

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT



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MISSION

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



To provide an environment that results in:

- Reduction of crime and fear of crime
- Improved public confidence and transparency, where appropriate
- Maximum efficiency through resource and technology allocation
- Enhanced customer service
- Personal and professional growth for employees, including mental and physical well-being

VISION

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I am pleased to present the Omaha Police Department's 2018 Annual Report. This report highlights our continuing efforts to protect and serve the people of Omaha in the most efficient way possible.

In 2018, the men and women of the Omaha Police Department continued to carry out the department's mission fostering relationships in the community, providing services in a professional manner, and increasing transparency using tools such as social media. It was a historic year with milestones including the department's largest ever recruit class, breaking ground on the city's fifth police precinct, and beginning a two-year pilot program that embeds licensed mental health therapists in police precincts to co-respond to mental health calls with officers.

The hard work and dedication of our officers is evident in the crime data with decreases in every category of UCR Part I Violent Crimes in Omaha from 2017. In spite of the decreases in violent crime, our officers responded to an increased number of calls for service and initiated more traffic stops than the previous year. The department maintained its CALEA and ANAB/ISO/IEC 17020 accreditations which ensures quality and accountability by being held to industry best practices.

While we recognize these successes we also know that we are far from done. Our role in the community is more than enforcement and investigation. The Public Information Office and officers are increasing social media use to share up-to-date crime details, make safety announcements, spotlight the great work of our officers, share information on community events, and so much more. We look forward to continuing to host and take part in numerous events throughout the community, increasing participation in juvenile crime prevention programs such as Police Athletics through Community Engagement, and invite citizens to take a more active role through a variety of community meetings, as well as citizen training academies.

This report contains an overview of the department and highlights some of our achievements in 2018, but our efforts go beyond what is contained in these pages. We are committed to keeping Omaha a dynamic, safe city.

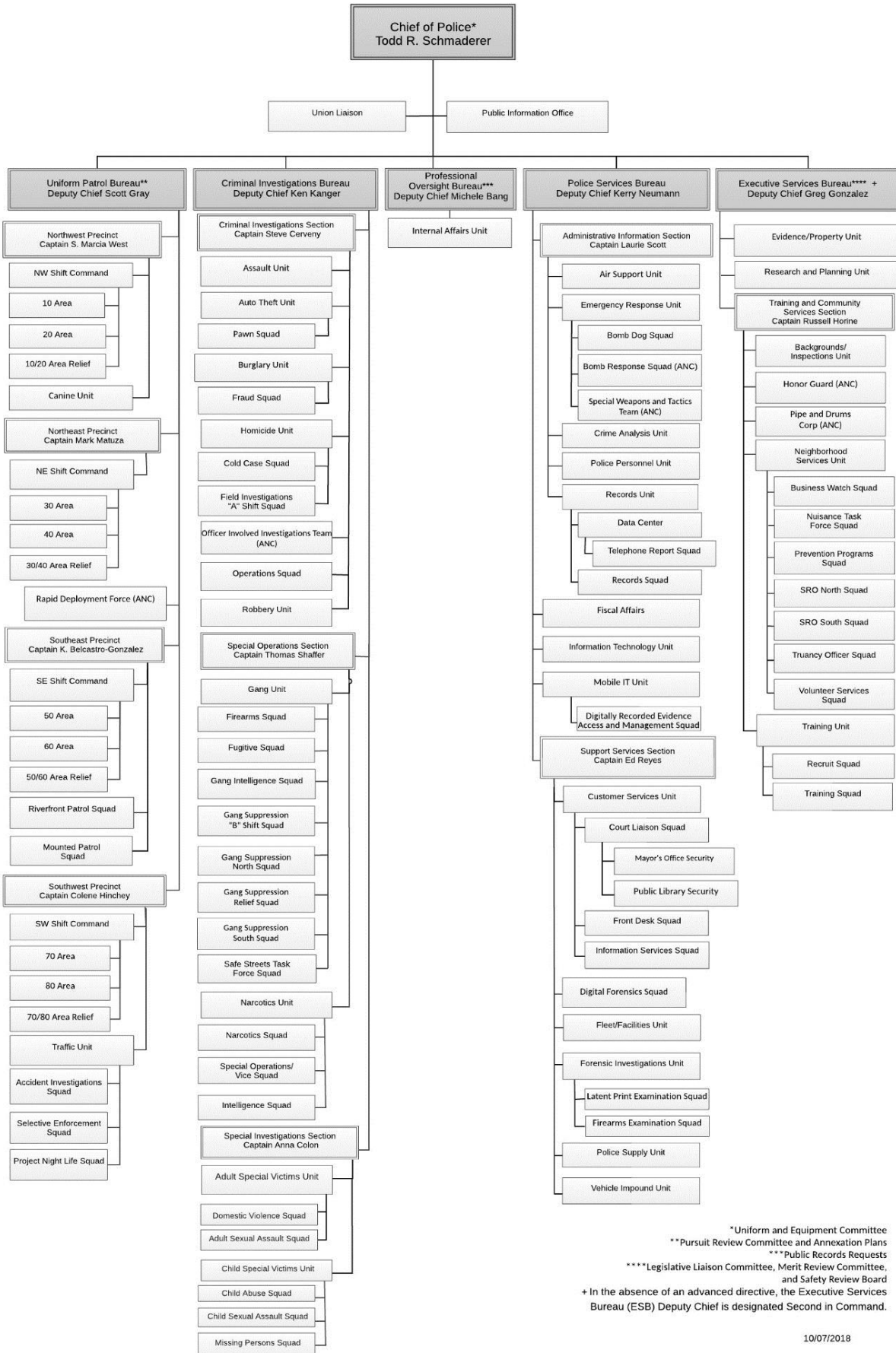
Respectfully,



Todd R. Schmaderer
Chief of Police



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



*Uniform and Equipment Committee
 **Pursuit Review Committee and Annexation Plans
 ***Public Records Requests
 ****Legislative Liaison Committee, Merit Review Committee,
 and Safety Review Board
 + In the absence of an advanced directive, the Executive Services
 Bureau (ESB) Deputy Chief is designated Second in Command.

Employees

**Non-Sworn,
13%**



Sworn, 87%

Budgeted Personnel

Sworn	880
Non-Sworn	160

Actual Personnel

Sworn	880
Non-Sworn	136

*Includes both full and part-time employees on 12/31/18

Sworn Officers

	Males	Females	Total	% of Dept.	% of City
Asian/Pacific Islander	14	2	16	1.8%	3.6%
Black/African American	60	12	72	8.2%	12.3%
Hispanic	73	17	90	10%	13.7%
Native American	6	2	8	1%	.05%
White/Caucasian*	577	117	694	79%	78.2%
Total	730	150	880	100%	107.85%

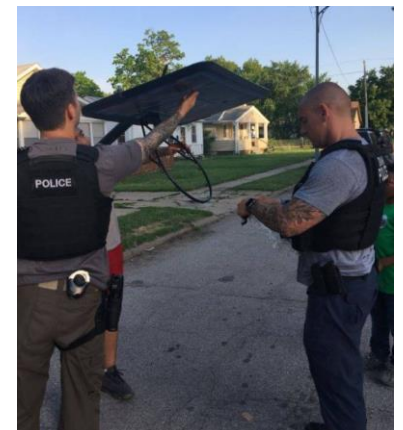
Source: Omaha Police Department Police Personnel Unit on 10/23/18

*The US Census Bureau includes additional race/ethnicity categories such as “two or more races” that are not tracked by the City of Omaha Police Personnel Unit. 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.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORT (UCR) PART ONE VIOLENT CRIMES

(SOURCE: OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT)

Part I Offenses	Number of Offenses			Number of Clearances		
	2017 YTD	2018 YTD	% Change	2017 YTD	2018 YTD	% Change
Criminal Homicide	30	22	-27%	23	20	+14%
Forcible Rape	410	403	-2%	252	288	+10%
Robbery	625	456	-27%	298	260	+9%
Aggravated Assault	1,843	1,747	-5%	1,321	1,217	-2%
Burglary	2,088	1,848	-11%	348	246	-3%
Larceny-Theft	11,849	11,343	-4%	3,955	3,598	-2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	3,500	3,123	-11%	708	734	+3%
Total	20,345	18,942	-7%	6,905	6,363	0%



911 CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE

(SOURCE: OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT)

CAD Calls

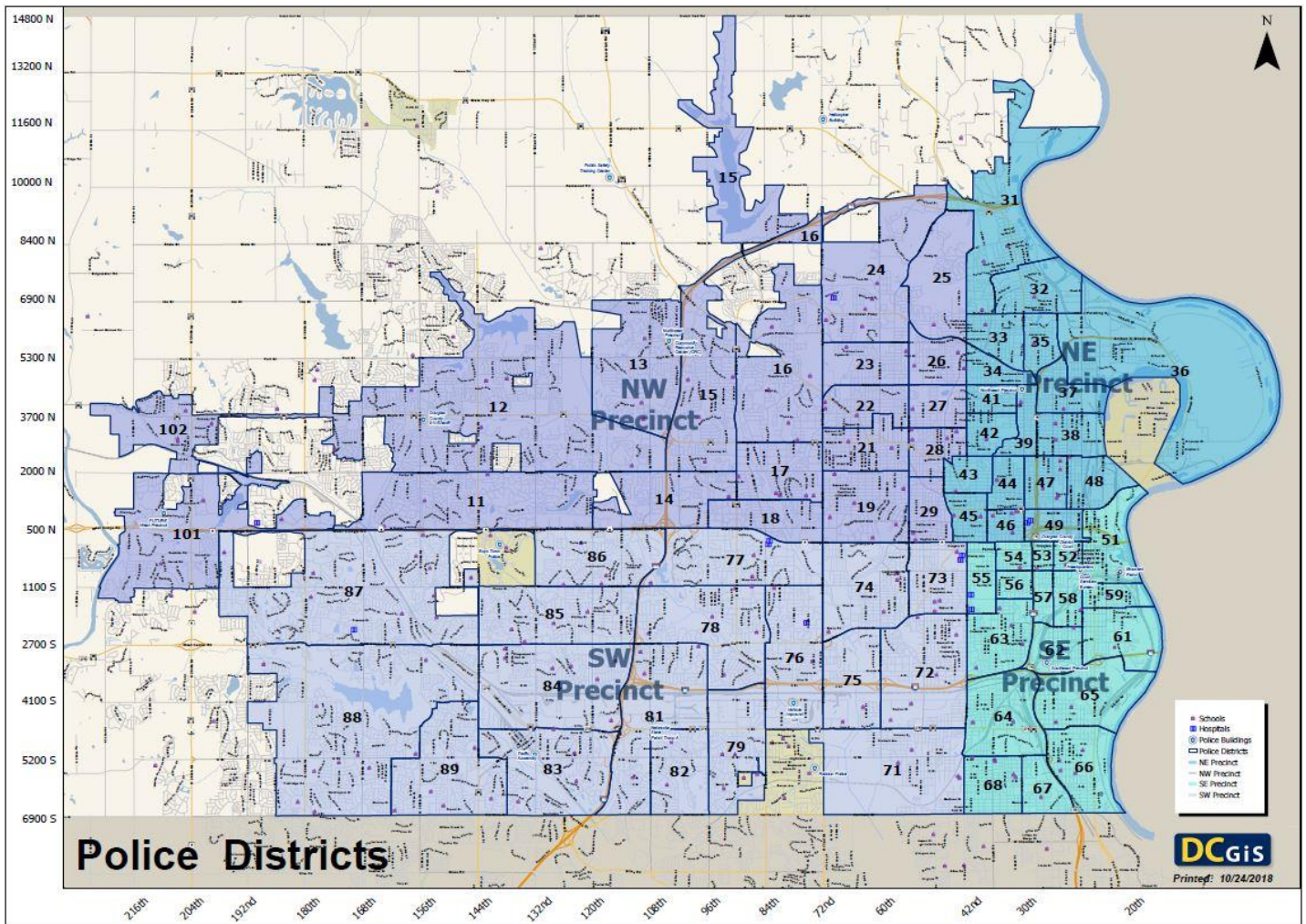
	2017	2018	% Change
911 Calls Received	242,777	251,390	+4%
Daily Call Average	665	689	+4%
Officer-Initiated Traffic Stops	39,596	40,627	+3%

Response Times

	2017	2018	% Change
Priority I Call to Arrival	0:05:48	0:05:52	+1%
Priority II Call to Arrival	0:12:20	0:12:05	-2%



CITY DATA



Population:
463,081

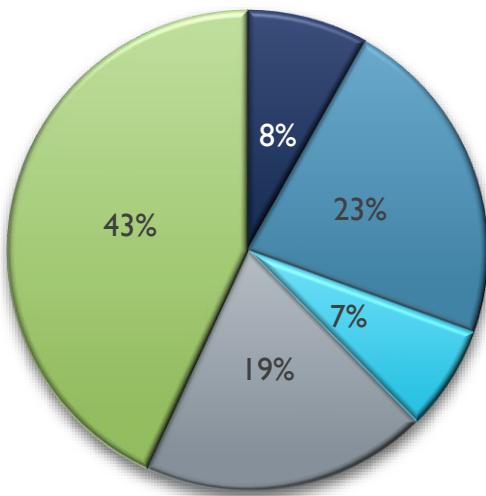


Land Area:
141.8 Square Miles

2018 OPD BUDGET

2018 Budget By Bureau

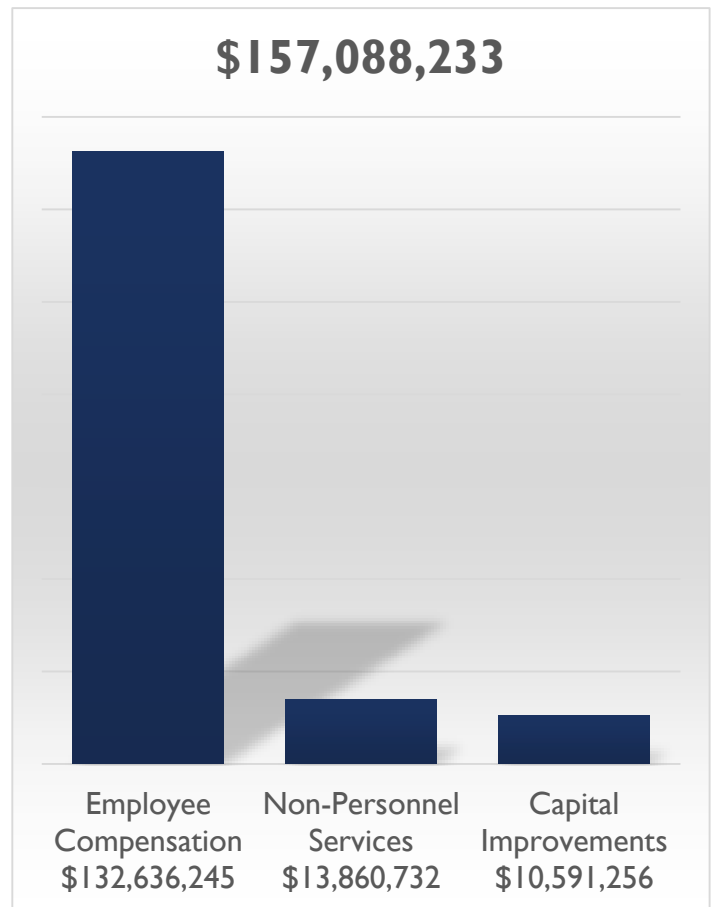
\$157,088,233



- Office of the Chief
- Criminal Investigations
- Executive Services
- Police Services
- Uniform Patrol

2018 Budget Summary

\$157,088,233



2018 COMMUNITY EVENTS

The OPD hosted or participated in the following community events:

- Blue Holiday
- Blue Mass
- Bomb Pop with a Cop
- Boys & Girls Club Breaking Down Barriers
- BPOA Easter Egg Hunt
- Candlelight Vigils and Prayer Walks
- Child Protective Seat Giveaway and Safety Check
- Christmas in the Village
- Christmas with the Blue
- Cinco de Mayo Festival
- Citizen Education Training Programs at all four precincts
- Cocoa with a Cop
- Coffee with a Cop
- NCAA College World Series and Home Run Derby
- Community Garden
- Cone with a Cop
- Cop on a Rooftop
- Cops and Bobbers
- CSI Camp 2018
- DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Events
- Fun in the Park
- Gun Amnesty Events
- Holiday Lights Festival
- Holiday of Horses Autism Event
- Kindergarten Traffic Training
- KOP Summer Camp
- LPOA Easter Egg Hunt
- Monster Mash Bash at Oakview Mall
- National Night Out Block Parties
- Operation N.E.T.S.
- OPS Back to School Bash
- PACE Summer Camps and Athletic Leagues
- Police Week Activities
- Pop with a Cop
- REALationships Conference
- Safety Awareness Fitness Education (SAFE) Fest
- Scout Day
- Shop with a Cop
- Special Olympics Polar Plunge and Summer Games
- Touch-A-Truck Event
- Trick or Treat Events
- Women's March
- YouTurn Community Event

These events are in addition to numerous career fairs, community meetings, parades, precinct tours, presentations, and so much more.



2018 RECRUIT CLASS VIDEO

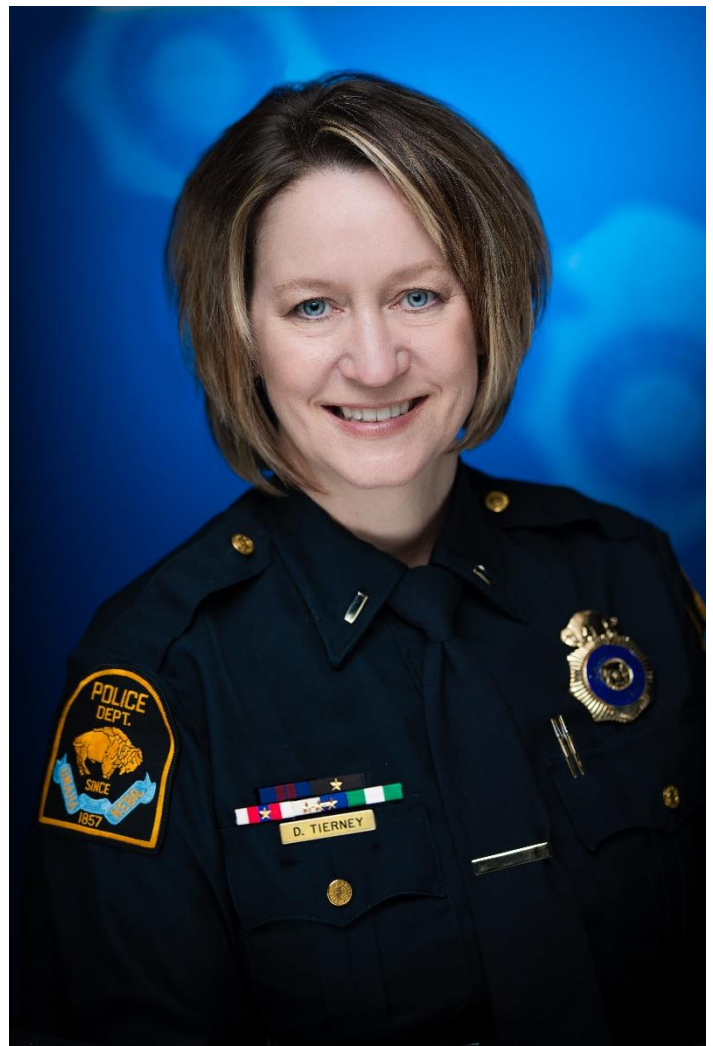


The OPD welcomed 58 recruits to the Academy in 2018. After enduring rigorous mental and physical training, this diverse group of recruits graduated on March 8, 2019. The recruits are now completing six months of hands-on, one-on-one training with Field Training Officers.



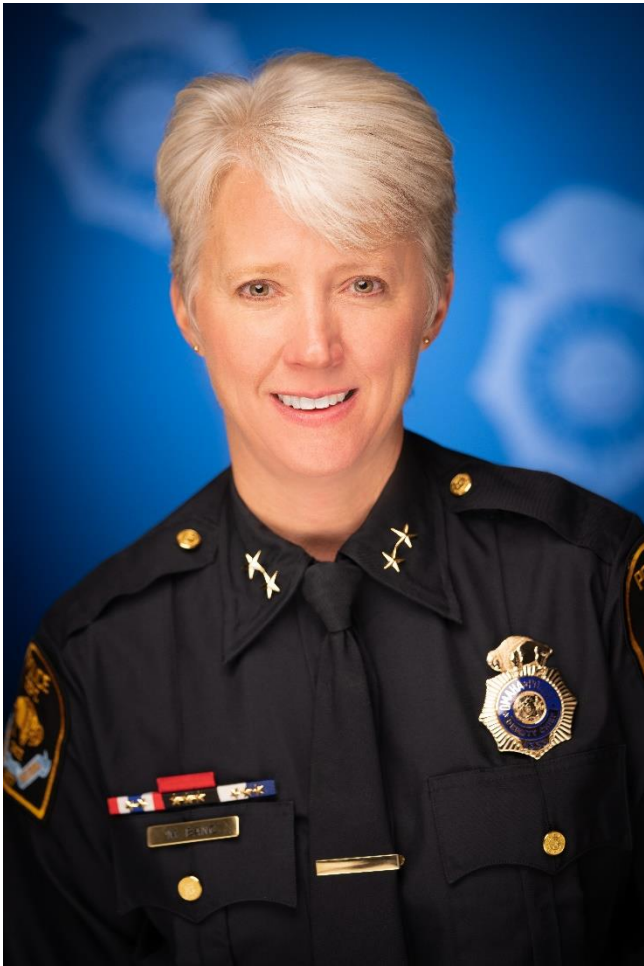
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The Public Information Office (PIO) is commanded by Lieutenant Darci Tierney. PIO coordinates the dissemination of information to the news media and the department. This includes conducting and arranging interviews with media, distributing daily press releases, and making on-scene statements at high profile crime scenes. The PIO is also tasked with managing the Omaha Crimes Stoppers program and is responsible for updating the OPD website and all OPD social media. PIO attends, assists with organizing, and promotes numerous community events, as well as OPD promotional and retirement ceremonies, Police Memorial Week and the Blue Mass.



2,152 Tips
77 Arrests Made
60 Cases Cleared
\$125,750 in Rewards

PROFESSIONAL OVERSIGHT BUREAU



The Professional Oversight Bureau (POB) is commanded by Deputy Chief Michele Bang and provides professional review services to the department. The POB includes the Internal Affairs Unit. They investigate both internal and external complaints brought by citizens. Beginning in 2018, Internal Affairs statistics will include investigations handled by City Human Resource (HR). City HR investigates citizen complaints and internal investigations involving non-sworn employees. In addition, City HR investigates all allegations of harassment. While City HR investigates these instances, the incidents are identified and forwarded to City HR for investigation by OPD command.

	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	YTD Total
	Internal Affairs				HR Unit				

Citizen Complaints

# Received	12	12	23	14	1	0	0	0	62
Allegations Investigated	54	39	74	38	1	0	0	0	206
Not Sustained	16	16	15	9	1	0	0	0	57
Sustained	5	5	19	6	0	0	0	0	35
Exonerated	33	18	36	23	0	0	0	0	110
Unfounded	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
No Finding/ Court Issue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

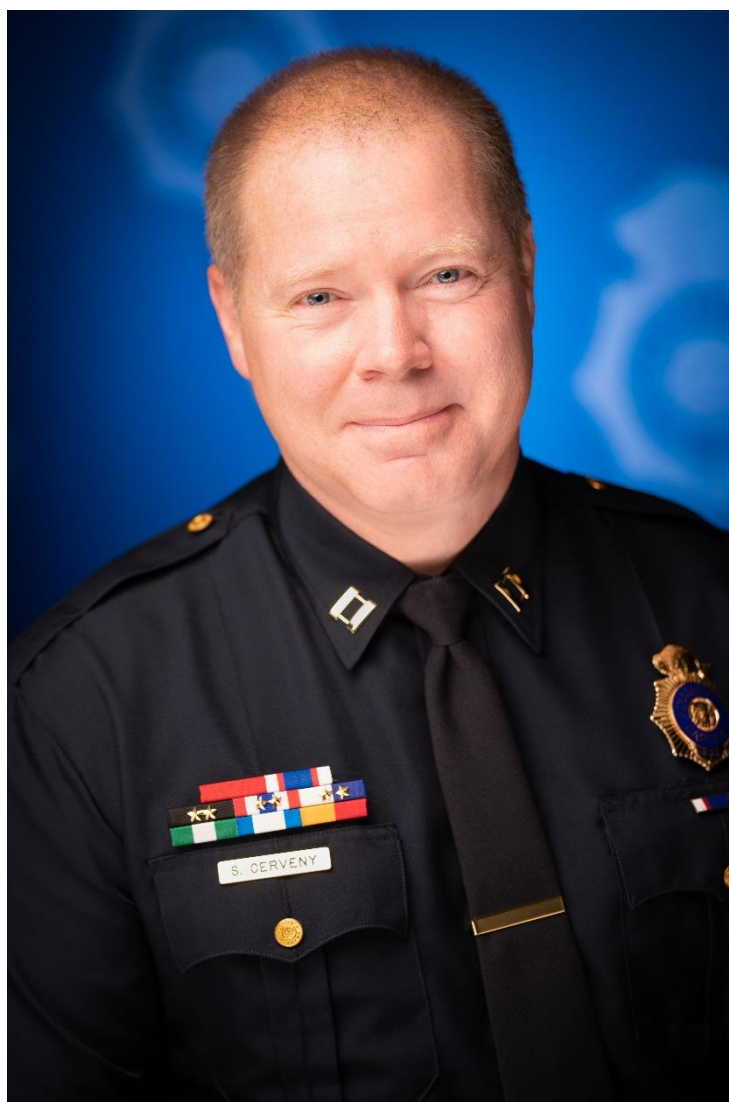
Internal Investigations

# Received	12	19	15	12	7	3	4	1	73
Allegations Investigated	43	78	61	40	10	3	8	3	246
Not Sustained	10	15	20	4	0	1	0	0	50
Sustained	28	33	24	28	8	1	8	3	133
Exonerated	5	25	13	8	0	0	0	0	51
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Finding/ Court Issue	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
Policy Failure	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Open - OIS	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU



The Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB) is commanded by Deputy Chief Ken Kanger and provides 24 hour crime investigation services. CIB consists of the Criminal Investigations Section, Special Operations Section, and Special Investigations Section.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

The Criminal Investigations Section (CIS) is commanded by Captain Steve Cerveney and includes the following:

Assault Unit, Auto Theft Unit, Burglary Unit, Homicide Unit, Officer-Involved Investigations Team, Operations Squad, and Robbery Unit

Assault Unit

On July 1, 2018 the Assault Unit was officially created and split off from the Homicide Unit. This change allows the Assault Unit to focus solely on non-fatal shootings and all other assault investigations including threats, school threats, and harassment investigations. Since the split, the clearance rate for non-fatal shootings has continued to improve. The unit also works very closely with the Gang Unit; this inter-unit communication and cooperation has led to success on many non-fatal shooting cases. Aggravated Assault Arrests increased nine-percent and Misdemeanor Assault Arrests increased seven-percent from 2017.

+9%

Aggravated Assault Arrests

+7%

Misdemeanor Assault Arrest

Auto Theft Unit & Pawn Squad

The **Auto Theft Unit** updated their policy to book all auto theft suspects in jail regardless of the value of the stolen vehicle which had an almost immediate impact in reducing the number of vehicles stolen on a monthly basis. The unit collaborated with PIO and the Crime Prevention Specialists to promote messages about not leaving keys or valuables in vehicles. Officers in the unit went to busy shopping centers after Thanksgiving to provide motor vehicle anti-theft tips and be a visible deterrent to thieves. Theft from motor vehicle cases decreased by five-percent in 2018.

↓ 5%

Theft from Vehicle

The unit also saw decreases in stolen vehicles. By the end of 2018 there was an 11% decrease in Motor Vehicle Thefts and a 24% clearance rate for Motor Vehicle Thefts – double the national average.

↓ 11%

Motor Vehicle Theft

The **Pawn Squad** continues to train detectives and utilize the “Leads Online” web based reporting system to track items pawned or sold at local area pawn shops. This system is an incredibly valuable tool for investigators to recover stolen property and develop leads on suspects in thefts. The squad saw an increase in the value of recovered stolen property compared to 2017.

\$384,000

Value Recovered Stolen Property

Burglary Unit & Fraud Squad

Momentum from the 2017 retail crime push was carried into 2018 and a dent was put in the criminal activity committed by "Boosters" in, and around, the metro area. By aggressively identifying and seeking warrants for shoplifters, OPD was able to arrest multiple parties that were later identified as being involved in other more serious crimes. Shoplifters are not just perpetrators of property crimes. Arrests included suspects that were also involved in Assaults, Robberies, Domestic Violence, Gang activity and were tied to multiple Homicides.

Burglaries were down from 2,088 in 2017 to 1,848 in 2018. There were 138 burglary arrests in 2018.

↓ 11%

Burglaries

138

Burglary Arrests

Homicide Unit

In 2018 the Homicide Unit made 23 arrested, which resulted in clearing 16 cases from 2018 and 4 cases from previous years. This closed out 2018 with a 91% clearance rate for solved homicides. The number of homicides decreased from 30 in 2017 to 22 in 2018.

↓ 27%

Homicides

23

Homicide Arrests

Officer Involved Investigations Team (OIIT)

The OIIT is responsible for the criminal investigation and case management of OPD "Use of Force" incidents involving officers who are on- or off-duty and resulting in serious injury or death.

Robbery Unit

In 2018 the Robbery Unit investigated over 500 robberies. The unit works closely with the Crime Stoppers program to generate tips from the public. While their caseloads keep them busy, the unit believes it is important to have positive community interactions. Presentations were given to a variety of outside organizations. Some include banks and area businesses to educate on increasing security and decreasing chances to become victims, as well as presentations to school-aged children for gun safety, stranger danger, and career day.

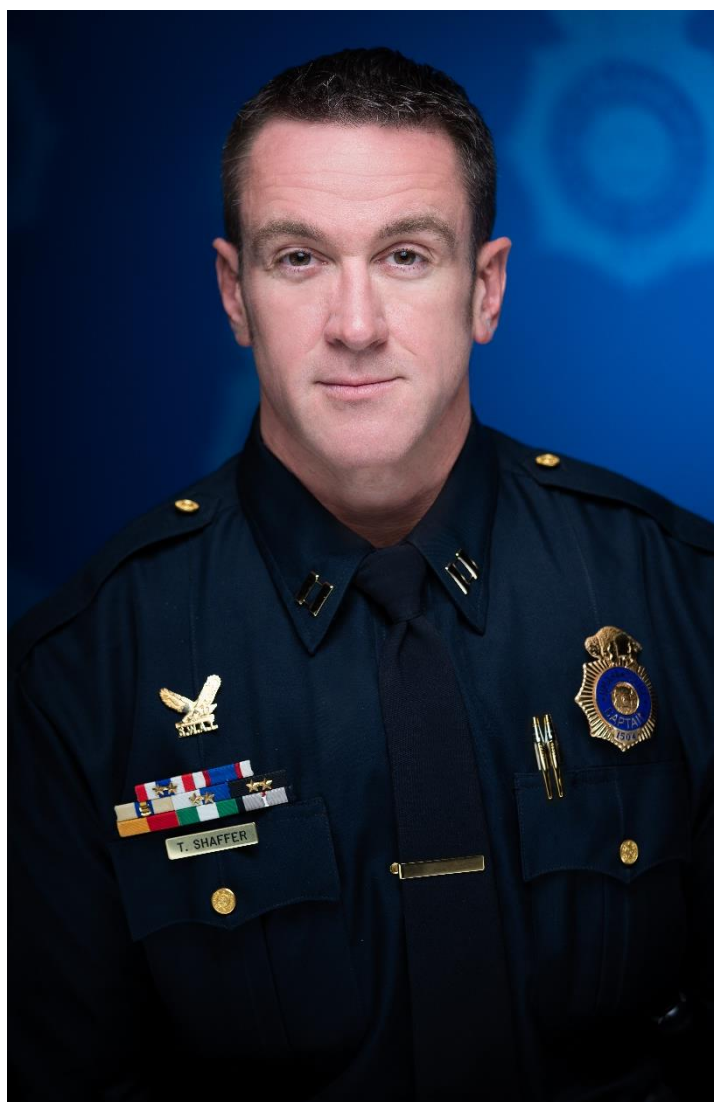
↓ 27%

Robberies

203

Robbery Arrests

Robberies were down from 625 in 2017 to 456 in 2018. There were 203 robbery arrests in 2018. The OPD robbery clearance rate of 57% is well above the national average.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION

The Special Operations Section (SOS) is commanded by Captain Tom Shaffer and includes the following:

Gang Unit and Narcotics Unit

Gang Unit

The Gang Unit consists of eight squads: Firearms Squad, Fugitive Squad, Gang Intelligence Squad, four Gang Suppression Squads, and the Safe Streets Task Force Squad. The Gang Unit participated in 395 community activities, gave 109 presentations, participated in the UNO career fair, and hosted monthly gang intelligence meetings with local law enforcement, probation, parole and correctional services.

The unit made 2,339 felony arrests, carried out 220 search warrants, recovered 270 firearms, conducted 418 adult probation visits, conducted 218 juvenile probation visits, \$139,615 seized, and seized approximately four pounds of cocaine, two pounds of crack, 17 pounds of meth, 22 pounds of Ice, 87 pounds of marijuana, and various other illegal pills and narcotics.

Fugitive Squad made 1,276 arrests in 2018; a record number since being established.

Firearms Squad conducts joint operations with outside agencies including the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. In 2018, they also participated in 2 firearm and gun amnesty events collecting 48 handguns, 84 long guns (including five illegal short shotguns), 2,500 pounds of ammunition, 1,000 pounds of fireworks, two hand grenades, one landmine, and one large explosive device.

2,339

Felony Arrests

220

Search Warrants

270

Firearms Recovered

1,276

Fugitive Squad Arrests

48

Handguns Collected

84

Long Guns Collected



Narcotics Unit

The Narcotics Unit consists of three squads: Intelligence Squad, Narcotics Squad, and Special Operations/Vice Squad (SOVS).

Intelligence Squad

The Intelligence Squad issued 14 different officer safety and situational awareness bulletins using information gathered from different sources. These bulletins were used to advise officers of possible threats regarding different people and situations.

The squad is also part of the Joint Terrorism Task Force with the FBI. They maintain a Terrorism Early Warning Group which vets and passes on information on incidents including local protests and rally events. The group also maintains the website <https://otewg.org> to share information with the public and allow citizens to report terrorism-related information. In 2018, the website had 5,846 visitors.

Narcotics Squad

At the beginning of 2018, the Narcotics Squad was able to eliminate a large fentanyl manufacturing/distribution organization. This resulted in fentanyl-based street drugs becoming almost non-existent in the metro area.

The Narcotics squad continues its commitment to combat illegal drug activity in the Omaha metro area, adapting their strategies to target specific problems that arise. They continue to encourage inter-unit communication with UPB officers which generates more investigative leads and has led to developing more confidential informants, as well as increased drug and weapon seizures. Officers from the Narcotics Squad presented to several organizations that included doctors, pharmacists, attorneys, and business leaders in Omaha in an effort to continue to educate the public on the dangers of opioid abuse.

Special Operations/Vice Squad (SOVS)

SOVS coordinates with other local law enforcement and advocacy agencies to create a collaborative and effective way to identify victims of sex crimes and suspects that traffic victims. They participated in 10 joint task force prostitution operations in Omaha, Douglas County, Lincoln, La Vista, and Council Bluffs, Iowa. Provided four sex trafficking presentations to various organizations.

The SOVS arrested 123 individuals in 2018: two for human trafficking, three for pandering, one for keeping a house of prostitution, 101 for prostitution or solicitation of prostitution, three for lewd conduct, and 13 were miscellaneous/unrelated to prostitution.

14

Officer Safety
Bulletins

5,846

OTEWG Website Hits

2

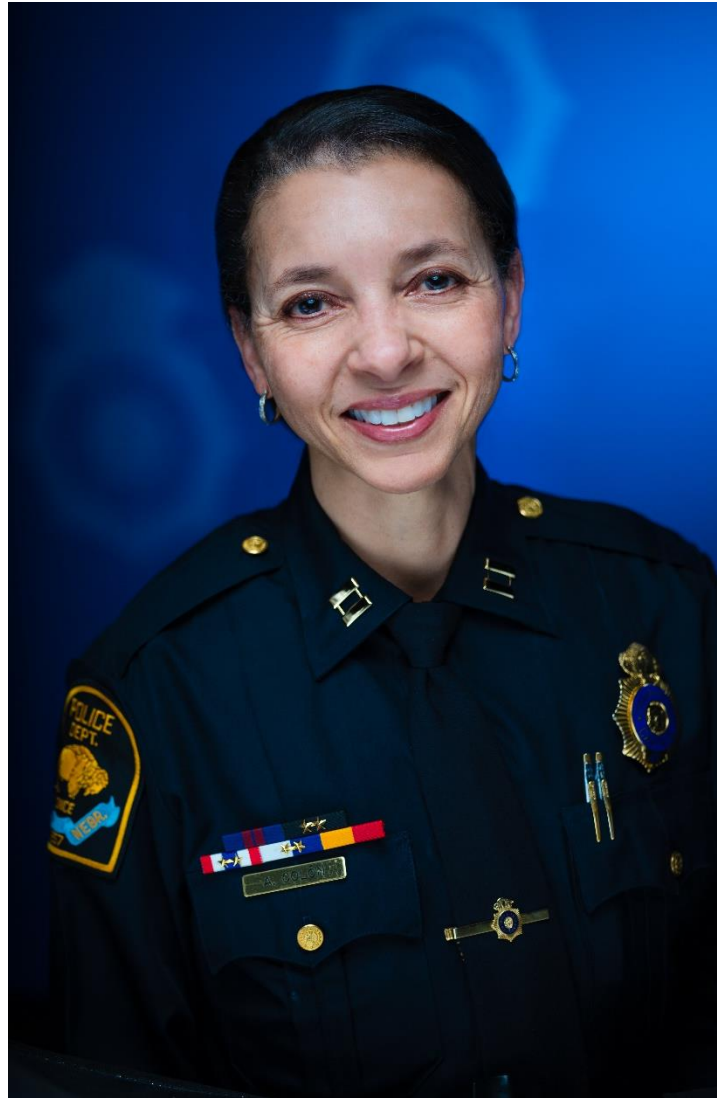
Joint Narcotics
Operations

10

Joint Prostitution
Operations

123

SOVS Arrests



SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

The Special Investigations Section (SIS) is commanded by Captain Anna Colon and includes the following:

Adult Special Victims Unit and Child Special Victims Unit

The SIS was created in 2018 to reinforce the department's commitment to addressing adult and child special victims, as well as add resources which will assist in providing better response to the victims of domestic violence. They are located at Project Harmony in order to increase access and availability of services for special victims. Members of the SIS participated in many community events and attended various trainings throughout the year.

5,637

DV Cases Assigned

657

Felony DV Warrants

Adult Special Victims Unit

The Adult Special Victims Unit consists of the Domestic Violence (DV) Squad and Adult Sexual Assault Squad. The unit specializes in trauma informed investigations, including domestic violence, adult sexual assault, and vulnerable adult abuse.

2,150

Misdemeanor DV Warrants

Child Special Victims Unit

The Child Special Victims Unit consists of the Child Abuse Squad, Child Sexual Assault Squad, and Missing Persons Squad. In an effort to assist the children and families who report children missing, the Missing Persons Squad and Project Harmony created the Missing Youth Services Program to provide these families with services and support.

702

Felony DV Arrests

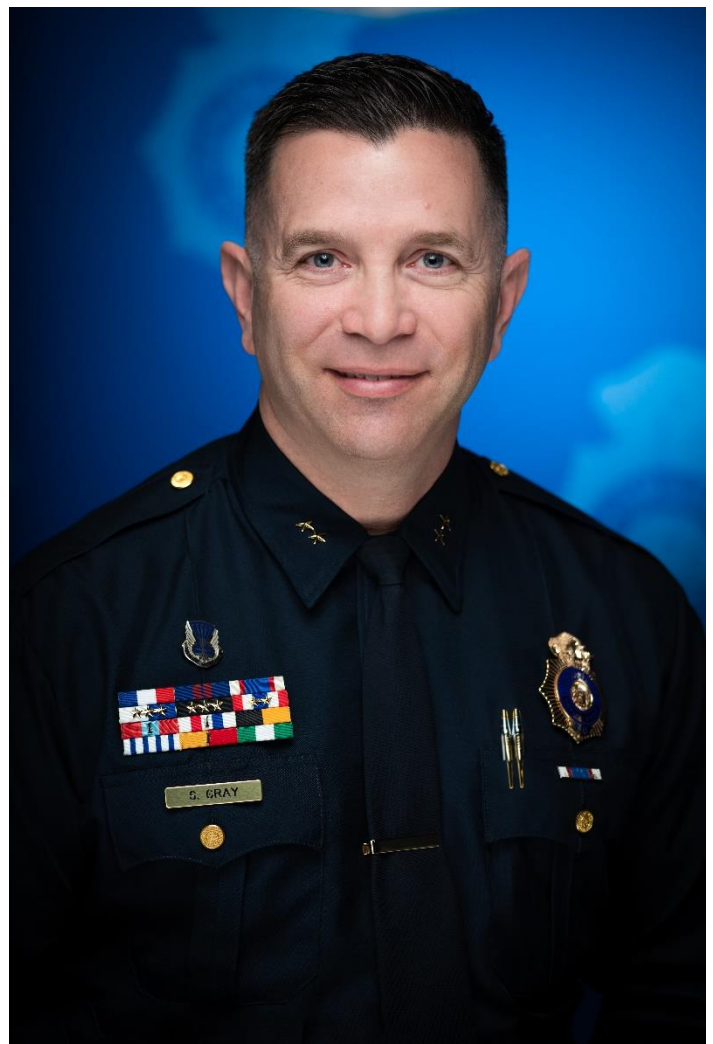
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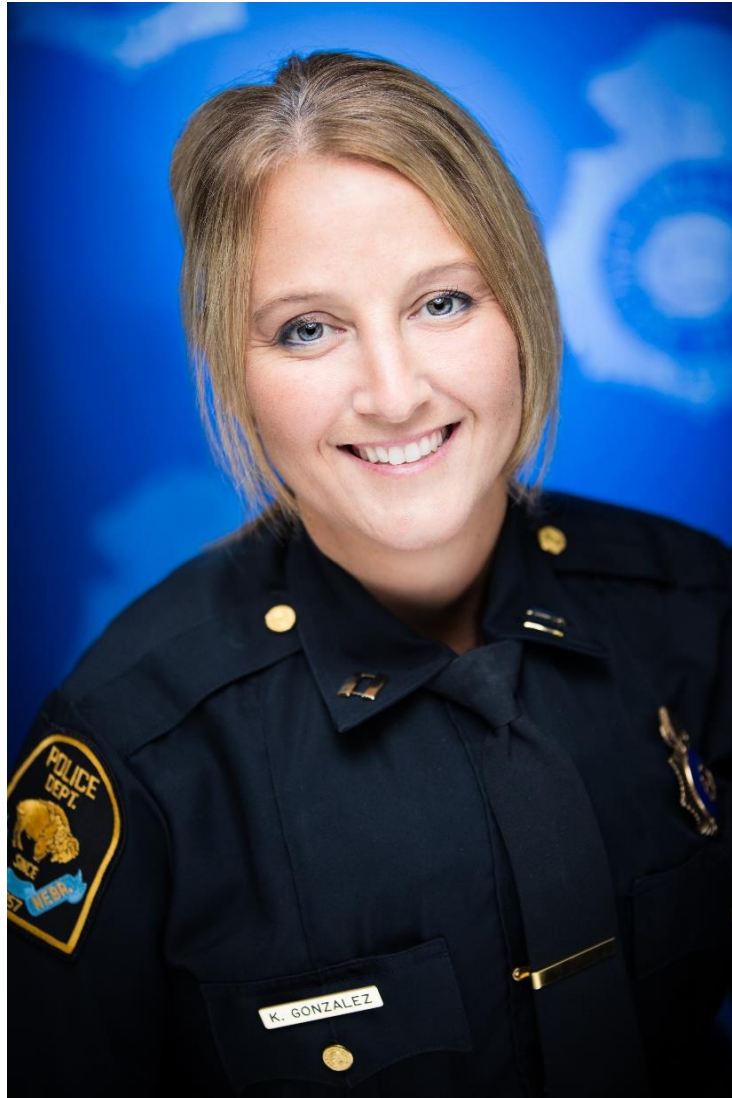
Misdemeanor DV Arrests



UNIFORM PATROL BUREAU

The Uniform Patrol Bureau (UPB) is commanded by Deputy Chief Scott Gray and provides 24 hour police patrol services to the public which include uniform patrol, emergency response to calls-for-service, general law enforcement, community outreach, event safety services, drug interdictions, and problem resolution. UPB is divided into four Uniform Patrol Precincts: Southeast Precinct, Northeast Precinct, Southwest Precinct, and Northwest Precinct.





SOUTHEAST PRECINCT

The Southeast (SE) Precinct is commanded by Captain Katherine Belcastro-Gonzalez and includes the following:

50 Area, 60 Area, 50/60 Area Relief, Mounted Patrol Squad, and River-Front Patrol Squad

The **Southeast Precinct (SE)** is the most diverse precinct in the city, encompassing 15 square miles. It includes the Old Market District, Henry Doorly Zoo, Lauritzen Gardens, the Blackstone District, as well as Midtown Crossing. It is home to several large businesses including First National Bank, ConAgra, Mutual of Omaha, Union Pacific, and many more. SE command and officers adapt to a variety of calls and events that take place throughout the year.

The SE Precinct utilizes a Problem Resolution Team to quickly address hot spots/problem areas which result in positive solutions. Officers continue to successfully patrol, interact with, and forge meaningful relationships with the diverse groups of people living in the community. These areas are patrolled by cruisers, bicycles, ATV's, horses, and segways to better serve the community. The SE Precinct boasts lower crime rates in 2018 in nearly every index crime than in 2017.

The SE Precinct had a busy year engaging with its citizens ha by hosting and attending numerous community events and meetings throughout 2018. In an effort to increase positive interaction with police the SE Precinct participated in community groups such as numerous Neighborhood Watch programs, precinct advisory council (PAC) meetings, and the South Omaha Violence Intervention Program (SOVIP).

325

Community Meetings

15

Square Miles Patrolled

56,373

*Calls for Service



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Mounted Patrol Squad

The Mounted Patrol Squad patrols downtown areas along the riverfront, to include the Old Market, the CenturyLink Center, and other tourist areas north and south of Dodge Street. The Squad also provides citywide traffic and crowd control for large events, parades, etc.

The squad participated in numerous community events in all four precincts throughout the year. The Mounted Patrol barn hosted activities for the Holiday of Horses Autism Event and Holiday Lights Festival events.

In 2018 Mounted Patrol welcomed a new officer and three new horses, including a horse donated from the Orozco family in honor of fallen officer Kerrie Orozco. The squad also received an anonymous gift and a corporate donation which will fund horses and gear for the next 10-15 years.

Riverfront Patrol Squad

The Riverfront Patrol Squad patrols downtown areas along the riverfront, to include the Old Market, the CenturyLink Center, and other tourist areas north and south of Dodge Street.

In 2018, the squad participated in weekly crowd control operations, handled numerous calls for service throughout the year in the Old Market Area, Capitol District, and North Downtown Area, issued 962 citations, and booked 326 individuals.

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New Officer

3

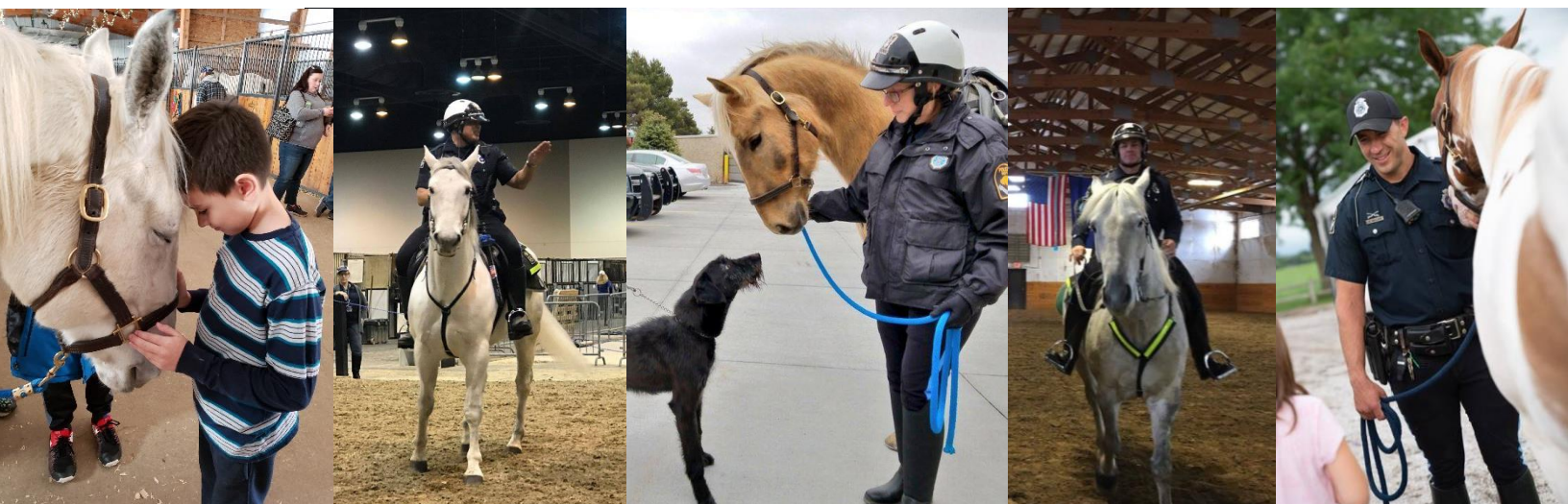
New Horses

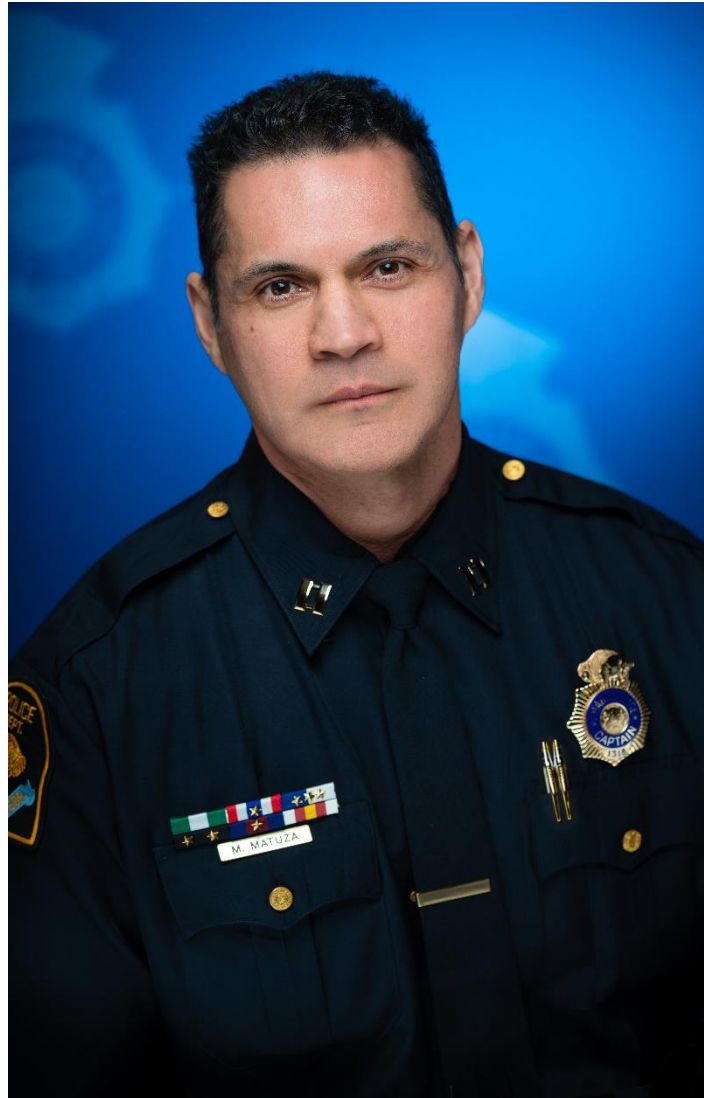
962

Citations Issued

326

Individuals Booked





NORTHEAST PRECINCT

The Northeast (NE) Precinct is commanded by Captain Mark Matuza and includes the following:

30 Area, 40 Area, and 30/40 Area Relief

The **Northeast Precinct (NE)** is one of the busiest precincts in the city encompassing 22 square miles. Officers use a proactive community policing approach to partner with grassroots community outreach organizations, neighborhood associations, public schools, faith-based organizations, political leaders and area businesses. This included attendance and participation in Employment Network monthly meetings, Omaha 360 Crime Prevention Initiative weekly meetings, and Pastors and Faith Leaders monthly meetings to serve as a means to inform the community that the NE Precinct serves and continues to be a major factor in helping to help combat and solve crimes.

Officers of the NE precinct were proactive in taking guns off the street, thorough in investigating crimes, and diligent in locating violent offenders so that community safety could be maintained/restored. The NE Precinct command focuses on positive community relations and addressing matters of crime, disorder, and public safety.

The NE Precinct had a busy year engaging with its citizens at numerous community events. In an effort to increase positive interaction with police the precinct conducted a Youth Citizens Academy, participated in Prayer Walks, Boys and Girls Club activities, various school activities, and so much more.

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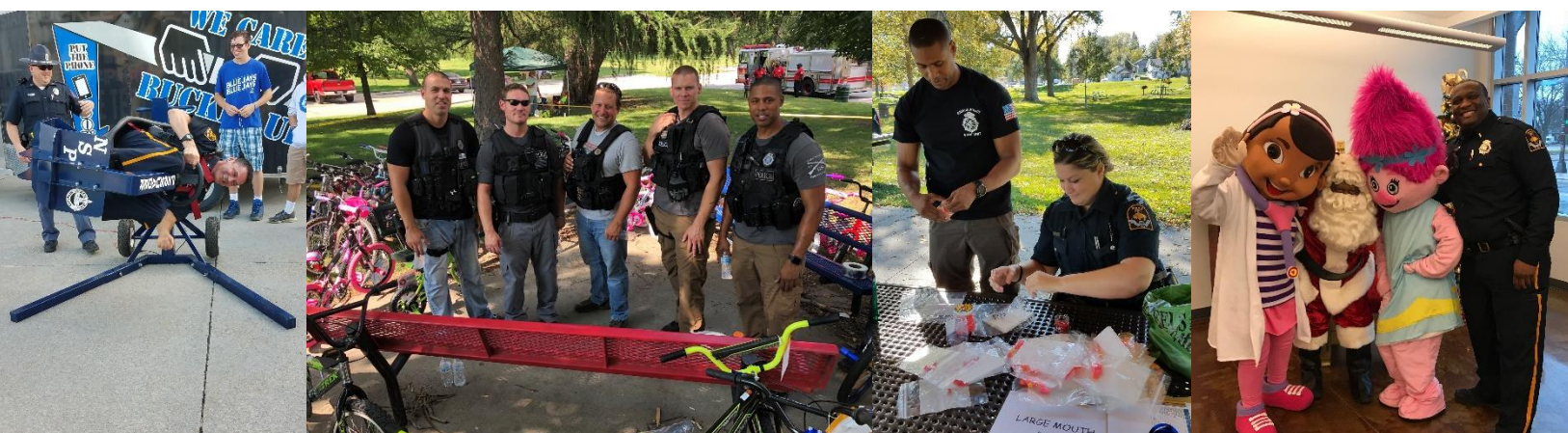
Community Meetings

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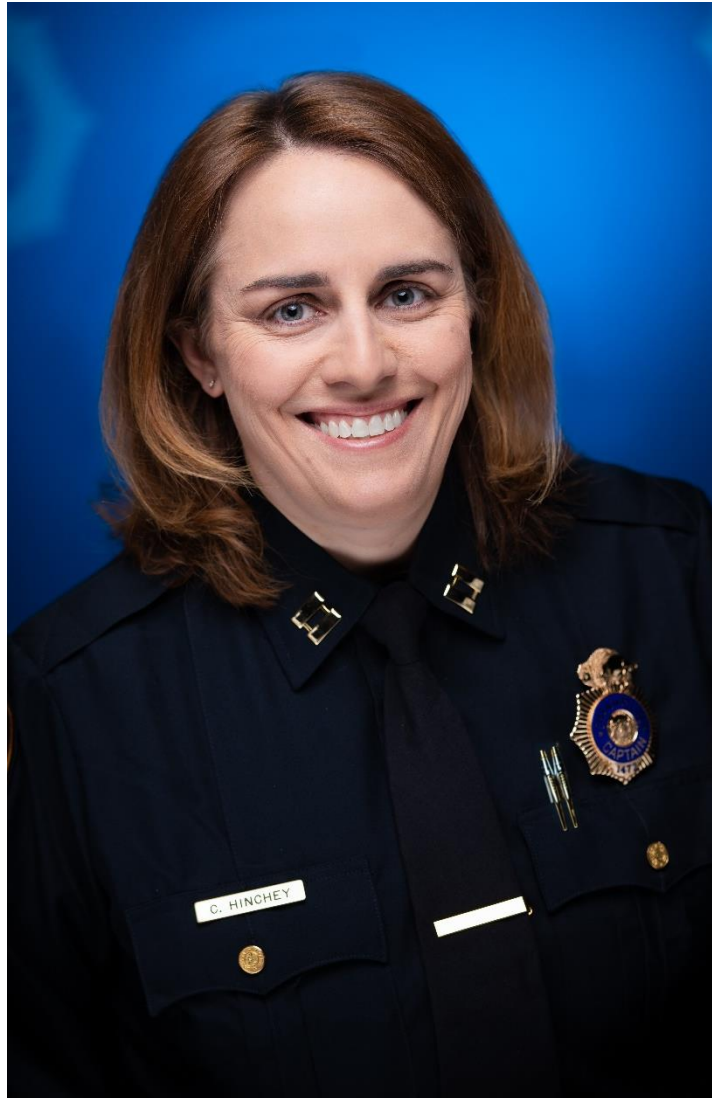
Square Miles Patrolled

52,012

*Calls for Service



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SOUTHWEST PRECINCT

The Southwest (SW) Precinct is commanded by Captain Colene Hinchey and includes the following:

70 Area, 80 Area, 70/80 Area Relief, and Traffic Unit

The **Southwest Precinct (SW)** is the largest precinct in the city of Omaha, encompassing 55 square miles and has the most populated single district in all of Omaha (82). They are currently working with the other three precincts to complete a Neighborhood Watch Group revitalization project. The precinct is proactively addressing and preventing crime through the use of Beat Units, Bike Patrol, and more two officer patrol cars.

SW officers continue to successfully patrol, interact, and further the community outreach goals of the OPD. They hosted their second annual six week Citizen's Academy which allowed 38 participants to attend presentations facilitated by many OPD speakers and community partners. The SW Precinct also joined with the Autism Action Partnership to host a "Making Memories" event – a sensory sensitive tour and interactive meet and greet with officers, Mounted Patrol horses, and an ERU Bomb Response dog. Through this partnership all four precincts are now distribution sites for AAPs "Big Red Safety Boxes" – a toolkit for parents of children with an intellectual disability that have issues with wandering/bolting/fleeing.

The SE Precinct had an action packed year with officers and the Crime Prevention Specialist attending and participating in numerous community meetings and events.

113

Community Meetings

55

Square Miles Patrolled

67,853

*Calls for Service



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Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit consists of three squads: Accident Investigations Squad, Selective Enforcement Squad, and Project Night Life Squad.

The Unit is responsible for traffic safety at all major events within the city limits of Omaha. The Traffic Unit provides 24-hour specialized traffic accident investigation, selective enforcement, and special event services. They obtain a majority of the agency's selective traffic enforcement operation grant funding. Grant-funded operations include nationwide enforcement campaigns such as "Click It Or Ticket" and "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose." The Traffic Unit received over \$277,811 in funding to provide additional operations, purchase equipment, and send officers to traffic related training.

The **Accident Investigations Squad (AIS)** investigated 5,402 hit and run accidents, 251 accidents involving city owned vehicles, 137 accidents involving serious bodily injury, and 37 accidents involving fatalities. The four "A" shift AIS officers led the entire State of Nebraska with over 532 DUI arrests during 2018. The officers received several awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving for their dedication to DUI enforcement.

The **Selective Enforcement Squad (SES)** is responsible for addressing the Mayor's and City Council's traffic hotspot complaint areas, routine speed and traffic complaints, addressing high profile areas of concern for speed and traffic enforcement, and assisting with patrol in high-crime areas for violence reduction. The squad also creates and implements traffic plans for special events, which is critical for the safety of all participants and spectators. The Selective Enforcement Squad provided traffic control and assistance for 195 special events throughout the city in 2018 including races, walks, and parades.

The **Project Night Life Squad (PNL)** focuses on educating teens about the dangers of distracted driving and poor decision making while behind the wheel. These include driving under the influence, texting while driving, and inattentiveness.

PNL funded 75 selective enforcement operations in 2018. The squad and grant operations issued 4,795 citations. Officers also made more than 520 total arrests, including 66 for Driving Under the Influence. PNL gave 171 presentations at local high schools. They also distributed materials about the dangers of risky driving to approximately 5,479 students at various community presentations.

\$277,811

Grant Funds for
Traffic Enforcement

5,402

Hit & Run Accidents
Investigated

532

DUI Arrests

195

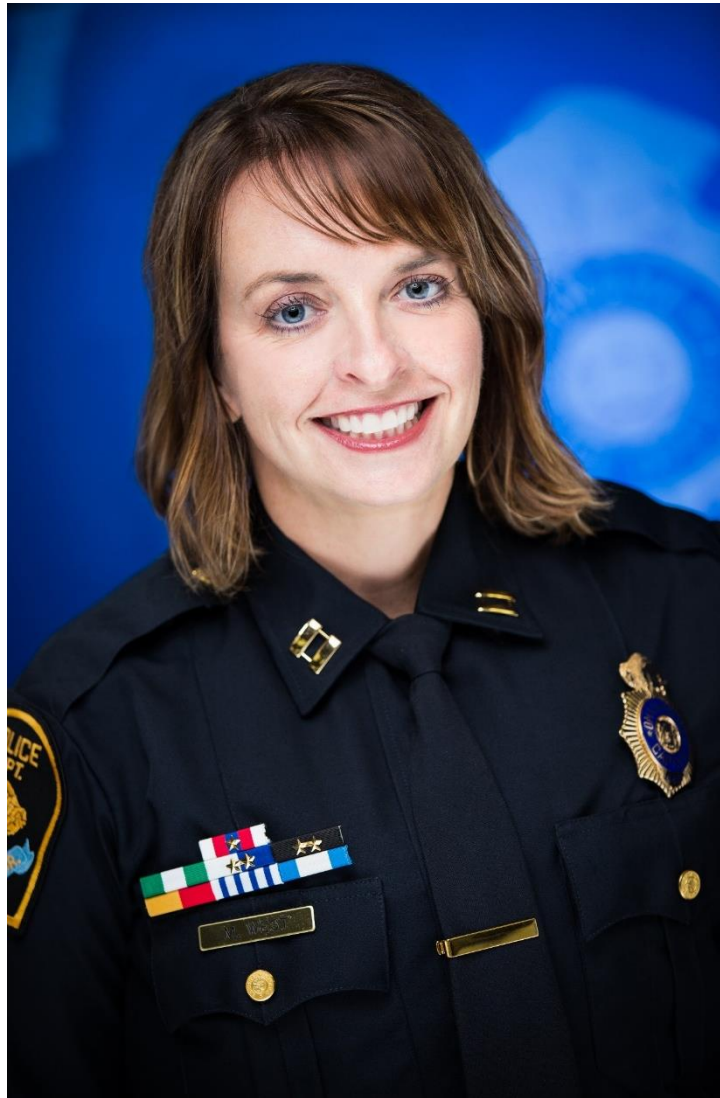
Special Events

4,795

Citations

520

PNL Arrests



NORTHWEST PRECINCT

The Northwest (NW) Precinct is commanded by Captain Marcia West and includes the following:

10 Area, 20 Area, 10/20 Area Relief, and Canine Unit

The **Northwest Precinct (NW)** is the second largest precinct in the city with 50 square miles. They promote direct communication and continue to improve its relationship with the residents they serve through proactive involvement with the schools, business, churches and neighborhood associations within its geographic area.

Officers of the NW Precinct continue to successfully patrol and further the community outreach goals of the OPD by placing strong emphasis on community policing and maintaining a direct line of communication with citizens. A 6 week Community Education Training Program was held in 2018 to allow participants an inside view of OPD, as well as encouraging community members to stop by and get to know the officers that patrol their streets.

The NW Precinct attended and participated in numerous community events and meetings which included a six week Citizen Police Academy, Retail Theft Coalition meetings, refugee safety presentations, Prayer Walks, Bike Fest and Rodeo Event, Heartland Family Services Clean the Park Event, Karen National Day, Memorial Park Independence Day Concert, and many more.

174

Community Meetings

50

Square Miles Patrolled

75,360

*Calls for Service



*All files used to compile this report are dynamic. Dynamic files allow continuous data entry, which could result in additions, deletions, and/or modifications at any time. Due to the dynamic nature of data, numbers may vary in previous or subsequent reports.

Canine Unit

The Canine Unit provides patrol, search, and investigative support to the Uniform Patrol and Criminal Investigations Bureaus, as well as outside law enforcement agencies. The Unit also engages in traffic enforcement and interdiction operations on Omaha roadways, including the interstate system.

Canine teams search for, locate, and apprehend potentially dangerous suspects who have fled, are hiding or resisting arrest and to detect illegal drugs. In 2018, the unit responded to 3,140 calls for service, and assisted with 493 felony arrests and 219 searches.

Officers and their canine partners continually train to maintain a high level of efficiency in the performance of their duties. The two OPD Canine Unit police dog trainers also assist other local law enforcement agencies' canine teams to train and certify their police service dog teams to meet state standards.

Members of the Canine Unit attended multiple community events and conducted many canine demonstrations for the public in 2018.

3,140

Calls for Service

493

Felony Arrests

219

Searches



POLICE SERVICES BUREAU



The Police Services Bureau (PSB) is commanded by Deputy Chief Kerry Neumann and provides support services to the department. The PSB prepares the departmental budget and manages fiscal affairs. PSB consists of Fiscal Affairs, Information Technology Unit, Mobile IT Unit, Administrative Information Section, and Support Services Section.

Fiscal Affairs

Fiscal Affairs works with the City of Omaha Finance Department to manage OPD financial accounts, assists in preparing and monitoring the OPD's budget, and projecting future departmental spending.

Information Technology Unit

The Information Technology Unit ensures proper maintenance and new development of the department's Information Technology Systems, including the Records Management System (RMS), IT infrastructure, and all WEB-based applications. The Unit also reviews purchases and agreements related to any outside IT vendors.

Mobile IT Unit

The Mobile IT Unit is responsible for the maintenance and proper functioning of the department's mobile technologies, including the Mobile Data Computers, Mobile Video Recorder systems, and the Body Worn Camera systems. These systems offer persuasive evidence and help enhance accountability and protection for OPD police officers. The unit also provides technical support to all department personnel on these systems, as well as the electronic reporting systems.

Digitally Recorded Evidence Access and Management (DREAM) Squad

The DREAM Squad was created in May 2018. This squad allows officers working in the field to focus on calls and investigative tasks by handling administrative tasks related to digital evidence.

340,000

Electronic RMS Entries

214,000

Officer Entered Reports

43,000

Incident Reports Entered

59,000

Accident Reports Entered

235,743

Number of Videos

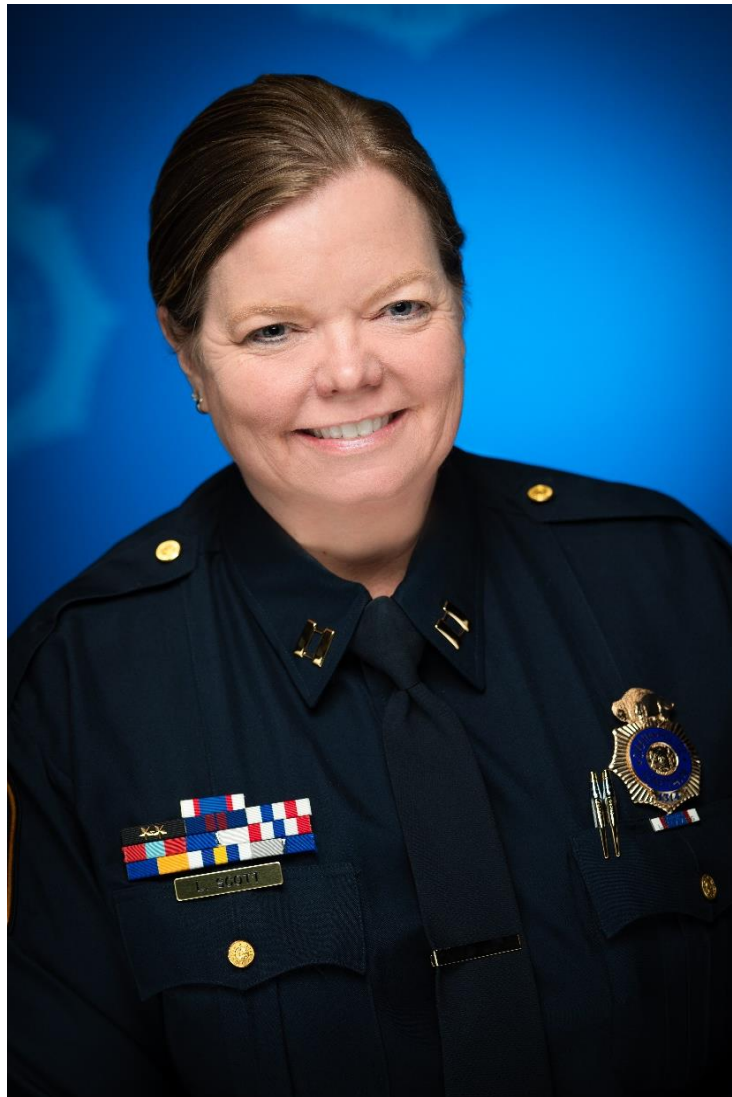
57,541

Hours of Video

199,230

GB of Video





ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION SECTION

The Administrative Information Section (AIS) is commanded by Captain Laurie Scott and delivers specialized support services to the OPD, other law enforcement agencies, and the community. The AIS includes the following Units and Squads:

Employee Resource Support, Peer Support Team, Air Support Unit, Emergency Response Unit, Crime Analysis Unit, Police Personnel Unit, Records Unit, Fiscal Affairs, Information Technology Unit, and Mobile IT Unit

Employee Resource Support

Consists of an administrative sergeant that acts as the Peer Support Team Coordinator and 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.

40

Peer Support Persons

Peer Support Team (PST)

The PST consists of 40 sworn and non-sworn employees that volunteer to be members of the team. Each PST member receives two days initial of critical incident stress and peer-to-peer training. The entire PST continues training throughout the year on topics such as active listening, depression, suicide awareness, addiction issues, post-traumatic stress, vicarious trauma, and self-care.

2

Days of Initial
Training

PST members assist both sworn and non-sworn employees after critical incidents and during times of professional and personal crises. The PST works closely with local, licensed professional mental health providers and with the City of Omaha Employee Assistance Program facilitators.

Air Support Unit

The Air Support Unit (ASU) provides 24 hour aerial surveillance support to OPD officers on the ground and to assist surrounding communities. The use of an aircraft provides enhanced officer safety, hastened response times, and a powerful level of observation including thermal-imaging capability.

In 2018, the ASU saw a significant increase in total activities. Flight hours increased from 900.5 in 2017 to 935.3 in 2018. The unit's overall activity increased from 10,130 in 2017 to 15,190 in 2018 with 11,404 officer initiated requests, 1,555 radio calls, and 2,231 assignments. The unit was involved in 132 pursuits compared to 103 in 2017 (these numbers may include assists to outside agencies); 45 vehicle pursuits and 87 foot pursuits. The unit responded to 117 outside agency assistance requests in 2018, an increase from 79 in 2017. They also gave 36 presentations.

935

Flight Hours

15,190

Calls for Service

132

Pursuits

117

Outside Agency Assistance

36

Unit Presentations



Emergency Response Unit (ERU)

The ERU provides services requiring special equipment, weapons, tactics, and training. The Unit is deployed for hostage/barricade situations, high-risk warrant services, dignitary protection, and other incidents. They conducted enhanced security at several high profile events in Omaha during 2018. The Unit includes the Bomb Dog Squad, Bomb Response Squad, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, and Crisis Negotiators.

ERU gave presentations at Citizen Police and Youth Academies, assisted with the First Responder Scout Day, Bomb Pop with a Cop, SAFE Fest, PACE Summer Camps, National Night Out events, and gave presentations at various school throughout the city.

The **Bomb Response Squad** responded to 29 calls for service in 2018. They completed 288 hours of required yearly training in addition to other types of training and certifications. The team also received two new bomb suits thanks to grant funds.

The **Bomb Dog Squad** received 30 calls for service in 2018. The squad welcomed a new dog (Ben) in July. They completed 288 hours of training throughout the year.

The **SWAT Team** completed 114 high-risk warrants and responded to 11 barricaded gunman incidents in 2018. SWAT completed their bi-annual Basic SWAT School, 192 hours of firearms/tactics training, and 48 hours of explosive breach training.

The **Crisis Negotiators** have completed hundreds of hours of training specific to communication techniques and negotiation principles used to solicit positive subject responses. They respond to high risk incidents including barricaded subjects, hostage situations, high element jumpers, suicidal persons, and other similar situations. In 2018 they responded to 19 incidents which included 13 barricades, six suicidal persons, and one hostage situation.

29

Bomb Response Squad
Calls for Service

2

New Bomb Suits

288

Hours of Training

30

Bomb Dog Squad
Calls for Service

1

New Bomb Dog

114

High-Risk Warrants

19

Crisis Negotiation
Incidents

Crime Analysis Unit (CAU)

The CAU is made up of non-sworn personnel that perform administrative and technical work for the OPD including compiling statistics; collecting, analyzing, and disseminating information related to crime patterns and crime trends; providing crime mapping and geographic analysis; maintaining and updating intelligence data files; and providing complex analytical support to assist in the prevention and suppression of criminal activities.

Police Personnel Unit (PPU)

The PPU oversees personnel actions for 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.

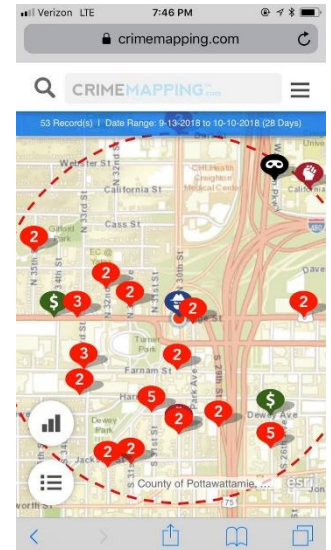
Records Unit

The Records Unit maintains the department's Records Management System, to include scanning, filing, and disseminating reports and criminal history information. The Unit includes the Data Center, Telephone Report Squad, and Records Squad.

The **Data Center** operates OPD'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 **Telephone Report Squad (TRS)** takes telephone report calls and all non-emergency incident reports. This allows OPD officers to focus on active patrol, traffic enforcement, and the investigation of more serious criminal matters. In 2018, TRS received 12,239 reports of incidents and took 9,062 calls with no reports made.

The **Records Squad** handles all reports generated by OPD. The squad stores, retrieves, reproduces, and delivers reports to both internal and external customers. In 2018 they processed 15,714 reports purchased by the public; provided 5,067 reports to other government agencies; and processed 9,282 criminal history requests.



1,016

Employees

12,239

Telephone Reports
Taken

15,714

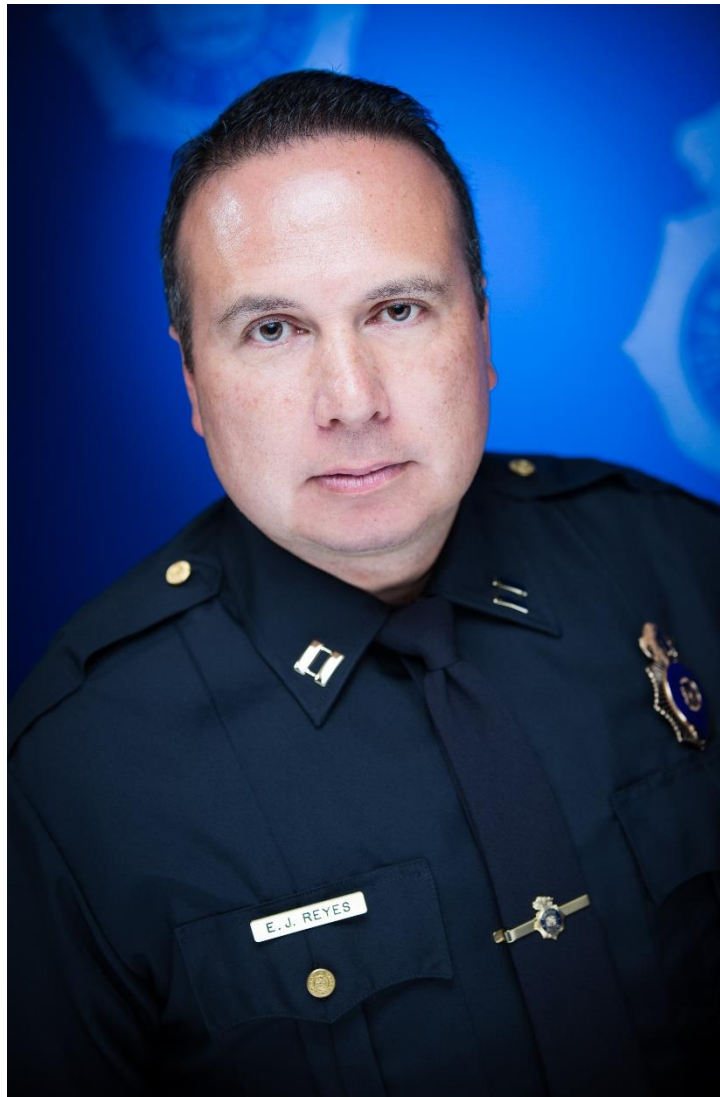
Reports Purchased

5,067

Reports to Other
Agencies

9,282

Criminal History
Requests



SUPPORT SERVICES SECTION

The Support Services Section (SSS) is commanded by Captain Ed Reyes and provides informational and specific support services to the department. The SSS includes the following Units and Squads:

Customer Services Unit, Digital Forensics Squad, Fleet/Facilities Unit, Forensic Investigations Unit, Police Supply Unit, and Vehicle Impound Lot

Customer Services Unit

The Customer Services Unit includes the Court Liaison Squad, Front Desk Squad, and Information Services Squad. The Unit provides a variety of services and support function, to include the receiving and processing of incoming telephone calls, handling inquiries from the public, and taking walk-in reports. The Unit processed 2,496 firearm registrations, 4,622 report requests, 1,603 fingerprints, and 1,044 mugshots.

2,496

Firearms Registrations

1,603

Fingerprints

1,044

Mugshots

727

Electronic Devices Searched

45

New Vehicles

489

Work Orders Completed

Digital Forensics Squad (DFS)

DFS performs 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. The number of officers in the squad doubled in 2018 which led to a remodel to provide a new work area to meet their growing needs. Digital evidence was collected from 727 devices in 2018.

Fleet/Facilities Unit

Fleet/Facilities Unit provides building and fleet maintenance and acquisition services for OPD. In 2018, 45 vehicles were added to the fleet (40 marked and five unmarked) and one new forensic truck was added. 489 work orders were completed in 2018.



Forensic Investigations Unit (FIU)

FIU provides forensic evidence collection, preservation, documentation, and analysis for OPD and other area law enforcement agencies. 2018 was a historic year for professional development, growth in staffing, and advances in forensic capabilities. FIU continued to maintain its ANAB/ISO/IEV 17020 accreditation in the areas of crime scene investigation and documentation, latent print examination, evidence collection, 3D measurement and forensic mapping, presumptive testing, and incident reconstruction.

FIU hosted a week-long, “Digital Image Enhancement: Extending Your Reach” course. Staff members attended portions of the Annual Nebraska Division of the International Association for Identification Conference, “Essentials of Latent Print Examination” course, in-house training for the new Leica scanning equipment and software. FIU organized and assisted with a number of large scale community and charitable events throughout 2018, including CSI Camp, Scout Day, Aim for the Stars Science and Math Camp, the Triennial Eppler Airfield Mass Disaster Training and Readiness Event, and several citizen education training programs.

5,730
Crime Scenes

5,878
Latent Print Comparisons

247,722
Photos taken



Police Supply Unit

Police Supply Unit helped provide uniforms, equipment, and general office supplies for over 1,000 employees, including supplies and equipment for the department's recruit class. The Police Supply Unit is staffed 12 hours a day, 5 days a week by three civilian employees.

In 2018 a new online ordering system was implemented through OPD's uniform vendor. This allows officers to order equipment and uniforms online 24/7.

19,508

Vehicles Processed

1,385

Vehicles Auctioned

Vehicle Impound Lot

Vehicle Impound Unit provides towing and disposal of abandoned and wrecked vehicles, as well as holds vehicles from accident and violation tows. After the proper holding period, unclaimed vehicles are auctioned to private entities.

In 2018 19,508 vehicles were processed, a significant increase from 9,222 in 2017. The Unit auctioned 1,385 vehicles for a total revenue of \$1,767,108 and generated \$44,405 from auctioning impounded property.

\$1,767,108

Vehicle Auction
Revenue

\$44,405

Impound Property
Auction Revenue



EXECUTIVE SERVICES BUREAU



The Executive Services Bureau (ESB) is commanded by Deputy Chief Greg Gonzalez. ESB consists of the Evidence and Property Unit, Research and Planning Unit, and Training and Community Services Section.

Evidence/Property Unit (EPU)

The EPU is responsible for securely storing, organizing, and maintaining all evidence and property that comes into OPD custody.

100

General Orders

Research and Planning Unit (RPU)

The RPU is responsible for managing OPD's CALEA accreditation, Policies and Procedures Manual, and PowerDMS System.

30

OPD Forms

In 2018, the RPU continued to help the department strive for excellence and professionalism. Over 100 General Orders were drafted and implemented, over 30 OPD forms were updated and/or created, and more than 30 intensive research projects and/or surveys of other law enforcement agencies were completed to determine best practices and trends. The Unit also sourced, drafted applications, and managed over 11 million dollars in grant and foundation funding for OPD.

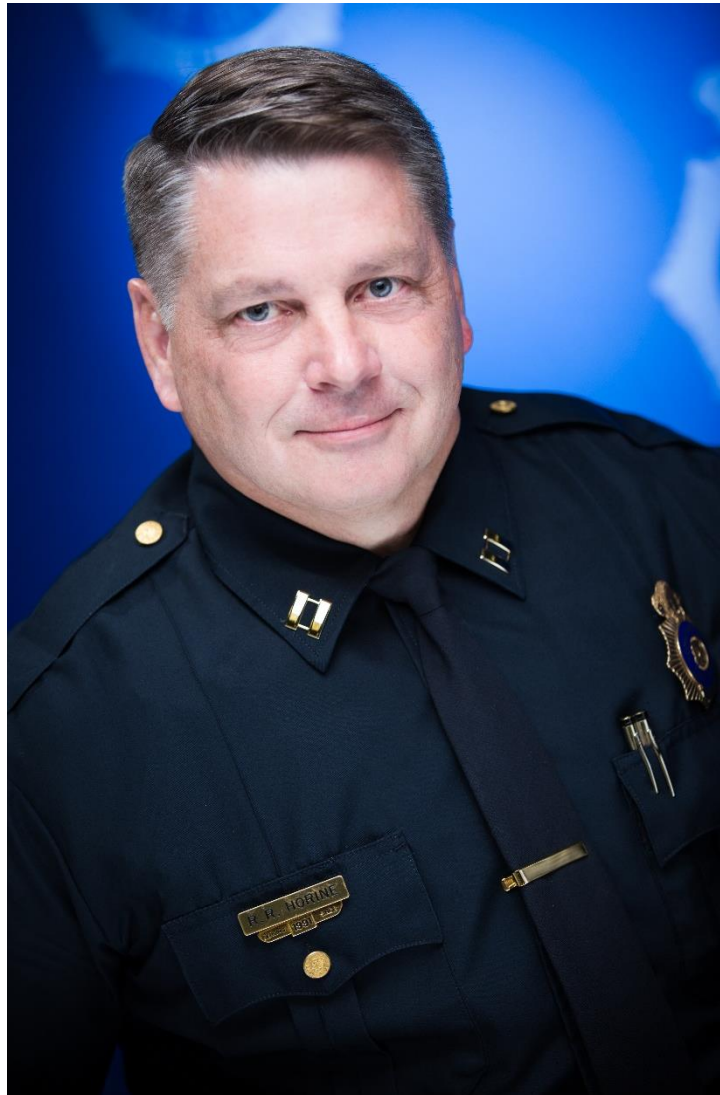
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Research Projects

\$11,000,000

Grant/Foundation Funds





TRAINING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTION

The Training and Community Services Section (TCSS) is commanded by Captain Russell Horine and includes the following Units and Squads:

Backgrounds/Inspections Unit, Neighborhood Services Unit, Honor Guard, Pipe and Drums Corp, and Training Unit

Backgrounds/Inspections Unit (BIU)

The BIU is responsible for facilitating sworn recruitment and conducting background investigations sworn and non-sworn applicants. The BIU is also tasked with monitoring employee compliance with uniform/dress code and off-duty employment requirement, as well as auditing/inspecting OPD cash funds and other assigned areas.

In 2018 the BIU administered written tests to over 700 applicants, facilitated physical ability testing, processed and created case files for candidates, completed 153 police candidate background investigations, and coordinated structured interviews with OPD command for a class of 58 recruits. In preparation for the 2019 Lateral Class the BIU processed over 50 applicants, coordinated structured interviews with OPD command, and completed 37 background investigations. They also completed 76 civilian background investigations, attended numerous job fair throughout Nebraska, and provided several career presentations at local high schools and colleges.

700

Applicants

153

Background
Investigations



Neighborhood Services Unit (NSU)

The NSU provides assistance to the public with problem resolution and prevention programs. The Unit consists of the Business Watch Squad, Nuisance Task Force Squad, Prevention Programs Squad, School Resource Officer Squads, and Volunteer Services Squad.

The **Business Watch Squad** gave 33 presentations to businesses, completed 235 closed property registrations, assisted 250 Business Watch group members, conducted 503 officer follow-ups to victims of robbery and burglary, and conducted 40 CPTED follow-ups with victim businesses

The **Nuisance Task Force Squad** responded to 2,729 Mayor Action Line complaints, issued 2,078 nuisance notices, and towed 289 vehicles.

The **Prevention Programs Squad** Gave 228 presentations, participated in 85 events, made contact with 61,365 members of the community, completed 100 school and business safety audits, hosted Kindergarten Traffic Training for 206 youth, hosted Annual Scout Day event for 564 community members, and gave safety patrol presentations to 23 schools and 673 youth.

The **School Resources Officer (SRO) Squad** plays a vital role in the safety and education of 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. SRO's work with other OPD Units to share information on numerous cases and develop leads. SRO's effectively reduced the arrest rate of students in the Omaha Metropolitan area.

All SRO's are certified through the National Association of School Resources Officers and have completed "Policing the Teen Brain" training the Colorado School Safety Resource Center's "Threat Assessment and Management" Training. In 2018, all SRO's completed a 16 hour Active Shooter course which included classroom instruction and live scenario training.

The **Volunteer Services Squad** manages OPD volunteer and intern activity. In 2018 there were 21 volunteer chaplains, 48 volunteer handicapped parking patrols, 62 Omaha Police Department Volunteers, and 20 college interns.

503

Victim Follow-ups

2,078

Nuisance Notices

228

Prevention Presentations

151

Volunteers

Honor Guard

The OPD's Honor Guard was established in 1954 as a volunteer organization devoted to positively representing the OPD through various civic functions. During 2018, the Honor Guard engaged in 69 events which included 33 color guards, 12 retiree funerals, seven line of duty funerals for outside agencies, three parades, two graduations, the Blue Mass, Memorial Day Services, Police Vigil Walk, Police Memorial Day, and various duties in Washington, D.C. for Police Memorial Day.

33

Color Guards

7

Line of Duty
Funerals

3

Parades



Pipe and Drum Corp (P&DC)

The OPD's Pipe and Drum Corps was established in 2010 and is a ceremonial unit that represents the Chief of Police and OPD at public and private events. During 2018, the P&DC played for final honors at 14 funerals, OPD Lateral and Recruit Graduation ceremonies, International Omaha Horse Jumping Competition at the CHI Center, various Police Memorial Week Activities, NSP Camp 59 graduation, and several community events.

14

Final Honors

3

Graduations

16

Community Events

Training Unit

The Training Unit provides a Basic Recruit Academy for new OPD recruit officers, maintains continuing education courses for all sworn officers, and coordinates training for non-sworn employees of the department.

2018 was a busy year for the Training Unit. Total training classes increased from 118 in 2017 to 272 in 2018. Training hours totaled 45,112 in 2018; up 40% from 2017. 4,252 individuals participated in training in 2018.

272

Training Classes

The following are some of the trainings provided to OPD employees in 2018:

- Management school for newly assigned lieutenants
- First line supervisor school for newly assigned sergeants
- Crisis Intervention Training classes
- Policing the Teen Brain classes
- Patrol rifle schools
- Training for new body camera/taser signal activations
- Field training officer refresher classes
- Department-wide in-service training
- Recruit Class I-2018 academy training

45,112

Training Hours

4,252

Participants



POLICE ATHLETICS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (PACE)

PACE is a non-profit that has worked with OPD to prevent youth crime and gang involvement since 2005. This is accomplished by offering free sporting activities to at-risk youth in the Omaha area. Youth that participate develop discipline, self-esteem, and positive moral values through wholesome competition and education.

OPD sworn and non-sworn employees participate in PACE program activities as part of the department's ongoing community policing efforts. The program builds and fosters positive relationships between not only the officers and the youth that participate, but the community as a whole.

Since its creation PACE has grown in both participation and programming offered. In 2005, 90 youth participated in PACE soccer. In 2018, 4,154 youth participated in the various programs offered through PACE.

2018 Programming

- Fall and Summer Baseball
- CrossFit in all Seasons
- Fall Flag Football
- ACT Prep
- Summer and Christmas Law Enforcement Educational Camps
- After School Club Soccer
- Girls and Micro League Soccer
- Academy Summer and Fall Soccer
- Winter Soccer
- Summer Soccer





PACE



2018 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Crime Stoppers “Officer of the Year”

Detective Lisa K. Crouch and Detective Jeffrey W. Shelbourn were named Crime Stoppers “Officer of the Year” for their commitment to investigating crimes against children.

FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association “Hometown Heroes” Award

PACE received the “Hometown Heroes” Award for its extraordinary efforts in the community.

Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee Conference

Sergeant Michael Kozelichki, Officer Doug Herout, Officer Nikki Lasater, Officer Jim Shields, and Officer Daniel Torres were honored for their outstanding work in the “RICO” drug investigation.

Living the Dream Award

Deputy Chief Greg Gonzalez received the “Living the Dream” award for embodying the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.’s vision and beliefs through his service to the community.

MADD 2018 Hero Award for Adult DUI Enforcement

Officer Scott G. Shymkewicz and Officer Jeremy M. Zipay received the “MADD 2018 Hero Award for Adult DUI Enforcement” for their exceptional work in the area of Adult DUI Enforcement.

Metropolitan Chiefs Association Awards

Sergeant Aaron Hanson received an award for “Leadership” and Officer Aaron Dugick and Officer Shawn Pearson received awards for “Dedication.”

Midwest HIDTA’s “Outstanding Investigative Effort” Award

Sergeant Russell Petersen, Sergeant Alan Reyes, Officer Jordan Brandt, Officer Brian Dembinski, Officer Jamie Desautels, Officer Stephen Gonzales, Officer Sergio Gutierrez, Officer Kenner Hatfield, Officer James Holtmeyer, Officer Cole Johannsen, Officer David Rieck, Officer Douglas Herout, Officer Jason Friedrichsen, Officer Adam Kruse, Officer Daniel Torres, Officer James Shields, and Officer Nicholas Yarpe received the “Outstanding Investigative Effort” Award for their part in the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Operation “Brass Catcher.”

Nebraska Community Safety Award

The PACE Team received the National Safety Council’s 2018 “Nebraska Community Safety” Award.

NLPOA “Female Officer of the Year”

Captain Kathy Belcastro-Gonzalez was chosen as the “Female Officer of the Year” for her law enforcement leadership and commitment to community excellence.

Omaha Coalition of Citizens Patrols (OCCP)

Officer Jennifer Turner, Officer John Villwok, Officer Paul Hanson, and Crime Prevention Specialist Vanessa Urbach were recognized at the OCCP’s 2018 banquet.

Omaha Police Foundation “Community Impact Award”

The Forensics Investigations Unit received the “Community Impact Award” for its successful effort to elevate the OPD’s labs through National Accreditation in the Fall of 2017.

Omaha Police Foundation “Officer of the Year”

Sergeant Stefan J. Davis was named as the Omaha Police Foundation’s “Officer of the Year.”

Omaha Police Officers Ball

Deputy Chief Greg Gonzalez was recognized for his community service with the “Kerrie Orozco Community Service Award.”

Outstanding Small Nonprofit of the Year

PACE received the American Society of Public Administration, Nebraska Chapter, Public Service Award for “*Outstanding Small Nonprofit of the Year.*”

Rotary Club of Omaha-West

Officer David F. Preston, Jr. was recognized by the Rotary Club of Omaha—West as “Officer of the Year” for his outstanding community involvement.

UNO School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Lieutenant Darci Tierney received the “Rising Star Achievement Award.”

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

Awarded to employees who have suffered injuries during the performance of their duties which are likely to cause death or great bodily harm.

(Ret.) Officer Louis Tomsu



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Awarded to employees who perform meritorious and/or distinguished acts deserving honor or who exhibit long-term exemplary performance of their duties.

**Captain Colene Hinchey
Sergeant David Bianchi
Sergeant Kevin Elliott
Sergeant Marlene Novotny**

**(Ret.) Sergeant Robert Wondra
Officer Richard Belik
Officer Dustin Morris
R&P Specialist Tish Mendick**

POLICE LIFE SAVING MEDAL

Awarded to employees who rescue or endeavor to rescue any person from a life threatening incident, which may include drowning, fire, hazardous, material incident, or other extremely dangerous situations. Such endeavors should reflect the efforts/actions of employees which clearly went above and beyond the normal police function in safeguarding the lives of the public.

**Captain Steve Cerveny
Sergeant Jeremy Christensen
Sergeant Danette Culler
Sergeant Brent Kendall
Sergeant Joseph Mraz
Sergeant Brendan O'Flynn
Sergeant Martin Stiles
Sergeant Lance Worley
Officer Nicholas Andrews
Officer Douglas Arrick
Officer Ian Baxter
Officer Ronnie Beasley
Officer Tyler Buhrman
Officer Kevin Checksfield
Officer Theodore Delezene
Officer John Gruidel
Officer Jeremy Hanzek
Officer Sterling Hitch
Officer Steven Hogle
Officer Steven Jennum**

**Officer Jeremy Kerwin
Officer Aaron Kruger
Officer Aaron Lier
Officer Shawn Loontjer
Officer Eric Meads
Officer Robert Morton
Officer Robert Myers
Officer José Nava
Officer Aram Normandin
Officer Dawn Orent
Officer Derick Peters
Officer Wesley Peterson
Officer Andrew Ray
Officer Christopher Rich
Officer Scott Scheideler
Officer Brian Schuster
Officer Ryne Sell
Officer Christopher Smith
Officer Joshua Smith
Officer Anthony White**



RIBBON OF UNIT EXCELLENCE

Awarded to a section, unit, squad, or as-needed component of OPD employees who, as a group, performed in a manner which if performed by an individual would merit recognition for quality service to the community for performance of duty or duties clearly above that which would normally be expected.

Carotid Restraint Control Hold Group
Crime Analysis Unit
OPD Marksmanship Team
OPD Patrol Rifle Instructor Group
OPD Summer 2018 Northwest Precinct 10/20 Crew

RIBBON OF EXCELLENCE

Awarded to employees who, in the performance of their duty, successfully develop or accomplish an administrative project or investigatory task in which the employee displayed exceptional initiative, tenacity, and expertise.

Captain Katherine Gonzalez	Sergeant Brent Kendall	Officer Kristopher Gates
Lieutenant Steve Cerveney	Sergeant Harmon Moss	Officer Tiffany Korth
Lieutenant Trevor O'Brien	Sergeant Matthew Rech	Officer Gregory O'Neil
Lieutenant John Sokolik	Sergeant Eric Schlapia	Officer Jonathan Robish
Lieutenant Mike Stewart	Sergeant Joseph Svacina	Officer Tom Rummel
Lieutenant Sherie Thomas	Officer Elizabeth Abramson	Officer Robert Seitzer
Lieutenant Keith Williamson	Officer Ruteena Alcantara	Officer Robert Soldo
Sergeant Jeremy Christensen	Officer Devin Crinklaw	Crime Prevention Specialist
Sergeant Joseph Collins	Officer Leigh Culver	Theola Cooper**
Sergeant Lindsey Fox	Officer Jerrod Galloway	(Ret.) Sergeant Robert Wondra

CHIEF'S LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Presented to an employee for an exceptional act and/or job performance which bring credit to the OPD and the employee, and is highly regarded by fellow employees and citizens as an outstanding example of police or police support work.

Lieutenant John Wells	Officer Nicholas Groth	Officer Andrew Ramsay
Sergeant Brent Kendall	Officer William Hardisty	Officer Andrew Ray
Sergeant Eric Picht	Officer Brian Hayes	Officer Christopher Rich
Sergeant Pamela Volk	Officer Douglas Herout	Officer Justin Rudloff
Officer Ryan Arthur	Officer Reifer Johnson	Officer David Stewart
Officer Jordan Brandt	Officer Jessica Judkins	Officer Jeffry Shelbourn
Officer Brandon Braun	Officer Gregory Kinnaman	Officer Jodi Sautter
Officer Christopher Brown	Officer Shannon Knuth	Officer Nick Sidzyk
Officer Nathan Buresh	Officer Tiffany Korth**	Officer Kevin Snethen
Officer Bradley Canterbury	Officer Adam Kruse	Officer David Ullery
Officer Billie Jo Ceglar	Officer Troy Liebe***	Officer Jeffrey Wasmund
Officer Bobby Clark	Officer Christopher Leick	Officer Ben Weidner
Officer Kyle Crick	Officer Ryan Miller	Officer Kirk Weidner
Officer Robert Dellutri	Officer Paul Milone	Officer Eric White
Officer Joshua Downs	Officer Travis Mitchell	Officer Ryon Woodington
Officer Aaron Dugick	Officer Dustin Morris**	Officer Brian Wucher
Officer Dillon Dunham	Officer Robert Morton	Officer Nicholas Yarpe
Officer Jerod Forstrom	Officer Aram Normandin	Officer Jeremy Zipay
Officer Kenneth Fortune	Officer Martin Obrecht	Crime Analyst Ryan Croghan
Officer Tyler Friend	Officer Shawn Pearson	Crime Analyst Shawn Fisher
Officer Chad Frodyma	Officer Zachary Petrick	Forensic Tech. Sarah Lund
Officer Corey Gorden	Officer Scott Pham	
Officer Raymond Griffin	Officer Mark Pruett	

LETTER OF WORK WELL DONE

Presented to an employee for quality service to the OPD and/or community for performance of duty or duties above which would normally be expected.

Deputy Chief Gregory Gonzalez
Captain Katherine Belcastro-Gonzalez
Lieutenant Mark Desler
Lieutenant Stefanie Fidone
Lieutenant Jacob Ritonya
Sergeant Matthew Chandler
Sergeant Daniel Flynn
Sergeant Thomas Fricke
Sergeant Aaron Hanson
Sergeant Phillip Hodges
Sergeant Rochair Jenkins
Sergeant Tina Jennum
Sergeant Brent Kendall**
Sergeant Daniel Martin
Sergeant Brendan O'Flynn**
Sergeant Erin Payne
Sergeant Eric Picht
Sergeant Jonathan Robish
Sergeant Brett Schrage
Sergeant Sean Sheridan**
Sergeant Tyler Stricker**
Sergeant Jessica Swanson**
Sergeant David Volenec
Sergeant Pamela Volk
Sergeant Lance Worley
Sergeant Stephen Worley
Sergeant Timothy Woolman
Officer Anthony Abboud
Officer Ruteena Alcantara
Officer Tyler Anderson
Officer Antone Arrick****
Officer Ryan Arthur
Officer Cody Babel
Officer Ian Baxter
Officer Nicola Bay**
Officer Mark Blice
Officer Jordan Brandt***
Officer Brandon Braun*****
Officer Paul Briese, Jr.
Officer Christopher Brown
Officer Heath Brunow**
Officer Cory Buckley
Officer Nathan Buresh
Officer Robert Butler
Officer Kevin Byrd
Officer Raymond Carlisle
Officer Billie Jo Ceglar**
Officer Jacob Chong
Officer Corey Clements
Officer Vaughn Cotton*****
Officer Devin Crinklaw
Officer Darren Cunningham
Officer Michael Curd
Officer Shawn Davidson**
Officer Theodore Delezene***
Officer Robert Dellutri
Officer Anthony Desciscio
Officer Nathan Dickey**
Officer Mike Dose
Officer Aaron Dugick
Officer Dillon Dunham
Officer Sonia Elkins
Officer Antonio Espejo
Officer Thomas Ewin
Officer William Fell
Officer Malcolm Flight
Officer Kenneth Fortune
Officer Brandon Fender***

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Officer Andrew Freeman**
Officer Tyler Friend
Officer Chad Frodyma
Officer Patrick Garcia**
Officer Grant Gentile
Officer Sherry Gooley
Officer Corey Gorden
Officer Christopher Gordon
Officer Clint Gormley
Officer Kyle Graber**
Officer Jared Grayson
Officer Darrell Greene
Officer Gregg Grossoehmig
Officer Jacob Haniszewski
Officer William Hardisty
Officer John Harney**
Officer Paul Hasiak**
Officer Brian Hayes
Officer Rodney Henderson
Officer Rosemary Henn
Officer Matthew Hirz
Officer Phillip Hodges
Officer August Hogan III**
Officer Terry Hughes
Officer Michael Huston
Officer Robert Iske**
Officer D'Nasha Jackson
Officer Matei Jackson*****
Officer Jordan Jacobs
Officer Fredric James
Officer Cole Johannsen
Officer James Johnson
Officer Jerry Kassen**
Officer Jonathan Kauffman
Officer Ryan Keele**
Officer Nathan Keenan
Officer Andrew Kinsey
Officer William Klees
Officer Justin Knapp
Officer Anna Koenig
Officer Joseph Koenig**
Officer Charles Kraemer
Officer Derrick Kreikemeier
Officer Joseph Kunza
Officer Mark Lang
Officer Troy Liebe**
Officer Shawn Loontjer
Officer Emilio Luna
Officer Erin Marcotte
Officer Joshua Marreel***
Officer John Martinez
Officer Queño Martinez
Officer Ricardo Martinez***
Officer Matthew McDonald
Officer Christopher Miller
Officer Nicholas Molek
Officer Adam Moore
Officer Chantelle Munchrath
Officer Steve Murcek
Officer Shane Myers
Officer Joseph Negrete
Officer Jennifer Nelson
Officer Joseph Nickerson
Officer Todd O'Keefe
Officer Dawn Orent
Officer Christopher Overton
Officer Katie Ozmun

Officer Johnny Palermo
Officer Jaime Partida
Officer Andrew Passo
Officer Wesley Peterson
Officer Zachary Petrick**
Officer Randy Pignotti
Officer Carlie Potts
Officer Matthew Rech
Officer Joseph Richter
Officer Brooks Riley**
Officer Kenny Rowe
Officer Jodi Sautter**
Officer Heidi Schlotzhauer
Officer Brian Schuster
Officer Tristan Schwartz
Officer Timothy Seiker
Officer Ryne Sell**
Officer James Shade
Officer Nick Sidzyk**
Officer Ryan Sillman**
Officer Christopher Smith
Officer Sean Soderberg
Officer Ruben Soto
Officer David Stewart
Officer Matthew Stigge
Officer Tyler Stricker
Officer Jacob Sunderman**
Officer Tammy Swanson
Officer Kelli Tapp**
Officer Austin Taylor**
Officer David Ullery**
Officer Douglas Valentine**
Officer Sheila Valquier
Officer Kevin Vodicka
Officer Brett Wagner
Officer Cory Waltemath
Officer Ashley Warman
Officer Josiah Warren
Officer Jeffrey Wasmund
Officer Benjamin Weidner
Officer Kirk Weidner
Officer Chad Wiebers
Officer Loviernai Wilburn
Officer Robert Wiley**
Officer Jason Wilhelm
Officer Matthew Williams
Officer Kimberley Woolery
Officer Daniel Wootton
Officer Ryan Wullschleger
Officer Jordan Vander Zwaag
Officer Scott Zymball**
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Crime Analyst Eric Adams**
Crime Analyst Ryan Croghan
Crime Analyst Shawn Fisher
Crime Analyst Trevor Postany
Crime Analyst Shannon Von Minden
Crime Specialist Ofelia Robles
Sr. Forensic Tech. Maggie Horan
Forensic Tech. Amanda Cooley
Forensic Tech. Rachel Dellovechio
Forensic Tech. Trainee Treightin Palimenio
Info. Services Tech. Michelle Barton
R & P Specialist Kristen Lynam
R & P Specialist Patricia Mendick

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NOTABLE EVENTS AND SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS

- On January 6, 2018 Army Sgt. Kyle LeFlore was home on leave when he was robbed and murdered. Several arrests have been made in this case with one person sentenced to life in prison for 1st Degree Murder.
- On February 23, 2018 Officer Kevin Checksfield was the first to respond on scene to a call involving an infant not breathing. Upon arrival, Officer Checksfield quickly assessed the situation and started to perform CPR on the infant. Eventually the three month old began breathing on his own and was transported to the hospital for additional care.
- In March 2018 the OPD Special Victims Unit (SVU) investigated the report of a missing 14 year old girl. After a significant amount of investigation and media attention the girl was located. Police were able to identify a suspect, who has since been sentenced to six years in prison for sexual assault of a juvenile.
- The Safe Streets Task Force, which includes OPD officers, was investigating a large drug trafficking organization. They conducted a traffic stop on March 4, 2018 related to the investigation. The driver, William Labenz, was arrested for driving under suspension and one-quarter pound of methamphetamine was located inside the vehicle's trunk. The following month, a search of his home revealed additional methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.
- On April 1, 2018 officers responded to a sexual assault. Detectives in the SVU used their training and technology to investigate this incident, which had similarities to several others dating back to 1996. The detectives' hard work and commitment to public safety resulted in a serial rapist, Robert Frazier, being arrested for five different sexual assaults.
- On April 18, 2018 a perpetrator broke into a home and sexually assaulted the woman that lived there. The dedicated detectives of the SVU were able to quickly identify, locate, and arrest a suspect. Drequan Price was booked into jail for 1st degree sexual assault and has since been sentenced to 45 years in prison.
- In April 2018, OPD was called about a suspect breaking into a locked car and stealing a purse. Leads developed from a thorough investigation resulted in the arrest of two suspects and recovery of the stolen property, which included a ring valued at over \$600,000.
- In April 2018, an Endangered Missing Advisory was issued for Camisha Hollis. The tremendous effort of detectives over the last year has resulted in Hollis' longtime boyfriend, Marvin Young, being charged with 1st degree murder in June 2019.

- In 2018 the Northwest Precinct saw an alarming trend of sport bike riders in large groups driving at high speeds, doing wheelies, splitting lanes, and running red lights. From May 1st through August 31st an enforcement operation was conducted to combat this dangerous problem. The operation led to mass arrests and sent a message to riders that these behaviors will not be tolerated.
- On June 2, 2018, a shooting in Omaha's Old Market area claimed the life of Jasmine Harris and injured others. The Homicide Unit continues to investigate her homicide. Detectives are analyzing all of the information related to this case and are exhausting every lead.
- In June 2018, the Omaha Community Playhouse was broken into. Some items were stolen and over a quarter of a million dollars in damage was done. After extensive investigation Jeffrey Horger, a former employee was arrested.
- In August 2018, OPD officers responded to the Siena Francis House for a report of a man who cut two people and then ran into the building. Once inside the suspect, Stephen Caldwell, took a third person hostage. Officers were forced to use deadly force to save the life of the female employee Caldwell took hostage and was holding at knifepoint.
- On September 21, 2018 OPD officers stopped Jeremiah Connelly on a traffic violation. Officers determined the vehicle was stolen and took Connelly into custody. During the interview, officers also obtained information about an unrelated death of an adult female. The investigation led Homicide detectives to discover the body of Jeanna Wilcoxon. Connelly was arrested for 1st- Degree Murder, Tampering with Evidence, Theft-Unlawful Taking and Willful Reckless Driving.
- On September 20, 2018 OPD officers assisted City Code Enforcement with a large scale inspection of the Yale Place Apartments that resulted in 2,500+ violations. Numerous agencies were on scene to assist the residents in relocating due to unsafe living conditions. The OPD provided a large security presence and assisted in ensuring an orderly transition of the residents.
- On October 15th, 16th, and 19th 2018 Northeast Omaha was plagued by a string of random shootings occurring within a one mile radius. There was concern that the shootings would continue until the suspect was caught. The dedication and hard work of detectives, the Crime Analysis Unit, and Uniform Patrol Bureau officers resulted in the arrest of Prezident Mickens on October 20th.
- On November 3, 2018 police were called to a home invasion robbery/sexual assault. Detectives conducted thorough research and found a connection to a possible suspect in the area who was arrested on unrelated charges the following day. Probable cause was developed and the suspect, Malouth Riang, is now awaiting trial for robbery, use of a weapon to commit a felony, and sexual assault.
- In November 2018, the OPD Special Investigations Section began investigating allegations of elementary school teacher, Gregory Sedlacek, having inappropriate contact with a student. The investigation led to the identification of multiple victims. The suspect was arrested on December 3, 2018 and charged with seven counts of sexual assault of a juvenile. Sedlacek has since been sentenced to 50-100 years in prison.

OPD IN THE NEWS

- A groundbreaking ceremony was held on April 11, 2018 to mark the start of renovations at Kerrie Orozco Memorial Ballfield.
- In June 2018, the OPD and Autism Action Partnership organized a training workshop to help officers better understand and interact with individuals with autism.
- The Kerrie Orozco First Responders Act passed a vote in the US House September 23, 2018. If passed, this legislation would provide expedited naturalization processes for the alien spouses of first responders who die as a result of their employment. The bill was introduced into the Senate April 29, 2019 and was referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship on May 20, 2019.
- In October 2018 OPD, including the Forensic Investigations Unit, was one of 17 agencies to participate in Eppley Airfield's Mass Disaster Training and Readiness Event. Every three years Eppley Airfield conducts a full-scale simulated aircraft exercise to keep area first responders trained in case of a massive disaster.



MOBILE COMMAND CENTER



The Omaha Police Department received donations from the Omaha Police Foundation, Peter Kiewit Foundation, and other donors to fund a new Mobile Command Center (MCC) Vehicle to use during natural disasters; at high traffic events such as the College World Series; and at long-lasting crime scenes including barricade situations, officer-involved shooting scenes, and homicide scenes. The MCC was designed to house command officers, support staff, and crisis negotiators during these emergencies. It has all of the features and capabilities of working in a precinct including network access, multiple workstations, a negotiation and conference room, the ability to hook up 20 computers, three slide out room extensions, a bathroom, and much more. The previous command center was 18 years old with outdated technology and limited workspace.

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

Samuel 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

Sept. 19, 2005

Gregory K. Hamill

Feb. 19, 2014

Kerrie S. Orozco

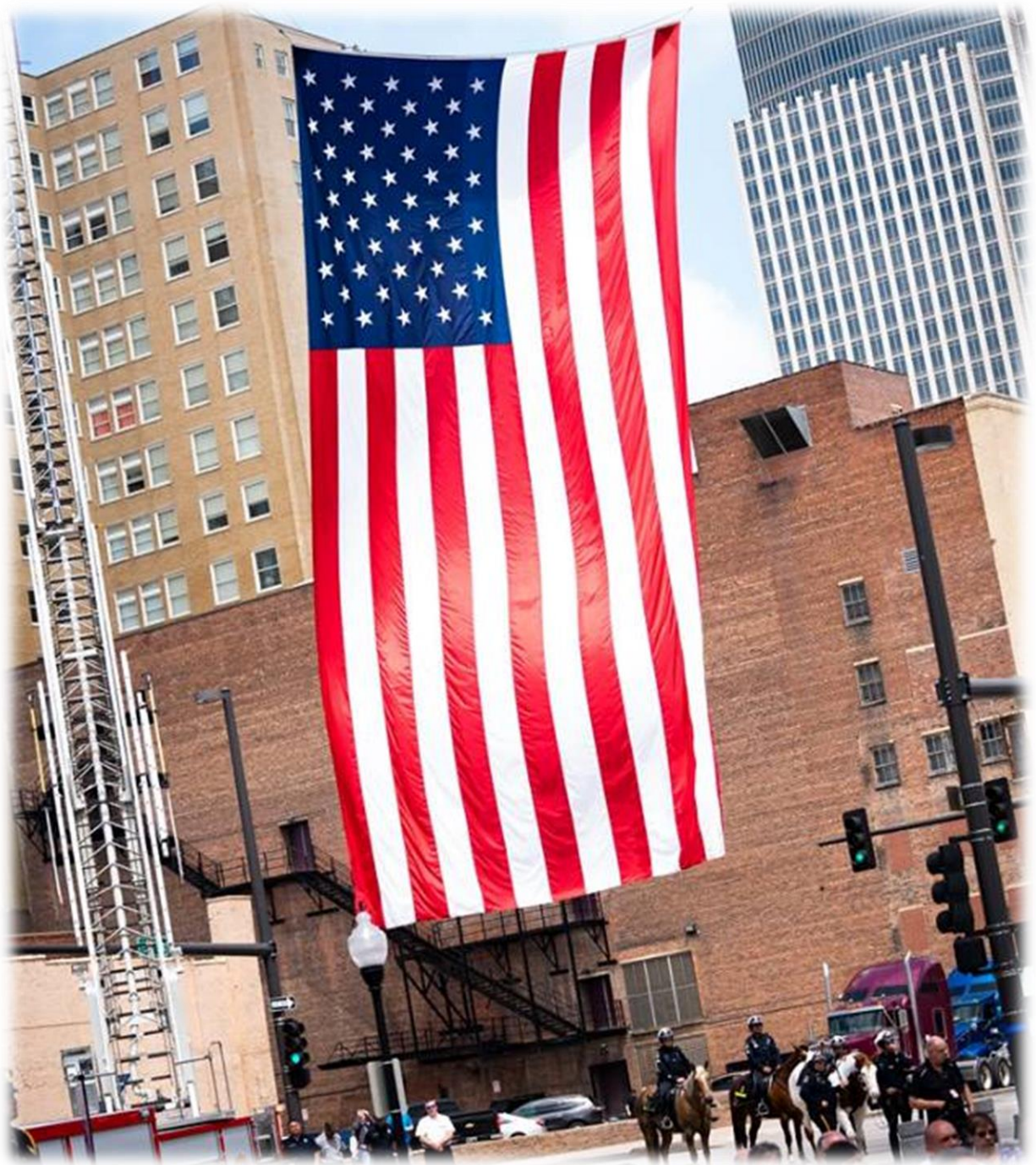
May 20, 2015

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED

IN REMEMBRANCE

YEARS OF SERVICE

Retired Police Sergeant John J. Tourek, Jr.	28 yrs 5 mo
Retired Civilian Carol Ann Parks	20 yrs 8 mo
Retired Police Officer Alvin L. Barraclough	29 yrs
Retired Police Officer Charles E. Lewis	26 yrs
Retired Police Officer Paul W. Briese, Sr.	27 yrs 9 mo
Retired Police Officer Jay B. Urban	22 yrs 5 mo
Retired Police Officer Robert N. Christensen	26 yrs 4 mo
Retired Civilian Beatrice M. Hopkins	35 yrs 8 mo
Retired Police Officer Edward J. Garaczkowski	25 yrs 4 mo
Retired Police Sergeant Arthur Allen	31 yrs 10 mo
Retired Police Sergeant Donald E. Osterhaus	31 yrs 2 mo
Retired Civilian Frank T Likely	10 yrs
Retired Police Officer James F. Abbott	25 yrs 4 mo
Retired Police Sergeant Jamie E. Leavitt	27 yrs 10 mo
Retired Police Officer Robert S. Griffith	25 yrs 2 mo
Retired Police Officer Edward C. George	28 yrs 7 mo
Retired Civilian Harold Hoover	33 yrs 1 mo
Retired Police Officer Stephen K. Peck	27 yrs
Retired Civilian Sylvia M. McClarty	28 yrs
Retired Police Officer Thomas H. Tinsley	25 yrs



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