

OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



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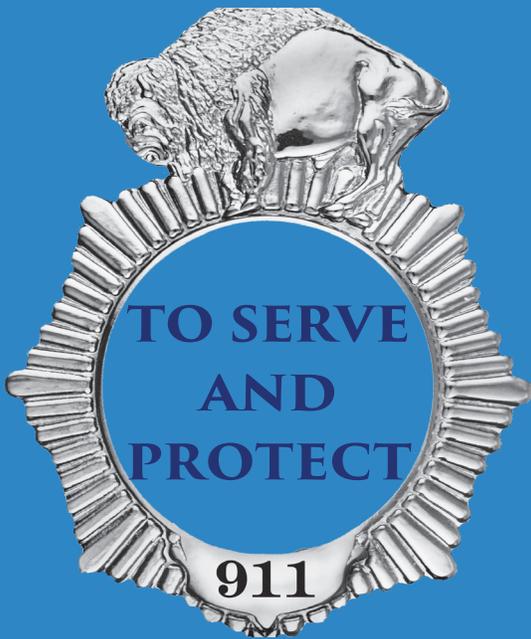


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The Omaha Police Department (OPD), in partnership with our community, provides impartial, ethical and professional law enforcement service and protection. We strive to maintain the trust and confidence of our citizens while working to improve the quality of life.

VISION

To provide the environment for the OPD 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
- 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



CHIEF TODD SCHMADERER

Thank you for your interest in the Omaha Police Department's 2016 Annual Report.

We are a progressive police department made up of a diverse group of over 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 2016, and the City of Omaha saw a ten year low in shootings in 2016. Through the partnership with our great community, the City of Omaha experienced higher than national average crime clearance rates in all categories of Part One Violent Crimes. 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 2016. 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

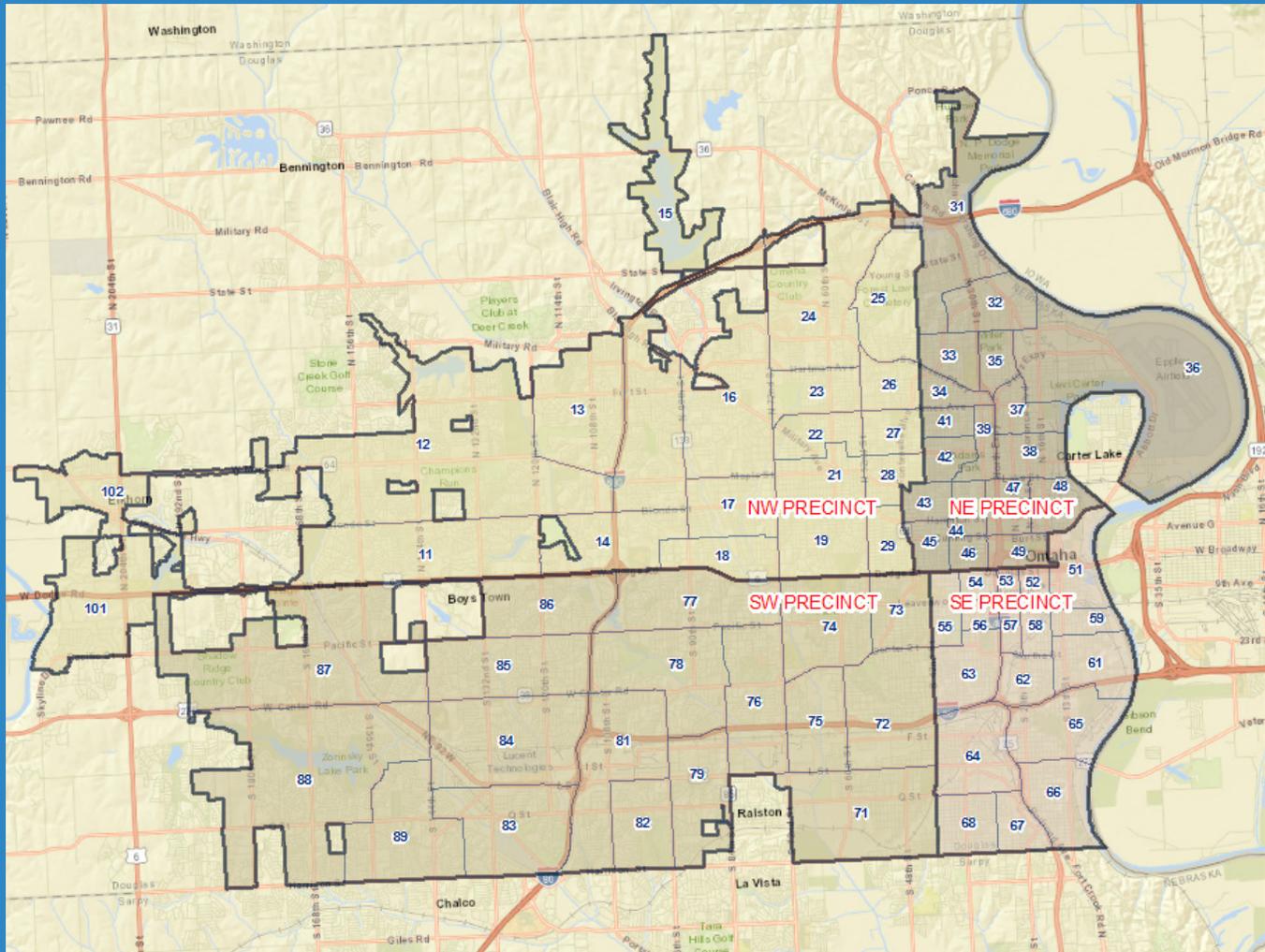


→ **P**OPULATION SERVED: 446,970

→ **L**AND PATROLLED IN SQUARE MILES: 130.6

→ **S**WORN OFFICERS: 877

→ **N**ON-SWORN STAFF: 164



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Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Part One Violent Crimes

(Source: Omaha Police Department Crime Analysis Unit)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Amt Change	Percent Change
Criminal Homicide	41	42	32	50	29	-21	-42%
Forcible Rape*	187	184	180	174	245	71	41%
Robbery	815	718	723	655	610	-45	-7%
Aggravated Assault	1,442	1,505	1,523	1,558	1,647	89	6%
Burglary	3,311	3,509	2,997	2,160	2,111	-49	-2%
Larceny-Theft	13,120	12,519	12,910	11,558	11,571	13	0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,747	3,080	3,146	2,543	3,125	582	23%

*Rape numbers through 2016 were reported using the legacy Uniform Crime Reporting definition of rape.

**CRIMINAL
HOMICIDE
REDUCED
BY 42%**



**ROBBERY
REDUCED
BY 7%**



OPD VS. NATIONAL AVERAGE: PROPERTY CRIMES CLEARANCE RATES (%) 2007-*2016

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
OPD	24	25	27	26	27	23	22	20	26	31
National Avg	17	17	19	18	19	19	20	20	19	*

Includes: Burglary, Larceny – Theft, and Motor Vehicle Theft data as compiled by the OPD Crime Analysis Unit and Research and Planning Unit. *2015 is the most recent year for which national clearance rates are available

OPD VS. NATIONAL AVERAGE: VIOLENT CRIMES CLEARANCE RATES (%) 2007-*2016

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
OPD	51	46	49	51	51	49	54	57	48	65
National Avg	45	45	47	47	48	47	48	47	46	*

Includes: Criminal Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault data as compiled by the OPD Crime Analysis Unit and Research and Planning Unit. *2015 is the most recent year for which national clearance rates are available

OPD VS. NATIONAL AVERAGE: CRIMINAL HOMICIDE CLEARANCE RATES (%) 2007-*2016

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
OPD	71	52	50	32	60	46	79	72	70	86
National Avg	61	64	67	65	65	63	64	65	62	*

OPD VS. NATIONAL AVERAGE: FORCIBLE RAPE CLEARANCE RATES (%) 2007-*2016

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
OPD	40	35	47	42	56	55	57	51	59	68
National Avg	40	40	41	40	41	40	40	39	36	*

Rape numbers through 2016 were reported using the legacy Uniform Crime Reporting definition of rape.

Data compiled by the OPD Crime Analysis Unit and Research and Planning Unit. *2015 is the most recent year for which national clearance rates are available



OPD VS. NATIONAL AVERAGE: ROBBERY CLEARANCE RATES (%) 2007-*2016

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
OPD	28	25	32	34	36	36	42	41	47	53
National Avg	26	27	28	28	29	28	29	30	29	*

OPD VS. NATIONAL AVERAGE: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT CLEARANCE RATES (%) 2007-*2016

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
OPD	65	60	61	63	58	56	59	64	46	69
National Avg	54	55	57	56	57	56	58	56	54	*

OPD VS. NATIONAL AVERAGE: BURGLARY CLEARANCE RATES (%) 2007-*2016

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
OPD	11	11	11	9	12	9	7	11	14	14
National Avg	12	13	13	12	13	13	13	14	13	*

OPD VS. NATIONAL AVERAGE: LARCENY - THEFT CLEARANCE RATES (%) 2007-*2016

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
OPD	29	30	32	31	33	28	28	23	29	37
National Avg	19	20	22	21	22	22	22	23	22	*

OPD VS. NATIONAL AVERAGE: MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT CLEARANCE RATES (%) 2007-*2016

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
OPD	17	20	19	17	15	15	12	14	25	22
National Avg	13	12	12	12	12	12	14	13	13	*

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911 Calls For Police Service

(Source: Omaha Police Department Crime Analysis Unit)

	2015	2016	Amt Change	Percent Change
Daily Call Average	623	637	14	+2%
Traffic Stops	35,552	38,574	3,022	+9%
Priority I	0:05:43	0:05:48	+0:00:05	+1%
Priority II	0:11:33	0:12:17	+0:00:44	+6%



By Cruiser, Motorcycle,
Helicopter, Segway,
or Horseback.....
Call Us -
We Are On Our Way!

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OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES*

877

Sworn

164

Non-Sworn

*Includes both full and part-time employees

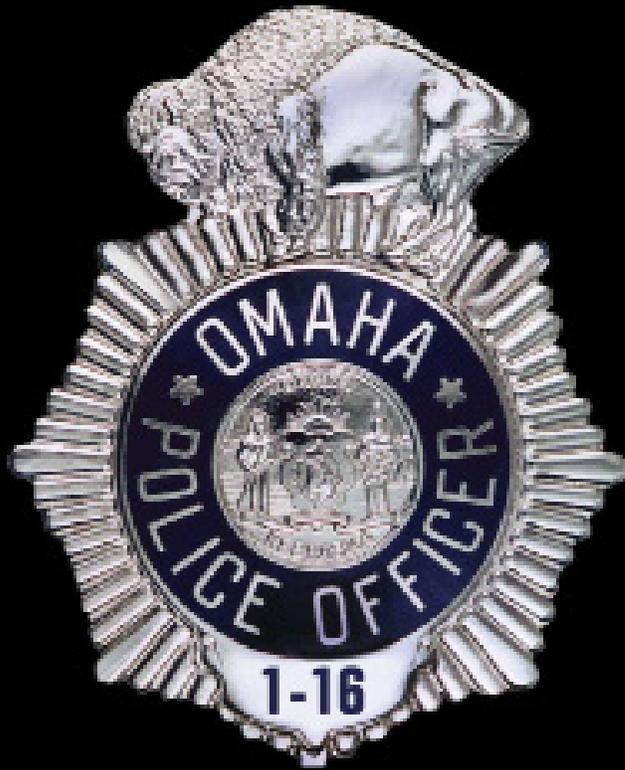
SWORN OFFICERS

(Source: Omaha Police Department Human Resources Unit)

	Males	Females	Total	Percent of Department	Percent of City
Asian or Pacific Islander	14	3	17	1.94%	2.50%
Black	60	12	72	8.22%	13.70%
Hispanic	69	14	83	9.47%	13.10%
Native American	5	2	7	.80%	.80%
White/Caucasian*	573	125	698	79.57%	68.00%
Total	720	156	877	100%	98.10%

*The US Census Bureau includes additional race/ethnicity categories such as “two or more races” that are not tracked by the City of Omaha Human Resources Department. In addition, The US Census Bureau calculates “race” and “ethnicity” separately (i.e., Hispanic or Not Hispanic or Latino) while the City of Omaha does not separate “Hispanic” from other race categories.





ANSWER THE CALL! - JOIN OPD

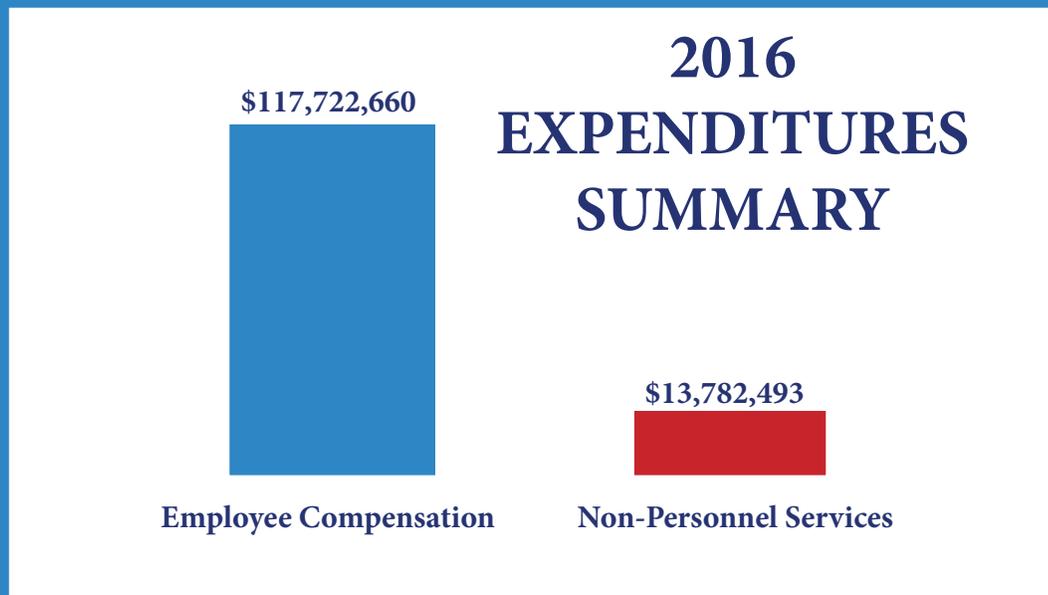


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2016 EXPENDITURES BY BUREAU

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF	\$5,567,104
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	\$30,031,109
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	7,108,037
POLICE SERVICES	\$23,961,012
UNIFORM PATROL	\$66,612,891
TOTAL	\$133,280,153



Capital Improvements for the Omaha Police Department in Fiscal Year 2016 totaled
\$1,775,000



2016 was an active year filled with many community events. The Omaha Police Department is focused on engaging and interacting with the Omaha communities and the citizens we serve. We host and attend many community activities throughout the year, and we hope you to see you soon at one of our events.



FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH
AT 8:30 A.M.
HYVEE CAFE
7910 CASS STREET

ASK QUESTIONS, VOICE CONCERNS
AND MEET YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE OFFICERS!

MEET & TREAT
October 29th 4-7pm
Southeast Precinct
25th & Vinton St.

Safety information Music Games
Haunted Precinct candy
"Thriller" by South High Dance Dept.

Aksarben Village presents
COCOA WITH A COP
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 6 TO 8PM

Join us in Stinson Park
for the Lights of Aksarben
1920 South 67th Street

HEATED TENT | LIVE MUSIC | FREE CARRIAGE RIDES & MORE

7th Annual
COPS & BOBBERS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 1 TO 4PM
BENSON PARK LAGOON
BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME - AGES 8 THRU 15

METRO AREA FIREWORKS/GUN AMNESTY DAY
JULY 9TH, 9AM TO 3PM

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TODD R. SCHMADERER
CHIEF OF POLICE

CAPTAIN THOMAS SHAFFER
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SECTION

LIEUTENANT DARCI TIERNEY
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT

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

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

EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS	2016
Formal Citizens Complaints	*59
Total Allegations Investigated	166
Sustained	33
Not Sustained	35
Unfounded	14
Exonerated	83
Court Issue	1

* 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.

INTERNAL COMPLAINTS	2016
Internal Complaints	*56
Total Allegations Investigated	157
Sustained	119
Not Sustained	13
Unfounded	1
Exonerated	24

Capt. Thomas Shaffer

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE (PIO)

The PIO disseminates information to the news media and manages the Omaha Crime Stoppers program as well as the Omaha Police Department's social and digital media presence. During 2016, the PIO planned, organized and assisted with the following notable events:

- Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year Luncheon
- Omaha Police Foundation Officer of the Year Luncheon
- Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament
- OPD promotional and retirement ceremonies
- Coffee with a Cop
- 9/11 Minute of Silence
- Police Memorial Week
- Blue Mass
- Southwest Precinct Ribbon Cutting
- Horses of Honor Project



Lt. Darci Tierney

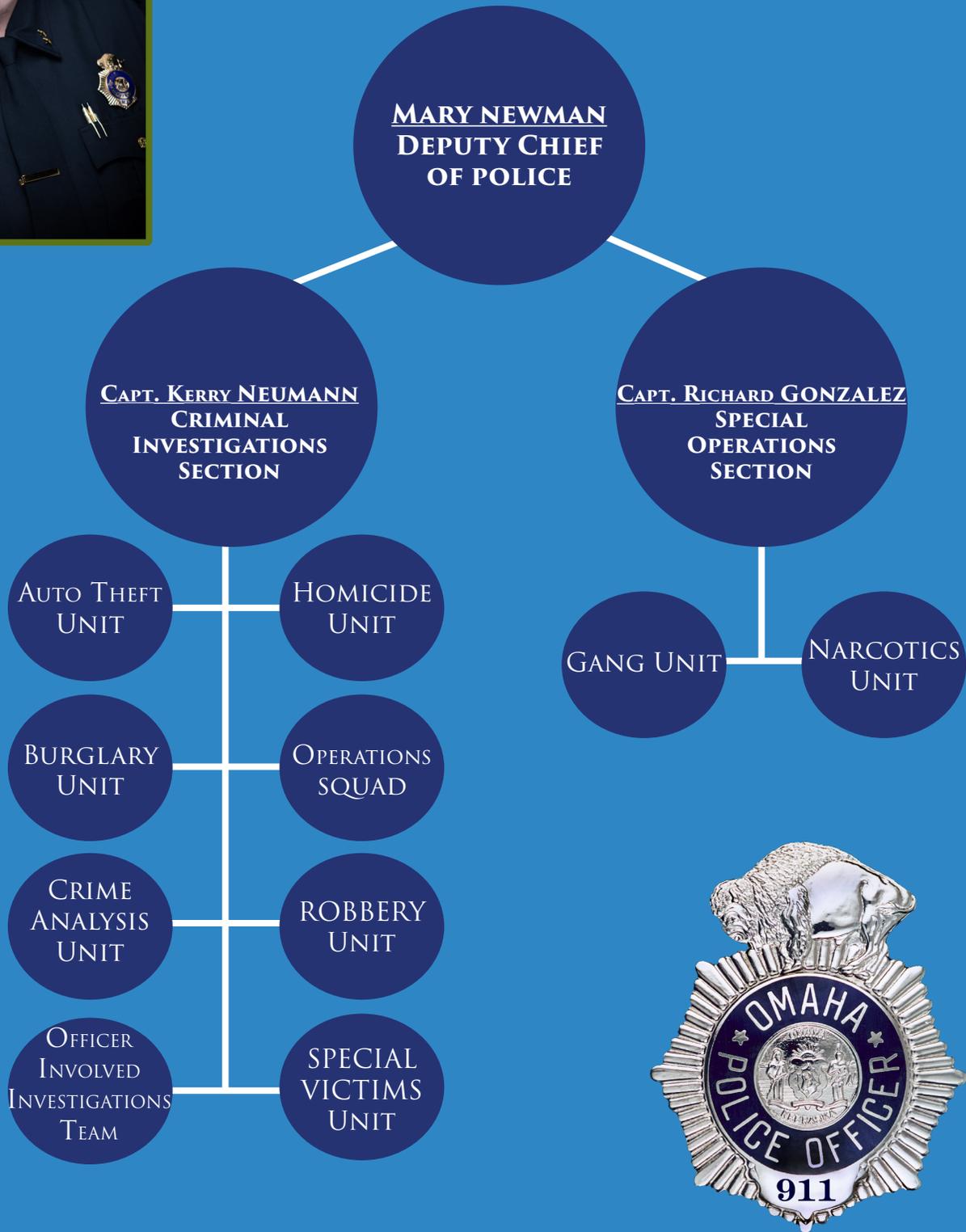


2,258 TIPS
86 ARRESTS
64 CASES CLEARED
\$201,600 REWARDS

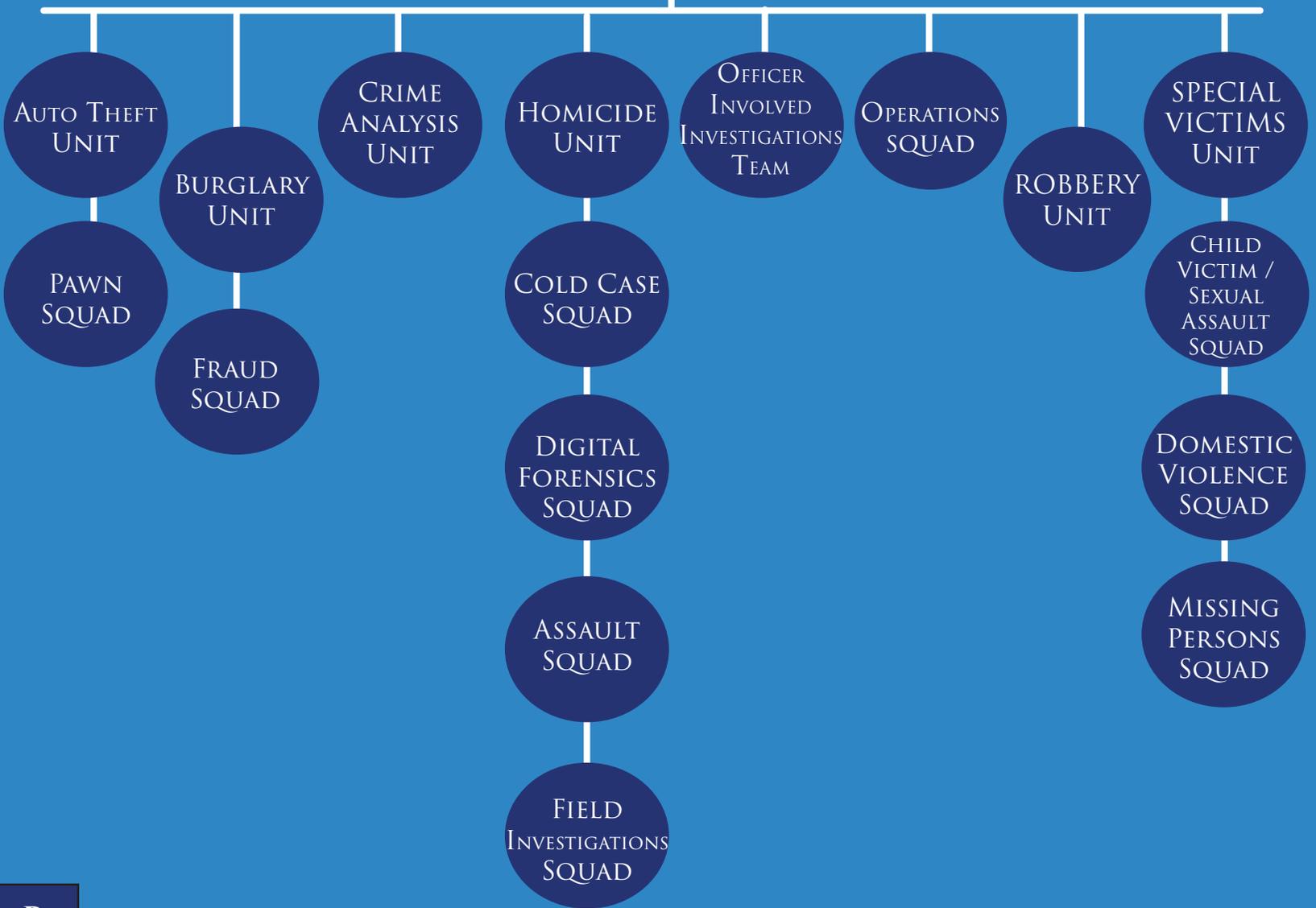




THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU (CIB)
 is commanded by Deputy Chief Mary Newman and
 provides 24 hour crime investigation services.



The Criminal Investigations Section (CIS) is commanded by Captain Kerry Neumann and includes the following Units and Squads:



2016 NOTABLE EVENTS IN THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION (CIS)

The Auto Theft Unit which includes the Pawn/Salvage Squad had a very busy year. In March the Unit successfully investigated and arrested an individual that was suspected of stealing hundreds of cars and trucks. Booked for eight felonies and several misdemeanors, including being in possession of a stolen firearm, this individual was convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison. This investigation led to the arrest of five additional individuals committing similar crimes. During 2016 the Auto Theft Unit also investigated, arrested and obtained a conviction of an individual in a string of Honda thefts. This individual was convicted to prison time as well as sentenced to intensive supervised probation upon release.

The Burglary Unit was assigned 12,273 cases in 2016, and ended the year with a clearance rate of 14%. This clearance rate is 3% higher than the national average for similar size cities.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES ASSIGNED	12,273
Burglary Cases	1,832
Theft Cases	6,107
Destruction of Property Cases	3,829
Fraud Squad Cases	505
Number of Cases Cleared	5,528
Persons Interviewed	4,454
Victims	2,021
Suspects	953
Witnesses	1,480
Searches Completed	143

The Field Investigations Squad is tasked with being the point of contact for the most serious criminal investigations. 2016 proved to be a very busy year for the detectives in this unit.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES ASSIGNED	1260
Total Number of Interviews	1270
Searches for Evidence Completed	116
Arrest Warrants	31
Charges Filed Felony/Misdemeanor	576/322



2016 NOTABLE EVENTS IN THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION, CONTINUED

The Homicide Unit investigated **29** homicides in 2016. Arrests were made in 17 of these homicides. The Unit also cleared eight homicides from previous years and solved two cold cases. The year end clearance rate was **86%**, well above the national average.

2016 HOMICIDE UNIT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Homicides Investigated in 2016	29
Arrests made in 2016 Homicide Cases	17
Clearances in Homicides Prior to 2016	8
2016 Homicide Clearance Rates	86%

The Robbery Unit ended 2016 with a clearance rate of **53%**, far exceeding the national average of **29.3%**. The Unit was awarded the Unit of Excellence Ribbon.

2016 TOTAL ROBBERY CASES 610

Person Robberies	395
Commercial Robberies	193
Financial Institution Robberies	22
Served Search Warrants	115

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

The Child Exploitation Task Force (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 33 cyber tips, completed forensic examinations of over 125 digital devices and assisted with 20 federal investigations.

2016 CHILD VICTIM & SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations	Crime
599	Child Abuse/Neglect
454	Sexual Assault of a Juvenile
20	Child Deaths
399	Sexual Assault of an Adult



The Missing Persons Squad completed 470 missing adult investigations and 2,945 missing juvenile investigations.

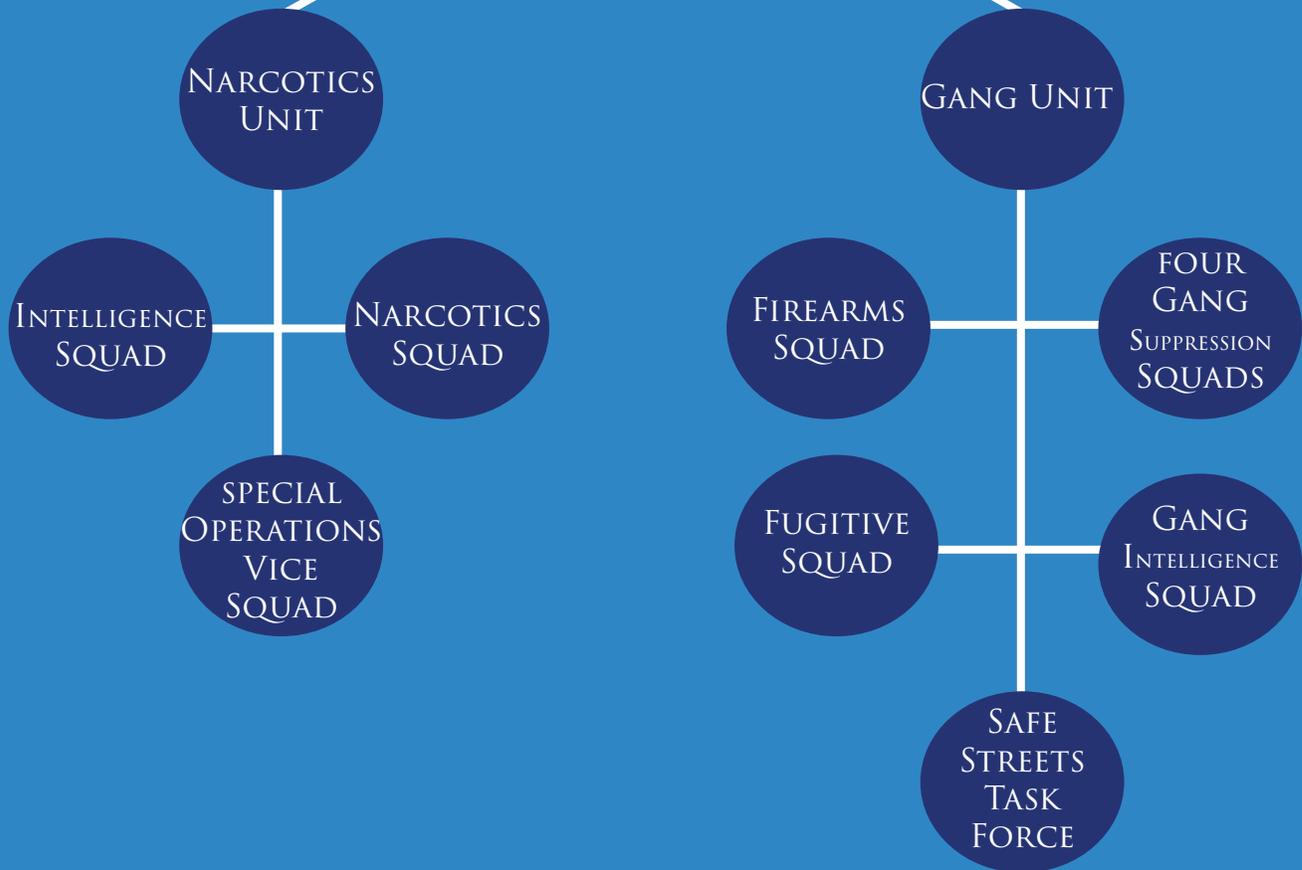
The Domestic Violence Squad (DVS) participated in four domestic violence sweeps in partnership with the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office and the Nebraska State Probation office. This led to numerous arrests and protection orders being served. The DVS works closely with several participating community-based domestic violence agencies to investigate crimes of domestic violence and incidents involving vulnerable adults. These agencies include the Domestic Violence Council, Women’s Center for Advancement, Douglas County Probation, Douglas County Attorney, Catholic Charities, Heartland Family Service, Adult Protective Services, Health and Human Services and the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging. Working together allows these agencies to provide confidential enhanced care and services.

2016 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SIGNIFICANT EVENTS	
4,189	Misdemeanor Investigations
1,521	Misdemeanor Arrests
558	Misdemeanor Warrants Issued
940	Felony Investigations
473	Felony Arrests
179	Felony Warrants Issued

The Omaha Police Department’s 2016 clearance rate for sexual assaults was **67.8%**. In 2015 the National Average Clearance Rate for sexual assaults was **36.2%** (2016 figures not available at the time of this publication).



The Special Operations Section (SOS) is commanded by
Captain Richard Gonzalez and includes the following Units and Squads:



2016 NOTABLE EVENTS IN THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION (SOS)

The Narcotics Unit synchronized an increase in coordination with outside agencies as the Unit worked to combine resources and accomplish shared goals for the community. During 2016 the Narcotics Unit partnered with the Omaha office of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA); the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI); United States Postal Inspectors; the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Agency (ATF); the Department of Homeland Security; the Internal Revenue Service, the Douglas and Sarpy County Sheriff's Offices; Bellevue Police Department; Council Bluffs Police Department; the Veteran's Administration Police; Boys Town Police Department; Offut Air Force Base.

Officers in the Unit kept a steady pace of arrests while combating large amounts of street level dealing of methamphetamine, cocaine (crack) and marijuana. The unit also faced an upsurge in the abuse of heroin among Omaha citizens. The Narcotics Unit coordinated with the Homicide Unit during the investigations of homicides related to prescription opioid overdosing and assisted by providing insight to use and distribution as well as possible sources of the drug.

This year the Narcotics Unit made an effort to educate others in the criminal justice community about the ease of manufacture and availability of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) extracts and edibles. Presentations were made at the Nebraska High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) analysts' conference. As part of this presentation THC was extracted from marijuana using everyday household items. Members of the unit also provided training to local community groups providing awareness in regards to local narcotics trends as well as providing resources for issues that would arise in these organizations. One such community organization was the *Open Door Mission* who asked for training and familiarization in narcotics trends and equipment in regards to issues they are encountering in the course of their day to day activities. As a result, there are now open lines of communication between this group and members of the Narcotics Unit and plans for future training.

2016 SPECIAL NARCOTICS OPERATIONS

Operation	Arrests	Seized Illegal Substance	Seized Illegal Firearms
Hugo	5	12 lbs methamphetamine (meth)	12
Not So Moore	8	1.5 lbs meth, .5 lbs cocaine	2
Nestor	4	10+ lbs of meth, \$35,074 in cash	2, including an AK-47 assault rifle
Lares-Rodriquez	5	1+ lbs of meth, \$14,000 in cash	



2016 NOTABLE EVENTS IN THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION (SOS) CONTINUED

During the second quarter of 2016, members of the Narcotics Unit also assisted with instruction at the University of Nebraska at Omaha for criminal justice students at the request of the criminal justice teaching staff. Training was provided in basic narcotics investigations as well as current narcotics trends. Additionally there was training in current narcotics specific case law.

Members of the Unit also participated in Department sponsored “Citizen Academies” and as a result, presentations were given that outlined the mission of the Narcotics Unit and provided resources to citizens that attended, should they have future concerns or need avenues for more information.

2016 SPECIAL OPERATIONS VICE SQUAD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Number of Arrests	Crime
95	Prostitution/Solicitations
7	Criminal Impersonation
1	1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Minor

The Intelligence Squad, located within the Narcotics Unit, provided investigative intelligence to the entire Omaha Police Department concerning protests, rallies, social media threats, and terroristic threats. The Squad coordinates and maintains the Terrorism Early Warning Group and website and in 2016 successfully vetted and investigated nine guardian terroristic threats. Four of these threats were passed on to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Special Operations/Vice Squad spent 2016 providing protection for presidential candidates, conducted multiple undercover prostitution operations during the College World Series (CWS), conducted daily ticket scalping patrols during the CWS, conducted undercover prostitution operations in the Omaha, Council Bluffs and Lincoln metro areas as part of the Federal Child Exploitation Task Force, and assisted in Operation Cross Country, a coordinated nationwide human trafficking operation.



2016 NOTABLE EVENTS IN THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION (SOS) CONTINUED

The Gang Unit had an award winning year receiving the prestigious Omaha Police Department Unit of Excellence Award. Officers in the unit also received multiple individual awards including the Rotary Club of Omaha 22nd Annual Officer of the year award, the Life Saving Medal of Honor, and the Nebraska Law Enforcement Hall of Fame Award. The Gang Unit participated in many operations in 2016, including Operation Triple Beam which targeted illegal firearms, drugs and gang members. The operations was a joint effort the U.S. Marshals and took place during the summer of 2016.

2016 OPERATION TRIPLE BEAM

Arrests	268
Violent Offender Arrests	139
Sex Offender Arrests	24
Gang Member Arrests	110
Firearms Seized	101

The Fugitive Squad kept busy in 2016 and was able to take many criminals off the streets of Omaha.

2016 FUGITIVE SQUAD STATS

Felony Arrests, Including 328 for violent felonies	1,007
Murder Warrants Successfully Executed	10
Sexual Assault Warrants Successfully Executed	29
Domestic Violence Warrants Successfully Executed	56
Firearms Seized	64

The Firearms Squad executed many special operations throughout the year, targeting illegal firearms, drugs and gang members.



2016 NOTABLE EVENTS IN THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION (SOS) CONTINUED

The Safe Streets Task Force (SSTF) also executed special operations throughout the year. One notable operations was Operation Crazy Camp which targeted a cartel that was distributing methamphetamine and cocaine to local gang members in the Omaha metro area.

2016 SSTF OPERATION CRAZY CAMP

Cash Seized	\$304,539
Methamphetamine Seized	8.5 lbs
Suspects Arrested	17
Firearms Seized	5

Operation Amoeba was a joint operation between the Omaha Police Department's SSTF and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) which targeted a drug trafficking organization that was distributing illegal narcotics in the Omaha area. Numerous investigative techniques were deployed and two T3 wire orders were utilized to provide surveillance of multiple suspects. Arrest operations took place during the spring and summer of 2016.

2016 SSTF OPERATION AMOEBEA

Methamphetamine Seized	6,157 grams
Cocaine Seized	2,993 grams
Suspects Arrested and/or Indicted	27

The Gang Suppression Squads assisted by the Gang Intelligence Squad kept active and engaged in the city of Omaha. In the fall of 2016, Gang Intelligence Squad and Gang Suppression Squad detectives served search warrants and arrested four (4) gang members who were responsible for the beating, binding, and stabbing of a male victim found dumped in Glenwood, Iowa. The victim was taken to an Omaha hospital, the suspects have been charged and are awaiting trial.

2016 GANG SUPPRESSION AND INTELLIGENCE

Community Events and Visits	700+
Felony Arrests	900+
Firearms Seized	350+
Search Warrants Serviced	200
Intelligence Bulletins Produced	45



2016 NOTABLE EVENTS IN THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION (SOS) CONTINUED

The Gang Unit is one of the most engaged units in the Omaha Police Department. Officers are encouraged to be active in the communities in which they work and with the citizens they serve. In 2016 the Gang Unit participated in over 700 community events. Some of the favorites of the year are pictured below. A few of the events attended:

- LPOA & BPOA Easter Egg Hunts
- All-Star Metro Basketball Events
- Southeast Precinct SAFE Event - KROC Center
- P.A.C.E. athletic baseball, flag football, and after school programs
- Gun/Fireworks Amnesty Event
- Compassion in Action Raw Dawgs Gang Prevention Gang Prevention Program
- Northeast Precinct Fun in the Park Event
- National Night Out
- Back to School Bash
- Breaking Down Barriers - Boys and Girls Club Event
- Southeast Precinct Halloween Event Meet and Treat
- Northeast Precinct Christmas in the Village



COMPASSION IN ACTION



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS



P.A.C.E. BASEBALL
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THE UNIFORM PATROL BUREAU (UPB) is commanded by Deputy Chief Dave Baker and provides 24 hour police patrol services to the City of Omaha.

DAVE BAKER
DEPUTY CHIEF
OF POLICE

**CAPT. KATHERINE
BELCASTRO-GONZALEZ**
SOUTHEAST PRECINCT

CAPT. SCOTT GRAY
NORTHEAST PRECINCT

CAPT. RUSSELL HORINE
SOUTHWEST PRECINCT

CAPT. MARCIA WEST
NORTHWEST PRECINCT

MOUNTED
PATROL
SQUAD

RIVER-
FRONT
PATROL
SQUAD

TRAFFIC
UNIT

CANINE
UNIT





THE SOUTHEAST PRECINCT (SE) IS COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN KATHERINE BELCASTRO-GONZALEZ and is one of the busiest precincts in the City of Omaha, encompassing 15 square miles, comprised of over 70,000 residents and home to 188 neighborhood watch groups.

Officers of the SE Precinct continue to successfully patrol, interact with, and forge meaningful relationships with very diverse groups of people living in the community. The SE Precinct has historically enjoyed a culturally diverse population including Polish, Italian, Czech, Lithuanian, Irish, and more recently Hispanic and Sudanese immigrants.

Officers have developed lasting partnerships that help create a strong community. These partnerships between the officers of the SE Precinct and members of the community have led to decreased crime rates and high levels of participation in community groups such as numerous neighborhood watch programs, precinct advisory council (PAC) meetings, and the South Omaha Violence Intervention Program (SOVIP). The SE Precinct utilizes a problem resolution team to quickly address hot spot/problem areas which result in positive solutions. The SE Precinct's Crime Prevention Specialist and Gang Liaison (both bilingual active members of the OPD SE Precinct) act as a catalyst for resolution regarding problem issues brought to OPD's attention by citizens of the SE Precinct.



The Southeast Precinct had an action packed year engaging with the citizens of southeast Omaha. The officers in the Precinct were able to attend many community events. Among a few of their favorites included:

- Olympic Swim Trials
- NCAA Baseball College World Series
- NCAA Homerun Derby
- 4th of July Fireworks at TD Ameritrade Park
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Festival of Lights in Gene Leahy Mall
- New Year's Eve Fireworks
- Cinco de Mayo
- Berkshire Hathaway Shareholders Meeting
- El Grito Mexican Independence Day Festival
- Septemberfest
- River City Roundup Rodeo
- HBO Boxing Match-Terence Crawford vs. John Molina
- Visits from President Barack Obama, Presidential Nominees Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump

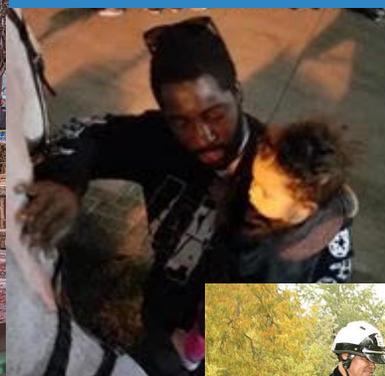


The Mounted Patrol has five Uniform Patrol officers and one civilian employee and is commanded by a sergeant. During 2016 the unit honorably retired two horses to make way for new horses and the new unit mascot “Nike” the goat. The Mounted Patrol takes every opportunity to support the Uniform Patrol Bureau in all precincts with community events. Some of our favorite 2016 events included:

- Coffee with a Cop
- Pop with a Cop
- First Responders Action Day (Boys Scout Event)
- Children’s Hospital Santa Greet
- Southeast Precinct Christmas Event
- Skyline Trail Ride
- Jefferson Elementary - Walk to School Event
- Spring Lake Elementary Special Event
- Memorial Park Celebration
- Cinco De Mayo
- Septemberfest
- Domestic Violence Awareness Walk
- JE George Boulevard Parade (Happy Hollow/Dundee)



- Boo Bash (Bryan High School)
- Minne Lusa Halloween Event (Florence)
- Law Enforcement Memorial Parade
- College World Series
- Cops N Bobbers
- Fullerton Elementary demo day
- Morton Elementary Demo



THE NORTHEAST PRECINCT (NE) IS COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN SCOTT GRAY and is one of the busiest precincts in the City of Omaha, encompassing 22 square miles, and comprised of over 53,000 residents and home to 123 neighborhood watch groups.

Officers of the NE Precinct continue to successfully patrol, interact, and further the community outreach goals of the Omaha Police Department by partnering with community organizations such as: Empowerment Network; Habitat for Humanity; Leadership Omaha; ABIDE Network; North Omaha Neighborhood Alliance; United Way; Creighton University and several local pastors and faith leaders.

During 2016 the Northeast Precinct attended and hosted many community events including:

Knights of Columbus Coat Giveaway - Members of the NE Precinct partnered with the Knights of Columbus from Gretna to give away 200 coats to children from grades kindergarten to sixth

Fun in the Park - Captain Gray and his team scheduled weekly meetings with the Neighborhood Association President, representatives from the YMCA, community leaders and volunteers to support and host an action packed day for the north Omaha youth at Miller Park. The kids enjoyed free swimming, free food, bike give-aways and were able to have positive interactions with local police officers and other north Omaha leaders.

Cops-N-Bobbers - This event was coordinated by Captain Gray and was supported by many donors and volunteers. The event was held at Benson Park and paired officers with youth ages 8-15 in a fishing event. Over 100 people participated in 2016.



The Northeast (NE) Precinct had an action packed year engaging with the citizens of northeast Omaha. The officers in the Precinct were able to attend many community events. Among a few of their favorites included:

- Traffic Stop Video - a community collaboration
- Knights of Columbus Coat Give-away
- Druid Hill Elementary Teacher Appreciation
- Pop With A Cop
- Harmony Week
- Juneteenth Parade
- Fun in the Park
- Coffee With A Cop
- Cops-n-Bobbers
- Prescription Drug Take Back Day
- Trick or Treat on the Boo-levard
- Christmas In The Village
- Salvation Army Adopt A Family



THE SOUTHWEST (SW) PRECINCT IS COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN RUSSELL HORINE and is the largest precinct in the city of Omaha. This precinct encompasses 55.2 square miles and is comprised of over 161,000 residents and home to 360 neighborhood watch groups.



Officers of the SW Precinct continued to successfully patrol, interact, and further the community outreach goals of the Omaha Police Department. In October of 2016 the Precinct moved its new location at 5111 South 135th Street.



The Southwest (SW) Precinct had an action packed year engaging with the citizens of southwest Omaha. The officers in the Precinct were able to attend many community events. Among a few of their favorites included:

- Coffee with a Cop - Aksarben Village
- Spring Clean-up Kickoff
- Pop with a Cop - Mama's Pizza West
- Neighborhood Watch Block Party
- Cocoa with a Cop
- Many PAC Meetings
- Numerous Neighborhood Watch Meetings
- Willa Cather Elementary School Carnival
- Karen Western Neighborhood Block Party
- Multiple National Night Out Parties
- Kerrie-On Memorial Bike Ride/Run/Softball Tournament
- Trunk or Treat Event - Amazing Pizza Machine



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The Traffic Unit is located in the Southwest Precinct and is commanded by a lieutenant.

In 2016, the Traffic Unit constructed a route for the USA Triathlon 2016 and 2017 events. The Unit worked with commercial and government partners to successfully execute this historic, large-scale event.

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THE NORTHWEST PRECINCT (NW) IS COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN MARCIA WEST and is the 2nd largest precinct in the City of Omaha. This precinct encompasses 50 square miles and is comprised of over 157,000 residents and home to 458 neighborhood watch groups.

Officers of the NW Precinct continued to successfully patrol and further the community outreach goals of the Omaha Police Department by placing a strong emphasis on community policing and maintaining a direct line of communication with citizens. The Northwest Precinct also commands the Canine Unit.



During 2016 the Northwest Precinct's Crime Prevention Specialist organized a six week training program allowing 40 participants to attend presentations facilitated by multiple OPD speakers and other community partners that work closely with law enforcement. This program was designed to enhance the relationship between OPD officers and the citizens they serve and gave community members an inside view of the Omaha Police Department.



The Northwest Precinct's "Coffee with a Cop" and "Pop with a Cop" events were some of the best attended events in 2016. Community members are encouraged to stop by and get to know the officers that are patrolling their streets.



Another highlight of the year for the NW Precinct was the *Bank of the West Concert and Fireworks Event* held at Memorial Park. Beyond crowd control and safety during the event, this large annual event takes months of planning and preparation developing safety plans to ensure the well-being of over 70,000 attendees.



The Northwest Precinct had an action packed year engaging with the citizens of northwest Omaha. The officers in the precinct were able to attend many community events.

A few of their favorites included:



- Cops-N-Bobbers
- Precinct Tours
- Neighborhood Watch Meetings
- Neighborhood Association Meetings
- Neighborhood Alliance Meetings
- Business Watch Meetings
- NW PAC Meetings
- OCCP Meetings
- OHA/OPD Information Sharing Meetings
- Omaha 360 Meetings
- Retail Theft Coalition Meetings
- Empowerment Network Monthly Meetings
- Community Prayer Walks
- P.A.C.E. Baseball and Soccer Coaching
- Keep Omaha Beautiful Spring Clean-Up Kickoff Event
- Omaha Together One Community Issues Conference
- OCCP Fundraiser
- Mayor’s Neighborhood Grant Q&A Session
- Holy Name School Read to Kids Event
- St. Pius Service Fair Day
- Partnership 4 Kids Mentoring
- Omaha Bicycle Advocacy Night
- Skyline Elementary Carnival
- Shepherd of the Hills Church Trunk or Treat Event
- Refugee Task Force Meetings
- Town Hall Meetings
- Legacy School Stranger Danger Presentation
- Livewise Coalition Meeting
- Pinewood Elementary Read and Feed Event
- Sunshine Christian Preschool Introduction to the Police Department Event
- OPD’s Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- Fair Deal Village Marketplace Ribbon Cutting Event
- Lights on Dundee Christmas Event
- Ready in 5 Holiday Party
- DEA Prescription Drug Take-Back Event
- Bluffs at Cherry Hills Construction Meeting
- Crestridge Elementary Career Day
- Friends of OPD K-9 Dinner
- Holy Name Walk-a-Thon
- VFW Post 2503 Kids Event
- Bike Rack Annual “Bike Fest”
- Elkhorn Days Parade
- Keystone Carnival Event
- Benson Beer Festival
- Keystone Family Night at the Park Event
- Willow Wood Association Kids Day Parade
- Fourth of July Block Party Celebration
- Post Fourth of July Fontenelle Park area Clean-Up
- Restorative Justice Rally by Cornerstone Deliverance Church
- Family Fare Supermarkets Ribbon Cutting and Remodeling Events
- Birthday Party (Officers surprised a 6 year-old for his police themed birthday party)
- Fathers in the Park Event
- Benson Days
- Nebraska Children’s Home Society’s Summer Event
- Back to School Rally at Fontenelle Park
- Millard North Band Walk-a-Thon
- Dundee Days Parade
- Gethsemane Lutheran School Officer Appreciation Breakfast
- Gethsemane Lutheran School Pig Roast
- Blue Mass
- Northwest High School Homecoming Parade
- Metcalf Park Neighborhood Association Annual Family Movie Night in the Park
- Home Depot Kids Event
- IN the Neighborhood Conference
- Nebraska Humane Society Walk for the Animals Events
- OCCP Recognition Banquet
- Zion Lutheran Church 130th Anniversary Celebration
- Support the Girls Breast Cancer Fund-raiser
- ABIDE Omaha Grand Opening Event
- OPD/OPS Information Sharing



The Northwest Precinct also commands the Canine Unit for the Omaha Police Department. The Canine unit provides patrol and narcotics detection for the department.

In 2016 the Canine Unit conducted canine demonstrations at many community events including the Omaha Police Citizens Academy and the FBI Executive Shoot, and gave numerous presentations to local area high schools, Creighton, and UNO.



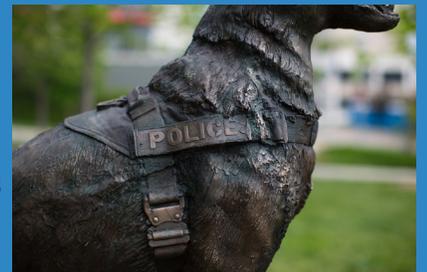
2016 CANINE UNIT STATISTICS

Calls for service	2,739
Arrests (felony & misdemeanor)	966
Interstate contacts (traffic stops)	884
Searches for suspects with K9	295
Firearms recovered	48
Drug searches by K9	221
Canine demonstrations/appearances	59
Marijuana seized	100.06 lbs.
Methamphetamine seized	17.9 lbs.
Cocaine seized	39.7 lbs.
Traffic or warning citations issued	620



On January 23, 2016, Canine Kobus was shot and killed in the line of duty while attempting to subdue an armed man who had barricaded himself inside his home and fired at officers.

Kobus was a 9-year-old Belgian Malinois who lived in the home of his handler Officer Matthew McKinney. Kobus was on duty for six years and was due to retire in 2016.



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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, Support Services Section, and Fiscal Affairs.



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THE ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION SECTION (AIS) is commanded by Captain Michele Bang and delivers specialized support services to the Omaha Police Department (OPD), other law enforcement agencies, and the community.



An Administrative Sergeant reports directly to the AIS Captain and is the Peer Support Team (PST) Coordinator for the OPD. The PST consists of 45 sworn and non-sworn employees who volunteer to be members of the team. Each PST member receives two days of training on topics such as, active listening, depression, suicide risk factors, alcoholism, post traumatic stress, vicarious trauma and critical incident stress management, along with annual refresher training.

Peers assist both sworn and non-sworn employees after critical incidents and to provide support during times of personal and professional crisis. The PST works closely with the licensed mental health professional community. The Administrative Sergeant also acts as the liaison between the OPD and the City Human Resources Department for Worker's Compensation, employees on leave under the Family Medical Leave Act, and assisting employees who have serious injury or illness.



The Air Support Unit (ASU) 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 2016 the Air Support Unit participated in 48 community events, giving the community a chance to see ABLE1 up and close and the pilot officers a chance to meet and speak with the community they proudly serve. ABLE1 provides demonstrations at elementary schools, high schools, and local law enforcement events such as the Citizen's Education and Training Program (CETP), and First Responders Foundation events, among others.

2016 AIS - AIR SUPPORT UNIT

Air Support	2015	2016	% Change
Flight Hours	1062	990	-6.8%
Calls For Service	9,734	9,750	0%
Officer-Initiated	5,837	5,365	-8.1%
Radio Calls	1,311	1,154	-12%
Assignments	2,586	3,231	24.9%
Pursuits	114	81	-28.9%
Vehicle	39	38	-2.6%
Foot	75	43	-42.7%
Outside Agency Assistance	129	92	-28.7%
Unit Presentations	54	48	-11.1%



The **E**mergency Response Unit (ERU) includes the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, Bomb Response Squad, Bomb Dog Squad, and Crisis Negotiations Team.

In 2016 the ERU conducted enhanced security at several high profile events in Omaha including the annual Berkshire Hathaway shareholders meeting, the NCAA Men’s College World Series, the USA Swim Trials, a USA Triathlon Event, and provided support to the Secret Service for numerous presidential and vice presidential campaign rallies.

The ERU secured grant funding in 2016 which allowed the purchase of a new ICOR T5 Tactical Robot. This new robot will increase safety of SWAT and Bomb Team members in tactical situations by giving the teams eyes and ears inside a situation from a safe distance.

ERU - EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT	
Bomb Response Team	2016
Calls For Service:	
Explosive/Suspicious Devices	63
Took Possession of:	
Recovered Fireworks	900+ lbs.
Firearms	77
Ammunition	700+ lbs.
SWAT Team	
Calls For Service:	
High Risk Warrant Entries	95
Barricade Subject Incidents	9
Dignitary Protection	4
High Risk Deployment Operations	29
Completed Firearms and Tactics Training	176 Hours
Crisis Negotiation Team	
Calls For Service:	
Barricaded Subjects/Hostage Situations	13
High Element Jumpers	2
Suicidal Person Calls	4

The members of the Bomb Response Team, Bomb K-9 Teams and SWAT also attended numerous community events through the year. These include the Citizens Police Academies for the OPD Precints, numerous Summer Camps, the 14th Annual Safety Awareness Fitness and Education Event, as well as the First Responder Scout Day/ Action Day at the Public Safety Training Center.



The Evidence/Property Unit (EPU) completed construction of a new temperature-controlled high density storage room to hold sexual assault and homicide evidence. This room allows the Omaha Police Department the ability to preserve DNA for future prosecution and examination. At any given time the EPU is responsible for securing and properly maintaining over 275,000 items of evidence and personal property.

The Records Unit.- Records Squad processed 15, police reports that were purchased by the public, 3,999 reports provided to other government agencies, and processed 4,146 criminal history requests. This Squad stores, retrieves, and reproduces all reports generated by the Omaha Police Department and delivers the reports to both internal and external customers.

2016 AIS - RECORDS UNIT-RECORDS SQUAD	
Police Reports Purchased by the Public	15,209
Reports Provided to Other Government Agencies	3,999
Criminal History Requests Processed	4,146

The Records Unit - 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).

The Police Personnel Unit oversees personnel actions for the Omaha Police Department (OPD), to include, coordinating timekeeping for over 1,000 employees, assisting with the hiring and separation of police employees and managing the flow of documentation for other personnel related actions.



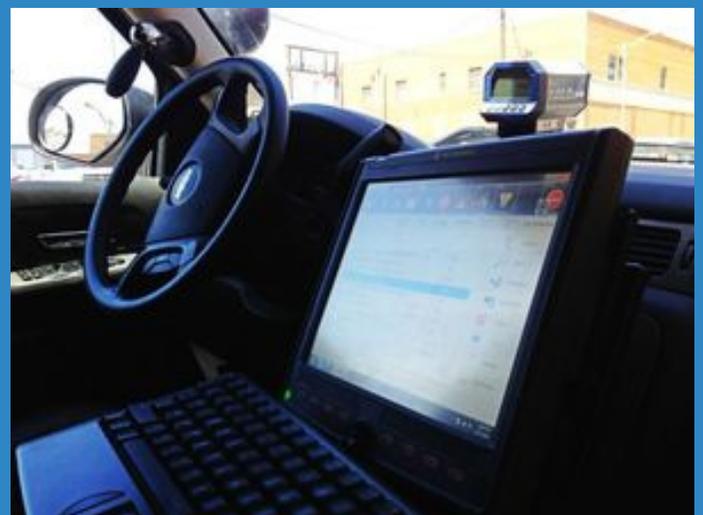
The Information Technology (IT) Unit reports directly to the Police Services Bureau (PSB) Deputy Chief and includes the Mobile IT Squad. This unit maintains and develops the Omaha Police Department's (OPD) Information Technology Systems, Records Management System, and Mobile Data Computers.



In 2016 the IT Unit assisted the Omaha Police Department in its deployment of 115 body worn cameras city-wide across all three police shifts, adding an extra layer of transparency for the department.

Also in 2016, the IT Unit added a 3rd applications analyst to its staff. This analyst will assist the department in its move of many legacy applications to more modern platforms. In 2016 the Department secured \$539,000 in federal grant funding to assist in the transition from Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Summary Reporting to UCR National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS), required by the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

The IT Unit continued to make improvements to the Records Management System that was implemented department wide in 2015. In 2016 the search feature in the system was redesigned. This upgraded feature gives very robust searching capabilities providing officers and detectives many more options and variables to search against. The redesign of the search feature has made searching more efficient and accurate.



THE FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS SECTION (FIS) includes Forensics Investigations and the Firearms Examination Squad and 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.

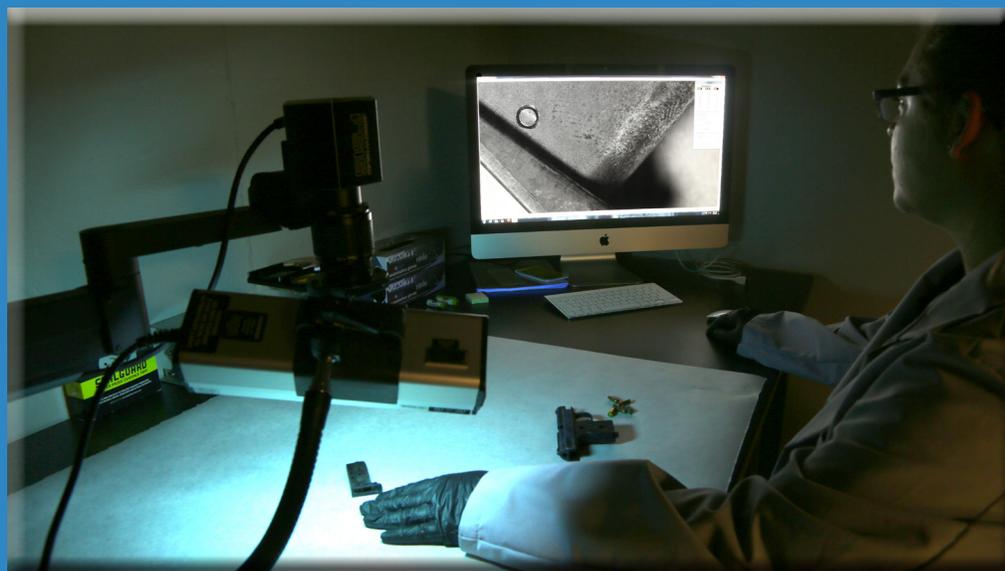


FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS SECTION	
3D Laser Scans of Crime Scenes	537
Street Calls	5,716
Crime Scene Photographs Taken	185,198
IBIS Hits Made	489
Firearms Test Fired	512
Fingerprints Developed	994
DUI Breath Tests Administered	1,486

In 2016 the FIS acquired new and vital equipment including:

- A Full Spectrum Imaging Camera System for visualizing and capturing evidence across the visible and invisible spectrums of light *
- A Portable Coherent TracER Green Laser System for detecting fingerprints, fibers, body fluids, bone fragments, tooth chips, and a variety of other trace evidence *
- A Capture BT Cyanoacrylate (super-glue) Fuming Chamber that achieves precise control of temperature, humidity, and exposure time to achieve more reliable and reproducible latent print development *

* Funding Provided by a NIJ Coverdell Grant Award



Several members of the Forensic Investigations Section (FIS) surpassed important professional milestones and benchmarks in 2016 including:

- One technician accepted into the National Firearms Examiner Academy
- Two technicians successfully completed their certifications as Forensic Video Technicians through the Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Video Association (LEVA)



- One technician was certified by the International Association for Identification as a Crime Scene Analyst
- Three technicians were certified by the International Association for Identification as Crime Scene Investigators
- One technician was re-certified by the International Association for Identification as a Crime Scene Investigator



THE SUPPORT SERVICES SECTION (SSS) is commanded by Captain Adam Kyle and delivers specialized support services to the Omaha Police Department, other law enforcement agencies, and the community. SSS consists of the following Units.

The **Customer Services Unit** includes the Court Liaison Squad, Front Desk Squad, and Information Services Squad.

CUSTOMER SERVICES UNIT			
Service Provided	2015	2016	% Change
Firearm Registrations	3,198	3,295	4%
Police Reports Processed	4,579	4,628	1%
Fingerprints	1,307	1,214	-7%
Criminal Histories	2,250	1,947	-13%

FLEET / FACILITIES UNIT

Service Provided	2016
Vehicles Added to Fleet	45
Marked Vehicles Added to Fleet	49
Work Orders Submitted	525
Work Orders Completed	403

The **Fleet and Facilities Unit** is managed by a Fleet/Facilities Coordinator and provides building and fleet maintenance and acquisition services for the Omaha Police Department. In 2016 the Fleet/Facilities Unit Successfully relocated the entire Southwest Precinct to its new facility at 135th and Q street.

The **Vehicle Impound Unit** continued its focus on improvement and modernization in 2016. Buyers can now use a credit card at the Impound Lot vehicle auctions and the unit prepared to begin offering more over the counter services such as selling mug shots.

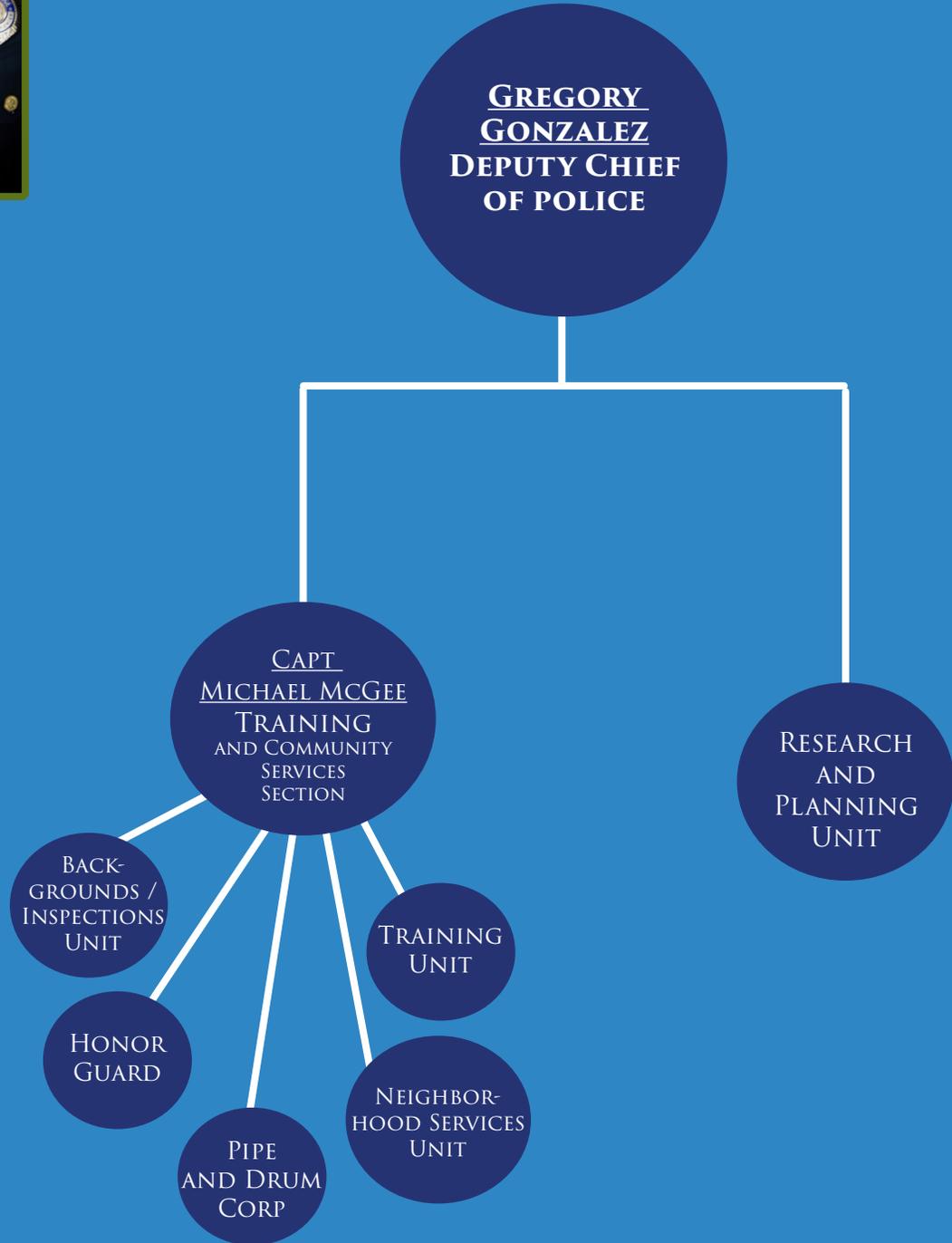
VEHICLE IMPOUND UNIT			
Service Provided	2015	2016	% Change
Vehicles Processed	9,577	11,454	19.5%
Revenue Generated	\$1.9 million	\$1.16 million	-4%

The **Supply Unit** spent 2016 providing uniforms and equipment and general supplies for over 1,000 employees, including supply and equipment for the department's largest recruit class. The Supply Unit is staffed 12 hours a day, 5 days a week by three civilian employees. In 2016 the Supply Unit was able to enlist volunteers from a local retirement home to remove shoulder and badge patches from old uniforms to recycle and trade with new and current OPD officers.





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.



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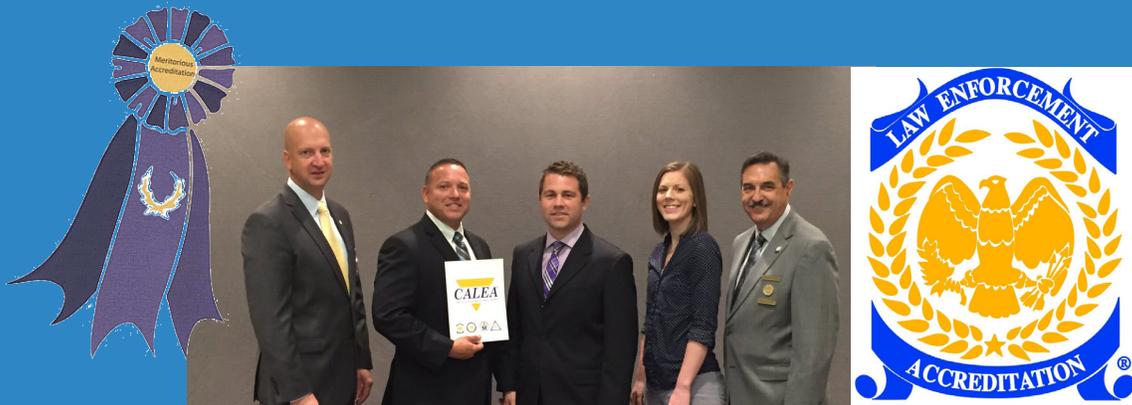
(PACE) is a program that is supported by the City of Omaha and the Omaha Police Department. PACE is dedicated to offering athletic opportunities to at-risk youth, complete FREE of charge. PACE programs combine community policing, crime prevention, youth development and education via team sports for inner city youth.

It is the belief of the Omaha Police Department that these programs develop discipline, self-esteem, and positive moral values through wholesome competition and education 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.



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 OPD 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 department’s Annual Report
- Department Forms
- Document Management for the entire agency
- Other research, analysis, and administrative tasks as assigned

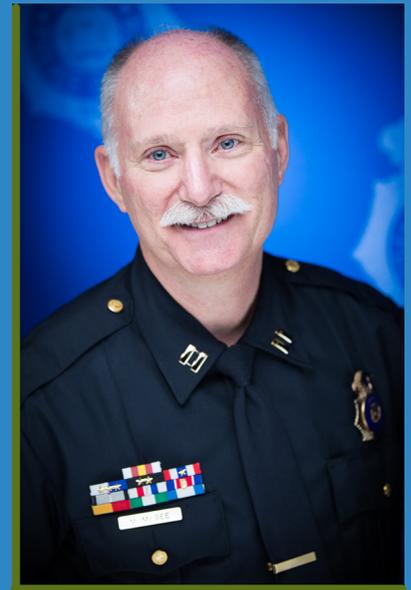


The R&P Unit is responsible for the management and maintenance of the CALEA Accreditation Process. In 2016 the Omaha Police Department received its “Meritorious” award for achieving CALEA Accreditation for more than 15 continuous years.

The R&P Unit received a “Ribbon of Unit Excellence” Award on August 31, 2016



THE TRAINING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTION (TCSS) is commanded by Captain Michael McGee and includes the Backgrounds/Inspections Unit, the Honor Guard, the Pipe and Drum Corp, the Neighborhood Services Unit, and the Training Unit.



THE BACKGROUNDS/INSPECTION UNIT spent 2016 heavily recruiting candidates to *Join The Force*. The Unit successfully completed the background checks for the 1-2016 recruit class, enrolling the largest (57) and most diverse class of recruits. The Unit also maintained a social media presence on Facebook and Twitter and attended multiple job fairs and recruiting events such as the UNL, UNO, Bellevue University and Wayne State Career Fairs.





SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2016, the Omaha Police Department (OPD) welcomed 57 recruits to the Academy. The OPD's most diverse group of recruits underwent rigorous mental and physical training and graduated from the Academy in March 2017. Each recruit then receives six months of hands-on, one-on-one training with Field Training Officers.



THE FORCE IS STRONG WITH THESE RECRUITS



The **N**eighborhood 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.

2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND STATISTICS

Prevention Programs Squad	# of Events	# of Attendees
Crime Prevention Presentations	406	13,073
Community Events Attended	83	68,892
School Safety Audits	149	
Kindergarten Traffic Training	1	153
Safety Patrol Presentations	59	3,449
Educational Training for the Annual Scout Day for Boys and Girls Scouts	1	847
Kroc Center Youth Camp	1	55
Hosted Crime Scene Investigation Day Camp	1	30

Business Watch Squad	# of Events	# of Attendees
Crime Prevention Presentations to Businesses	80	
Omaha Closed Property Program Presentations		195
Business Watch Group Presentations		240
Officer follow-ups to victims of Robbery/Burglary	500+	
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design follow-ups with victim businesses	31	

Nuisance Squad	#
Mayor Action Complaints Received	2,078
Complaints Resolved	1,301
Nuisance Notices Issued	1,439
Vehicle Tows	307

Volunteer Services Squad	#
Volunteer Chaplains	18
Volunteer Handicapped Parking Patrols	38
Omaha Police Department Volunteers	96
College Interns	26



The Omaha Police Department School Resource Officers play a vital role in the safety and education of the youth in the City of Omaha. These officers are specially trained to work with juveniles and strive to reduce delinquency and provide safer schools for our communities.

In 2016 the Omaha Police Department arranged and hosted a conference which trained all area School Resource Officers on “Policing the Teen Brain in Schools”. At this conference, OPD SROs learned new and effective ways to deal with students in crisis. OPD also hosted a 40 hour training session with the National Association of School Resource Officers. This training provided required training and certification for OPD’s School Resource Officers.

In June of 2016 in a joint function between the Omaha Police Department and Omaha Public Schools (Morton Middle School), summer school students were given an opportunity to interact and get to know the various sides of the Omaha Police Department. Students were able to engage with the Backgrounds Unit, the Horse Patrol, the Bomb Squad, the Air Support Unit as well as Uniform Patrol officers.



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, a training specialist and part-time 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 2016, the Omaha Police Department (OPD) enrolled the largest recruit class in Omaha history, with fifty-seven (57) recruits. Recruit Class 1-2016 started on September 26th, 2016 and graduated on March 3rd, 2017. Fifty-two (52) recruits completed the requirements for graduation and were promoted to the Field Training Officer phase. Recruit Class training consisted of the following:

- 22 Weeks of Training
- 838 Total Hours of Training for each Recruit
- Some of the 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 15 weeks of additional in-field training.
- The 2nd Annual Officer Kerrie S. Orozco “Kerrie On” Award was presented to Officer D’Nasha Jackson



Firearms Training

- 364 officers trained in the rifle program - 5,200 aggregate hours completed
- 52 recruits firearm trained - with 4,100 aggregate hours completed
- 400+ on-duty front-line officers trained on counter-ambush techniques with over 3,200 hours of instruction and live-scenario drills.
- Multiple certification schools held to increase number of Patrol Rifle Certified Omaha Police Department officers to over 390.
- Department wide State of Nebraska shoot for over 800 sworn officers.

In-Service Training

800+ sworn officers attended the Omaha Police Department's two separate 2016 In-Service Training sessions. Some of the topics covered were:

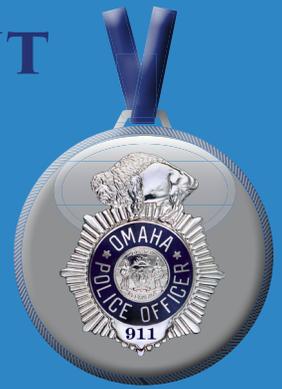
- State Firearms Qualification Course
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- Carotid Restraint Control Hold
- Domestic Violence - Trauma Informed Response
- Rescue Task Force
- Traffic Incident Management

Hosted Training

- 123 outside training courses hosted
- 20,963 hours of instruction offered
- 1,315 attendees participated, including Omaha Police Department employees as well as participants from outside agencies



THE OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT (OPD) recognizes the exceptional service and heroic actions of the following employees and members of the public who significantly assisted OPD employees with their duties.



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 Robbie Goering-Jensen

Police Life Saving 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.

Recruit Officer Anthony Abboud
 Officer James Barnes
 Officer Nathan Buresh
 Officer Theodore Delezene
 Officer John Dlouhy
 Officer Joshua Downs
 Officer Karl Girard
 Officer Adam Heidesch
 Officer Jeffrey Kilgore

Officer Troy Liebe
 Officer Mike Martin
 Officer Dan Miller
 Officer Aaron Nielsen
 Officer Brendan O’Flynn
 Recruit Officer Robert Seitzer
 Officer Tyler Stricker
 Officer Ann Vos
 Officer Robert Wiley

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.

Captain Michelle Bang
 Lieutenant Jay Leavitt
 Lieutenant Trevor O’Brien
 Sergeant Jennifer Bogdanoff

Sergeant Tina Jennum
 Sergeant Tracy Scherer
 Officer Kristopher Gates
 Admin. Assist. III Mary Rowell



Chief's Letter of Commendation

The Chief's 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.

Lieutenant Mike Stewart	Officer Andrew Freeman	Officer James Shields
Sergeant Meg Fricke	Officer Andrew Kinsey	Officer Karen Snipes
Sergeant Lee Kerniskey	Officer Christopher Perna	Officer Robert Soldo
Detective Chad Simmons	Officer Randy Pignotti	Officer Andrea Wells
Detective Ryan Templeton	Officer James Reisinger	Admin. Assistant III Daneen Robb
Officer Ian Baxter		Secretary I Cindy Zimmerman

Police Ribbon of Unit Excellence

HONOR GUARD

Sergeant Jeremy Christensen
Sergeant Harmon Moss
Sergeant Alan Reyes
Officer Anthony Barnes
Officer Steven Barnes
Officer Michael Belcastro
Officer Rickey Brown
Officer Corey Clements
Officer Leigh Culver
Officer William Dawson
Officer Karl Girard
Officer David Hanzek
Officer Matthew Kelly
Officer Ryan Kilawee
Officer Donald Lucero
Officer Gregory O'Neil
Officer Carlie Potts
Officer Luciano Rizzo
Officer Mitchell Robinson
Officer David Shavlik
Officer Nicholas Sorensen
Officer David Stewart
Officer Joel Strominger
Officer Tammy Swanson
Officer Kevin Vodicka
Officer Brian Wucher
(Ret.) Officer Calvin Harper

GANG UNIT

Captain Richard Gonzalez
Lieutenant Kenneth Kanger
Sergeant Jeremy Christensen
Sergeant George Collins
Sergeant Aaron Hanson
Sergeant Jeffrey Kopietz
Sergeant Todd Kozelichki
Sergeant Laurie Long
Sergeant Daniel martin
Sergeant Russell Petersen
Sergeant Jonathan Waller
Officer Jordan Brandt
Officer Christopher Brown
Officer Theodore Delezene
Officer Patrick Dempsey
Officer Antonio Espejo
Officer Kenneth Fortune
Officer Jason Friedrichsen
Officer Anthony Friend
Officer Chad Frodyma
Officer Jeffrey Gassaway
Officer Brian Gerrity
Officer Gregg Grosoehmig
Officer James Haley
Officer Adolfo Hernandez
Officer Douglas Herout
Officer James Holtmeyer
Officer Roman Hutton

GANG UNIT CONT'D

Officer Adam Kruse
Officer Richard Kyler
Officer Robert Laney
Officer Mickey Larson
Officer Nikki Lasater
Officer Timothy Lasater
Officer Dustin Morris
Officer Brendan O'Flynn
Officer James Paul
Officer Susanne Rupp
Officer Emilio Saldierna
Officer Jeffery Shada
Officer James Shields
Officer Nick Sidzyik
Officer Nicholas Sorensen
Officer Tyler Stricker
Officer Mike Sundermeier
Officer Dale Thomas
Officer Daniel Torres
Officer David Ullery
Officer Lisa Villwok
Officer Jeffrey Wasmund
Officer Robert Wiley
Officer Kimberly Woolery
Officer Nicholas Yarpe
Gang Spec. Alberto Gonzales
Gang Spec. Terrence Mackey



Police Ribbon of Unit Excellence

IT UNIT

Lieutenant James Pauly
Sergeant Ryan McGuire
Officer Craig Wylie
Senior Applications Analyst Joseph Franco
Applications Analyst Luke Taylor
P/T Information Systems Manager -
Donald Truckenbrod

FIREARMS TRAINING SQUAD

(Detailed to Counter-Ambush Training)

Sergeant Jeffrey Baker
Officer Andrew Bensalah
Officer Devin Crinklaw
Officer Jeffrey Crouch
Officer Brian Dembinski
Officer John Gasko
Officer Jonathan Gorden
Officer Sergio Gutierrez
Officer Joseph Koenig
Officer Justyn Riley
Officer Craig Wylie

PAWN/SALVAGE UNIT

Sergeant Tina Jennum
Detective William Fell
Detective Terry Wasmund

RESEARCH & PLANNING UNIT

Lieutenant George Merithew
R&P Supervisor Liddie Daniels
R&P Specialist Ryan Behrens
R&P Specialist Patricia Mendick
R&P Specialist Jessica Turner

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

Lieutenant Darci Tierney
Officer Phillip Anson
Officer Jacob Bettin
Officer Michael Pecha
Officer James Shade
Officer Jessica Swanson
Crime Prevention Coordinator -
Bridget Fitzpatrick

Chief's Letter of Public Appreciation

Mr. James Bankhead
Ms. Ladonna Strong



Letter of Work Well Done

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

Lieutenant Kyle Steffen
 Sergeant Steve Fornoff
 Sergeant Aaron Hanson
 Sergeant Shane Myers
 Sergeant Matthew Rech
 Sergeant Jacob Ritonya
 Officer Anthony Abboud
 Officer Patrick Andersen
 Officer Douglas Arrick
 Recruit Officer Ashley Parker
 Officer Jaimie Baggett
 Officer Anthony Barnes **
 Officer Timothy Bauman
 Officer Alexis Boults
 Officer Heath Brunow
 Recruit Officer Christopher Rich
 Officer Todd Coniglio
 Officer Kristy Cook
 Officer Dillon Dunham
 Officer Kenneth Fortune, III **
 Officer Chad Frodyma
 Officer Jerrod Galloway
 Officer Nicholas Groth
 Officer Sergio Gutierrez **
 Officer Joseph Hall
 Officer Paul Hanson
 Officer Matthew Hirz
 Officer Christy Jaworski
 Recruit Officer Jennifer Turner
 Officer Cole Johannsen **
 Officer Alicia Julian
 Officer Joshua Kelley
 Officer Jason Kennedy
 Officer Justin Knapp
 Officer Shannon Knuth

Officer Charles Kraemer
 Officer Derrick Kreikemeier **
 Officer Joshua Martinec
 Officer Chris Mathis
 Officer Jason Messerschmidt
 Officer Bert Miller
 Officer Christian Mirch
 Officer Adam Moore
 Officer Robert Morton
 Officer James Mosby
 Officer Joseph Negrete
 Officer Bradley Nielsen
 Officer Kevin O’Keefe
 Officer Brandon Ozmun
 Officer Zachary Petrick
 Officer David Preston
 Officer Jeff Quick
 Officer Andrew Ramsey
 Officer Andrew Ray
 Officer William Seaton
 Officer Christopher Smith
 Officer Matthew Stewart
 Officer Michael Sundermeier **
 Officer Austin Taylor
 Officer James Turner
 Officer Stephen Venteicher
 Officer John Villwok
 Officer Jesse Walker
 Officer Jeffrey Wasmund
 Officer Jeremy Wedel **
 Officer Chad Weibers
 Officer Jason Wilhelm
 Officer Joseph Wolf
 Technician Rebecca Learned

**Received Two Letters of Work Well Done



In Memory of Those Who Have Served

In Remembrance

Years of Service

Ret. Officer Robert Mjeldheim	22 years 6 months
Ret. Captain John Mitchell	36 years 7 months
Ret. Sergeant Glenn Steimer	36 years
Ret. Officer Michael Salisbury	25 years 4 months
Ret. Officer William Germer	28 years
Ret. Captain Bernard Mollner	32 years 2 months
Ret. Captain Micael London	35 years 3 months
Ret. Information Services Technician John Meduna	13 years 4 months
Frmr. Crime Prevention Specialist Pamela A. Ehrhart	10 years 11 months
Ret. Clerk Typist II Florence Hansen	18 years 3 months
Ret. Clerk Typist II Sharon Flair	28 years 6 months
Ret. Officer Calvin Dierks	29 years 2 months



Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

In Remembrance End of Watch

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
Gregory K. Hamill	Feb. 19, 2014
Kerrie S. Orozco	May 20, 2015



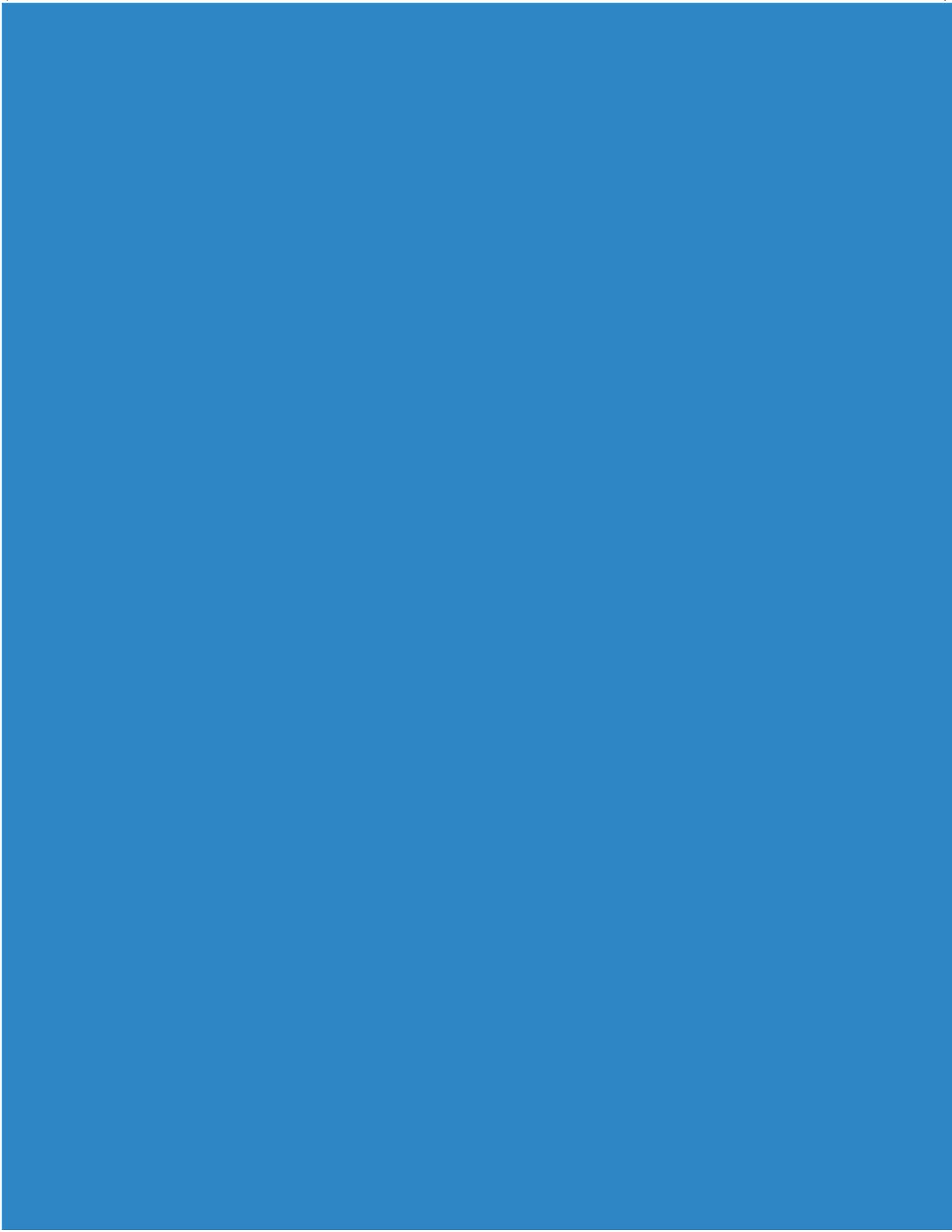


THE OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT
WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE
CITIZENS OF OMAHA,
THE FIRST RESPONDERS FOUNDATION,
THE OMAHA POLICE FOUNDATION,
AND ALL OF OUR
COMMUNITY PARTNERS
KNOWN AND ANONYMOUS
THAT HELP MAKE IT POSSIBLE
FOR US TO EXCEL.



THANK YOU,
WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!





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