police Sgt. Marvin McClarty, Sr.	26 yrs. 8 mo.
Ret. Admin. Secretary II Mary Stungis	16 yrs. 1 mo.
Ret. Police Ofc. Eugene Hunter	30 yrs. 2 mo.
Ret. Police Sgt. Don Crinklaw	27 yrs. 10 mo.
Ret. Crime Lab Mgr. Aaron Raszler	36 yrs. 6 mo.
Ret. Police Deputy Chief Charlie Parker	36 yrs. 9 mo.
Ret. Police Ofc. James Martin	29 yrs.
Ret. Police Ofc. Alexander Naran	28 yrs. 2 mo.
Ret. Police Info Operator Loretta Erickson	5 yrs. 1 mo.
Ret. Police Sgt. Ronald Lindblom	28 yrs.
Ret. Police Ofc. Louis Morrison	25 yrs.
Ret. Police Ofc. Connie Vancil	26 yrs.
Ret. Admin. Secretary II Vivian Timberman	17 yrs. 11 mo.





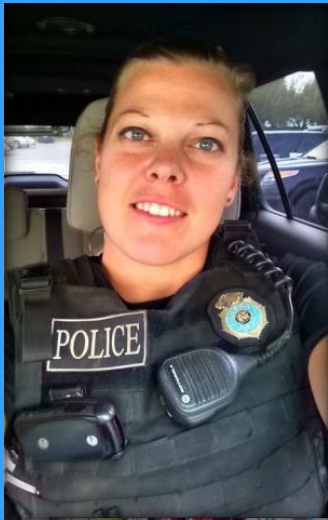
Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

In Remembrance Years of Service

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. Niels	June 6, 1974
James B. Wilson, Jr.	Aug. 20, 1995
Jason (Tye) Pratt	Sep. 19, 2003
Gregory K. Hamill	Feb. 19, 2014
Kerrie S. Orozco	May 20, 2015



A hero will live in our hearts forever



Officer Kerrie S. Orozco was hired on to the Omaha Police Department in December of 2007. Officer Orozco worked diligently during her career to keep the city safe and to keep youth out of gangs. She was a member of the Omaha Police Department Gang Unit, where she tirelessly worked toward these goals. In her off-duty time Officer Orozco coached in the Police Athletics for Community Engagement (PACE) program and was well-loved by her young team members. Officer Orozco was killed in the line of duty, on May 20, 2015, while helping fellow officers apprehend a known gang member. Kerrie is survived by her husband Hector, baby daughter Olivia, step-daughter Natalia and step-son Santiago, as well as several immediate family members and extended family.

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