

OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2017



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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 2017 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.

Omaha experienced the lowest number of shootings in a decade and experience the second consecutive year the number of homicides have been low. The Omaha Police Department experienced a great amount of success in 2017, including attaining accreditation of our Forensic Investigations Unit.

The following report includes information explaining the day-to-day activities and accomplishments of the Omaha Police Department during the year 2017. 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,

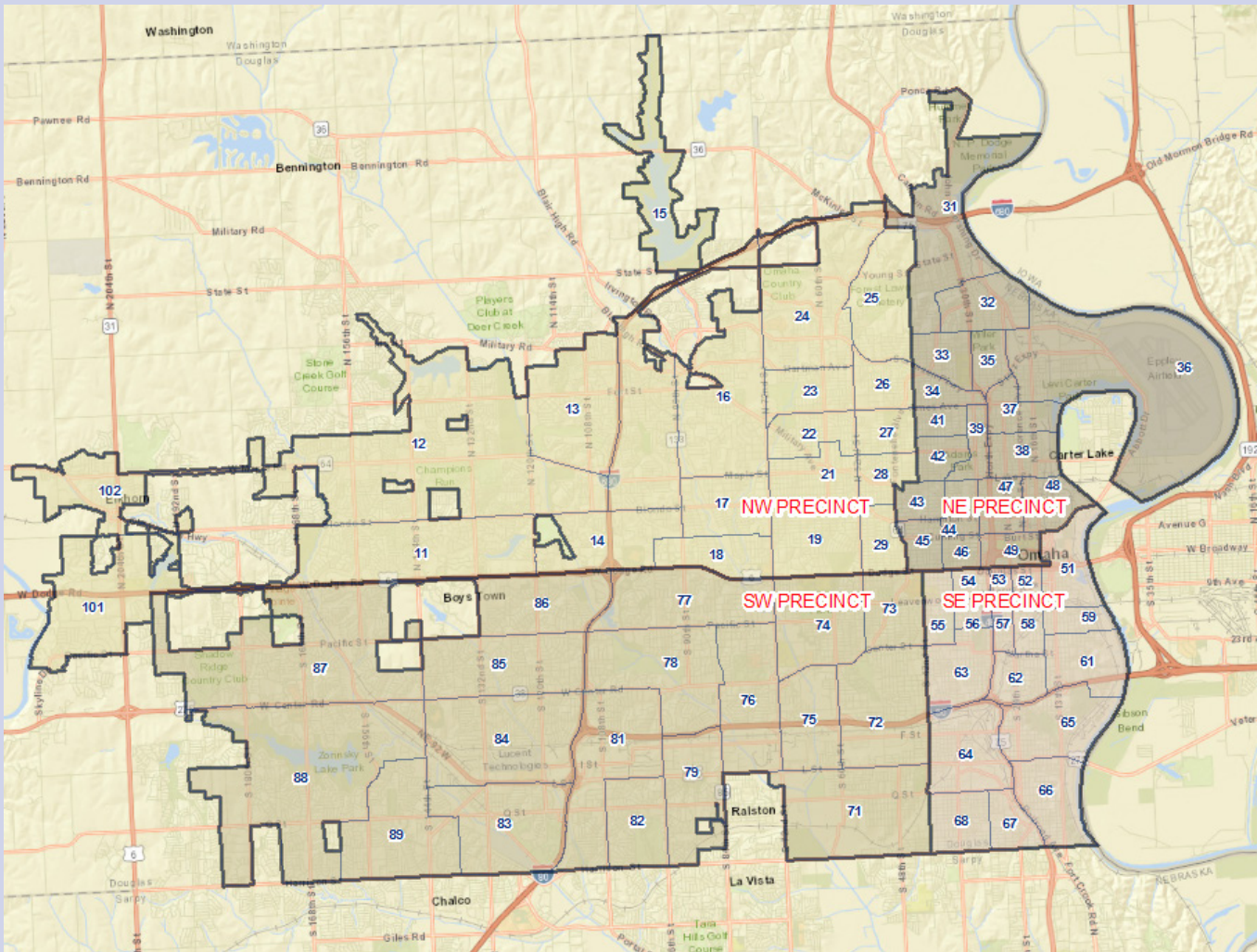
Todd R. Schmaderer
Chief of Police, Omaha Police Department

→ **P**opulation Served: 446,970

→ **L**and Patrolled in Square Miles: 130.6

→ **S**worn Officers: 884

→ **N**on-Sworn Staff: 170



OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Part One Violent Crimes

(Source: Omaha Police Department Crime Analysis Unit)

	2016-2017 CHANGE						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Amt Change	Percent Change
Criminal Homicide	42	32	50	29	30	1	3.45
Forcible Rape*	184	180	174	245	410	165	67.35
Robbery	718	723	655	610	625	15	2.46
Aggravated Assault	1,505	1,523	1,558	1,647	1,843	196	11.9
Burglary	3,509	2,997	2,160	2,111	2,088	-23	-1.09
Larceny-Theft	12,519	12,910	11,558	11,571	11,849	278	2.40
Motor Vehicle Theft	3,080	3,146	2,543	3,125	3,500	375	12

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



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OPD vs. National Average: Property Crimes Clearance Rates (%) 2008-*2017

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
OPD	25	27	26	27	23	22	20	26	31	29
National Avg	17	19	18	19	19	20	20	19	18	*

Includes: Burglary, Larceny – Theft, and Motor Vehicle Theft data as compiled by the OPD Crime Analysis Unit and Research and Planning Unit.

OPD vs. National Average: Violent Crimes Clearance Rates (%) 2008-*2017

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
OPD	46	49	51	51	49	54	57	48	65	65
National Avg	45	47	47	48	47	48	47	46	46	*

Includes: Criminal Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault data as compiled by the OPD Crime Analysis Unit and Research and Planning Unit.

OPD vs. National Average: Criminal Homicide Clearance Rates (%) 2008-*2017

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
OPD	52	50	32	60	46	79	72	72	86	77
National Avg	64	67	65	65	63	64	65	62	59	*

OPD vs. National Average: Forcible Rape Clearance Rates (%) 2008-*2017

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
OPD	35	47	42	56	55	57	51	59	68	61
National Avg	40	41	40	41	40	40	39	36	41	*

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. *2016 is the most recent year for which national clearance rates are available at the time of this report.

OPD vs. National Average: Robbery Clearance Rates (%) 2008-*2017

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
OPD	25	32	34	36	36	42	41	47	53	48
National Avg	27	28	28	29	28	29	30	29	30	*

OPD vs. National Average: Aggravated Assault Clearance Rates (%) 2008-*2017

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
OPD	60	61	63	58	56	59	64	46	69	72
National Avg	55	57	56	57	56	58	56	54	53	*

OPD vs. National Average: Burglary Clearance Rates (%) 2008-*2017

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
OPD	11	11	9	12	9	7	11	14	14	17
National Avg	13	13	12	13	13	13	14	13	13	*

OPD vs. National Average: Larceny - Theft Clearance Rates (%) 2008-*2017

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
OPD	30	32	31	33	28	28	23	29	37	33
National Avg	20	22	21	22	22	22	23	22	20	*

OPD vs. National Average: Motor Vehicle Theft Clearance Rates (%) 2008-*2017

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
OPD	20	19	17	15	15	12	14	25	22	20
National Avg	12	12	12	12	12	14	13	13	13	*

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911 Calls For Police Service

(Source: Omaha Police Department Crime Analysis Unit)

	2016	2017	Amt Change	Percent Change
Daily Call Average	637	665	28	4%
Traffic Stops	38,574	39,596	1,022	3%
Priority I	0:05:48	0:05:48	+0:00:0	+0%
Priority II	0:12:17	0:12:20	+0:00:03	+0%



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



OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES*

884

Sworn

170

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	2	16	1.81%	2.50%
Black	63	10	73	8.26%	13.70%
Hispanic	72	15	87	9.84%	13.10%
Native American	5	2	7	0.79%	.80%
White/Caucasian*	577	124	701	79.30%	68.00%
Total	731	153	884	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.



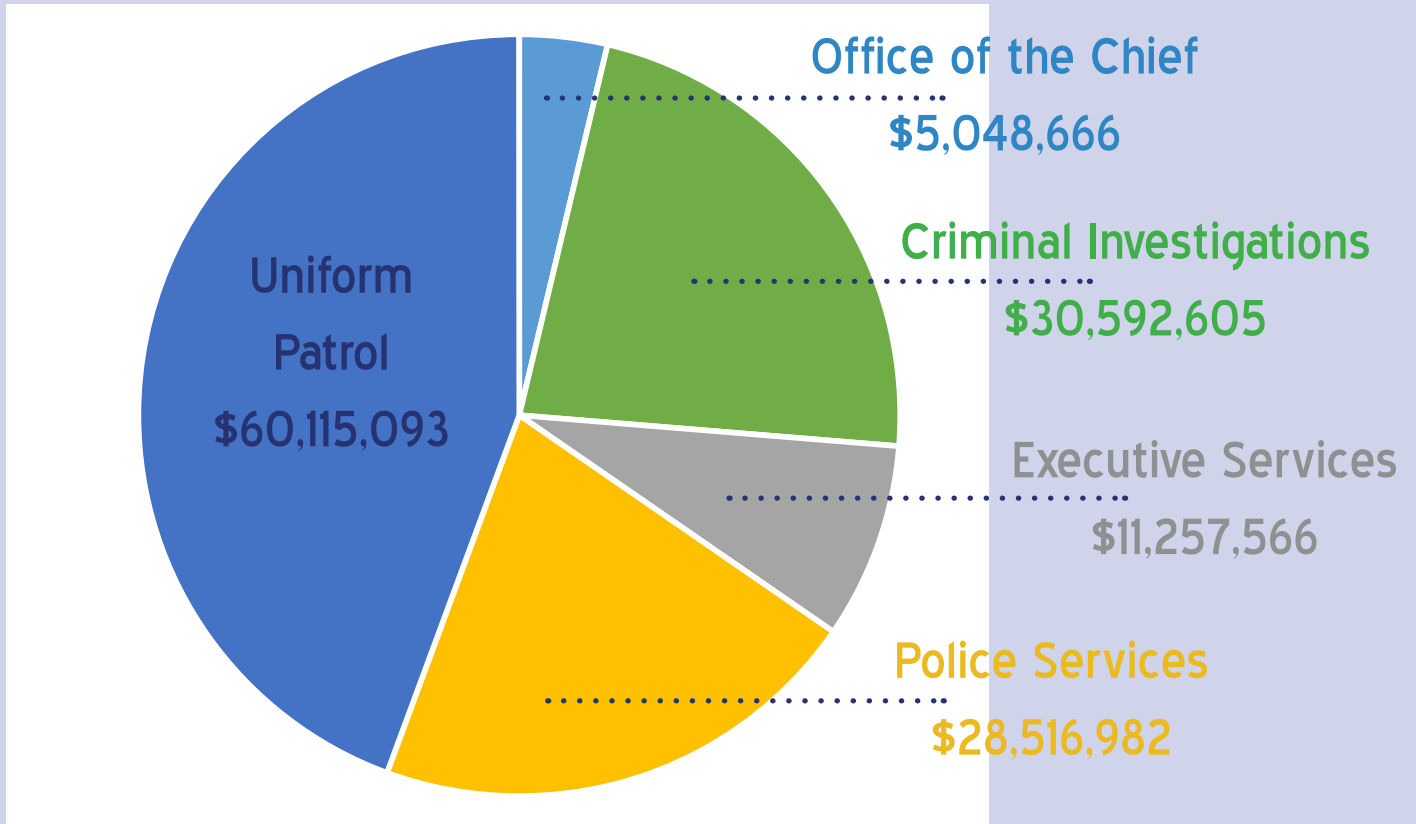


ANSWER THE CALL! - JOIN OPD

2017 Recruit Class Video

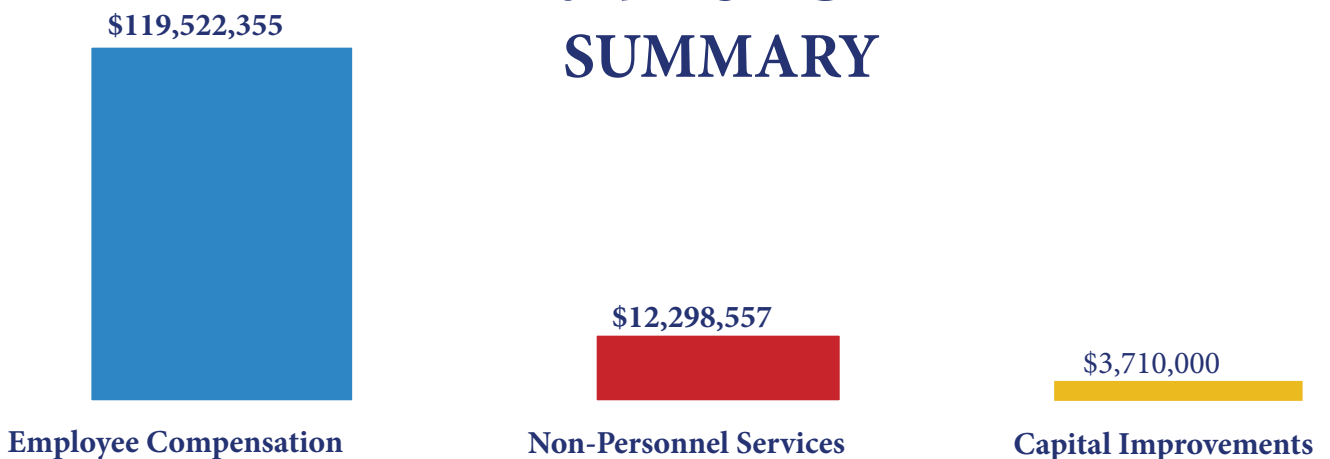


2017 Budget By Bureau

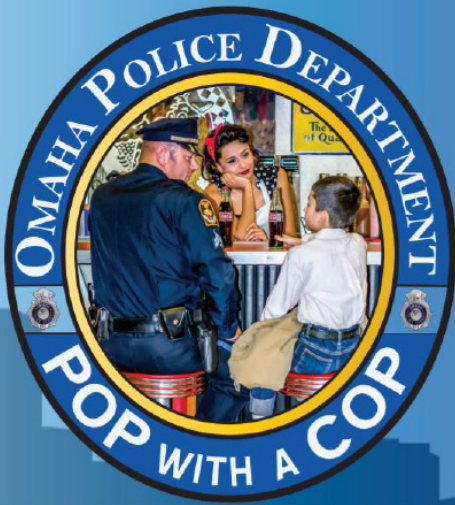


2017 Total Budget \$135,530,912

2017 BUDGET SUMMARY



Appropriated Capital Improvements for the Omaha Police Department for Fiscal Year 2017 totaled \$3,710,000



COME HAVE A POP WITH YOUR LOCAL COPS!
AUGUST 28TH, 4 P.M.



HANGING WITH HEROES
AT THE DURHAM MUSEUM



COP ON A ROOFTOP
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

TRICK-OR-TREAT ON THE BOO-LEVARD

OCTOBER 31ST, 5:30 TO 8 PM
ALONG MINNELUSA BOULEVARD

COME MEET NORTHEAST OFFICERS BETWEEN MARY AND TITUS STREETS FOR CANDY AND STICKERS

Free Event

Everyone is Welcome for activities, safety info, treats & more!

COPS AND BOBBERS

MEET & TREAT

October 28th 4-7pm

Southeast Precinct
25th & Vinton St.

Haunted Precinct candy

Games
Music

FREE Event
Offered by the Southeast Precinct police officers.

Safety information

For more information: ofelia.robles@cityofomaha.org

"Thriller" by South High Dance Dept.

These are just a few of the many community events we hosted in 2017. Check out our Facebook page to see where we will be next!





TODD R. SCHMADERER
CHIEF OF POLICE

PROFESSIONAL OVERSIGHT BUREAU

DEPUTY CHIEF
SCOTT GRAY

INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT

LIEUTENANT DARCI TIERNEY
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

UNION LIAISON

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

DEPUTY CHIEF
MARY NEWMAN

POLICE SERVICES BUREAU

DEPUTY CHIEF
KERRY NEUMANN

UNIFORM PATROL BUREAU

DEPUTY CHIEF
M ELIZABETH DAVIS

EXECUTIVE SERVICES BUREAU

DEPUTY CHIEF
GREGORY GONZALEZ

PROFESSIONAL OVERSIGHT BUREAU

The Professional Oversight Bureau (POB) includes the Internal Affairs Unit and investigates both internal complaints and external complaints brought by citizens.

Formal Citizens Complaints	32*
Total Allegations Investigated	116
Sustained	21
Not Sustained	34
Unfounded	4
Exonerated	57
Court Issue	0

Internal Complaints	69*
Total Allegations Investigated	315
Sustained	218
Not Sustained	48
Unfounded	3
Exonerated	44
No Finding/Court Issue	2

* 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.



Deputy Chief Scott Gray

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 2017, the PIO planned, organized and assisted with the following notable events:

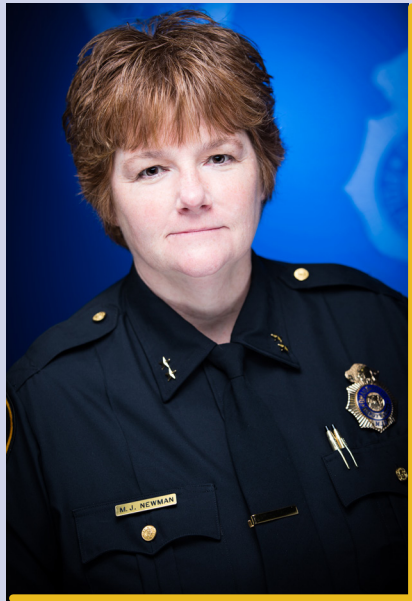
- Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year Luncheon
- Omaha Police Foundation Officer of the Year Luncheon
- Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament
- OPD promotional and retirement ceremonies
- Coffee with a Cop
- Cops and Bobbers
- 9/11 Minute of Silence
- Police Memorial Week
- Blue Mass
- Durham Museum Project



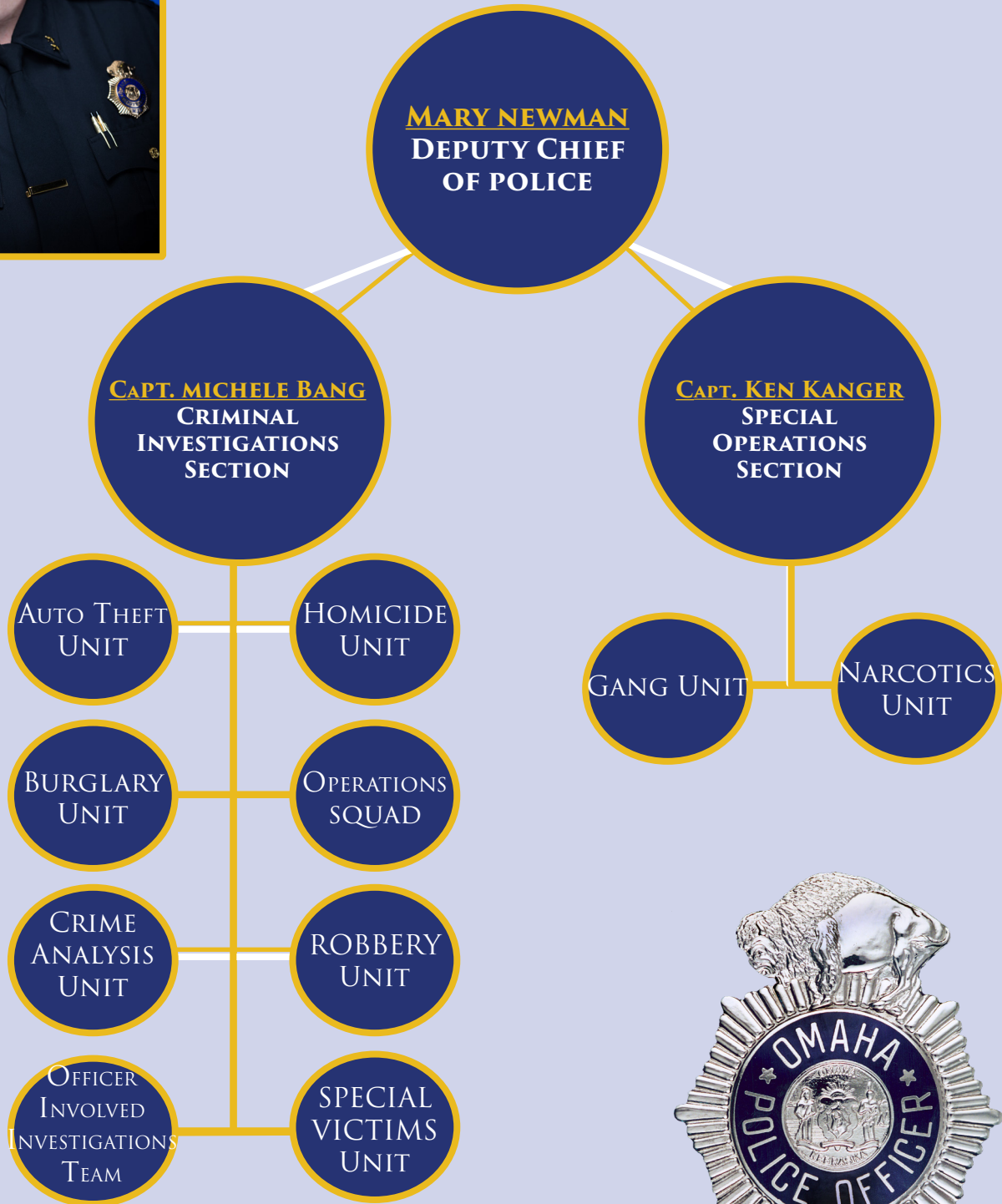
2,291 TIPS
47 ARRESTS
47 CASES CLEARED
\$92,950 REWARDS



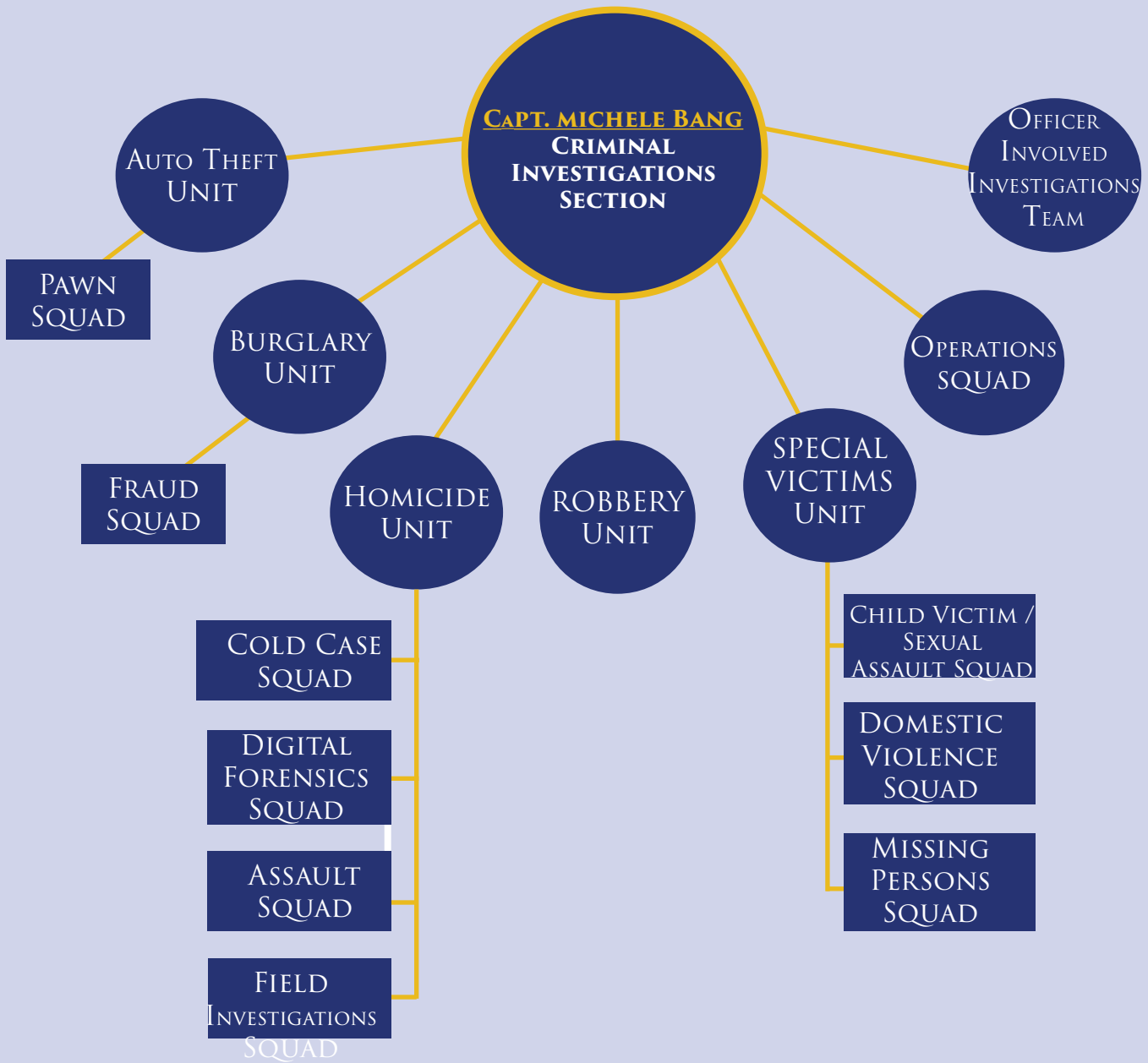
Lt. Darci Tierney



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 Michele Bang and includes the following Units and Squads:



The Auto Theft Unit which includes the Pawn/Salvage Squad had a very busy year. The unit began using the “Leads Online” web based system to track items pawned or sold at local area pawn shops. The system logs merchandise and photos of both the items and the seller. This system allows detectives to search the inventory for stolen items. Use of this system has resulted in the recovery of over \$300,000 worth of merchandise and the arrest of several individuals for theft or possession of stolen items.

2017 AUTO THEFT UNIT

Investigations	Crime
3,376	Stolen Vehicles Reported
617	Felony Thefts
5,452	Misdemeanor Thefts
21%	Stolen Vehicle Reports Cleared

The Burglary Unit was assigned 12,154 cases in 2017, and ended the year with a clearance rate of **17%**. This clearance rate is 7% higher than the national average for similar size cities.

The Burglary Unit piloted a “Retail Crimes Squad” in 2017. This squad contains OPD detectives, local retail loss prevention specialists, other local law enforcement agencies, the Douglas County Attorney, and the City of Omaha Prosecutor. The “Retail Crimes Squad” is using new technology and social media platforms to share information related to retail theft and shoplifting. The squad is making quicker arrests of suspects and is more accurately enhancing charges filed as a result of the sharing of “real time” information. The social media use has also put a dent in “Booster” activity. Boosters take orders for goods, shop lift the items on order, and then sell to the items to the shoppers at a reduced price.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES ASSIGNED 12,154

Burglary Cases	1,741
Theft Cases	6,835
Destruction of Property Cases	2,718
Fraud Squad Cases	860
Number of Cases Cleared	5,335
Persons Interviewed	5,932
Victims	2,811

2017 NOTABLE EVENTS IN THE CIS, CONTINUED

The Homicide Unit investigated **30** homicides in 2017. Arrests were made in 19 of these homicides. The Unit also cleared four homicides from previous years and solved two cold cases. The year end clearance rate was **77%**, well above the national average.

2017 HOMICIDE UNIT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Homicides Investigated in 2017	30
Arrests made in 2017 Homicide Cases	19
Clearances in Homicides Prior to 2017	4
2017 Homicide Clearance Rate	77%

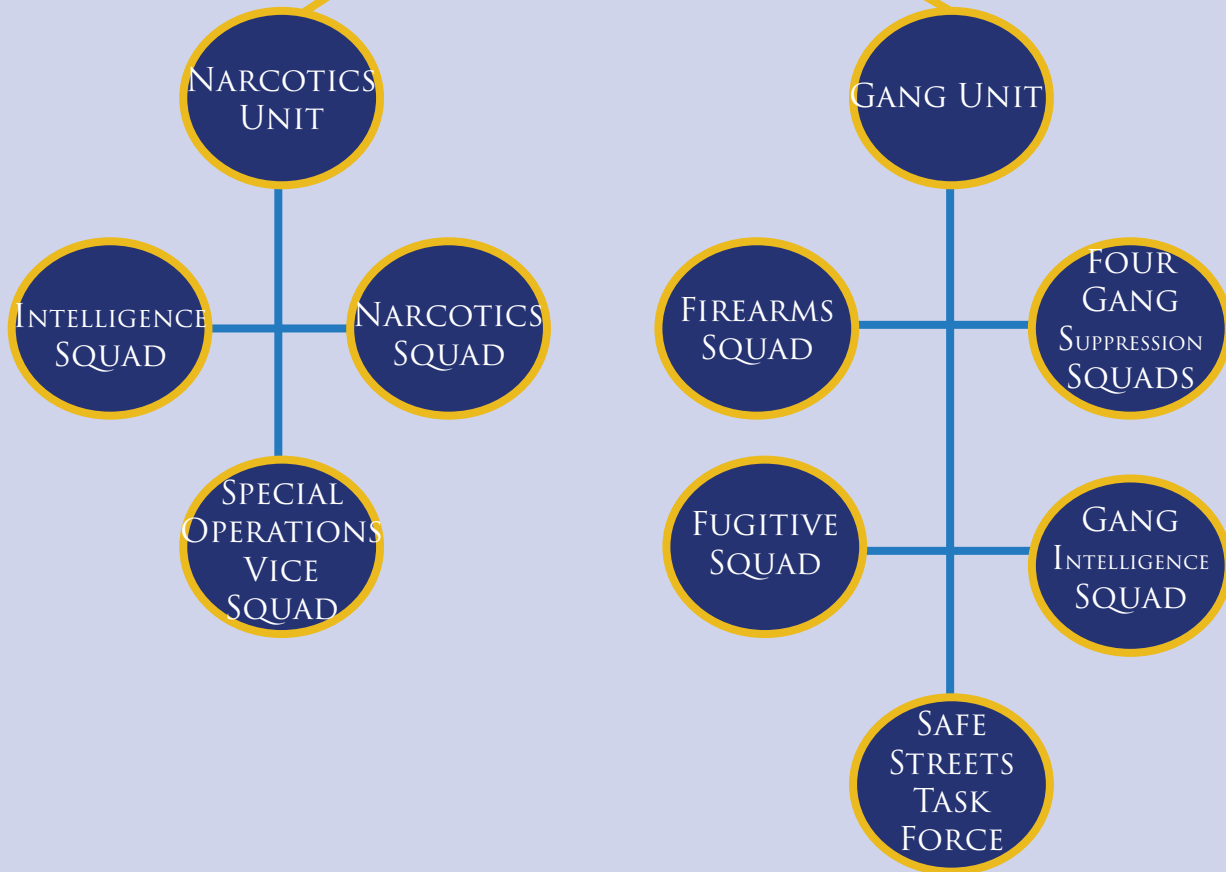
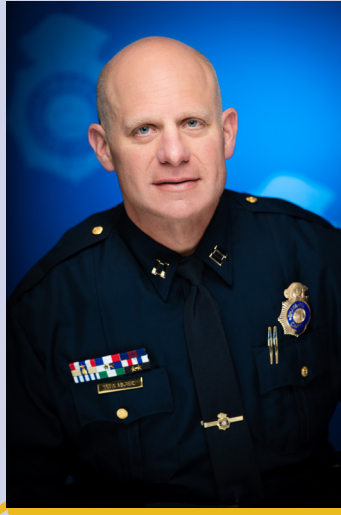
The Robbery Unit ended 2017 with a clearance rate of **48%**, far exceeding the national average of **30%**. During 2017 several members of the Robbery Unit received letters of Work Well Done, and two members of the unit were nominated for the Omaha Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year Award, for their work on a bank robbery task force.

2017 TOTAL ROBBERY CASES BY LOCATION TYPE	625
Highway (Streets, Alleys)	227
Commercial	68
Gas or Service Station	66
Convenience Store	39
Residence	110
Bank	21
Miscellaneous	94

The Special Victims Unit (SVU) includes the Child Victim & Sexual Assault Squad, the Domestic Violence Squad and the Missing Persons Squad. The unit specializes in trauma informed investigations including children as victims, partnership violence, and sexual assault. The SVU is led by a lieutenant and six sergeants. In 2017 the Domestic Violence Squad relocated to Project Harmony in order to increase the access and availability of services for victims. Also in 2017 the SVU Lieutenant formed a new partnership linking service providers and the Missing Persons Unit to focus on at-risk runaways. The partners are working to decrease chronic runaways and to identify victims of other crimes, notably child abuse and child sex assault.

2017 SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT	
Investigations	Crime
5,494	Domestic Violence
2,000	Crimes Against Children
400+	Sexual Assault to Victims over 16 Years Old
3,000+	Missing Children

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



The Narcotics Unit saw an increase in overdoses in 2017 due to the rise of illegal fentanyl and synthetic fentanyl products into the Omaha Metro Area. Overdoses both reported and unreported to police increased in 2017. The fentanyl products that were being sold and consumed in Omaha were a direct cause of many of these overdoses.

The Narcotics Unit focused on investigations into illegal fentanyl distribution organizations. These investigations resulted in the arrest and federal indictment of several large scale fentanyl distributors. Officers in the Unit also focused on the street level users of the fentanyl products. Through arrests, working with the Douglas County Drug court, and local treatment referrals, Officers were able to address both the “Supply” and the “Demand” side of the illegal fentanyl issue.

2017 SPECIAL NARCOTICS OPERATIONS

Operation	Arrests	Seized Illegal Substance
January	4	4 lbs methamphetamine (meth), and 3 Firearms
September	2	12 lbs meth
October	2	17 lbs of meth

The Omaha Police Department received a donation of hundreds of doses of Naloxone HCl (Narcan). The department distributed these doses to Officers throughout the department. Once administered, Narcan immediately counteracts the effects of fentanyl.

As part of the Narcotic’s Unit continued effort to reach out to the Uniform Patrol Bureau (UPB) by doing roll call briefings, the department saw an increase in UPB notifications to the Narcotics Unit after arrests. The department also saw a dramatic increase in calls for assistance prior to arrests. The Narcotics Unit will continue to foster this relationship with UPB in the coming year and expect even better results.

From August to December of 2017 the Narcotics Unit took the lead in an effort to educate area law enforcement agencies, first responders, private security companies, and area schools about the danger of fentanyl and proper handling and treatment options. Narcotics Unit Officers presented educational information at meetings and continuing education classes for these organizations. Topics included how to recognize fentanyl and fentanyl products, how to safely handle suspected fentanyl, how to avoid accidental exposure to fentanyl, and how to administer first aid/medical procedures to those effected by suspected fentanyl.

Also, in an effort to continue to educate the unit and the department, the Narcotics Unit attended a local symposium that was held at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Campus. The seminar was attended not only by local Law Enforcement but by professionals in the fields of medicine and education. Topics covered included but were not limited to Fentanyl abuse and identification, current trends in prescription pill abuse, addiction treatment as well as many other related topics. Members of the Narcotics Unit were able to network with local professionals and garner future resources. Additionally, the unit was able to pass on current “in the field” lessons that we had learned and made ourselves available as resources.

Officers from the Narcotics Unit conducted an investigation into the illegal manufacture and distribution of fentanyl products in the Omaha Metro area. During this investigation officers were able to identify the main Omaha manufacturer and supplier. It is believed this manufacturer/supplier was responsible for most of the fentanyl products being illegally used in the Omaha Metro area. It was determined that the fentanyl made and distributed by this organization was responsible for several overdoses in Omaha and Council Bluffs. The investigation led to the arrest and Federal indictment of the local manufacture and the arrest and Federal Indictment of the upper level distributors for the organization. Over two pounds of Omaha made fentanyl products were seized. Officers were also able to seize firearms and cash from this organization. This investigation resulted in the complete annihilation of the main fentanyl distribution organization in Omaha.

The Narcotics Unit also conducted an investigation into a local Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) that had direct ties to Mexican Cartel Members. In fact, the organization was being directed by an individual who resided. As a result of continued effort two separate sizable seizures were done. One involved 11 pounds of Methamphetamine and the other 17 pounds. As a result of these seizures, The Narcotics Unit was able to make 4 arrests which subsequently resulted in federal indictments on drug trafficking charges. Follow up is currently being done to locate the individual based in Mexico and to take him into custody.

2017 SPECIAL OPERATIONS VICE SQUAD NOTABLES		
Special Operation	Number of Arrests	Crime
Coordinated Operation with FBI Child Exploitation Task Force	9	Prostitution/Solicitation/Felony Pandering
Coordinated Operation with FBI Child Exploitation Task Force	11 Misdemeanor / 2 Felony	Prostitution/Solicitation/Felony Pandering
Mandan Park	3	Lewd Conduct
CWS Operation	12	Scalping
National Human Trafficking	17 Misdemeanor / 2 Felony	Prostitution/Solicitation/Felony Pandering

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 2017 successfully vetted and investigated fourteen guardian terroristic threats. The squad was proactive in completing and issuing fourteen different officer safety and situational awareness bulletins after receiving, gathering, and organizing information from different sources. These bulletins are crucial to officer safety and keep the department informed regarding threats, individuals, and situations. The squad assisted with security during Vice President Joe Biden's visit at the grand opening of the Buffet Cancer Center. The squad also provided situational information regarding local protests and rallies that were sparked from national

The **G**ang Unit had another award winning year and received the prestigious Omaha Police Department Unit of Excellence Ribbon. Officers in the unit also received multiple individual awards including 3 Life Saving Medals, a Metropolitan Chiefs' Association Award for Leadership, a Community Impact Award, Congressional recognition by Congressman Don Bacon as the first Omaha Citizen to receive a Hispanic Awareness Month Award, 2017 NAACP Freedom Fight Award, and six Letters of Commendation.

The Gang Unit participated in many operations in 2017, including Operation Brass Catcher which targeted illegal firearms, drugs and gang members. The operation was a joint effort by the OPD Gang Unit and the ATF Task Force.

2017 OPERATION BRASS CATCHER

Arrests	27
Illegal Substances	15 pounds of marijuana, crack cocaine, cocaine, and meth
Cash Seized	\$10,000
Firearms Seized	40

The **F**ugitive Squad kept busy in 2017 and was able to take many criminals off the streets of Omaha. The squad increased arrests from 282 in 2016 to 368 in 2017, an increase of **30.4%**. The squad also assisted the Metro Fugitive Task Force in a 12 hour search for a serial rape suspect in Sarpy County. This search resulted in the apprehension and arrest of suspect.

The **F**irearms Squad executed many special operations throughout the year, targeting illegal firearms, drugs and gang members. The Firearms Squad, alongside OPD's Bomb Unit, participated in the 2017 Firearms & Gun Amnesty program. A total of 82 firearms were recovered, which included 45 handguns and 37 long guns. Also 1000 pounds of ammunition, 800 pounds of fireworks, and 100 pounds of loose powders were surrendered.

The **S**afe Streets Task Force (SSTF) also executed special operations throughout the year. One notable operation was "Operation Boyz Town" which targeted narcotics trafficking of the MBC Gang in the Omaha metro area.

2017 SSTF OPERATION BOYZ TOWN

Arrested and awaiting sentencing	15
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The Gang Suppression Squads assisted by the Gang Intelligence Squad kept active and engaged in the city of Omaha. The squads assisted with Operation Brass Catcher, a coordinated effort with the ATF Task Force and Gang Unit.

In 2017 the Gang Intelligence Squad and Gang Suppression Squad assisted the department's Information Technology Unit in its efforts to create a new Intelligence Tracking System that will collect gang intelligence and be used department wide. The new system is expected to be launched in 2018.

The Gang Suppression Squad attended many community events including Cops & Bobbers, Trick or Treat at the Southeast Precinct, Blue Holiday at South High School, Coached PACE baseball and softball teams, National Night Out, Cinco de Mayo festival, Shop with a Cop, and Raw Dogs.

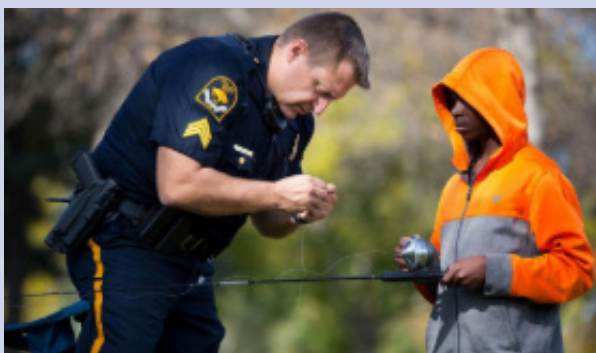
2017 GANG SUPPRESSION AND INTELLIGENCE

Community Events and Visits	463
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The Gang Unit is one of the most community 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 2017 the Gang Unit participated in 463 community events. A few of the events attended:

- Cops & Bobbers
- P.A.C.E. Athletic baseball, flag football, and after school programs
- Gun/Fireworks Amnesty Event
- Compassion in Action Raw Dawgs Gang Prevention Program
- National Night Out
- Back to School Bash
- Breaking Down Barriers - Boys and Girls Club Event
- Southeast Precinct Halloween Event Meet and Treat
- Blue Holiday at South High School
- Cinco de Mayo Festival

P.A.C.E. BASEBALL WWW.PACEOMAHA.ORG



THE UNIFORM PATROL BUREAU (UPB) is commanded by Deputy Chief M. Elizabeth Davis and provides 24 hour police patrol services to the City of Omaha.



Capt. Thomas Shaffer was interim Acting Deputy Chief at the end of 2017.



M ELIZABETH DAVIS
DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

CAPT. KATHERINE BELCASTRO-GONZALEZ
SOUTHEAST PRECINCT

CAPT. MARK MATUZA
NORTHEAST PRECINCT

CAPT. COLENE HINCHEY
SOUTHWEST PRECINCT

CAPT. MARCIA WEST
NORTHWEST PRECINCT

MOUNTED PATROL SQUAD

RIVER-FRONT PATROL SQUAD

TRAFFIC UNIT

CANINE UNIT

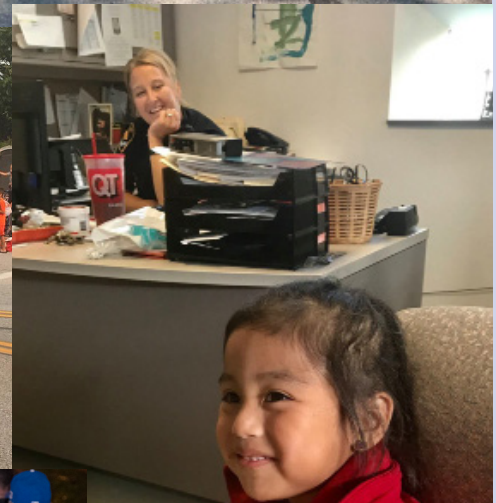




THE SOUTHEAST PRECINCT (SE) IS COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN KATHERINE BELCASTRO-GONZALEZ and is one of the busiest precincts in the City of Omaha, encompassing 15 square miles, comprised of over 70,000 residents and home to 188 Neighborhood Watch groups.

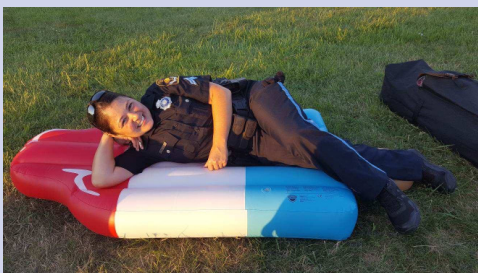
Officers of the SE Precinct continue to successfully patrol, interact with, and forge meaningful relationships with very diverse groups of people living in the community. The SE Precinct has historically enjoyed a culturally diverse population including Polish, Italian, Czech, Lithuanian, Irish, and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

Officers have developed lasting partnerships that help create a strong community. These partnerships 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 catalysts 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. A few of the events attended are listed below:

- **Olympic Swim Trials**
- **Easter Egg Hunt - Bob Campos Field** - The Latino Peace Officer Association (LPOA) celebrated their 16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. There were over 36,000 eggs filled with candy, Police demos, bouncy house, food and prizes in which hundreds of families participated.
- **Community Garden** - The Southeast Precinct began prepping the soil in March and planting in early May for the "Officer Don Hill" community garden. A community garden increases a sense of community ownership and brings people together from all backgrounds. The vegetables from the garden were taken to the neighborhood schools in the area for the families.
- **Coffee with a Cop** - Coffee with a Cop took place on October 4th at No More Empty Cups on 1502 S. 10th. There were approximately 20 participants who visited with the officers during the event. Coffee with a Cop and Pop with a Cop is a simple concept that allows the Police and the community to come together in an informal and neutral place with no barriers to discuss community issues, build relationships and get to know each other over a cup of coffee or pop.
- **Pop with a Cop** - The POP with a COP event this year took place on May 30th at Christie Heights Park, 37th & P Sts. The event was done in conjunction with the PACE program's enrollment day. Several families participated in the event after signing up their child for the summer youth sports program.
- **KOP (Kids Omaha Police) Academy** - The KOP Academy was offered for the third year through the KROC Center's Camp KROC program from July 10-14. This is a summer week long camp for elementary/middle school age youth to participate and learn about police work. The KOP Academy presents issues that affect this age group such as bullying, and gangs. It gives kids an opportunity to see what officers really do as opposed to what they see on TV. Approximately 60 students who completed the program.
- **Citizen Police Academy** - The Citizen Police Academy has been offered for over 19 years in the Southeast precinct. In 2017 the academy was eighteen hours long and was held during the summer. The total number of hours for the program is eighteen hours long. The Academy is designed to educate the community about the Omaha Police Department. This six week program gave 19 participants a chance to learn first-hand procedures and policies followed by police. The participants experienced hands-on police scenarios, tours of the police barn and training academy and demonstrations.
- **S.A.F.E. (Safety Awareness Fitness & Education)** - The S.A.F.E event was on June 3rd in 2017 from at KROC Center. This was the 15th annual event and featured Omaha Police Department's ABLE 1, Mounted Patrol, ERU, Gang units, the Omaha Fire Department's Smoke House, Nebraska State Patrol, and others. There were lots of fun activities including a clown, music, prizes, food etc. Over 20 agencies provided valuable and important information for the families in our community to stay safe over the summer. This event helps the officers to engage in a positive manner with the youth and families.
- **NCAA Baseball College World Series**
- **NCAA Home-Run Derby**



The Mounted Patrol has five Uniform Patrol officers and one civilian employee and is commanded by a sergeant.

The Mounted Patrol takes every opportunity to support the Uniform Patrol Bureau in all precincts with community events. Some of the 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
- Holiday Lights Festival



THE NORTHEAST PRECINCT (NE) IS COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN MARK MATUZA and is one of the busiest precincts in the City of Omaha, covering 22 square miles, with over 53,000 residents and 123 Neighborhood Watch groups.

The NE Precinct attended more than 190 meetings focused on community partnerships in 2017. NE participated in the Empowerment Network, attended the Neighborhood USA Conference, the Youth Citizen’s Academy, the American Heart Association’s Power to End Stroke Walk, the Juneteenth Parade, and the Trick or Treat on the Boulevard. The precinct also hosted a community conversation regarding Straw Purchasing.



During 2017 the Northeast Precinct attended and hosted many community events including:

Native Omaha Days - Over 5,000 people gathered for this event. UPB and the Gang Unit officers patrolled up and down 24th Street and engage the community on foot to make the event a safe one. It is a biennial event and has been with the North Omaha community since the mid 1970’s. The celebration takes place for an entire week in August.



Fun in the Park - Captain Matuza and NE Precinct officers engaged with over 500 kids at Miller Park. Free activities consisted of swimming, golfing, public safety displays. Kids were treated to hot dogs and refreshments. Fifty bikes and helmets were given away to kids between the ages of 5 and 15. Officers from UPB, the Gang Unit, Mounted Patrol, and the Able 1 Helicopter Unit were on site.



Cops-N-Bobbers - Children (over 100 kids) from all over the city fish with cops. Officers donate their time to be part of this community event at the Benson Lagoon in October- the event is facilitated by the Northeast Precinct. Free hot dogs lunch are provided from the Salvation Army (donated by Hy-Vee). All the rod and reels are donated from “SCHEELS”.



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. A few of the events attended included:

- Pop With A Cop
- North Omaha Neighborhood Alliance
- Harmony Week
- Juneteenth Parade
- Fun in the Park
- Coffee With A Cop
- Cops-n-Bobbers
- Summer Block Party/Youth Summer Program
- Trick or Treat on the Boo-levard
- Christmas In The Village
- Salvation Army Adopt A Family



THE SOUTHWEST (SW) PRECINCT IS COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN COLENE HINCHEY 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 with citizens, and further the community outreach goals of the Omaha Police Department.



The SW Precinct spent 2017 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



SOME OF SW PRECINCT'S FUN TIMES IN 2017



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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 2017 the Northwest Precinct attended 280 community meetings. The precinct worked to create a strong relationship with refugee communities and gathered more contacts for advocates and leaders in the refugee community.

The precinct’s Crime Prevention Specialist organized a six week Citizen Academy training program allowing 32 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 2017. 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.

NW officers attended 28 National Night Out events throughout the precinct. The officers were able to meet and mingle with neighbors throughout northwest Omaha. Building relationships between the neighborhood residents police makes for a safer community.

The NW precinct Crime Prevention Specialist coordinated a Trunk or Treat event where candy was handed out to over 2,000 youth.



The Northwest Precinct spent 2017 engaging with the citizens of northwest Omaha. The officers in the precinct were able to attend many community events, including:

- Concordia Academy Police and Fire Appreciation Breakfast
- Goodwill Trunk or Treat
- Bank of the West Concert
- Elkhorn Support the Girls Breast Cancer Awareness Event
- OPD/OHA Meetings
- Memorial Park 9/11 Event
- Neighborhood Watch Meetings
- Citizen Education Training Program
- Pop with a Cop
- NW Precinct PAC meetings
- Omaha 360
- Empowerment Network Meetings
- National Night Out
- Retail Theft Coalition Meetings
- NUSA Conference
- DEA Drug Take-Back (x2)
- Coffee with a Cop events
- Omaha Refugee Task Force Meetings and Legal Subcommittee Meetings
- Hy-Vee Super Hero Day
- Refugee Community Outreach Meetings and Presentations
- Neighborhood Association Meetings
- Islamic Center of Omaha Open Houses
- OCCP Meetings
- St. Vincent De Paul Kids Crossing Event
- Omaha Bike Rack Event
- Boys and Girls Club Events
- Fontenelle Park Clean Up
- Benson Days Parade
- Eagles Nest Summer Fun Dayz
- NHS Walk for the Animals
- Memorial Park Veterans Day Event
- Ready in 5 Holiday Party
- Dundee Days and Parade
- Elkhorn Days and Parade



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

The OPD Canine Unit serves the citizens of Omaha by performing patrol and narcotics detection duties. The patrol duties call for the K9 teams to search for, locate and apprehend potentially dangerous suspects who have fled or are hiding from officers. These duties require that the human officers and their canine partners take the lead in dangerous searches in many types of environments. The narcotics detection duties have the officers utilizing the highly trained canines to sniff for, alert and indicate to the odor of illegal drugs.

The officers and canines have undergone extensive training to be effective at their jobs, and continually train to maintain a high level of efficiency in performance of their duties. These canine teams are often called upon to assist other units within OPD such as; Uniform Patrol Officers, Criminal Investigation Detectives and the SWAT team. OPD canine teams also work successfully with outside law enforcement agencies such as; the Drug Enforcement Agency, Homeland Security, US Marshalls and others. The OPD Canine Unit assists other local law enforcement agencies in training and certifying their police service dog teams to meet state police service dog standards.

The OPD Canine Unit assists with the training of new police recruits in the Omaha Police Training Academy. Subjects taught include: Vehicle searches, criminal interdiction, perimeter containment and suspect searching tactics.

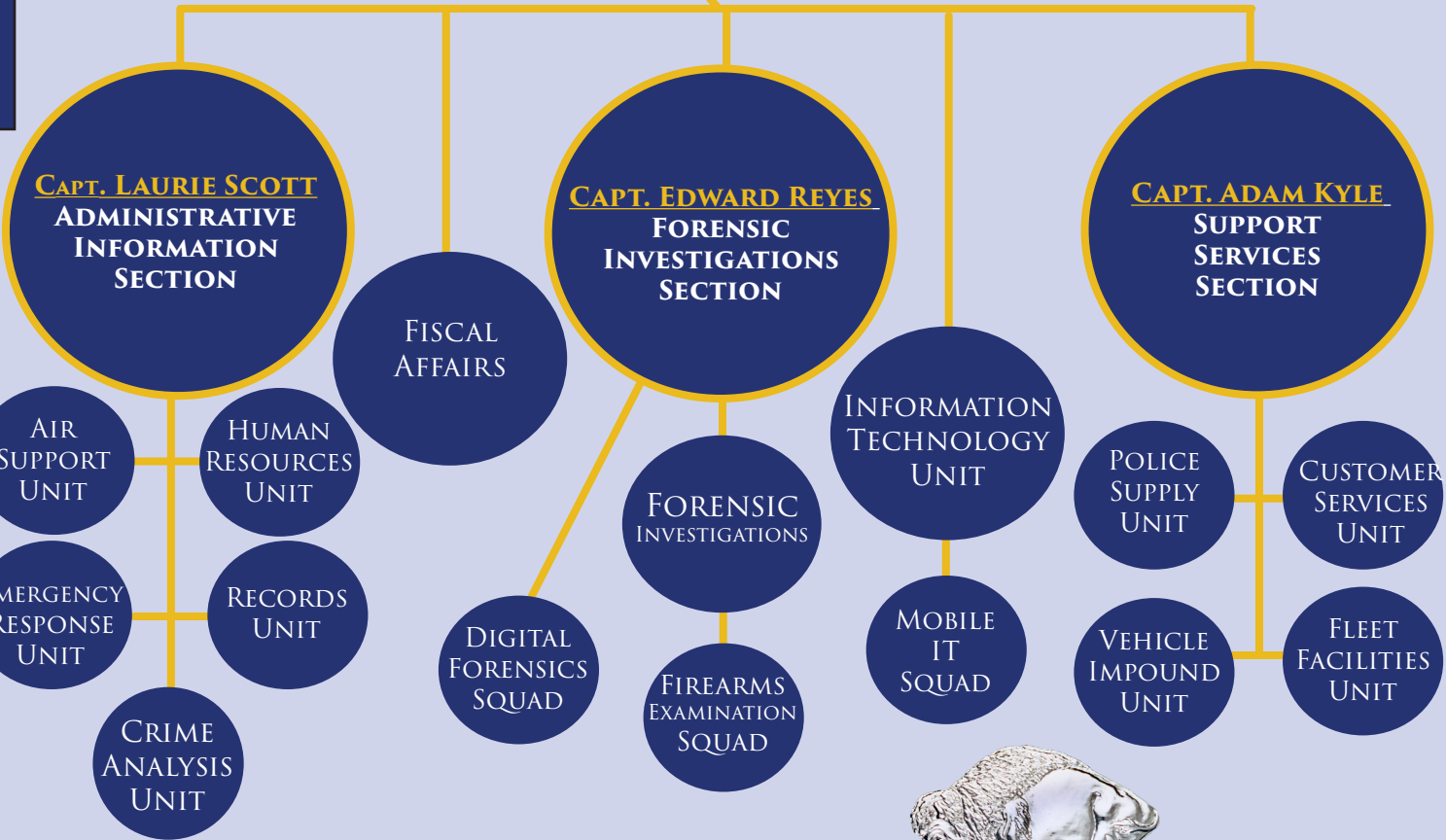
Members of the OPD Canine Unit attended multiple community events in 2017, where they conducted canine demonstrations and spoke with the public. Events included:

- Numerous citizens academies
- FBI Executive Shoot
- Demonstrations at local schools and universities (Creighton, UNO, Millard North HS).
- Tyler “The Donut Boy”
- The Goertz Family Fundraising
- The Kobus Memorial Statue Dedication
- Northeast Precinct Teen Summit
- Ronald McDonald House Visit

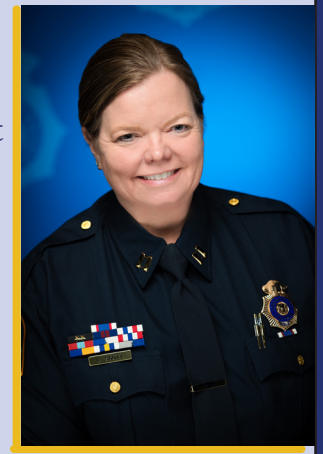
2017 CANINE UNIT STATISTICS	
Calls for service	2,875
Arrests (felony & misdemeanor)	1,158
Interstate contacts (traffic stops)	920
Searches for suspects with K9	259
Firearms recovered	46
Drug searches by K9	234
Canine demonstrations/appearances	50
Marijuana seized	513.51 lbs.
Methamphetamine seized	30.12 lbs.
Cocaine seized	38.2 lbs.

On March 10th, 2017 OPD Canine Officer Jeff Vaughn stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. During the stop nearly \$800,000 of currency suspected to be tied to drug activity was seized. Further investigation involved working with the Drug Enforcement Administration and led to multiple arrests and seizures of drugs, firearms, and additional currency.

THE POLICE SERVICES BUREAU (PSB) is commanded by Deputy Chief Kerry Neumann and includes the Administrative Information Section, Forensic Investigations Section, Information Technology Unit, Support Services Section, and Fiscal Affairs.



THE ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION SECTION (AIS) is commanded by Captain Laurie Scott 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 2017 the Air Support Unit participated in 29 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.

2017 AIS - AIR SUPPORT UNIT

Air Support	2016	2017	% Change
Flight Hours	990	901	-9%
Calls For Service	9,750	10,130	+4%
Officer-Initiated	5,365	6,599	+23%
Radio Calls	1,154	1,146	-1%
Assignments	3,231	2,385	-26%
Pursuits	81	103	+27%
Vehicle	38	51	+34%
Foot	45	52	+21%
Outside Agency Assistance	92	79	-14%
Unit Presentations	48	29	-40%



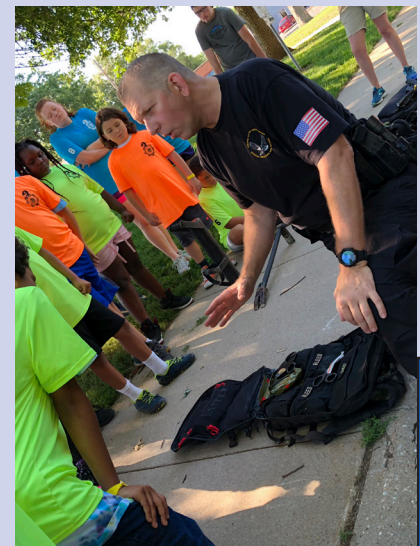
The Emergency Response Unit (ERU) includes the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, Bomb Response Squad, Bomb Dog Squad, and Crisis Negotiations Team.

In 2017 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, and provided support to the Secret Service for vice presidential visits.

The ERU worked with the OPD Research and Planning Unit to secure grant funding in 2017 which allowed the unit to source a new Mobile Command and Communication Center (MCC). The ERU will take delivery of the MCC in 2018. This new MCC equips the unit with a better response capability during natural and man-made disasters, critical incidents that require immediate tactical response, hostage and barricade situations, as well as heavily attended public events.



The members of the Bomb Response Team, Bomb K-9 Teams and SWAT also attended numerous community events throughout the year. These include the Citizens Police Academies for the OPD Precincts, numerous Summer Camps, the 16th Annual Safety Awareness Fitness and Education Event, as well as the First Responder Scout Day/Action Day at the Public Safety Training Center.



ERU - EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT	
Bomb Response Team	
2017	
Calls For Service:	35
Explosive/Suspicious Devices	14
Took Possession of:	
Recovered Fireworks	1,000 lbs.
Firearms	57
Ammunition	800 lbs.
SWAT Team	
Calls For Service:	154
High Risk Warrant Entries	125
Barricade Subject Incidents	8
Dignitary Protection	2
High Risk Deployment Operations	19
Completed Firearms and Tactics Training	176 Hours
Crisis Negotiation Team	
Calls For Service:	13
Barricaded Subjects/Hostage Situations	10
High Element Jumpers	2
Suicidal Person Calls	2
Hostage Situation	1

The Records Unit - Records Squad processed 16,853 police reports that were purchased by the public, 4,347 reports provided to other government agencies, and processed 6,072 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.

2017 AIS - RECORDS UNIT-RECORDS SQUAD	
Police Reports Purchased by the Public	16,853
Reports Provided to Other Government Agencies	4,347
Criminal History Requests Processed	6,072

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. This unit maintains and develops the Omaha Police Department's (OPD) Information Technology Systems, Records Management System, and Mobile Data Computers. Also in 2017, the IT Unit received funding to create a new Intelligence Tracking System for the department's Gang Unit. This new system will provide real-time gang related information to Gang Unit officers, UPB officers, and other local area law enforcement agencies. The IT Unit is working to have this new system fully implemented by the end of 2018.

The Mobile Information Technology (MIT) Unit reports directly to the Police Services Bureau (PSB) Deputy Chief. In 2017 the MIT Unit assisted the Omaha Police Department in its deployment of body worn cameras city-wide across all three police shifts, adding an extra layer of transparency for the department. The department estimates that all UPB and specialty unit officers will be equipped with body worn cameras by the end of 2019.





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	
Street Calls	5,829
Crime Scene Photographs Taken	188,341
Fingerprints Developed	994

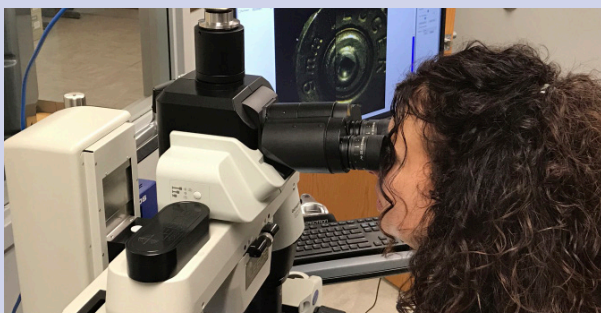
The FIS experienced an historic year of professional development, growth in staffing, and advances in forensic capabilities during 2017.

In October, the OPD FIS achieved ISO/IEC 17020 Accreditation for Forensic Science in the areas of crime scene investigation and documentation, latent print examination, evidence collection, 3D measurement and forensic mapping, presumptive testing, and incident reconstruction. This was the culmination of approximately 2 years of work by the entire Forensics Investigations Section. For this accomplishment, the entire FIS section was awarded the OPD Ribbon of Excellence.

During the year, five new Forensic Trainees were hired. All of the new Trainees completed the first fully ISO Accredited course of in-house training ever offered by FIS. This group is the second largest class of incoming Forensic Trainees ever hired. Despite the enormous challenge of simultaneously training the full group with FIS staff alone, all Trainees were assigned mentors, began field training, and were on their way to independent crime scene work prior to the end of 2017.

A number of equipment acquisitions throughout the year added to the capability of the FIS. The generosity of the Omaha Police Foundation assisted in the acquisition of a Mobile Crime Scene Response Vehicle. The Omaha Police Foundation was entirely responsible for the addition of a second comparison microscope for the Firearms Examination Squad and an updated 3D laser scanner for forensic mapping of crime scenes.

The Digital Forensics Squad (DFS) was also added to the FIS under the command of Captain Reyes. These officers perform forensically sound acquisitions of digital data from all types of electronic devices. DFS officers then assist investigators and the courts in understanding and analyzing these complex data sets. DFS plays a pivotal role in the investigations of the Homicide Unit, the Child Victim / Sexual Assault Unit, and many other Criminal Investigations Section units.



Below are the awards and certifications **FIS** section staff earned in 2018:



- ISO/IEC 17020 Accreditation for Crime Scene Investigation and Latent Print Examination
- Graduation from the BATF National Firearms Examiners Academy
- Recertification as a Crime Scene Analyst with the International Association for Identification Two Recertifications as a Forensic Video Technician with the Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Video Association
- Letter of Work Well Done for four FIS section staff members
- Unit Ribbon of Excellence for entire FIS Staff
- Distinguished Service Medal for three FIS Staff



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 Customer Services Unit, Fleet/Facilities Unit, Vehicle Impound Unit and the Police Supply Unit.

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

CUSTOMER SERVICES UNIT			
Service Provided	2016	2017	% Change
Firearm Registrations	3,295	3,203	-2%
Police Reports Processed	4,628	4,369	-5%
Fingerprints	1,214	1,403	+15%
Criminal Histories	1,947	1,848	-5%

FLEET / FACILITIES UNIT	
Service Provided	2017
Vehicles Added to Fleet	54
Marked Vehicles Added to Fleet	46
Forensic Truck Added to Fleet	1
Work Orders Submitted	473
Work Orders Completed	439

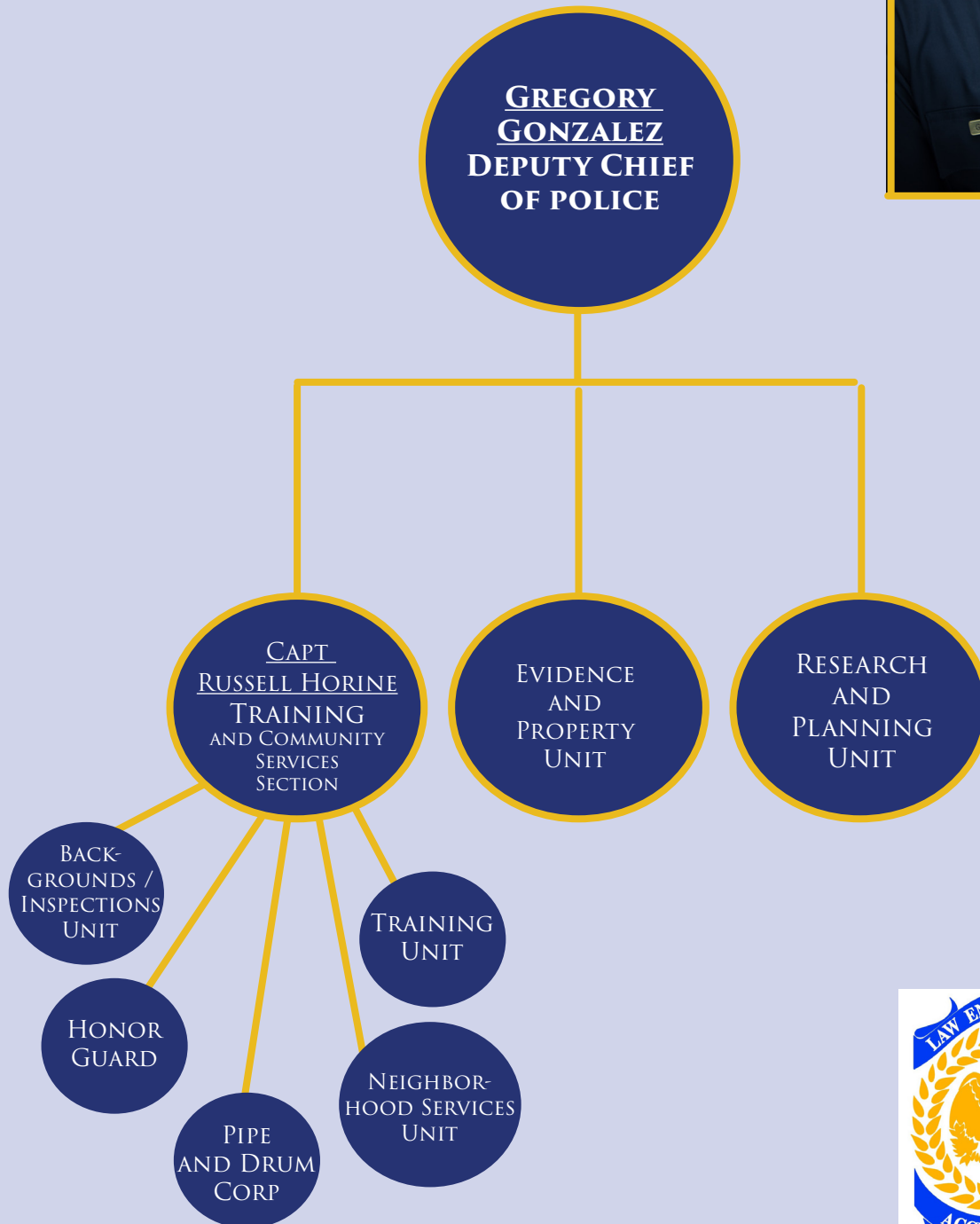
The **Fleet and Facilities Unit** is managed by a Fleet/Facilities Coordinator and provides building and fleet maintenance and acquisition services for the Omaha Police Department. In 2017 the unit upgraded audio visual equipment in many police locations, and upgraded the lobby at OPD Headquarters.

The **Vehicle Impound Unit** had a busy year, processing over 9,000 vehicles. The Unit auctions over 2300 vehicles and over \$51,000 in impounded property.

VEHICLE IMPOUND UNIT			
Service Provided	2016	2017	% Change
Vehicles Processed	11,454	9,222	-19%
Revenue Generated	\$1.16 million	\$1.43 million	+23%

The **P**olice Supply Unit spent 2017 providing uniforms and equipment and general supplies for over 1,000 employees, including supply and equipment for the department's recruit class. The Supply Unit is staffed 12 hours a day, 5 days a week by three civilian employees.

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



POLICE ATHLETICS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (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, completely 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



In 2017 R&P assisted the Omaha Police Department by sourcing, drafting applications, and managing over 2 million dollars in grant funding for the department. The grants awarded provided funding for personnel, equipment, new software, and crime prevention programs.

R&P successfully completed the department's first annual off-site file review of OPD's four year CALEA Accreditation period.

The unit drafted and implemented over 100 General Orders working towards our goal of completely updating the revising the department's Policies and Procedures Manual.

The unit continues to work closely with the Training Unit to efficiently manage departmental training and order issuance with PowerDMS.

R&P taught the 2017 OPD recruits accreditation, policy and procedure, and PowerDMS during their academy classes. The unit also taught a PowerDMS block to all sworn at the 2017 in-service training.

The Evidence/Property Unit (EPU) is commanded by a Lieutenant and has six full-time employees assigned to the unit. At any given time, the EPU is responsible for securing and properly maintaining over 275,000 items of evidence and personal property.





THE TRAINING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTION (TCSS)

is commanded by Captain Russell Horine 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 2017 heavily recruiting candidates to *Join The Force*. The Unit successfully completed the background checks for the 1-2017 and L1-2017 recruit classes, enrolling 25 regular recruits and 28 lateral (from other law enforcement agencies) recruits. The Unit completed 291 non-sworn background checks for civilian employees, contractors, volunteers, and interns. The Unit also maintained a social media presence on Facebook and Twitter and attended multiple job fairs and recruiting events such as the UNL, UNL Athletic Department, Iowa State, Elkhorn Army Reserve Center, Fremont Army Reserve Center, Midland University, Missouri Western State University, UNK, UNO, Wayne State, Western Iowa Tech, and Southeast Community College Career Fairs.



DECEMBER 4TH, 2017, the Omaha Police Department (OPD) welcomed 53 recruits to the Academy. The OPD's diverse group of regular and lateral recruits undergo rigorous mental and physical training and will graduate from the Academy in May of 2018. 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 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.

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND STATISTICS

Prevention Programs Squad	# of Events	# of Attendees
Crime Prevention Presentations	281	
Community Events Attended	141	58,149
School Safety Audits	74	
Kindergarten Traffic Training		220
Safety Patrol Presentations	25	1,125
Educational Training for the Annual Scout Day for Boys and Girls Scouts	1	1,150
Kroc Center Youth Camp	1	55
Hosted Crime Scene Investigation Day Camp	1	40

Business Watch Squad	# of Events	# of Attendees
Crime Prevention Presentations to Businesses	78	
Omaha Closed Property Program Presentations	220	
Business Watch Group Presentations		240
Officer follow-ups to victims of Robbery/Burglary		612
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design follow-ups with victim businesses	50	

Nuisance Squad	#
Mayor Action Complaints Received	2,729
Complaints Resolved	2,331
Nuisance Notices Issued	2,078
Vehicle Tows	289

Volunteer Services Squad	#
Volunteer Chaplains	20
Volunteer Handicapped Parking Patrols	38
Omaha Police Department Volunteers	98
College Interns	26

The **P**revention Program Squad had a busy year teaching and giving presentations throughout the city. Some of the squad's 2017 highlights include:

- Presentation to over 90 US Army National Guard Soldiers on the Subject of Active Killer/Shooter Response on the US Government Properties/Bases.
- Dozens of ACTIVE Killer/Shooter Response Presentations to multiple businesses and institutions throughout the city of Omaha, including adoption and child placement facilities, law offices, insurance companies, financial institutions, retirement homes, real estate offices, houses of worship, the Omaha World Herald, Berkshire Hathaway and National Indemnity Company.
- Designed and oversaw the In-Service instruction for over 400 Uniform patrol/Gang Narcotics officers in the area of Counter Ambush Tactics for Patrol, at the direction of Chief Todd Schmaderer.
- Trained individual OPD units in specialty areas at the request of their unit commanders, such as: the Narcotics Unit in "Building Entry Tactics" and dealing with "High Risk Subject Control" during raids.
- Trained OFD Arson Investigators in "High Risk Foot Contacts", Handcuffing, and Officer Safety Tactics.
- Conducted 2 day VIP Dignitary Protection course for OPD's Emergency Response Unit SWAT Team.
- Taught multiple police related subjects for the Explorer Program throughout the calendar year.

The **O**maha Police Department **S**chool **R**esource **O**fficers 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 2017 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 SROs also attended a 40 hour training session with the National Association of School Resource Officers, in August of 2017. This training provided required training and certification for OPD's School Resource 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 2017, the Omaha Police Department (OPD) enrolled both a regular recruit and lateral recruit class, with a combined total fifty-three (53) recruits. Recruit Classes 1-2017 and L1-2017 started on December 4th, 2017 and will graduate in May of 2018.

Regular Recruit Training will include:

- 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 3rd Annual Officer Kerrie S. Orozco “Kerrie On” Award was presented to Officer Thomas Ewin



Firearms Training

- Threat discrimination training was provided to over 800 sworn police officers for guidance on avoiding deadly force encounters with suspects in motor vehicles.
- Nearly 5,000 training hours were devoted to familiarizing officers with improved patrol rifle tactics and a new multi-discipline culmination drill to improve public and officer safety.
- Strategic planning was completed to increase the number of rifle-certified Omaha Police Officers and to include an all-new department shotgun.
- Specialized low-light tactics training for all sworn personnel to increase safety and effectiveness in evening and nighttime operations.
- Department-wide State of Nebraska Handgun Qualification shoot was held for all sworn officers of the department.
- Upgrade was made to the VirTra 180 (3 screen) Judgment Simulator to the VirTra 300 (5 screen) with breach door and extensive scenario library.

In-Service Training

800+ sworn officers attended the Omaha Police Department's 2017 In-Service Training sessions. Some of the topics covered were:

- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- Carotid Restraint Control Hold
- Research and Planning
- Oleoresin Capsicum Spray/Baton
- Close Quarters Battle
- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Child Victim Sexual Assault
- State Firearms Qualification Course



Hosted Training

- 1,218 outside training courses hosted
- 32,160 hours of instruction offered
- 2,129 attendees participated, including Omaha Police Department employees as well as participants from outside agencies

Omaha Police Honor Guard

- The Omaha Police Honor Guard was established in 1954 as a volunteer organization devoted to positively representing the Omaha Police Department through various civic functions.
- The Honor Guard engaged in forty-four events in 2017 including: 21 color guards; 6 retiree funerals; 5 Line Of Duty funderals (outside agencies); 3 parades; Blue Mass; Memorial Day Services; Police Vigil Walk; Police Memorial Day; and various duties in Washington D.C. for Police Memorial Day.

The Honor Guard participated in 2017 Police Week events with other agencies in Washington D.C. Officer Greg Hamill's name was added to the memorial wall in 2017. The Honor Guard assisted in survivor family escorts, the Candlelight Vigil, Annual Emerald Society Parade, Color Guard and Cordon event at the U.S. Capital, and the Wreath Guard at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.



Omaha Police Pipe and Drum Corps



The **Omaha Police Pipe and Drum Corps** is a ceremonial unit that represents the Chief of Police and the Omaha Police Department at public and private events.

During 2017, the Omaha Police Pipe and Drum Corps participated in seven (7) funerals and thirty-two (32) performances. The Pipe and Drum Corps was heavily involved in the planning and execution of piping duties for the funeral of the line of duty death of Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Burbridge on 08MAY17.

The Pipe and Drum Corps traveled to Washington DC for Police Memorial Week 2017 to honor deceased Omaha Police Detective Greg Hamill. While in Washington DC, the Pipe and Drum Corps competed in the FOP Pipe and Drum Competition, as well as performed in the National Association of Emerald Societies Memorial Parade. Another highlight of the season was performing for the opening ceremonies and medal ceremonies for the United States Winter Olympic Curling Trials held in Omaha.





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.

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.

Sergeant Jeremy Christensen
Sergeant John Wells
Sergeant Kara Platt
Officer Tyler Buhrman
Officer Bradley Canterbury
Officer Vaughn Cotton
Officer Kyle Crick
Officer Brian Diminico

Officer Sean Glassman
Officer Jacob Haniszewski
Officer Eric Henka
Officer Troy Hiller
Officer Nathan Keenan
Officer Joshua Kelley
Officer Jonathan Fraley
Officer Greg Kinnaman

Officer Shawna McClure
Officer Matthew McDonald
Officer Wesley Peterson
Officer Justyn Riley
Officer Jodi Sautter
Officer Michael Scott
Officer Marc Van Sickle
Officer Jesse Walker

Purple Heart

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

Officer Gregory Hamill (*Posthumous*)

Distinguished Service Medal

The **Distinguished Service Medal** is awarded to employees who perform dangerous and/or distinguished acts or who perform their duties in an exemplary manner.

Captain Edward Reyes
Lieutenant George Merithew
Sergeant Stefan Davis

Criminalist William Henningsen
Criminalist Todd Petrick

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.

Lieutenant Mark Matuza
 Sergeant Meg Fricke
 Officer Matthew Austin
 Officer Randy Pitnotti

Detective Chad Simmons
 Detective Ryan Templeton
 Officer Angela Echtenkamp



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.

Officer Aaron Anderson
 Officer Thomas Arrance
 Officer Alexis Boults
 Officer Matthew Keenan
 Officer Jackie Liebe
 Detective Jordan Brandt
 Detective Brian Dembinski
 Detective James Holtmeyer
 Detective Nicholas Yarpe
 Officer Theadore Delezene

Officer Nathan Dickey
 Officer Darrell Greene
 Officer Brendan O'Flynn
 Officer Jaime Partida
 Officer Nick Sidzyik
 Officer David Ullery
 Officer Joshua Downs
 Officer Jodie Sautter
 Officer Jeffrey Vaughn
 Officer Jessica Judkins

Officer Christopher Rich
 Detective William Seaton
 Officer Randy Pignotti
 Sergeant Anthony Gutierrez
 Sergeant Amy Oetter
 Officer Lisa Crouch
 Officer Joshua Downs
 Officer Randy Pignotti
 Officer Jodi Sautter
 Officer James Guyott

Police Ribbon of Unit Excellence

FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

Captain Edward Reyes
Acting Forensic Mgr. William Henningsen
Quality Assurance Criminalist Todd Petrick
Criminalist Kristen Smith
Sr. Forensic Tech. Laura Casey
Sr. Forensic Tech. Manual Garcia
Sr. Forensic Tech. Angela Harder
Sr. Forensic Tech. Maggie Horan
Sr. Forensic Tech. Krystal Kirwan
Sr. Forensic Tech. Amanda Miller
Sr. Forensic Tech. Russell Raszler
Forensic Tech. Jonathan Cardenas
Forensic Tech. Amanda Cooley
Forensic Tech. Rachel Dellovechio
Forensic Tech. Rachael Larson
Forensic Tech. Rebecca Learned
Forensic Tech. Sarah Lund
Forensic Tech. Christian Madson
Forensic Tech. Evan Moppin
Forensic Tech. Todd Morgan
Forensic Tech. Molly Reil
Forensic Tech. Kimberly Van Den Akker



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.

Captain Marcia West
 Sergeant Stefan Davis
 Sergeant Lindsey Fox
 Sergeant Aaron Hanson
 Sergeant Rochair Jenkins
 Sergeant Eric Picht
 Sergeant Pam Volk
 Sergeant John Wells
 Sergeant Timothy Woolman **
 Officer Matthew Ajuoga
 Officer Ruteena Alcantara
 Officer Aaron Anderson
 Officer Tyler Anderson
 Officer Nicholas Andrews
 Officer Thomas Arrance
 Officer Antone Arrick, III ****
 Officer Angela Baker
 Officer Dylan Belter
 Officer Jacob Bettin
 Officer Shane Bonacci
 Officer Michael Bossman
 Officer Nicholas Buck
 Officer Nathan Buresh
 Officer Jamie Chadek
 Officer Jacob Chong **
 Officer Vaughn Cotton
 Officer Darren Cunningham
 Officer Brian Dembinski **
 Officer Patrick Dempsey ***
 Officer Jaime Desautels **
 Officer Nathan Dickey
 Officer Brian Diminico
 Officer Michael Dose
 Officer Angela Echtenkamp
 Officer Malcom Flight II
 Officer Kenneth Fortune
 Officer Sarah Garland
 Officer John Gasko
 Officer Christopher Gordon
 Officer Kyle Graber
 Officer Jeremy Hanzek
 Officer Paul Hasiak
 Officer Brian Hayes

Officer Humberto Herrera
 Officer Saul Hidalgo
 Officer Matthew Hirz
 Officer James Holtmeyer **
 Officer Jonathon Holtrop
 Officer Christopher Jackman
 Officer Matei Jackson
 Officer Fred James
 Officer James Johnson
 Officer Erich Jones
 Officer Mark Keele **
 Officer Matthew Keenan
 Officer Jeffrey Kilgore ***
 Officer Greg Kinnaman
 Officer Brian Korth
 Officer Tiffany Korth
 Officer Adam Kruse
 Officer Bryan Kulhanek
 Officer Nicholas Lanning
 Officer Troy Liebe
 Officer Emilio Luna
 Officer Kyle Lundquist
 Officer Melissa McDermott
 Officer Matthew McDonald
 Officer Makyla Mead
 Officer Eric Meads
 Officer Felicia Merritt
 Officer Travis Mitchell
 Officer Robert Morton
 Officer Danielle Murray
 Officer Robert Myers
 Officer Matthew Nass
 Officer Aneta Nelson
 Officer Brendan O'Flynn
 Officer Johnny Palermo
 Officer Jaime Partida
 Officer Alan Peatrowsky
 Officer Mathiew Perales
 Officer Christopher Perchal
 Officer Romina Perez
 Officer Wesley Peterson
 Officer Zachary Petrick

Officer Patricia Pope
 Officer David Preston, Jr.
 Officer Thomas Raudenbush
 Officer Phillip Ricker
 Officer Justyn Riley **
 Officer Brooks Riley
 Officer Thomas Rosas
 Officer Jamelle Ross
 Officer Emilio Saldierna
 Officer Joseph Sanchez
 Officer Jodi Sautter **
 Officer Brian Schuster **
 Officer William Seaton **
 Officer Stephan Skaar
 Officer Thomas Smith
 Officer Nicholas Sorensen
 Officer David Staskiewicz
 Officer Matthew Stigge ***
 Officer Tyler Stricker ***
 Ofcr Michael Sundermeier **
 Officer Austin Taylor
 Officer James Turner
 Officer Kenneth Vakoc
 Officer Jesse Walker
 Officer Josiah Warren
 Officer Jeffrey Wasmund
 Officer Eric White
 Officer Sarah Widman
 Officer Chad Wiebers ***
 Officer Robert Wiley
 Officer Jason Wilhelm
 Officer Ryon Woodington
 Officer Matthew Worm
 Recruit Officer Patrick Garcia
 Recruit Officer John Vailliant
 Mr. Sterling Fox
 Mr. Kyle Todd
 Ms. Brandi Carter
 Ms. Amanda Cooley
 Ms. Maggie Horan
 Ms. Krystal Kirwan
 Ms. Christian Madson
 Ms. Melissa Saucedo

** Two Letters of Work Well Done

*** Three Letters of Work Well Done

**** Four Letters of Work Well Done

In Memory of Those Who Have Served

In Remembrance

Years of Service

Retired Sergeant Merrill D. Putnam	26 years
Retired Officer David M. Marion	25 years 1 month
Retired Civilian Linda M. DeBolt	28 years
Retired Sergeant Raymond A. Holewinski	34 years
Retired Officer Wallace M. "Wally" Jernigan	22 years 7 months
Retired Captain Raymond J. Hasiak, Sr.	39 years 5 months
Retired Charlesteen Myles	12 years 9 months
Retired Sergeant Alvin E. Krist	33 years 8 months
Retired Civilian Barbara A. Whittamore	26 years 2 months
Retired Officer Billy J. McGee	17 years 9 months
Retired Sergeant Joseph J. Conrad	30 years
Retired Sergeant Philip F. Busch	33 years 3 months
Retired Officer Joseph E. Nepodal	26 years 1 month
Retired Civilian Linda S. Dountas	21 years 8 months
Retired Civilian Joseph D. Couch	10 years 3 months
Retired Civilian Vivian O. Bailey	30 years 5 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



In 2017, Lt. George Merithew, of the Executive Services Bureau, traveled to Nashville Tennessee to assist Woodmen Life in their donation to the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department's Mounted Patrol (NMPD).

Woodmen Life held their Annual Convention in Nashville and the company usually makes a charitable donation to the host city. This year, Woodmen Life donated money to buy horses for the NMPD Mounted Patrol, commanded by Lt. Merithew's brother, Sgt. Lukas Merithew.

Lt. Merithew was instrumental in recommending and championing the naming of the first horse purchased after fallen Omaha Police Detective Kerrie Orozco.



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