



OMAHA POLICE

DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



“TO SERVE AND PROTECT”

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

It is my privilege to present the Omaha Police Department's (OPD) 2022 Annual Report. In this report, you will see the diligence and determination of the men and women of the Department, and how they earnestly strive to keep Omaha safe.

One of the ways in which the Department keeps Omaha safe is by collaborating with the community. The Department often meets with various community groups to discuss the community's most pressing concerns. The Department also participates in many different community events to establish and/or maintain strong relationships with Omaha's citizens. Through this collaboration with the Department and the community, Omaha has seen a significant reduction in the murder rate over the last 10 years. Omaha has also seen gun violence cut in half over the last 15 years. Another notable effect of this collaboration was that the homicide clearance rate has averaged 80% over the last 10 years and reached a historic high of 87% in 2022.



Another way the Department has been working to ensure Omaha is safe is through its Behavioral Health and Wellness Unit (BHWU). The BHWU is comprised of licensed mental health professionals that work alongside our officers to assist at active 911 behavioral health scenes and aid in de-escalation tactics. In addition to this, many of our officers receive mental health training each year and are certified in Crisis Intervention Training. This collaboration between our BHWU and officers, along with the training that many officers have received, has helped to prevent suicides, homicides, and to de-escalate many other crisis situations. It is also important to note that the BHWU offers assistance to our officers through peer support programs, physical fitness programs, and more.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this report and to learn more about the Department. As you read, you will learn of the complexities and importance of being a police officer. You will also learn why officers are a pillar in making certain our community is the best it can be.

Respectfully,

Todd R. Schmaderer, Chief of Police

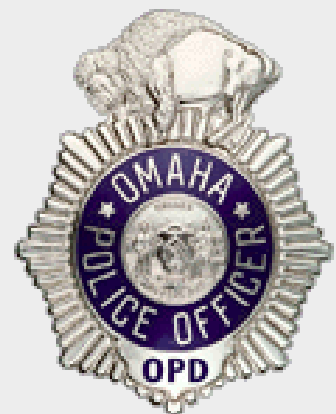


TABLE OF CONTENTS

TOPIC	PAGE NUMBER
About Us	3
Workforce Details	4
Jurisdictional Data	5
Organizational Chart	6
Chief's Office	7
Criminal Investigations Bureau	8-18
Criminal Investigations Section	8-11
Special Investigations Section	11-13
Special Operations Section	13-18
Executive Services Bureau	19-25
Training & Community Services Section	21-25
Police Services Bureau	26-30
Support Services Section	28-30
Professional Oversight Bureau	31
Technical & Reporting Services Bureau	32-33
Uniform Patrol Bureau	34-46
Northeast Precinct	34
Northwest Precinct	35-36
Southeast Precinct	36-38
Southwest Precinct	39-40
West Precinct	41-42
Tactical Operations Section	42-46
Offenses, Clearances, & Arrests	47
Recruit Classes of 2022	48
Community Engagement	49-55
Police Officer Associations	56-58
Awards, Recognitions, & Retirements	59-63
Remembering Those Who Served	64

ABOUT US

MISSION STATEMENT

The OPD, 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.

VISION STATEMENT

The OPD wants to provide an environment that results in the reduction of crime and fear of crime; improved public confidence and transparency; maximize efficiency through resource and technology allocation; enhanced customer service; and personal and professional growth for employees, including mental and physical well-being.

POLICING VALUES

- ü Maintain service as the primary goal, while vigorously pursuing those who commit crimes.
- ü Ensure community responsiveness and ensure that the prevention of crime shall always be the hallmark of the Department.
- ü Maintain the highest levels of integrity, transparency, and professionalism in all employees and activities.
- ü Provide courteous police service with respect for the rights and dignity of all those we serve.
- ü Be a leader in the community to forge relationships and identify resources that directly improve the quality of community life.
- ü Empower our employees and seek their input into matters that impact job satisfaction and efficiency
- ü Effectively gauge employee work performance.
- ü Develop leadership qualities and traits within the ranks of the department.
- ü Manage our resources carefully and effectively while utilizing technology to maximize efficiency.

MOTTO

“To Serve and Protect”



WORKFORCE DETAILS 2022

Below are graphs displaying OPD's workforce details. OPD employed 816 sworn officers and 148 non-sworn personnel in 2022.

SWORN EMPLOYEE RACE & GENDER TOTALS

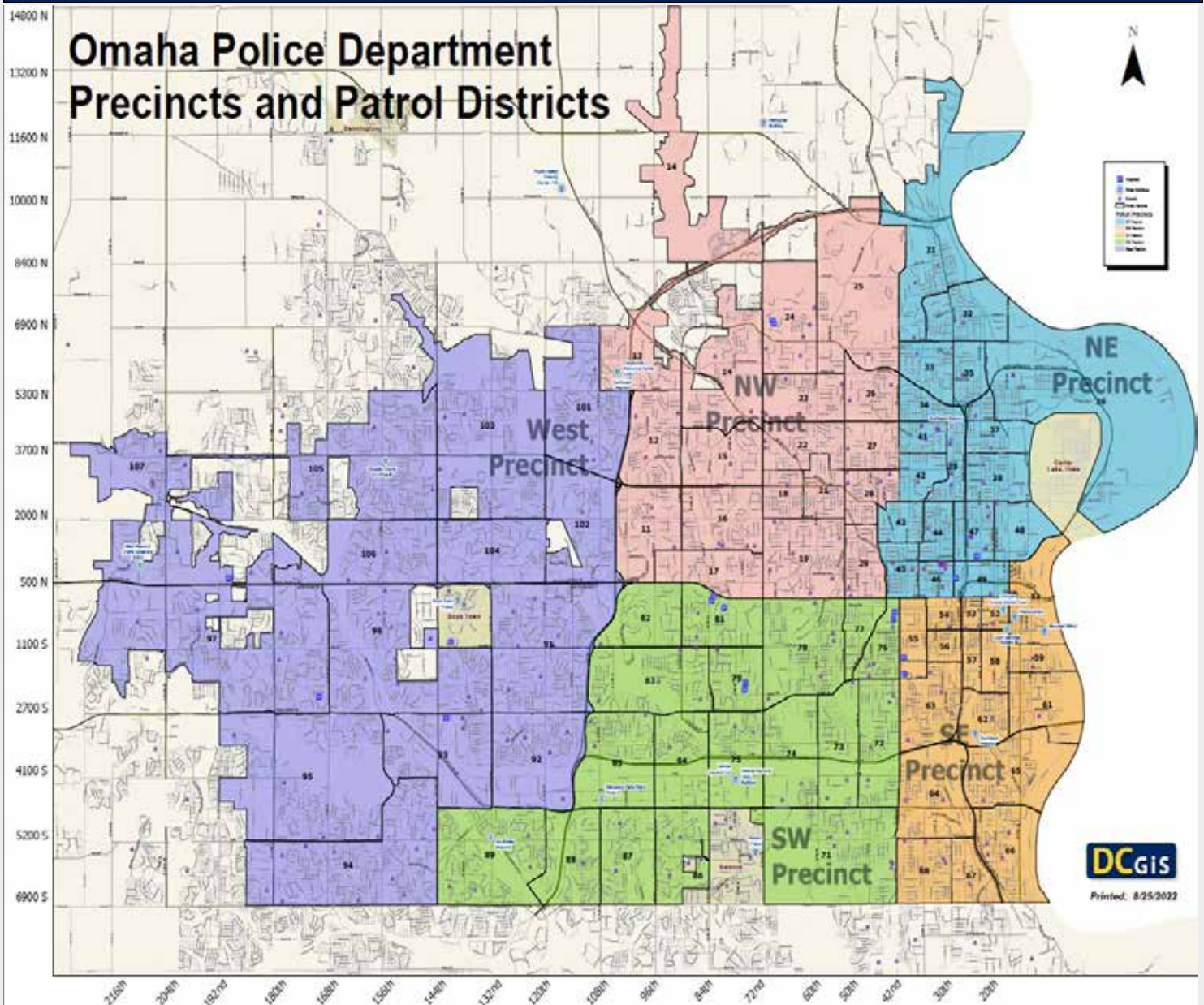
RACE/ETHNICITY	MALES	MALE%	FEMALES	FEMALE%
Asian/Pacific Islander	12	1.47	3	0.37
Black	66	8.09	10	1.23
Hispanic	69	8.46	18	2.21
Native American/Alaskan Native	5	0.61	2	0.25
White	539	66.05	92	11.27
Other	0	0	0	0
Totals	691	84.68	125	15.32

NON-SWORN EMPLOYEE RACE & GENDER TOTALS

RACE/ETHNICITY	MALES	MALE%	FEMALES	FEMALE%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	1.17	3	1.75
Black	4	2.34	7	4.09
Hispanic	3	1.75	8	4.68
Native American/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0
White	48	28.07	96	56.14
Other	0	0	0	0
Totals	57	33.33	114	66.67

*According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Omaha population in 2022 was 65.7% White, 12.0% Black, 14.5 Hispanic or Latino, 0.6% American Indian or Alaska Native, 4.0% Asian, 0.0% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and 6.4% Two or More Races.

JURISDICTIONAL DATA 2022



OMAHA POPULATION:

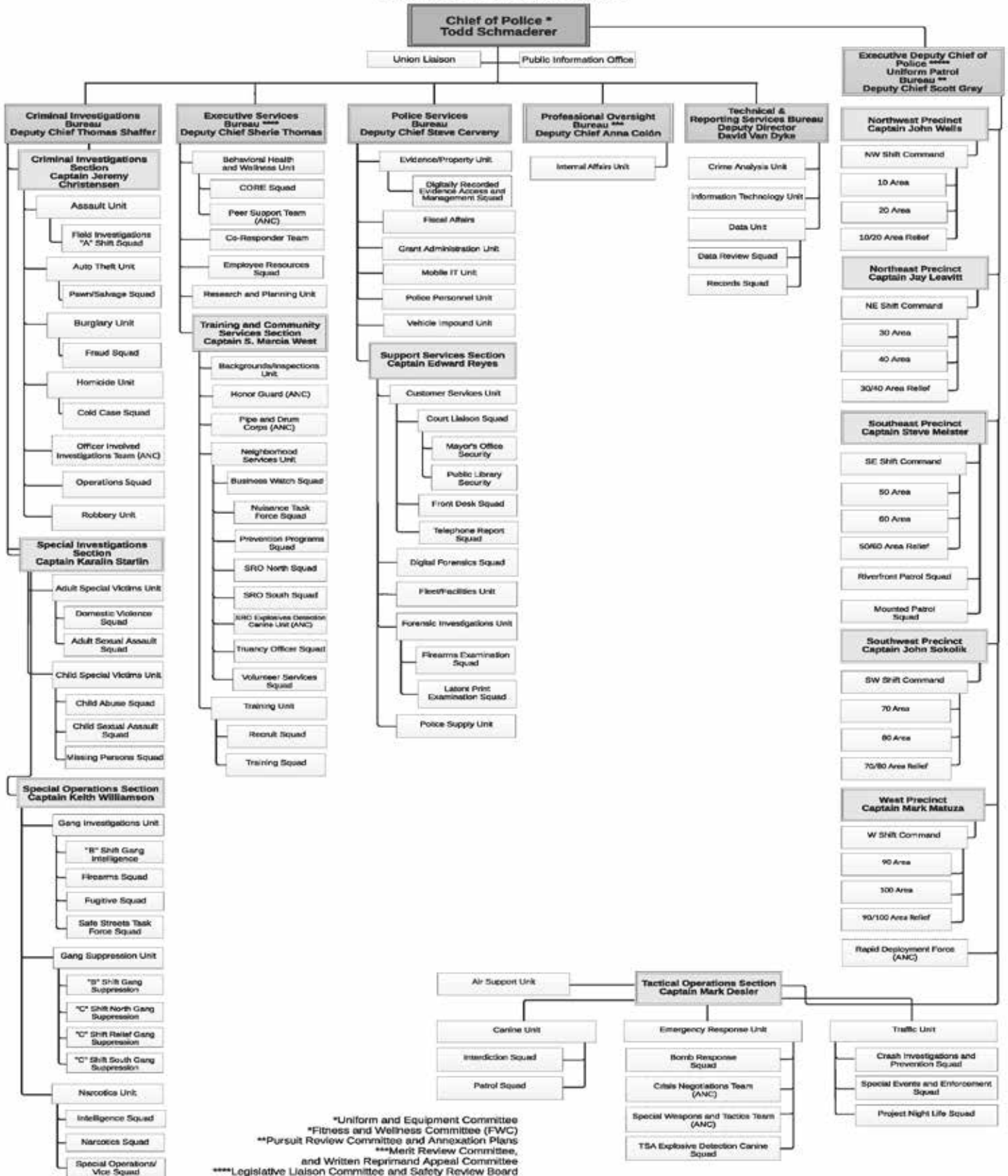
487,300

(Source: 2022 U.S. Census Bureau)



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT



Revised: 11/14/2022



CHIEF'S OFFICE



The Chief of Police is the highest commander at OPD. The Chief reports directly to the Mayor of Omaha. The Chief, in collaboration with senior command staff, the Omaha Police Officers Association (OPOA), and City of Omaha Law Department, establishes policies and procedures that OPD employees must follow. The Chief also manages the OPD budget, allocates personnel, and effectively discharges all other duties assigned to him. Directly under the Chief's command are four Deputy Chiefs and one Deputy Director. The Public Information Office and Union Liaisons are also under the umbrella of the Chief's Office.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The Public Information Office (PIO) reports directly to the Chief of Police. The PIO works to keep the public informed of OPD activities and accomplishments. It also provides important crime and safety information to the public and offers valuable crime prevention tips through the OPD website, OPD social media accounts, and daily press releases.

The PIO conducts interviews with media members, arranges media interviews with officers and other employees, makes on-scene statements at high-profile scenes, and helps coordinate the Omaha Crime Stoppers Program.

The PIO also coordinates various events throughout the year including OPD promotional ceremonies, OPD retirement ceremonies, Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year Luncheon, Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament, Omaha Police Foundation Officer of the Year Luncheon, American Red Cross Blood Drives at OPD, and more.



Photo is of PIO Lieutenant Neal Bonacci.

UNION LIAISONS

The Union Liaisons include representatives that conduct affairs of the Omaha Police Officer's Association on behalf of OPD's union members. One Union Liaison is chosen each year by the Omaha Police Officer's Association and the Chief is then informed of the selection. The Union Liaison cannot be of a rank greater than sergeant.



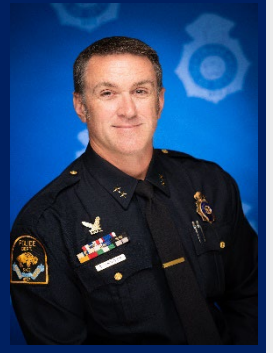
OPOA Executive Leadership and Board Members.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB) is commanded by Deputy Chief Thomas Shaffer. The Bureau is staffed 24 hours a day with personnel investigating all types of criminal activity. The Bureau includes the Criminal Investigations Section, the Special Investigations Section, and the Special Operations Section.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

The Criminal Investigations Section is commanded by a Captain. This section includes the Assault Unit, Auto Theft Unit, Burglary Unit, Homicide Unit, and Robbery Unit.

ASSAULT UNIT

The Assault Unit investigates all types of assault cases including non-fatal shootings, stabbings, and fights that are not domestic-violence related. Clearance rates for non-fatal shootings have significantly increased due to the continued hard work of the detectives and collaboration with other units. The Assault Unit had several notable cases in 2022:

- The first case involved a shooting. Although no one was struck by gunfire, three gang members were arrested for attempted assault and the weapon used in the shooting was confiscated. The investigation involved a collaborative effort with OPD's Pawn and Gang Units.
- A second case involved a felony assault where a victim was struck by gunfire. It was discovered that both suspects had gang ties, and both suspects were arrested.
- The third case involved collaboration with the Homicide Unit regarding an investigation of a homicide case where a baseball bat was used to commit the murder. Warrants were executed and five suspects were arrested. Two of the suspects were charged with 1st Degree Murder after a confession was made.



Sgt. Mark Hanner saved this baby gosling from the interstate.



Evidence collected from an investigation.



Several Assault Unit Detectives with Lt. Kara Platt and Sgt. James Shade.

AUTO THEFT UNIT

The Auto Theft Unit collaborates with a multitude of surrounding jurisdictions to share up-to-the minute crime information to combat auto thefts as they occur. In 2022, the unit focused on theft-from-motor vehicle cases involving credit cards being stolen from vehicles. The unit also dedicated a considerable amount of time to investigating stolen catalytic converter cases. The unit's diligent work resulted in a substantial decrease in the overall theft-from-motor-vehicle numbers. The information gathered during the investigations was shared with other jurisdictions, which resulted in the arrest of multiple offenders that were repeatedly committing these crimes in nearby jurisdictions.



The unit also identified a trend in which Hyundai's and Kia's were being stolen as part of a nationwide Tik Tok Trend called "Kia Boyz." The unit worked earnestly to solve these cases and collaborated with the media to inform the public of the increased potential of Kia's and Hyundai's being stolen. Detectives also worked with OPD's Crime Analysis Unit to identify "hot spots" around the city that were seeing increased numbers of these types of thefts. This information was then shared with officers that patrol in high-crime areas so they could be on the lookout for suspects committing these thefts.

The Pawn Squad is a subsection of the Auto Theft Unit and in 2022, they worked closely with the Burglary Unit to identify trends in tracking catalytic converter thefts. The Pawn Squad also worked with the Nebraska Legislature to propose changes to state laws on the possession and sale of detached catalytic converters. These proposed changes make it more difficult for suspects to sell catalytic converters at car shops or other similar types of businesses.

The Auto Theft Unit also sought offenders that were known to repeatedly steal motor vehicles and multiple repeat offenders were identified. The unit worked closely with the County Attorney's Office to ensure successful prosecution.

NOTABLE STATISTICS

- 16% Clearance Rate for Auto Thefts (Compared to National Average of 9%)
- 3,475 Auto Theft Cases Reviewed/Investigated
- 10,100 Total Reports Reviewed
- \$232,764 Worth of Property Returned to Victims

BURGLARY UNIT

The Burglary Unit identifies and seeks prosecution for suspects who break-in to homes and businesses to steal various kinds of items. In 2022, the unit solved several notable cases:

- One case involved a suspect that stole 14 high-end commercial HVAC units from multiple businesses. The property damage and loss from these thefts was worth more than a combined \$583,000. Detectives reviewed hours of surveillance camera videos, canvassed multiple scenes, and interviewed various witnesses. Detectives were able to identify a lone suspect. The suspect was arrested and is facing a 10-year prison sentence.
- A second notable case involved 44 firearms being stolen at a local firearms store. The Burglary Unit in collaboration with the Gang Unit, Forensics Investigations Unit, Crime Analysis Unit, and ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives) were able to identify and arrest



Crime scene of a burglary that turned into a shooting.

the suspects involved. Several of the firearms that were stolen were also recovered. The suspects have been federally indicted and charged with local felony charges.

- The Burglary Unit’s command staff also worked closely with City Prosecutors in developing a citation-locate system to more efficiently handle their high-volume of misdemeanor cases. Developing this system helps the Criminal Investigations Bureau, the Uniform Patrol Bureau, and the City Prosecutor’s Office collaborate more effectively, and it minimizes delays in the apprehension and prosecution of suspects in misdemeanor cases.

HOMICIDE UNIT

The Homicide Unit investigates all murders committed in Omaha. Homicide investigations are highly complex, requiring long hours and collaboration with other OPD units and outside agencies. In 2022, the unit investigated all 30 of the homicides committed in Omaha. One notable case involved a double homicide that occurred in August where the victims were 70 years old and 90 years old. Quick and diligent work by detectives resulted in the swift arrest of the suspect. The Cold Case Squad of the Homicide Unit also closed four homicide cases from previous years, including a double homicide case from 2015. The end of year clearance rate for the Homicide Unit was 87%, which is well above the national average. The Homicide Unit was awarded the “Unit of Excellence Award” in 2022.

The Homicide Unit participated in numerous community events hosted by the Omaha Police Officers Association (OPOA), Black Police Officers Association (BPOA), Police Athletics for Community Engagement (PACE), Boy Scouts of America, and local pet rescue organizations. The unit also conducted community presentations for elementary schools, junior high schools, and colleges. Several members of the Homicide Unit are also adjunct instructors at OPD’s Training Academy and they taught several criminal investigations classes to the new recruits in 2022.

The Homicide Unit hosted its first ever Homicide Support Group meeting in 2022. The Homicide Support Group is a collaboration between OPD’s Homicide Unit, OPD’s Behavioral Health & Wellness Unit, the Douglas County Attorney’s Office, the Douglas County Victim/Witness Assistance Office, and individual community members. The goal of the group is to provide support to survivors, including family members and friends of homicide victims. Support for survivors comes in the form of group-sponsored grief counseling and other enhanced services. Survivors also receive a copy of the “Survivor’s Support Manual.”



From left to right: OPD’s Crime Prevention Specialist Lauren Genier, Douglas County Attorney Rod S. James, and Tracy Wright. They helped start OPD’s Homicide Support Group.

ROBBERY UNIT

The Robbery Unit investigates all robberies committed in the Omaha area. The unit collaborates with other law enforcement agencies and the FBI when criminals have violated federal laws in the commission of a robbery. The unit also works closely with the Crime Stoppers Program to generate tips from the public to help solve robberies.

NOTABLE CASES

- One case involved the continued investigation into a 2021 bank robbery series. One suspect was arrested in this case for two counts of bank robbery.
- A second case involved a robbery at a local credit union. The suspect was indicted on several charges, including charges from other states.
- A third case involved a robbery at a local guitar store. Two suspects were arrested and charged with five counts of robbery. Fifteen stolen guitars were recovered in the investigation.
- A fourth case involved a series of commercial robberies. The suspects in this case fired at police, but no fatal injuries resulted. Four people were arrested and later indicted.



Sergeant from the Robbery Unit and officers from the Assault Unit playing basketball with local teens.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

The Special Investigations Section is commanded by a Captain. This section includes the Adult Special Victims Unit and the Child Special Victims Unit.

ADULT SPECIAL VICTIMS' UNIT (ASVU)

The ASVU consists of the Domestic Violence Squad and the Adult Sexual Assault Squad. In 2022, the Domestic Violence Squad investigated 4,282 cases and made 2,230 arrests. Of the arrests made, 597 were for felonies and 1,633 were for misdemeanors. 79 of the cases that were investigated were for domestic violence-related sexual assaults.

The Adult Sexual Assault Squad reviewed 1,006 cases and assigned 357 cases to detectives. Of these cases, 111 arrests were made and another 16 arrest warrants were issued. One notable arrest involved a serial offender who had 9 total cases with the OPD. Sgt. Stiles of the ASVU also received a Letter of Commendation in 2022.

The unit also conducted several presentations at agencies and businesses such as Project Harmony, the County Attorney's Office, Sprouting Minds Childcare, and the OPD's Citizen's Academy. Some of the sergeants and detectives also bought presents and delivered them to over 40 children at the Pediatric Unit of Ambassador Omaha.



CHILD SPECIAL VICTIMS' UNIT (CSVU)

The CSVU includes the Child Abuse Squad, the Child Sexual Assault Squad, and the Missing Persons Squad. The CSVU presents to members of Project Harmony and community stakeholders on a regular basis. In 2022, the CSVU also conducted various presentations at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Speaking of Children Conference, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), Juvenile County Attorney's Office, Citizen's Academy, Children's Summit, Partnering to Protect Kids, and Reconnect Success. The unit also teaches classes on child crimes to the new recruits and during in-service training each year. In 2022, the Missing Persons Squad worked with Boys Town to reserve a bed in one of their safety programs for victims rescued from sex trafficking. This allows victims to have a safe space to temporarily reside while more permanent plans are being formed.



Lt. Ackerson and Sgt. Kilawee.

NOTABLE CASES

- One case involved the death of a 6-year-old boy. The case involved collaboration of the entire "C" shift crew, several "B" shift officers, and several command staff. The suspect was booked for homicide and is awaiting sentencing after pleading "no-contest."

- A suspect who committed at least 5 sexual assaults from 2012-2021 was arrested. The suspect was 16-25 years old during the assaults and his victims were 6-14 years old. He was charged with 3 counts of 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child and 3 counts of 3rd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child.
- A suspect who committed sexual assaults as far back to 1988 was arrested. The detective on the case was able to connect the suspect to the most recent cases and older cases based on his nickname. The suspect was charged with 3 counts of 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child and 1 count of 3rd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child.
- Another case involved a series of sexual assaults/child enticements from February 2021-December 2022 in various jurisdictions. The suspect was meeting teenagers on social media, requesting nude images, and meeting up to engage in sexual acts. The investigation uncovered an extensive number of possible additional victims. The suspect was charged with 6 counts of 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child, 2 counts of Child Enticement, and False Information in the Omaha jurisdiction. The suspect was also charged with numerous sexual assault and enticement charges in other jurisdictions.
- A commercial sex crimes investigation led to the arrests of 5 suspects. One suspect was sentenced to life-in-prison after being convicted of Conspiracy to Engage in Sex Trafficking of a Minor, Coercion or Entitlement of a Male/Female, and Sex Trafficking of a Minor. Two other suspects were convicted of Conspiracy to Engage in Sex Trafficking of a Minor, with one receiving 6.5 years in prison and the other sentenced to 15 years. The two other suspects were arrested and charged with Sex Trafficking.
- Another case led to the arrest of 9 suspects. Three suspects were convicted of Sex Trafficking of a Minor. One suspect was sentenced to 20 years in prison, the second was sentenced to 19 years in prison, and the third was sentenced to 11 years. A fourth suspect, who is awaiting sentencing, was arrested for Sex Trafficking of a Minor and Conspiracy to Commit Sex Trafficking of a Minor. Five other suspects were arrested.



Detectives Shelbourn and Horton receiving the Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year Award. Others in the photo include staff from the CSVU and Project Harmony.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION

The Special Operations Section is commanded by a Captain. This section includes the Gang Investigations Unit, Gang Suppression Unit, and Narcotics Unit.

GANG INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Gang Investigations Unit consists of the Gang Intelligence Squad, the Firearms Squad, and the Fugitive Squad. The Gang Investigations Unit also has dedicated officers who are embedded with several FBI Task Forces including the Greater Omaha Safe Streets Task Force (GOSSTF), the Great Plains Violent Crimes Task Force (GPVCTF), and the Transnational Organized Crime – Western Hemisphere Task Force (TOC-West).

GANG INTELLIGENCE SQUAD

The Gang Intelligence Squad consists of specialized investigators focused on solving gang-related crimes. The Squad assists other OPD units with homicides, robberies, property-related crimes, and other crimes that have a gang-related component to them. The Squad also acts as department liaisons with other law enforcement partners who are seeking information about Omaha area gang members. In 2022, this Squad played a crucial role in identifying and apprehending numerous homicide suspects, felony assault suspects, and weapons violation suspects. The Gang Intelligence Squad conducts numerous presentations throughout the year for area businesses, churches, schools, and other community organizations about gang membership as well as intervention and prevention strategies. In addition, they host a monthly meeting with area criminal justice partners to discuss current trends, topics, and strategies.

FIREARMS SQUAD

The Firearms Squad focuses on crimes involving the illegal distribution and possession of firearms. The Squad also conducts administrative reviews of all firearms recovered by other OPD units. Firearms Squad Detectives are deputized members of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) and they assist in the investigation of firearms offenses that violate federal firearms laws. In 2022, the Squad investigated numerous firearms-related offenses including shots-fired incidents, a burglary of a federally licensed firearms dealer, cases involving “ghost” guns, and illegally manufactured devices that convert semi-automatic firearms into fully automatic weapons. The Squad also completed over 1,200 firearms traces, assisted in over 160 federal ATF investigations, and reviewed over 950 firearms cases for state and federal prosecution. The Firearms Squad conducted a Gun/Fireworks Amnesty Day and recovered 2 starter pistols, 24 pellet/BB guns, 44 handguns, 50 long guns, over 1,000 pounds of ammunition, and over 1,000 pounds of various fireworks.



FEDERAL TASK FORCES

Several of the Gang Investigations Unit’s detectives are assigned to task forces in partnership with the FBI. This includes the GOSSTF, which focuses on investigating violent gangs and apprehending violent fugitives. There is also the GPVCTF that focuses on violent crimes such as bank robberies, commercial robberies, and crime series like sexual assaults and ATM burglaries. The TOC-West focuses on identifying, targeting, and prosecuting transnational criminal organizations who are engaged in criminal activity involving federal violations including drug trafficking, money laundering, homicide, extortion, kidnapping, and public corruption. As a result of the combined efforts of these task forces in 2022, a total of 62 suspects were indicted, 28 firearms were recovered, hundreds of pounds of narcotics (methamphetamine, fentanyl, and cocaine) were seized, and large amounts of money tied to illegal activities was seized.

FUGITIVE SQUAD

The Fugitive Squad is tasked with locating wanted individuals who have warrants for their arrest. These detectives are deputized U.S. Marshall Task Force Officers and are a part of the Metro Area Fugitive Task Force (MAFTF). The MAFTF prioritizes their efforts on locating those individuals wanted for violent crimes

and/or those who may be most prone to continue their unlawful behavior. The Fugitive Squad is also responsible for the extradition and transport of high-risk offenders. One of many notable cases in 2022 was when Fugitive Detectives successfully tracked a wanted homicide suspect to Benton, Arkansas where he was arrested by local authorities. The suspect escaped the detention facility, but was later captured again with the assistance of OPD's Fugitive Detectives. Fugitive Detectives were then able to extradite and transport the fugitive back to Omaha without incident. In 2022, the Fugitive Squad and MAFTF made 994 arrests, including 14 for homicides, 39 for sexual assaults, and 18 for escape/parole violations. Approximately 200 of the arrests were for felony assault and firearms violations.

GANG SUPPRESSION UNIT

The Gang Suppression Unit includes the "B" Shift Gang Suppression Squad, the "C" Shift North Gang Suppression Squad, the "C" Shift Relief Gang Suppression Squad, and the "C" Shift South Gang Suppression Squad. The Gang Units work the streets daily and they are often the first ones on-scene to conduct initial follow-ups on narcotics trafficking, firearms violations, and violent crimes that are gang-related. They also conduct felony investigation follow-up for other units.

In 2022, the Gang Suppression Unit seized 444 firearms. The firearms were recovered through search warrants, confidential informants, traffic stops, controlled purchases, and high priority call responses. The unit also recovered 115 pounds of marijuana, 26 pounds of methamphetamine, 11 pounds of THC, and \$264,441. The unit also assisted in the investigation of several homicides, felony assaults, carjackings, robberies, and countless numbers of stolen vehicles.



Gang Unit Detectives.

NOTABLE INVESTIGATIONS

- Gang Detectives quickly identified, located, and arrested a homicide suspect within hours of the murder. The firearm used was still in the suspect's possession upon arrest.
- A suspect who had been committing burglaries, sexual assaults, and robberies was arrested. Gang Detectives assisted the Child Victim Sexual Assault Squad (CVSA) in identifying the suspect.
- Gang Detectives identified suspects and recovered multiple firearms after a firearms business was a victim of a burglary. Fifteen firearms were stolen from the business. All parties were charged accordingly, with the two adult suspects being federally indicted.
- A firearms business was the repeated victim of a burglary in which 44 firearms were stolen. Gang Detectives recovered 19 total firearms and arrested multiple suspects. All four juvenile suspects were charged with burglary, three adult suspects were federally indicted, and nine other suspects were charged for Possession of Stolen Firearms.
- Gang Detectives received information that gang members were planning to commit a shooting. With the assistance of the Gang Intelligence Squad and the Firearms Squad, the suspects were located. A handgun with a full auto switch and two rifles were also located.
- Gang Detectives investigated a homicide and two suspects were arrested. The firearm used in the homicide was also seized; the suspect had it in his possession when he was arrested.

- Officers received a ShotSpotter activation call of 19 gun shots at a residence in Omaha. There was structural damage to the residence and a 15-year-old victim was found deceased inside. The Gang Suppression Unit was instrumental in the capture of the four suspects involved within two hours after the incident. All four suspects were booked for 1st Degree Murder and Use of a Weapon.

Gang Detectives also have an unwavering commitment to serving the community. They believe that disrupting violent crime involves being committed to the neighborhoods they serve to break down barriers between the police and the public. In 2022, Gang Detectives and command participated in over 62 community events and 102 adult and juvenile probation/parole visits.



Pictured above is the North Gang Suppression Unit, which was awarded the Unit of Excellence Award at the 2023 Omaha Police Ball. They were honored with this award after being nominated by their peers.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Empowerment Network & Omaha 360 Meetings
- Q&A Sessions at Precinct Advisory Council Community Meetings
- First Responder Prayer Walks for Homicide Victims
- Back 2 Life Concert
- PACE Baseball
- Cone with a Cop
- You Turn's School's Out Party
- Special Olympics
- Shop with a Cop/Back to School
- Black Police Officer's Association (BPOA) Student Celebration Day
- BPOA Thanksgiving and Christmas Meal Deliveries
- High School Football & Basketball Games
- Christmas in the Village
- Visits to the Salvation Army
- Operation Nets Activities/Giveaways



NARCOTICS UNIT

The Narcotics Unit consists of the Narcotics Squad, the Vice/Special Operations Squad, and the Intelligence Squad. In 2022, members of the unit received two Distinguished Service Awards, one Police Ribbon of Excellence, two Deputy Chief's Letters of Work Well Done, and one Chief's Letter of Commendation.

In 2022, the Narcotics Unit worked with various outside agencies to combat narcotics crimes. Some of these agencies include:

- Omaha Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)
- United States Postal Inspectors
- Department of Homeland Security
- Internal Revenue Service
- Douglas County Sheriff's Office
- Sarpy County Sheriff's Office
- Bellevue Police Department
- Council Bluffs Police Department



Evidence collected from an investigation.

The Narcotics Unit was able to establish a direct link between the Omaha drug trade and the Mexican Drug Cartels in 2022. The Mexican Drug Cartels produce illicit methamphetamine and fentanyl drugs, and then traffic these drugs into various parts of the United States, including Omaha.

NOTABLE INVESTIGATIONS

In December 2022, an OPD Narcotics Unit conducted an undercover drug buy operation along with the Gang Suppression Unit, ABLÉ 1, and local DEA Agents. They conducted surveillance prior to this exchange in order to positively identify the drug dealer. When the exchange occurred, a takedown was conducted with the suspect. The suspect intentionally rammed his vehicle into two DEA police vehicles before attempting to flee on foot. The suspect was arrested. During the subsequent investigation, a total of 127 pounds of methamphetamine and over \$30,000 in currency were seized. The suspect was charged with federal indictments for Conspiracy to Distribute Narcotics.

Also in December 2022, an OPD Narcotics Detective investigated a Mexican drug supply source that was working with numerous Omaha-based methamphetamine couriers. During the investigation, the Detective identified several couriers for the Mexican supply source and completed several controlled purchases from them. As a result of this investigation, the Detective was able to obtain three search warrants for three different Omaha residences. During the searches of the residences, a total of 77.5 pounds of methamphetamine, 4 ounces of cocaine, 28 fentanyl pills, a handgun, and \$70,147 in currency were seized. Three felony arrests were made and the suspects have been charged with federal crimes.





Evidence collected from several investigations.

NARCOTICS UNIT STATISTICS

- Conducted 97 search warrants
- Made 1,221 felony arrests
- Confiscated large amounts of marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, fentanyl, and heroine
- Seized \$846,000 in cash
- Seized 197 firearms

INTELLIGENCE SQUAD

In 2022, the Intelligence Squad was able to gather information about local protest/rally events in order to help OPD determine what law enforcement staffing levels were needed to prepare for these events and to provide a safe environment for attendees. The Squad also issued 17 different officer safety and situational awareness bulletins. These bulletins were used to advise OPD officers of possible threats. The Intelligence Squad also regularly assists with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force, and helped investigate four terrorism assessments in 2022.

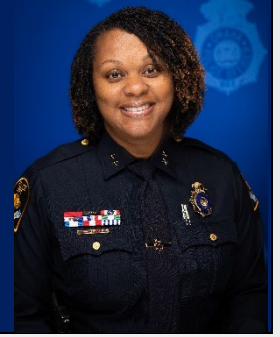
SPECIAL OPERATIONS VICE SQUAD (SOVS)

The SOVS assisted other OPD squads with surveillance and undercover operations in 2022, including the use of covert recording devices and surveillance cameras. The SOVS also investigated sex trafficking crimes and arrested the suspects involved. The Squad conducted several lewd conduct operations that also led to arrests. The SOVS is a member of the FBI's Child Exploitation Human Trafficking Task Force and assisted with recovering sex trafficking survivors as well as prosecuting the individuals responsible for the crimes. The Squad assisted with enforcing underage drinking violations involving local alcohol distributors and investigated the sales of tobacco and/or nicotine to minors. In 2022, the FBI's Child Exploitation Human Trafficking Task Force participated in 14 joint operations and conducted 160 search warrants. It also made 63 arrests, 65 federal indictments, and 13 criminal complaints. The Task Force also conducted online child enticement and child pornography investigations, which resulted in the recovery of 18 endangered juveniles.



EXECUTIVE SERVICES BUREAU

The Executive Services Bureau (ESB) is commanded by Deputy Chief Sherie Thomas. The ESB includes several units that are directly under the command of the Deputy Chief, as well as the Training and Community Services Section. The ESB Deputy Chief chairs the Legislative Liaison Committee and the Safety Review Board.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS UNIT (BHWU)

The BHWU is a collaborative unit whose primary purpose is to plan, coordinate, and manage effective responses to community members who are experiencing a behavioral and/or mental health crisis. The unit also provides behavioral and wellness support services for OPD employees. The BHWU is comprised of the Mental Health Coordinator, Employee Resources Squad, Co-Responder Team, and CORE (Collaborative Outreach, Response, and Engagement) Squad. The BHWU also facilitates the Peer Support Team.

The Employee Resources Squad facilitates a variety of support functions for OPD employees. Some of the support functions include managing Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) matters, Injured on Duty/Workers' Compensation (IOD/WC) matters, and off-duty injury processes. The Squad also coordinates the application of collective bargaining agreement provisions, and legal issues that apply to OPD employees. The Squad also coordinates employee wellness trainings and presentations.

The Co-Responder Team is comprised of non-sworn employees who are licensed mental health professionals that respond to the behavioral health needs of the community. They accomplish this by self-dispatching to incidents or through requests-to-respond with OPD officers. A typical response includes a Co-Responder and an officer working together to respond to a community need. Sometimes a Co-Responder is very familiar with the person in crisis and they may respond alone or with another Co-Responder, if approved. When a Co-Responder-only response is approved, this reduces 911-call responses that do not require law enforcement intervention and helps community members receive more appropriate assistance. Co-Responders also attempt to assist individuals through telephone calls when it is appropriate and when a law enforcement response is not needed. The Co-Responder team successfully cancelled non-law enforcement responses 330 times in 2022. There were also 46 documented 911 diversion calls that community members had with Co-Responders in the last half of 2022. These calls diverted a law enforcement response that would not have been necessary. A Youth Co-Responder was also added to the Team in 2022 and they are housed in the Northwest Precinct. The Youth Co-Responder responds citywide to support the needs of youth in the community while working collaboratively with the Neighborhood Services Unit.

The CORE Squad is comprised of sworn OPD OFFICERS. This Squad expanded in 2022 to meet the continued growth of the CORE Program, which allowed for increased functionality to further operationalize the current unit structure and for more outreaches to occur. This also increased support for the Co-Responders in the community with a specialized multidisciplinary response. The CORE Squad utilizes qualified Crisis Intervention Trained (CIT) Officers to pair with a Co-Responder to help individuals in a mental health crisis. In 2022, the CORE Squad assisted 133 individuals in-person.



The Peer Support Team is comprised of specially trained employees focused on providing assistance to OPD employees during and after a critical incident. The Team is led by the Peer Support Coordinator and there are also Peer Support Leaders.

The Threat Incident Reporting System (TIPS) was developed and implemented in 2022. This system allows community members to report behaviors of concern, which helped the BHWU and other OPD units mitigate violence and assist individuals in receiving the assistance they needed. The BHWU also collaborated with the Homicide Unit, Collective for Hope, Douglas County Victim/Witness Assistance Office, and families of homicide survivors to create the Homicide Support Group. This support group provides services to families and other close loved ones of victims of homicide. Some of the services provided include grief facilitation training, monthly support meetings, and other extensive services. The feedback from participants of the Homicide Support Group has been overwhelmingly positive.

The BHWU participated in many community events, including Bomb Pop with a Cop, Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention, and The Art of Wonder Fundraising Event (an event to raise awareness to those living with mental health struggles). A portion of the proceeds benefited the Master Trauma Foundation.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Sgt. Heft received the Preservation of Life Ribbon and Officer Askew received a Letter of Commendation after they assisted a woman who had climbed the railing of a pedestrian bridge. The woman was crying and wanted to jump off the bridge. Sgt. Heft was able to get the woman down from the railing and both he and Officer Askew calmly spoke with the woman about her crisis as they escorted her for follow-up care.
- Co-Responder Carolina Soto and Ashley Brugmann received the Preservation of Life Ribbon after they assisted a suicidal woman standing on the fence of a bridge. They established rapport with the woman to deescalate the situation and safely got her off the bridge. When the woman was safe on the ground, the Co-Responders stayed by her side reassuring her and accompanying her until she could receive further assessment and assistance.



Co-Responders Ashley Brugmann and Carolina Soto.



CORE Squad Officer Culver dispatched to a call.



BHWU Officers attending Bomb Pop with a Cop.

RESEARCH AND PLANNING UNIT (RPU)

The RPU prides itself on being a valuable administrative resource for the department. During 2022, the RPU completed many administrative projects, reports, and tasks including:

- Authored and/or facilitated many administrative analyses, reviews, and other reports for accreditation and administrative purposes
- Completed nearly 50 Training Bulletins on topics ranging from legal updates to policy reminders and reviews
- Completed over 15 surveys to help determine best practices/procedures
- Completed over 20 OPD form updates/revisions and new OPD forms
- Completed over 80 General Orders to update/revise OPD policies and procedures
- Facilitated responses to multiple media and public records requests
- Managed OPD's document management system
- Successfully maintained CALEA accreditation
- Tracked state legislative activity and evaluated legislative bills for relevancy and impact to OPD



RPU visited the Air Support Unit in 2022.

TRAINING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTION

The Training and Community Services Section (TCSS) is commanded by a Captain. The TCSS includes the Backgrounds/Inspections Unit, the Honor Guard, the Neighborhood Services Unit, the Pipe and Drum Corp, the Training Unit, and the Vehicle Impound Unit.

BACKGROUNDS/INSPECTIONS UNIT(BIU)

The BIU's primary purpose is to conduct background checks on job applicants for OPD and other city departments. The unit also completes background checks on prospective volunteers and interns. In January 2022, the BIU, with the assistance of an officer from the Neighborhood Services Unit, began to process 178 basic officer recruit applications and 21 lateral officer recruit applications. 34 basic recruits and 5 lateral recruits were selected and began training in February 2023. The BIU also completed quarterly audits and inspections during 2022.



The BIU attended numerous school fairs and career fairs in 2022 as part of OPD recruitment efforts. At these events, the unit handed out promotional items and talked with attendees about the career of a police officer. Many attendees were receptive and interested in pursuing a career with OPD.

BIU EVENTS 2022

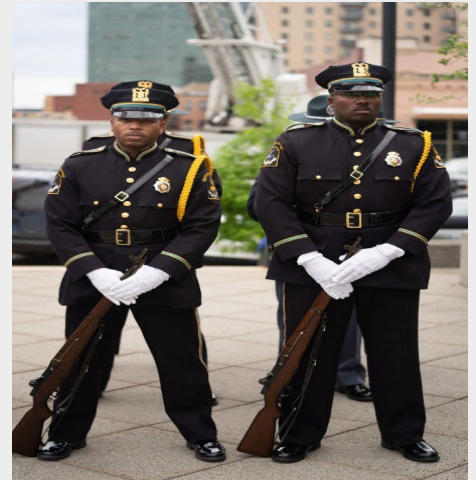
- Bi-Lingual Career Fair at Liberty First Credit Union in Ralston
- Black Student Leadership Council at Omaha North Magnet High School
- Iowa Western Technical Community College
- Metro Community College
- Millard South High School Career Day
- Westside Career Day
- National Association of Women Police - Girl Scout Event
- One Community Cultural Festival at Stinson Park
- University of Nebraska at Kearney Career Day
- University of Nebraska at Omaha Career Day
- Victory Boxing Event
- Wayne State College Career Day

HONOR GUARD

The OPD Honor Guard was established in 1954 and has been in existence for 68 years. It currently consists of 32 members, with members serving in the Honor Guard without respect to rank. Training for the Honor Guard takes place bi-monthly and includes firing party detail, drill and ceremony, casket bearing, flag folding and presentation, and Color Guard training.

The Honor Guard participates in various events and ceremonies every year with their main purpose being to honor those who have passed away. The Honor Guard engaged in a total of 84 events in 2022. Listed below are some of the events:

- 5 Parades
- 9 Line-of-Duty Funerals for Outside Agencies
- 17 Retiree Funerals
- 32 Color Guards
- Blue Mass
- Memorial Day Services
- Nebraska Police Week Memorial Service
- OPD Police Memorial Day
- OPD Police Vigil Walk
- 12 Other Events
- Candlelight Vigil (Including Family Escorts and Cordon)
- Survivor Family Escorts at Reagan International Airport
- Police Memorial Day Event at the Capitol
- Wreath Guard at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES UNIT (NSU)

The NSU provides assistance to the public on problem resolution and crime prevention programs. The NSU consists of the Business Watch Squad, the Nuisance Task Force Squad, the Prevention Programs Squad, the School Resource Officer Squad (SRO), the Truancy Officer Squad, the Volunteer Services Squad, and the SRO Explosives Detection Canine.

In 2022, NSU command staff regularly participated in Douglas County School Threat Advisory Team (DCSTAT) meetings with OPD's CORE Squad, OPD's Assault Unit command, Douglas County Sheriff's Office SRO command, Douglas County Juvenile Court attorneys and probation staff, Region 6 representatives, Lutheran Family Services, and local school district security representatives. These meetings are geared towards identifying and preventing school-based threats in the interest of enhancing school safety.

The NSU also assisted in the installation of school-based emergency radios in every public middle school and high school in Douglas County. These radios were purchased as a part of a school safety grant and were provided to school staff so they could have direct access to Douglas County 911 Communications staff. The purpose of these radios is to decrease response times in the event of a school safety emergency such as an active shooter incident.

Transition also occurred in the NSU when the Youth and Family Engagement (YFE) Specialists of the Boys and Girls Club moved from working with Gang Unit command to instead working with SRO command. The YFE Specialists now have access to more schools and more students to mentor and coach. The YFE Specialists also attend monthly meetings with SRO command which helps ensure they make the biggest impact possible at schools.

In the fall of 2022, NSU SRO command along with OPD's Chief Schmaderer met with the superintendents of five local public-school districts and enacted an agreement that allows officers the ability to make immediate entry into the school buildings in case of an emergency such as a school shooting. SRO command have been working on a solution that will allow all Uniform Patrol Bureau officers to have access to all public schools in Omaha by the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

SRO command participated in a school reunification training in 2022 provided by the I Love You Guys Foundation. This training taught officers how to reunify students with their parents after they are removed from their school due to a critical incident such as a natural disaster, act of terrorism, school shooting, gas explosion, or other emergency. NSU staff along with Traffic Unit command, Northeast Precinct command, and Executive Services Bureau command then participated in a "mock emergency situation" at the Omaha Public Schools Teacher Administration Center (TAC) building. NSU Lt. Ott also attended the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP) conference in 2022.



The NSU was able to resume many of its community activities in 2022 due to COVID restrictions being almost completely lifted. Some of the programs that resumed were the Omaha Coalition of Citizen Patrols, OPD college internships, Kindergarten Traffic Safety Program, CSI Camp, career fairs, and elementary school presentations. In addition, the NSU was able to help the Omaha Coalition of Citizen Patrols establish a new fundraising effort. The NSU also expanded the Closed Property Program, added numerous properties to the Omaha registered closed property list, and assisted elementary schools in conducting safety audits.



PIPE AND DRUM CORPS

The OPD Pipe and Drum Corps was established in 2011 and its main purpose is to provide ceremonial services to honor active or retired OPD employees who have passed away. There are currently 5 bagpipers, 5 drummers, and 1 Pipe Major in OPD's Pipe and Drum Corps. In 2022, the Corps performed at 34 events, with 15 of them being funeral services in conjunction with OPD's Honor Guard. In addition to performing at funeral services for OPD, the Corps also assisted nearby police and fire agencies with funeral services. Some of these performances for funeral services were done for two line-of-duty deaths, with one being for Fremont County Sheriff's Department and the other for Saunders County Sheriff's Department. The Corps also performed at 19 events that were not funeral related including:

- Blue Mass
- FBI National Academy Associates Spring Conference
- First Responder's Foundation 9/11 Luncheon of Honor
- First Responder's Foundation Guns and Hoses Boxing and Hockey Events
- Florence Days Parade
- National Peace Officers Memorial Day Service at OPD Headquarters and the Washington County Sheriff's Office
- Nebraska Police Week Memorial Service
- OPD Police Vigil Walk
- Several Graduation Ceremonies
- US National Trooper Conference



TRAINING UNIT

The OPD Training Unit hosts a Basic Recruit Academy for new recruit officers, maintains continuing education courses for all sworn OPD officers, and coordinates all training for OPD non-sworn employees. This unit is comprised of the Recruit Squad and the Training Squad.

In 2022, seven basic recruits and three arson investigators completed 22 weeks of classroom training. They graduated from the classroom portion of the academy on September 2, 2022, then went on to complete the Field Training phase which lasted 15 weeks and ended on December 10, 2022.

There were also six lateral recruits that completed 12 weeks of training and graduated from the classroom portion of their training on June 15, 2022. These recruits officially graduated on September 2, 2022 and completed the 10-week long Field Training in November 2022.



Recruit graduation ceremony in 2022.

TRAINING UNIT ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2022

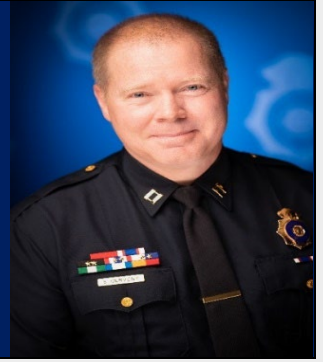
- Signal Sidearm Deployment: 569 officers completed this training and had Signal Sidearms installed on their holsters.
- Taser Training: 525 officers completed this two-hour recertification training.
- In-Service 1-2022: 795 sworn officers completed a three-day in-service training. Topics included firearms, pursuits, ACT, DV response, and inclusivity. This amounted to a combined 16,695 training hours and 798 staff hours.
- Patrol Rifle: 368 Patrol Rifle users completed the recertification course and 38 new users were certified.
- Professional Staff In-Service: 63 non-sworn employees completed first-of-its kind training. Topics included inclusion, mental health, OPD database exploration, and more.
- Overall Department Training: 667 classes were hosted, resulting in a combined total of 61, 073 training hours.



From left to right: Deputy Chief Thomas Shaffer, Deputy Chief Anna Colon, Deputy Chief Scott Gray, Deputy Director David Van Dyke, Lieutenant Neal Bonacci, Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert, and OPD Chief Todd Schmaderer along with the 2022 recruits.

POLICE SERVICES BUREAU

The Police Services Bureau (PSB) is commanded by Deputy Chief Steve Cerveny. Several units in the Bureau are under the direct command of the Deputy Chief. The Bureau also includes the Support Services Section.



EVIDENCE AND PROPERTY UNIT (EPU)

The OPD EPU is responsible for the secure storage of all evidence and property items collected by or turned into OPD. The EPU participates in property auctions when items in the unit have not been claimed by the owners. The EPU also destroys items that cannot be auctioned or returned to owners. In 2022, the EPU destroyed an average of 2,500 items a month. In September 2022, the EPU destroyed 1,200 firearms per legal obligations. The unit also successfully completed audits and inspections throughout the year in conjunction with the OPD Backgrounds/Inspections Unit. The EPU is responsible for managing the Digitally Recorded Evidence Access and Management (DREAM) Squad. The DREAM Squad stores all digital evidence from officers' body worn cameras and mobile video recorders. The DREAM Squad also creates DVDs of digital evidence for investigations and court proceedings.



Guns collected from OPD's Gun Amnesty Day. The EPU stores these guns until they can be auctioned or destroyed.

GRANT ADMINISTRATION UNIT (GAU)

The OPD GAU secured a \$500,000 grant award under the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) "Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA" Program. This three-year grant provides additional resources to aid in the investigation and prosecution of up to 73 cold-case homicides dating back to 1979.

The GAU also secured a \$168,135 renewal grant award under the DOJ's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services' (COPS Office) Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Implementation Projects Program. This two-year grant will fund an initiative to provide annual mental health check-ins to designated sworn and non-sworn employees frequently exposed to traumatic incidents, high stress, and vicarious trauma. This grant will also fund training, peer support services, and other wellness resources.

The GAU also worked with the City of Omaha Mayor's Office, OPD's Executive Deputy Chief, and U.S. Senator Deb Fischer's Office to improve the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) provisions in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. These provisions work to improve the recruitment, onboarding, and retention of law enforcement officers in light of nationwide staffing concerns. OPD will continue to make efforts towards working with the state's congressional delegation and other law enforcement partners to advance meaningful legislative changes for officer recruitment and retention.

The GAU also closely collaborated with community partners including the Omaha Police Foundation (OPF) and First Responders Foundation (FRF) to fund and implement a variety of initiatives and programs including:

- OPD Co-Responder Program – Helped to continue funding for this program which was expanded to add a new Youth Co-Responder position in 2022.
- Restorative Justice Diversion Program - Helped to continue funding for this program which was jointly implemented by OPD, the City of Omaha Human Rights and Relations Department, and the City of Omaha Prosecutor’s Office.
- Threat Assessment and Response Project (TARP) – Funded this new project which includes OPD’s Threat Incident Prevention System (TIPS), School Resource Officer (SRO) Restorative Justice Trainings (hosted by Omaha-based Concord Mediation Center), OPD CORE Squad’s mental health interventions and outreach programs, OPD Co-Responder trainings, and the Safe2Help Nebraska Anonymous Reporting System.
- Youth and Family Engagement Specialist Program – Helped to continue funding for this program administered by the Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands (BGCM).
- Canine Unit - Helped to fund veterinary costs, supplies, and new canines.
- Mounted Patrol Squad - Helped to fund veterinary costs, food, supplies, and new horses.

MOBILE IT UNIT

The OPD Mobile IT Unit is responsible for ensuring OPD’s mobile technologies are properly maintained and for providing technical support to OPD personnel. The unit is responsible for mobile data computers (MDCs), mobile video recorders (MVRs), body worn cameras (BWCs), and small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS, which is OPD’s drone program). In 2022, the unit uploaded approximately 628,400 videos from officers’ body worn cameras.



OPD sUAS being tested.

POLICE PERSONNEL UNIT (PPU)

The OPD PPU provides various support functions to OPD. The unit coordinates hiring and personnel actions, applies rules of labor agreements and rules of the Omaha Municipal Code to relevant personnel issues, manages payroll, and manages timekeeping. In 2022, the unit helped in the hiring process of 14 sworn and 59 non-sworn employees.



VEHICLE IMPOUND UNIT (VIU)

The OPD VIU provides for the towing and disposal of abandoned, wrecked, and impounded vehicles. When the legal holding period has passed, unclaimed vehicles are auctioned to private entities. The unit generates revenue for the City's General Fund by auctioning abandoned vehicles, auctioning abandoned property found in abandoned vehicles, and receiving payments from the public for towed and impounded vehicles. In 2022, the unit implemented a more secure method of processing credit card transactions.

VEHICLE IMPOUND UNIT STATISTICS

- 13,187 Vehicles Processed for Towing
- 12,272 Vehicles Towed by OPD
- 10,588 Certified Owners/Lienholders Letters Processed
- 3,429 Investigative Letters Processed
- 2,978 Applications for Titles
- 2,038 Vehicles Auctioned
- 915 Vehicles Towed by Other Agencies
- \$62,629 in Property Auction Revenue
- \$2,048,224 Daily Combined Revenue for Tows
- \$3,012,072 in Vehicle Auction Revenue
- \$5,122,925 in Year-End Impound Lot Revenue

SUPPORT SERVICES SECTION

The Support Services Section (SSS) is commanded by a Captain. The section includes the Customer Services Unit, the Digital Forensics Squad, the Fleet/Facilities Unit, the Forensics Investigations Unit, and the Police Supply Unit.

CUSTOMER SERVICES UNIT (CSU):

The OPD CSU is comprised of the Court Liaison Squad, the Telephone Report Squad, and the Front Desk Squad. The Court Liaison Squad coordinates with OPD employees and the local courthouses to ensure schedules and other things needed for court are handled appropriately. In 2022, the Court Liaison Squad processed 3,269 court cancellations which saved the Department \$544,404. The Telephone Report Squad (TRS) handles inquiries from the public and documents minor crimes which helps the Uniform Patrol Bureau to focus more on patrolling Omaha and responding to crimes in progress. The TRS receives approximately 7,621 calls per month. The Front Desk Squad provides a variety of services and support functions, including handling requests from the public (i.e., such as processing fingerprints, handgun registrations, police reports, mugshots, taxi cab permits, regulated metals permits, and criminal histories). The Front Desk Squad also receives and processes incoming telephone calls from OPD employees and from the general public.

FRONT DESK SQUAD STATISTICS

- 838 Mugshots Sold
- 882 Fingerprints Processed
- 1,276 Criminal History Reports
- 2,146 Firearm Registrations
- 4,211 Reports Sold

DIGITAL FORENSICS SQUAD

The Digital Forensics Squad collects digital data from various types of electronic devices using a forensically sound acquisition process. The Squad then assists detectives in other units and the courts in understanding and analyzing the data collected. The Squad plays a pivotal supportive role in the investigations conducted by the Homicide Unit, the Special Victims Unit, and other units. In 2022, Digital Forensics Officer Shawn Pearson completed the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists Training and obtained his Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE) certification. The completion of the CFCE is an arduous endeavor attained through diligence and hard work. The courts generally recognize the CFCE certification as foundational in establishing the examiner as an expert in the field of digital forensics.

FLEET/FACILITIES UNIT

The Fleet and Facilities Unit procures, services, and maintains OPD's vehicle fleet and all OPD facilities. In 2022, the unit completed the renovation of the 5th Floor Auditorium at OPD Headquarters. The unit also purchased a "V" Plow for OPD's Bobcat machine, 20 marked vehicles and 31 unmarked vehicles. The unit completed 601 work orders and submitted another 569 orders.



FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (FIU)

The FIU provides 24-hour/7-day a week evidence collection and preservation support to police-field operations. The Forensic Investigations function, the Firearms Examination Squad, and the Latent Print Examination Squad are all a part of the FIU. The FIU hired three new Forensic Trainees in 2022. The Trainees completed their classroom training, mentoring phase, and progressed to independent crime scene work. The Trainees are doing well and have been making a positive impact on FIU operations.

The unit also developed and hosted a number of training events for their staff. All personnel in the unit already trained in forensic mapping completed a training on laser scanner workflow and data processing in January. Then in October, the unit hosted a Forensic Anthropology Buried Body Recovery Workshop in collaboration with Dr. Brittany Walter at the Omaha Public Safety Training Center. Staff from OPD's FIU and Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB), the Council Bluffs Police Department, and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office all attended the training. The FIU also hosted two courses involving latent print examinations in November and December.



CSI Summer Camp 2022.

In late 2022, a major technical addition was made to the FIU with the Latent Print Digital Acquisition System. The addition of this system is expected to lead to faster turnaround times for latent print comparisons, along with fewer administrative and clerical errors in the comparison workflow.

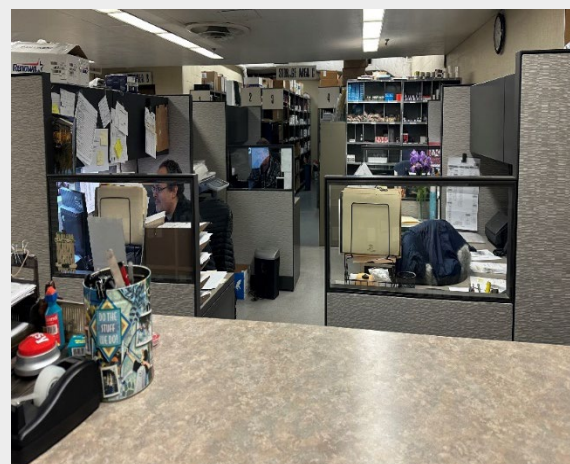
The FIU also hosted the CSI Summer Camp for youth in collaboration with other units. Staff rolled out an entirely new curriculum focusing on blood pattern analysis, which was a big hit with attendees.



Forensics employees conducting training exercises in 2022.

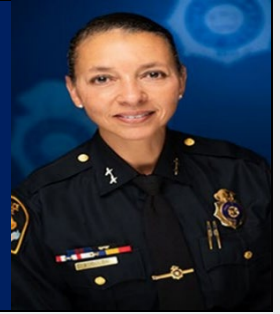
POLICE SUPPLY UNIT

The Police Supply Unit provides OPD with items it needs to operate effectively including uniforms, safety equipment, office supplies, and work-related forms. The unit orders supplies and equipment as needed and processes invoices for payment. The unit also tracks equipment issued to various OPD employees or units, which includes maintaining the equipment's maintenance and repair records. Tracking this information helps OPD's command determine whether an item should be repaired or replaced. In May 2022, the unit prepared 332 used bullet proof vests and shipped them to aid Ukraine.



PROFESSIONAL OVERSIGHT BUREAU

The Professional Oversight Bureau (POB) is commanded by Deputy Chief Anna Colón and includes the Internal Affairs Unit.



INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT (IAU)

The IAU investigates internal and external complaints against OPD employees, and desires to retain the community's confidence by upholding OPD's integrity through a professional and thorough investigative process. The unit also investigates when an officer discharges their firearm (except when it occurs during the training academy). The IAU conducts an administrative investigation of all in-custody deaths that involve OPD employees and all criminal misconduct allegations against an employee. The investigative process will bring inappropriate conduct by OPD employees to light and protect employees from unfounded or unwarranted accusations.

In 2022, IAU employees completed over 200 hours of training and facilitated several education events in the community. Sgt. Nickerson attended various events and training to enhance his skills for the unit, including C.O.P.S. Trauma in Law Enforcement Training, Internal Affairs Training Program hosted by DLG Learning Center, IACP First Line Leadership Conference, Reid Technique of Investigative Interviewing and Advanced Interrogation Training, and many others. Sgt. Nickerson was also a guest speaker at some of these events.



Photo above and on the bottom left are of Sgt. Finch at community presentations at local Omaha churches. Photo on the bottom right is from the "Before the Casket" presentation.

Internal Affairs Investigator Sgt. Finch conducted several educational training events within the Omaha community. He presented "Church Safety" to Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church and again at Enoch Missionary Church, describing the responsibilities of the IAU and educating the attendees on the process of filing a Citizen's Complaint. Sgt. Finch also presented at the Metropolitan Community College on "What to Do When You are Pulled Over at a Traffic Stop." Besides teaching attendees how to interact with officers at a traffic stop, the attendees also learned the makeup of the IAU and the process of filing a Citizen's Complaint. In an effort to reduce gun violence, Sgt. Finch partnered with Sgt. David Preston Jr. and other law enforcement leaders from within the Omaha community by hosting "Before the Casket." This training is designed to show how gun violence affects families and how it has a lasting impact on the community. Sgt. Finch then presented "Gun Control for Pastors" at the Douglas County Sheriff's Department.



TECHNICAL & REPORTING SERVICES BUREAU

The Technical and Reporting Services Bureau (TRB) is commanded by Deputy Director David Van Dyke. The TRB includes the Crime Analysis Unit, Information Technology Unit, and the Data Unit.



CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT (CAU)

The CAU is comprised of a non-sworn Crime Analysis Manager and 5 non-sworn Crime Analysts. All CAU staff are members of the Mid-America Regional Crime Analysis Network (MARCAN) and the International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA). The support functions of the CAU fall into four analytical capabilities: tactical, strategic, administrative, and intelligence.

CAU TASKS 2022

Tactical, Intelligence, and Investigative Support 49%

The CAU produced weekly criminal activity maps and data. It also identified crime series or patterns and distributed these findings to UPB Officers and CIB Detectives. The unit conducted database searches and engaged in other investigative support functions to assist detectives in identifying possible suspects and linking multiple similar crimes to known suspects. The unit also conducted link analysis through the utilization of specialized software applications and social media communications.

Strategic, Administrative, and Statistical Support 40%

The CAU prepared and compiled monthly CompStat presentations. It prepared quarterly “Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety” (DDACTS) maps. The unit gathered, compiled, and reported crime data to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and to the FBI. The unit also compiled monthly and quarterly reports that were published to OPD’s website.

Public Information Support 11%

The CAU responded to external public information requests that were approved by OPD’s Chief.

DATA UNIT

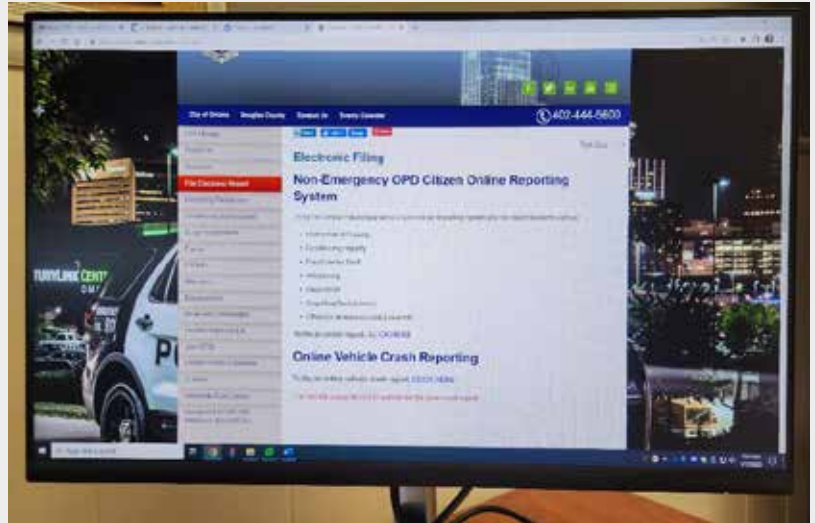
The Data Unit includes the Data Review Squad and the Records Squad. The Data Review Squad provides information via radio to police personnel and inputs crime reports, citations, and NCIC entries into the computer system. The Records Squad maintains OPD’s Central Records Systems by scanning, filing, and disseminating reports and criminal history information. The unit attended three job fairs in 2022. The Data Unit includes the Data Review Squad and the Records Squad. The Data Review Squad provides information via radio to police personnel and inputs crime reports, citations, and NCIC entries into the computer system. The Records Squad maintains OPD’s Central Records Systems by scanning, filing, and disseminating reports and criminal history information. The unit attended three job fairs in 2022 as part of recruitment efforts.

DATA UNIT STATISTICS

- 96,600 Radio Calls
- 95,887 Incident Reports
- 57,634 Citations
- 13,386 Crash Reports
- 12,272 Tow Reports
- 11,919 Accident Report Requests
- 5,257 Criminal History Requests
- 4,747 Agency Record Requests
- 3,551 Missing Persons Reports
- 3,354 Stolen Vehicle Reports
- 3,259 Adult Record Seals
- 2,100 Juvenile Record Seals
- 638 Record Set Asides

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIT (IT UNIT)

The IT Unit ensures proper maintenance and development of OPD's information technology systems. The unit also reviews purchases and agreements related to contracts with outside IT vendors. Several additions and changes were made to OPD's information systems in 2022, such as the addition of a new application called the Citizen Online Reporting System. This new system allows a citizen to use a personal device (such as a cell phone or computer) to create incident reports for less serious crimes rather than calling 911, which frees up officers so they can address more serious crimes that need immediate attention.



The Officer Court Cancellation Application was another new system developed in 2022. The application was developed to replace an aging voice mail system that was used to notify officers of court cancellations. This new system allows officers to efficiently check for cancellations online.

The Nebraska Investigator Crash Report (ICR) system was also completed in collaboration with the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) and LexisNexis. NDOT requires agencies like OPD to collect vehicle crash information and the ICR system allows the collection of this information to be done more efficiently.

Another major change occurred when the unit updated OPD's field reporting system to the National Incident-Based Report System (NIBRS). The FBI mandated that agencies report crime statistics through NIBRS, therefore the IT Unit worked tirelessly to make these updates.

Various updates were also made to OPD's servers, desktops, and laptops to install the latest versions of software systems, as needed. Laptops in officers' vehicles also had upgrades made to their hardware and software which ensures the vehicles have the most reliable network possible.



UNIFORM PATROL BUREAU

The Uniform Patrol Bureau (UPB) is commanded by Executive Deputy Chief of Police Scott Gray. UPB is divided into five precincts. The Tactical Operations Section and Rapid Deployment Force are also a part of UPB. UPB provides 24-hour law enforcement services to the public. Each precinct is commanded by a captain.



NORTHEAST PRECINCT

The Northeast (NE) Precinct includes the 30 Area, 40 Area, and 30/40 Area Relief. In 2022, the NE Precinct attended nearly 200 community meetings and events including weekly meetings with Omaha 360. The NE Precinct, other OPD units, and many other organizations collaborate with Omaha 360 to reduce violence in Omaha. The city has seen a considerable drop in violent crime and a significant increase in clearance rates through this collaboration.

The NE Precinct welcomed a new Crime Prevention Specialist in August of 2022. This new Crime Prevention Specialist brings experience and passion to her work, and has been instrumental in working with the community as OPD moved back to more in-person meetings.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 24th Street Business Improvement District Safety and Security Meetings
- Boys and Girls Club After School Program Activities
- Christmas in the Village
- Community Safety Days
- Halloween on the Boulevard
- Juneteenth Parade & Festivities
- Monthly Miller Park/Minne Lusa Neighborhood Association Meetings
- National Night Out
- National Youth Violence Prevention Week Candlelight Prayer Walk
- Other Prayer Vigils & Church Events
- Pastors & Faith Leaders Meetings
- Refugee Women Rising Driving Education Class & Donation Celebration
- Salvation Army/Coalition RX After School Program Activities
- Various Career Days
- YouTURN's Family Fun Day



NORTHWEST PRECINCT

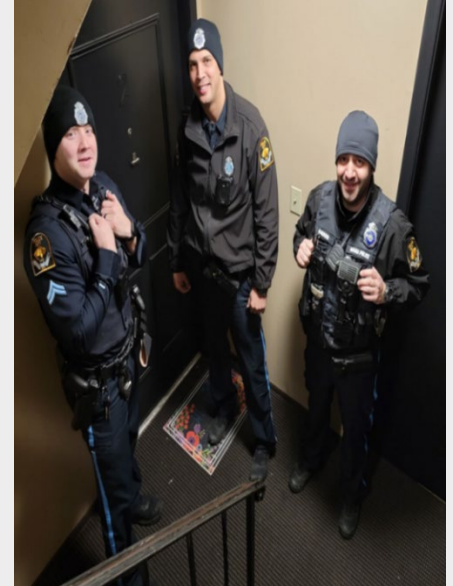
The Northwest (NW) Precinct includes the 10 Area, 20 Area, and 10/20 Area Relief. The NW Precinct responded to over 65,000 calls for service in 2022. Precinct officers and command also participated in numerous events, including several community meetings. In July, the NW Precinct hosted their annual Cone with a Cop event where kids received a free ice cream cone, explored police vehicles, and received airbrush tattoos. In August, NW Precinct officers and command attended several National Night Out events where they met with many local area residents. In October, the NW Precinct's command staff participated in National Coffee with a Cop Day where they met with members of the community and addressed their concerns. The NW Precinct also hosted a weeklong Citizens Academy in November where speakers from the Gang Unit, Homicide Unit, Canine Unit, SWAT, Forensics Unit, and other OPD units attended and hosted training sessions. NW officers also purchased gift cards for a family who had all of their presents stolen on Christmas Eve.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS 2022

- Officers responded to a shots-fired call following a disturbance between two parties. One suspect fired a gun and left the area, but returned shortly after. When officers encountered the suspect, the suspect was still armed with a handgun but officers were able to take them into custody and retrieved the gun. The suspect was subsequently booked on numerous charges.
- Officers were dispatched to assist a person on a bridge who was threatening to jump. Officers made contact with the person, shut down traffic, and arranged for OPD's Co-Responders to speak with the person. Thanks to this group effort, the person came down safely from the bridge and was provided with mental health assistance.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop and observed a weapon in the vehicle in plain sight. Upon search of the vehicle, officers discovered the weapon was a BB gun and also found methamphetamine, stolen credit cards, and items indicative of catalytic converter theft. The suspect and passenger were booked on numerous charges.
- Officers were dispatched to a burglary in progress. When officers arrived, they observed the suspect running away and they engaged in a foot pursuit. Officers were able to detain the suspect who was in possession of a firearm and methamphetamine.



Crime Prevention Specialist Lauren Genier and Secretary III VeNessa Strong-Hardy at a NW Precinct Community Event.



Command staff from NW Precinct, command staff from other OPD departments, and officers at various community events.

SOUTHEAST PRECINCT

The Southeast (SE) Precinct includes the 50 Area, 60 Area, the 50/60 Area Relief, the Riverfront Patrol Squad, and the Mounted Patrol Squad. The Riverfront Patrol Squad patrols downtown areas along the riverfront including the Old Market, Capitol District, the CHI Health Center, and other tourist areas north and south of Dodge Street. The Mounted Patrol Squad patrols many of the same areas as the Riverfront Patrol Squad and it also provides citywide traffic and crowd control for larger events and parades. The SE Precinct participated in many community events and meetings in 2022.

COMMUNITY GROUPS MET WITH IN 2022

- South Omaha Violence Intervention and Prevention
- South Omaha Neighborhood Alliance
- South Omaha Environmental Task Force
- Southeast Precinct Advisory Council
- Old Market Association
- Omaha 360
- Downtown Improvement District
- Homeless Task Force
- Omaha Refugee Task Force
- South Omaha Community Care Council
- Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives
- Berkshire Hathaway Shareholders

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The SE Precinct attended various community events in 2022 including Cinco de Mayo, NCAA Men's College World Series of Baseball, Grand Opening of the New Gene Leahy Mall at the Riverfront, Septemberfest, and Fiestas Patrias. Some other events it attended included those shown below:



SAFE EVENT

In June, the SE Precinct, along with the Canine Unit, Emergency Response Unit, and various outside agencies attended the SAFE Event. Agency booths at the event shared valuable tips on how to be safe in the community. The event also had free entertainment, music, and raffle prizes. There were approximately 350 people in attendance and 125 bike helmets were given away.

SOUTHEAST CITIZEN ACADEMY

From July 28 to September 1, 2022 the SE Precinct held the Citizen Academy once a week. This academy allowed citizens to understand police procedures and functions. There were police simulations, visits to police units, hands-on activities, and presentations about the Domestic Violence Squad, Child Abuse Squad, Gang Unit, Air Support Unit, Canine Unit, Mounted Patrol Squad, Vice Squad, Forensics Unit, and Narcotics Squad. There were 34 participants and each of them received a Certificate of Participation at the end of the academy.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

This is an annual event that enhances the relationship between the SE Precinct and the surrounding community. There were initially four neighborhood groups who signed up to participate in the events, but due to heat only two groups officially hosted their events with some of the SE Precinct officers in attendance.

NATIONAL COFFEE WITH A COP DAY

This event allowed the officers and the community to come together in an informal and neutral place to discuss community issues and build relationships. Deputy Chief Colon, Captain Meister, and SE officers were present to visit with about 20 attendees.



MEET AND TREAT

The SE Precinct hosted a fun and safe Halloween event with information tables, police and fire demonstrations, raffle prizes, games, music, and dance. Officers gave out candy to younger kids while older ones participated in the “haunted house precinct.” Besides being scary, the haunted house also had safety messages throughout. Approximately 1,200 participants attended.



HOLIDAY WITH THE BLUE

Officers gave toys to kids in the community. There were opportunities for kids to take a photo with Santa, the Grinch, and officers. There were treats and entertainment. Information was also given to parents on safety, health, and education programs.

MOUNTED PATROL SQUAD

The Mounted Patrol Squad is a part of the Southeast Precinct with its own location in downtown Omaha. The Squad held the 2022 Auxiliary Riding Program in January. This program teaches several UPB officers the basics of becoming a Mounted Patrol officer and is an intense 2-week program that includes both classroom and practical exercises. The Squad also attended the annual North American Mounted Unit Commanders Association Conference in April of 2022. Hundreds of Mounted Patrol Units from across the U.S. attend this conference every year. The Mounted Patrol Squad hosted KETV’s Holiday Family Fest in December where over 2,000 people attended. The Squad also hosted over 20 tours of their facility during 2022.

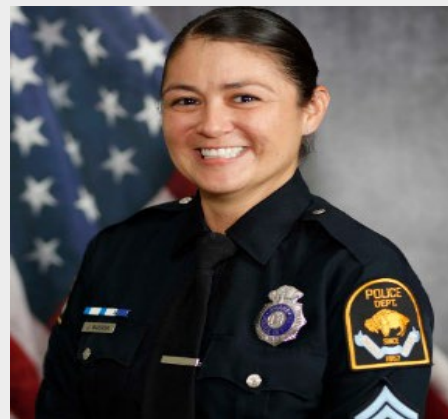
COMMUNITY EVENTS 2022

- American National Bank’s Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Blessing of the Animals at St. Cecilia’s
- Bomb Pop with a Cop
- NCAA Men’s College World Series of Baseball
- Gene Leahy Mall Grand Opening Event
- Holiday with the Blue at South High School
- International Jumping Competition at CHI Health Center
- Lauritzen Garden’s Family Fest
- Memorial Park Concert
- Nebraska Humane Society’s Hearts and Hooves Camp
- SE Precinct’s Meet and Treat Event
- Shriner’s Festival of Trees
- Special Olympics Polar Plunge at Zorinsky Lake
- Women’s NCAA National Volleyball Tournament



SOUTHWEST PRECINCT

The Southwest (SW) Precinct includes the 70 Area, 80 Area, and 70/80 Area Relief. The SW Precinct engaged in many notable incidents throughout 2022 and participated in many community events. Of special note is when the SW Precinct's own Officer Jamie Madson came across a 17-year-old victim of sex trafficking out of Kansas. Officer Madson was initially dispatched to a shoplifting call in November 2022 when she determined that the suspect was actually a sex trafficking victim. Officer Madson subsequently worked with Project Harmony to intervene and rescue the victim.



Officer Jamie Madson.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS 2022

- March 1- Citizens flagged down officers to inform them of a robbery at a nearby convenience store. When officers neared the convenience store, they saw the suspect vehicle and attempted to stop it but the suspect began firing shots through the driver's side window. One of the shots fired struck the officers' vehicle. A pursuit then ensued. Once officers were able to stop the vehicle, a perimeter was set-up and with the assistance of OPD K9 officers and the Able 1 Helicopter, the suspects were located near their abandoned vehicle. All four suspects were arrested for robbery and the suspect who shot at officers was arrested for attempted felony assault on officers. Other law enforcement agencies assisted with this incident. It was also later discovered these same suspects were involved in a series of other gas station robberies in various jurisdictions.
- March 28 – A suspect accused of robbing, prowling, peeping, burglarizing, and sexually assaulting women was arrested. Multiple victims reported this suspect had engaged in these acts since October 2021. The suspect committed these acts in the Northwest and Southwest Precincts. The investigation was conducted with the assistance of the Southwest Precinct, Northwest Precinct, OPD Criminal Investigations Bureau, FBI Omaha, and Cook County Illinois Sheriff's Office. The suspect was charged with 12 criminal counts ranging from burglary to sexual assault.
- March 29 – Officers were dispatched to a report of trash cans being set on fire. The Omaha Fire Department and OPD Arson Investigators were also called to the scene. A nearby store also had the front door smashed out and most of their inventory damaged. Food was taken from the store and thrown against the windshields of two vehicles parked across the street. Tires from approximately 30 vehicles in the area had also been slashed. After the OPD investigation, several juveniles were arrested in connection with this spree.
- June – SW Officer Todd Coniglio was dispatched to a theft call. The investigation revealed that a 13-year-old's bike was stolen after the suspect cut the lock off the bike. Officer Coniglio was able to acquire a brand-new bike, helmet, and lock for the boy through a local non-profit called Team Bike Rescue of Omaha.
- October 26 – Officers were on patrol in a neighborhood when they attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle with no plates. The vehicle fled and was unable to be pursued due to high speeds. Upon investigation, the officers discovered the vehicle was stolen and the suspect had felony warrants out of multiple jurisdictions. The vehicle was later located at a motel where it was found the suspect had taken a female and her baby hostage. A barricade was established and a specialty vehicle was used to successfully to rescue the female and her child. The suspect was arrested and booked. FBI Omaha and the Pottawattamie County's Sheriff's Office assisted with the incident.



Barricade incident from October 26, 2022.

- In December, SW Captain John Sokolik graduated from the FBI's National Academy Program held in Quantico, VA. This is an invitation-only program that is open to US and international law enforcement executives. While at the program, Captain Sokolik studied crisis negotiation, emergency crisis management, contemporary issues in law enforcement, and a variety of other topics. He earned a Graduate Certificate in Law Enforcement Studies from the University of Virginia. He also completed the FBI's Yellow Brick Road Physical Fitness Program while at the academy.



SW Captain John Sokolik on the right.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/MEETINGS

- Bomb Pop with a Cop – Hosted at Stinson Park in Aksarben Village. Over 800 people attended. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office, UNO Police, and several new community partners were also in attendance.
- Cocoa with a Cop – Participation more than doubled from the year before. The SW Precinct collaborated with UNO Police to host the event.
- Meet the Police – Collaboration with Autism Action Partnership. Over 35 families came together to enjoy a sensory-tailored event for individuals with a cognitive disability.
- National Coffee with a Cop Day – All precincts attended.
- National Night Out – Officers went to several registered neighborhood events.
- Precinct Advisory Council Meetings
- Safety Day – Event tailored for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing that was hosted at the Southwest Precinct building. The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Dispatch, and the Omaha Fire Department were also in attendance.



Officer Coniglio replaced a boy's bike that had been stolen.



Officers out in the community talking with local kids.



Officers helping at a Christmas event.



Officer Madson helping with a tour of the precinct.

WEST PRECINCT

The West Precinct includes the 90 Area, 100 Area, and 90/100 Area Relief. The Precinct responds to thousands of calls each year. The West Precinct investigated many serious crimes in 2022 including the incidents mentioned below:



West Precinct officers visiting with a musician.

- August 14 – Officers responded to a property damage accident that was then upgraded to a fight-in progress. The on-scene officer was off-duty when she witnessed the assault and she intervened, but then several on-duty officers arrived to assist. The investigation revealed the suspect had intentionally rammed his ex-girlfriend’s vehicle and then removed the victim from her vehicle where he began assaulting her. The suspect was booked and charged with several felonies.
- August 20 – Officers were dispatched to a home for a report of a theft-in-progress. The investigation revealed that three males in a dark colored truck were taking wheels off another truck and loading them into their own truck. Later, West Precinct officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that matched the description of the suspects’ vehicle and officers observed tires in the back of the truck. All suspects were booked and charged with felony theft.
- September 25 – Officers responded to a shooting at a local establishment. Upon arrival, officers located a party down inside the bar suffering from a life-threatening gunshot wound. Officer Matthew Slingwine rendered lifesaving medical aid to the victim. Officer Slingwine was later awarded with the Preservation of Life Medal.
- October 19 – An officer was patrolling an area after a report of suspicious activity involving juveniles attempting to break into vehicles. A vehicle matching the description of the suspect’s vehicle was observed and a traffic stop was conducted. During the stop, the officer conducted a probable cause search and found a loaded 40-caliber handgun. The juvenile suspect was booked at the Douglas County Youth Center.
- October 27 – A lieutenant along with several officers responded to a local retail store for a shoplifting call. One of the three suspects was carrying a loaded handgun, marijuana, and oxytocin pills. The suspect was transported to the Douglas County Youth Center and booked for multiple misdemeanor charges, drug charges, and firearm charges.
- December 5 – An officer observed a suspicious person walking around a grocery store parking lot. After a brief foot pursuit, the suspect was taken into custody. The suspect was wearing the same clothing and ski mask that was observed in several earlier commercial burglaries. The suspect, who was a juvenile, was booked for ten commercial burglaries.
- December 8 – Officers were dispatched to an active bank robbery call. The two suspects had firearms and violently demanded money from bank employees. Employees and customers were injured by the suspects. Another officer was later alerted to information about the robbery and located an abandoned vehicle at a nearby location. Due to the quick discovery of the suspect’s vehicle, the OPD Robbery Unit was able to quickly identify and arrest the two dangerous suspects.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The West Precinct command and officers also attended over 30 community events in 2022. The West Precinct hosted several tours for girl scouts, boy scouts, and several adult groups throughout the year. At the end of the year, an avid law enforcement supporter visited the precinct and lifted the officers' spirits.

- 5 Independence Day Parades
- National Coffee with a Cop at Vidlack's Brookside Café
- Precinct Advisory Council Meetings
- Presentations with Local Preschool and Elementary Classes
- Trunk or Treat



Captain Matuza.

TACTICAL OPERATIONS SECTION

The Tactical Operations Section is commanded by a Captain and includes the Air Support Unit, Canine Unit, Emergency Response Unit, and the Traffic Unit.

AIR SUPPORT UNIT (ASU)

The ASU provides aerial surveillance support to OPD. The use of aircrafts provides enhanced officer safety, hastened response times, and a powerful level of observation strengthened by thermal-imaging capabilities. The unit had a very productive year in 2022 with a total of 1,300 flight hours, surpassing its annual goal by 100 hours.

The ASU obtained a new Bell 505 Helicopter in March. The addition of this new helicopter will reduce operating costs for pilots because it has the most advanced equipment and technology available. In July, Officer Jacob Bettin received recognition from the Airborne Public Safety Association as the "Tactical Flight Officer of the Year" for his efforts during a high-risk pursuit where three suspects fired at responding officers. All suspects were located and apprehended without further incident.



Officer Jacob Bettin on the left.

ASU also conducted a "Safety Stand-Down" day. The unit did not fly its aircraft on this one day in order to learn about important topics related to aviation safety and about things that could negatively impact flight operations, such as inadvertent instrument meteorological conditions. ASU visited the FAA Air Traffic Control Facility and completed an Emergency MEDEVAC Course hosted by instructors from Creighton University.

The ASU participated in several community events in 2022. Some of the events included the SAC Museum Helicopter Display, Boys and Girls Club Events, OPS Back to School Program, and Women in Law Enforcement Day.

ASU STATISTICS

- Assisted officers on 1,960 traffic stops as aerial back-up.
- Arrived first on scene for calls for service 1,306 times.
- Provided aerial surveillance on over 160 vehicle pursuits and 280-foot pursuits.
- Assisted with over 605 thermal imagery locates for missing juveniles, missing elders, and suspects.



CANINE UNIT

The Canine Unit serves Omaha and the surrounding areas by performing both patrol and narcotics detention duties. Canine teams search for, locate, and apprehend potentially dangerous suspects who have fled on foot, are hiding, or are resisting arrest. For narcotics detection duties, highly trained canines sniff for illegal drugs and indicate to the officer when they've detected the odor of illegal drugs. The canine teams are often called upon to assist other OPD units such as SWAT, Narcotics, Gang, and other Criminal Investigations Units. The teams also assist outside agencies such as the Drug Enforcement Agency, Homeland Security, and the U.S. Marshalls. The officers and canines undergo extensive training to remain effective at their jobs and continually train to maintain a high level of efficiency.

At the end of 2022, Sgt. Steve Worley retired from the Canine Unit after having worked 15 years as the unit commander and another 9 years prior to that as a Canine Officer/Handler. Sgt. Worley was responsible for growing the unit by adding patrol handlers, adding an interdiction team, training the department in perimeter tactics, and helping to facilitate the development and construction of the Gary and Mary West Foundation Regional Canine Training Facility.

The Canine Unit has two Nebraska State Certified Canine Trainers and Evaluators: Sgt. Pignotti and Officer Jeremy Wedel. Sgt. Pignotti oversees the unit's training and Officer Wedel is the lead trainer for the unit. Both assist with training police service dog teams for outside agencies and performing canine

certification examinations. The Canine Unit also assists with the training of new police recruits at the Omaha Police Training Academy where they teach classes on vehicle searches, criminal interdiction, perimeter and containment, and suspect search tactics.

The Canine Unit attended multiple events in 2022, including the OPD Citizen's Academy and speaking engagements at Creighton University, University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Millard North High School.



Canine Officer.

NOTABLE STATISTICS

- 35 Firearms Recovered
- 120 Suspects Located/Apprehended
- 186 Canine Drug Searches
- 253 lbs. of Cocaine Seized
- 322 Canine Suspect Searches
- 474 lbs. of Methamphetamine Seized
- 529 lbs. of Marijuana Seized
- 538 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 595 Felony Arrests
- 2,310 Calls for Service
- \$540,767 in U.S. Currency Seized



EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT (ERU)

The ERU consists of the SWAT Team, the Bomb Response Squad, TSA Explosive Detection K9 Team, and the Crisis Negotiation Team.

In 2022, the SWAT Team served 87-high risk warrants, including 60 “no-knock” warrants and 27 “knock and announce” warrants. They successfully handled 11 barricade incidents, two of which were hostage-rescue incidents. Deadly force was not used in any of the incidents and less-lethal force was used in only three of the 11 incidents. The SWAT Team also worked 23 enhanced security assignments, including the NCAA Men’s College World Series of Baseball, NCAA Volleyball Championships, and more. In September 2022, the team taught a SWAT Basic Course to 20 attendees (10 OPD employees and 10 outside agency personnel). The ERU also obtained an armored rescue vehicle in 2022.

The Bomb Response Team actively assisted the FBI, the Omaha Fire Department, the ATF, and other local law enforcement agencies with investigations involving explosives. In 2022, the team had 36 callouts for suspicious devices, including four that dealt with military-grade devices, such as a hand grenade and a cluster-bomb munition.

The TSA Explosive Detection Canine (K9) Team consists of officers and canines who work together to uncover hidden explosive devices and who spend a majority of their time working security at Omaha’s Eppley Airfield. In 2022, the team conducted site sweeps for various concerts and sporting events, and worked several dignitary protection assignments. Three of the four K9 teams were recertified in 2022. SWAT’s K9 named Alfri retired after 10 years of service, and a new K9 named Tina was certified in February 2023 as Alfri’s replacement.

The Crisis Negotiation Team welcomed four new members in 2022, bringing the total number of members on the team to 12. The entire team attended an advanced NTOA Negotiator Course in 2022 along with OPD’s Co-Responders from the Behavioral Health and Wellness Unit. The Team was also trained in high-element negotiations with the assistance of the Omaha Fire Department and one of their aerial units. The team joined the newly-created Nebraska Association of Crisis Negotiators (NEACN) in 2022, and OPD’s own Sgt. Joseph Nickerson is on the NEACN’s board.



ERU in training.



SWAT serving a warrant.



Rappelling from Able 1.

ERU COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Guns & Hoses
- Boy Scouts Public Safety Day
- Omaha Police Foundation Luncheon
- Florence Days Parade
- SAFE 2022
- OHA Occupy the Corner x3
- Northwest Precinct’s Cone with a Cop
- Southwest Precinct’s Bomb Pop with a Cop
- PACE Football Championships
- Creighton Baseball Public Safety Night – Charles Schwab Field

BOMB RESPONSE & TSA K9 TEAM STATS

- 36 Callouts for Suspicious Devices
- 29 Enhanced Entry-on-Duty Security Operations
- 64 K9 Security Sweeps and Dignitary Protection
- 5 Demolition Events
- 2 Ammunitions Burns



TRAFFIC UNIT

The Traffic Unit consists of the Crash Investigation and Prevention Squad (CIPS), Selective Enforcement Event Squad (SEES), and Project Night Life Squad (PNL).

In 2022, CIPS investigated 150 city vehicle crashes, 172 code 3 crashes, and 45 fatal crashes. CIPS also conducted 4,720 hit & run investigations. PNL conducted 63 special enforcement operations with approximately 1,500 hours logged and 3,586 citations issued. PNL also conducted 104 presentations on the dangers of impaired and distracted driving at local schools where they reached over 3,500 students. SEES worked 162 events and escort assignments. SEES issued 6,791 citations. They worked large-scale national events conducting traffic and crowd control, including events such as:

- Berkshire Hathaway Annual Convention at CHI Arena
- NCAA Big 10 Baseball Tournament at the Charles Schwab Stadium
- NCAA Men's Baseball College World Series at the Charles Schwab Stadium
- NCAA Women's Division 1 Volleyball Championship at CHI Arena
- Nebraska State High School Track Meet at Burke High School Stadium



NOTABLE CRASHES INVESTIGATED BY UNIT

- One fatality crash involved a suspect's vehicle striking the victim's vehicle at 102 mph causing the victim's vehicle to burst into flames. The suspect was booked for two counts of motor vehicle homicide and death of an unborn child. The suspect was sentenced to 31-37 years in prison.
- A second crash involved a suspect vehicle colliding with a turning vehicle at a high-speed. The turning vehicle burst into flames and the victim died. The suspect was booked, charged with manslaughter, and is awaiting trial.
- A third crash involved a suspect vehicle hitting a pedestrian. The suspect fled, but was eventually located and admitted to hitting the pedestrian. The suspect is awaiting a trial.



OFFENSES, CLEARANCES, & ARRESTS 2022

Included below are some of Omaha's crime statistics for 2022. Additional crime statistics can be found on OPD's website under the "[Crime Information](#)" tab.

OVERALL MAJOR CRIME

CRIME	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS IN 2022	CLEARANCE RATE
Homicide	30	87%
Rape	297	43%
Robbery	336	56%
Aggravated Assault	2,050	49%
Burglary	1,255	16%
Theft	12,156	20%
Auto Theft	3,357	16%

**Clearance Rate means that a suspect was arrested for the crime.

OVERALL DRUG ARRESTS

TYPE OF DRUG	NUMBER OF ARRESTS
Cocaine	108
Crack	22
Ecstasy	17
Marijuana	152
Meth	801
Heroin	10
LSD	1
Other	112

GANG ARRESTS BY CRIME (PART 1 OFFENSES)

TYPE OF CRIME	NUMBER OF ARRESTS
Homicide	15
Rape	7
Robbery	43
Aggravated Assault	8
Burglary	10
Larceny-Theft	139
Motor Vehicle Theft	1

911 CALLS FOR SERVICE

911 CALLS FOR SERVICE	TOTAL
911 Calls Received	267,764
Daily Call Average	734
Traffic Stop Analysis	28,180

RECRUIT & LATERAL CLASSES OF 2022

In 2022, OPD's Training Unit trained seven basic recruits, six lateral recruits, and three arson investigators. The basic recruits and arson investigators completed 22 weeks of classroom training. They officially graduated from the classroom portion of their training on September 2nd. They went on to complete their field training which lasted 15 weeks and ended on December 10th. The lateral recruits completed 12 weeks of classroom training. Their official graduation date was September 2nd. They went on to complete their field training which lasted 10 weeks and ended in November. The Arson Investigators went on to work at the Omaha Fire Department after graduation.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Included below are some examples of OPD's community engagement activities conducted throughout 2022.

FOOD DONATIONS

In April, OPD partnered with Hy-Vee to provide free hams to families in Omaha. Officers delivered them to several families in the city.



FLORENCE DAYS PARADE

In May 2022, OPD command staff and officers attended the annual Florence Days Parade in North Omaha. This parade is a great opportunity for the community and OPD to interact and get to know one another.



MEET THE POLICE

In May 2022, OPD, along with Autism Action Partnership and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, hosted their third Meet the Police event. The meeting was sensory sensitive and members of the community were able to meet officers and view police cruisers. People were also able to meet some of the police canines and horses.



POLICE MEMORIAL WEEK

In May of every year, OPD, along with several local law enforcement agencies, team up to honor those officers who have passed on. The events usually take place over an entire week's span, with one or more events occurring every day.



PRIDE PARADE

OPD participated in Omaha's annual PRIDE Parade in July 2022. Mayor Jean Stothert along with many OPD command staff and officers joined citizens in celebrating PRIDE.



KIDS AND COPS - ANGELS AMONG US

Also in July 2022, OPD along with the Omaha Fire Department, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, and Sarpy County Sheriff's Office hosted an event to serve children in the community who are facing serious medical conditions. The event included games, pizza, and fun OPD promotional items. Attendees were also able to check out OPD's rescue vehicle, one of its helicopters, and meet one of its canines.



BOMB POP WITH A COP

On July 15, 2022, OPD hosted this event in Stinson Park. Members of the community were able to interact with officers and enjoy a bomb pop. Attendees were also able to meet OPD's horses and canines, as well as check out OPD's motorcycles, cruisers, ERU rescue vehicle, bomb response equipment, and one of OPD's helicopters. OPD promotional items was also given away and kids were able to have their face painted.



CONE WITH A COP

On July 26, 2022, OPD hosted Cone with a Cop where the community could come out to talk with OPD command staff and officers, see OPD specialty vehicles up-close, and enjoy ice cream.



SAFETY DAY

In September 2022, OPD hosted its first ever “Safety Day” tailored for the deaf and hard of hearing. With the assistance of the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Douglas County Sheriff’s Office, and the Omaha Fire Department attendees were able to enjoy various presentations on safety. Lunch was also provided to all attendees.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

This annual event usually occurs in August of every year and it allows officers and other first responders to meet with people from all different areas of the city. Individuals plan events in their local neighborhoods that include food, games, and entertainment. These individuals then let officers and other first responders know the timing and location of their events so that they can join in on the fun. These events help build rapport between the community and first responders.



STUDENT CELEBRATION DAY

Photos are from “Student Celebration Day” hosted by the Black Police Officers Association of Omaha in October 2022. There were various games and activities for students. Several students also won school technology items such as laptops, I-pads, and more.



FAITH AND BLUE

In October 2022, OPD and first responders from other agencies met at Miller Park to discuss faith and community. There were people from various religious organizations also in attendance.



NATIONAL COFFEE WITH A COP DAY

On October 5, 2022, OPD's command staff and officers visited various restaurants and coffee shops around Omaha to interact and discuss local issues. These events are always a great way for officers and the community to get to know each other better.



POLICE OFFICER ASSOCIATIONS

Included below is information on local area associations that work with and/or support OPD.

BLACK POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF OMAHA

The Black Police Officers Association of Omaha (BPOA) is a non-profit that works to enhance diversity within the police department, bridge the gap between the Black community and the police, and enhance the quality of life in the Black community. The BPOA upholds their mission through acts of community service and family friendly events.



FIRST RESPONDERS' FOUNDATION

The First Responders' Foundation's mission is to serve and honor all first responders, veterans, and their families. They also strive to build appreciation and respect for the work that first responders do and to enhance public safety. The Foundation offers behavioral health services, physical fitness programs and classes, medication management, financial classes, support teams, and much more. Members of the Foundation host and/or attend various community events every year.



NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN POLICE

The Nebraska Association of Women Police is devoted to furthering the education, training, and professionalism of women in law enforcement. The Association offers mentorship, community awareness, community events, and wellness programs. The Association recruits women to local law enforcement agencies and hosts an annual conference to promote the good work of women in law enforcement, fire safety, dispatch operations, corrections facilities, and EMS.



NATIONAL LATINO PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION - OMAHA CHAPTER

The National Latino Peace Officers Association – Omaha Chapter undertook new leadership in 2023. Omaha Sergeant Queno Martinez is the new President and there is a new board of directors. The association exists to bridge the gap between the Latino community and law enforcement officers.



FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE OMAHA LODGE NO. 1

The Fraternal Order of Police Omaha Lodge No. 1 is a fraternal beneficiary non-profit organization comprised of current and former Omaha officers. The organization promotes professional and social relationships in a variety of ways. It offers life insurance plans and hosts family events throughout the year.

OMAHA POLICE FOUNDATION

The mission of the Omaha Police Foundation is to promote and strengthen OPD by providing financial support and creating community partnerships. This ensures OPD has highly qualified officers with the training, equipment, and technology needed to prevent crime, save lives, and make Omaha a safer community.



OMAHA POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

The Omaha Police Officers Association's (OPOA) goal is to represent OPD's officers through education, legal support, community outreach, and trust building. The OPOA is committed to partnering with the community and city leaders to make Omaha a safer place to live, work, and raise a family. The OPOA also ensures officers are paid a fair wage, have great benefits, and the safest possible working conditions. The Association hosts several events through the year including Kids & Cops and Shop with a Cop.

OMAHA POLICE WELFARE AND BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

The Omaha Police Welfare and Benefit Association's (OPWBA) goals are to preserve the high standard of integrity of officers, to encourage cooperation with OPD, to promote better relations between citizens and OPD, to serve the best interests of its members and their families, and to promote and encourage health, recreational activities, and social activities. The OPWBA periodically hosts events and sells retail items.



POLICE ATHLETICS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (PACE)

PACE was initially created by a former Gang Investigations Unit Detective who collaborated with other OPD employees and community associations. PACE's aim is to give at-risk youth the opportunity to play sports free-of-charge and to help kids avoid gangs. PACE started off small, but it has grown to have more than 5,000 participants in recent years. Many of OPD's employees volunteer for PACE as coaches, umpires, and more. PACE offers flag football, baseball, soccer, volleyball, and CrossFit. PACE also hosts fun activities and events throughout the year.



AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, & RETIREMENTS 2022

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

Jeffrey Wittstruck, Officer

POLICE LIFESAVING MEDAL

Rene Ramos, Officer

PRESERVATION OF LIFE RIBBON

Anthony Barnes, Officer
Arturo Rodriguez, Officer
Ashley Brugmann, Co-Responder
Ashley Warman, Officer
Brett Wagner, Officer
Brock Gentile, Officer
Carolina Soto, Co-Responder
Charles Sweeney, Officer
Christopher Overton, Officer
Corey Donohue, Officer
Daniel Morales, Officer
Daniel Rubin, Officer
Darryl Hume, Officer
Douglas Peters, Officer
Elliott Smith, Officer

Iesha Buford, Officer
Irvin Reyes, Officer
Jacob Sunderman, Officer
Jamison Perry, Officer
Jason Heft, Sergeant
Jeremy Zipay, Sergeant
Jordan Miller, Officer
Joseph Barrett, Officer
Joseph Wolf, Officer
Justin Durrett, Officer
Katherine Trimble, Officer
Keith Lampert, Officer
Kenneth Porter, Officer
Logan Moran, Officer
Mason Gregurich, Officer

Matthew Slingwine, Officer
Noah Zendejas, Officer
Ricardo Martinez, Officer
Robert Bruckner, Officer
Roger Oseka, Officer
Russell Verby, Officer
Samantha Casey, Officer
Scott Zymball, Officer
Sean Gardner, Officer
Sherry Gooley, Officer
Spenser Lewis, Officer
Steve Murcek, Officer
Theodore Delezene, Officer
Trevor LaPoint, Officer
Tyler Buhrman, Officer

POLICE BLUE SHIELD

Brendan O'Flynn, Sergeant
Cory Buckley, Officer

Derick Peters, Officer
Jamie Desautels, Officer

William Klug, Officer

POLICE RIBBON OF EXCELLENCE

Joseph Hall, Officer

Lauren Genier, Crime Prevention Specialist

Nikki Lasater, Officer

POLICE RIBBON OF UNIT EXCELLENCE

Aaren Andersen, Officer
Adam Connors, Officer
Adam Vail, Officer
Angela Richards, Officer
Bobby Clark, Officer

Christopher Melton, Officer
Elizabeth Abramson, Officer
Gregory O'Neil, Officer
Jeremy Rone, Officer
Jeremy Zipay, Sergeant

Jordan Jacobs, Officer
Jordan Smith, Officer
Kenneth Fox, Lieutenant
Mandee Kampbell, Sergeant
Marcus Taylor, Sergeant

Mathiew Perales, Officer
Matthew Austin, Officer
Michele Bang, Deputy Chief
Philip Hodges, Sergeant

Queno Martinez, Sergeant
Sean Fontana, Sergeant
Matthew Marchio, Officer
Robert Myers, Officer

Russell Verby, Officer
Terrance Smith, Officer

CHIEF'S LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Bradley Canterbury, Officer
Brian Bosn, Officer
Chad Dalrymple, Officer
Christopher Rock, Officer
Connor Smith, Officer
Cory Buckley, Officer
Jesse Orsi, Officer
Jessica Luttrall, Officer
Jodi Sautter, Officer

John Harney, Officer
Jordon Jeffrey, Officer
Joseph Koenig, Officer
Justin Barnes, Officer
Kylee Askew, Officer
Makayla Stiles, Sergeant
Mark Blice, Officer
Marlene Rieder, Lieutenant
Matthew Digilio, Officer

Matthew Slingwine, Officer
Michael Swanson, Officer
Nora Mujica-Hernandez, Officer
Steven Masters, Officer
Thomas Ewin, Officer
Travis Mitchell, Officer
Trevor Shoemaker, Officer
Trevor Toelle, Officer

DEPUTY CHIEF'S LETTER OF WORK WELL DONE

Aaron Lier, Officer
Adam Barcal, Officer
Adam Connors, Officer
Alan Reyes, Sergeant
Amanda Miller, Senior Forensic Technician
Andrew Ramsay, Officer
Anthony Barnes, Officer
Ashley Mathiesen, Officer
Ashley Smith, Officer
Ashley Warman, Officer
Brandon Braun, Officer
Brandon Fender, Officer
Brenna Longacre, Forensic Technician
Brian Bosn, Officer
Brian Gerrity, Officer
Brian Schuster, Officer
Brian Vanderheiden, Officer
Brock Gentile, Officer

Brock Rengo, Officer
Camden Menephee, Officer
Camron Payne, Officer
Carl Hanson, Officer
Christopher Brown, Officer
Christopher Overton, Officer
Christy Stevens, Sergeant
Cody Babbel, Officer
Cody Baines, Sergeant
Connor Smith, Officer
Corey Gorden, Officer
Cory Buckley, Officer
Daniel Cleveland, Officer
Darrell Greene, Sergeant
David Eckstrom, Officer
Derek Mois, Officer
Dominic Lombardo, Officer
Eh Sayler, Officer
Jackie Liebe, Officer
Jackie Liebe, Officer

Jacob Bettin, Officer
Jacob Chong, Officer
Jaeyeon Lee, Forensic Technician
James Carlson, Officer
Jamison Perry, Officer
Jarid Freyermuth, Officer
Jason Stinson, Officer
Jerald Swanson, Lieutenant
Jeremy Kerwin, Officer
Jerrid Sorman, Officer
Jessica Walker, Officer
Joel Strominger, Officer
John Harney, Officer
Joseph Hall, Officer
Josh Glasgow, Officer
Juan Jimenez, Officer
Justin Durrett, Officer
Justin Rudloff, Officer
Karen Snipes, Officer
Katie Ozmun, Officer

Kendall Hofsheier, Officer
Kenneth Vakoc, Officer
Kimberly VanDenAkker, Forensic Technician
Kristin Mraz, Officer
Krystal Kirwan, Officer
Kyle Drews, Forensic Technician
Laura Casey, Senior Forensic Technician
Lucas Scott, Officer
Lukas Brazier, Officer
Lynette Grobe, Officer
Matthew Austin, Officer
Matthew Baughman, Officer
Michael Bossman, Officer
Michael Garrah, Officer
Michael Hansen, Officer
Michael Jenkins, Officer

Mike Dose, Officer
Miranda Smith, Forensic Technician
Nicholas Buck, Officer
Nicholas Shumway, Officer
Nicholas Sorensen, Officer
Nick Yarpe, Officer
Nickolas Meza, Officer
Paul Leaders, Officer
Phillip Ricker, Sergeant
Reifer Johnson, Officer
Ricardo Martinez, Officer
Ricky Martinez, Officer
Robert Dellutri, Officer
Roman Hutton, Officer
Russell Verby, Officer
Ryan Davis, Officer

Ryan Fitz, Officer
Ryan Kilawee, Sergeant
Ryan Sillman, Officer
Samantha Casey, Officer
Scott Chandler, Officer
Scott Timperley, Sergeant
Sean Debuhr, Officer
Shelley Pool, Co-Responder
Spenser Lewis, Officer
Steven Wilson, Officer
Tarrence Vernon, Officer
Todd Coniglio, Officer
Todd Crnkovich, Officer
Tyler Boyer, Officer
Tyler Buhrman, Officer
William Talacko, Forensic Technician

CAPTAIN'S LETTER OF WORK WELL DONE

Charles Kraemer, Officer
Jordan Edwards, Officer
Kevin Byrd, Officer

Lucas Scott, Officer
Lukas Brazier, Officer
Nicola Bay, Sergeant

Samantha Casey, Officer
Scott Pham, Officer

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Angela Richards, Retired Officer
Daneen Robb, Retired Administrative Assistant III
George Collins, Sergeant
Jonathan Waller, Sergeant

Mitchell Robinson, Retired Sergeant
Nicholas Andrews, Lieutenant
Paul Milone, Retired Officer
Stefanie Fidone, Retired Lieutenant

Stephen Worley, Retired Sergeant
Thomas McCaslin, Retired Officer
Timothy Ringhoff, Sergeant
Todd Schmaderer, Chief

TACTICAL FLIGHT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Jacob L. Bettin, Officer

FIRST RESPONDERS' FOUNDATION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Drew Georgius – Son of Officer Justin Georgius
Jocelyn Belcastro – Daughter of Officer Michael Belcastro

METROPOLITAN CHIEFS ASSOCIATION - LEADERSHIP AWARD

James Shade, Sergeant

METROPOLITAN CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION - SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Todd Schmaderer, Chief

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARD

Vanessa Urbach, Crime Prevention Specialist

PROJECT EXTRA MILE 2022 - LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AWARD

Omaha Police Department

LETTER OF WORK WELL DONE FOR VOLUNTEERS OF S.O.N.E. SUMMER GAMES

Angela Coleman, Secretary III

Jill Schillerberg, Officer

Patricia Pope, Officer

Angela Harder, Senior Forensic Technician

Katie Satriano, Senior Forensic Technician

Rachel Weis, Officer

Anthony Barnes, Officer

Kristen Pignotti, Crime Analyst

Randy Pignotti, Sergeant

Antwone Finch, Sergeant

Lindsey Fox, Sergeant

Rebekka Hampton, Missing Persons Research Specialist

Corey Donohue, Officer

Marcoz Marquez, Officer

Scott Zymball, Officer

James Phenis, Officer

Matthew Marchio, Officer

Zachary Petrick, Sergeant

CRIME STOPPERS - OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

Officers Jeffrey Shelbourn and Lisa Horton

ROTARY CLUB OF OMAHA WEST - OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Joseph M. Richter

OMAHA POLICE FOUNDATION - OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Brandon T. Fender

MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING AWARDS

Adult DWI/DUI Enforcement – Officer Jordon P. Jeffrey

Community Partner Education & Awareness – Retired Officer Angela L. Richards

MIP Enforcement – Sergeant Alan M. Reyes

RETIREMENTS

Angela Baker, Sergeant

Angela Richards, Officer

Barbara J. Widhalm, Clerk Typist II

Brian Korth, Officer

Bryan Kulhanek, Officer

Dale Skeen, Officer

David Bianchi, Sergeant

David Pecha, Officer

David Shavlik, Officer

David Volenec, Sergeant

Donna Daneen Robb,
Administrative Assistant III

Gregg Barrios, Lieutenant

Jason Stracke, Sergeant

Jeffrey Shada, Officer

Keith Makell, Officer

Kenneth Kanger, Deputy Chief

Kenneth Rowe, Officer

Lawrence Lacoma III, Officer

Margaret Fricke, Sergeant

Martin Uehling, Officer

Matthew Stewart, Officer

Michele Bang, Deputy Chief

Paul Milone, Officer

Robin L. Lemieux, Secretary III

Ronald Lyon, Officer

Ruben Soto, Officer

Scott Sungy, Officer

Shane Bonacci, Officer

Stacy Williams, Sergeant

Stefanie Fidone, Lieutenant

Stephen Worley, Sergeant

Steven Hogle, Officer

Steven Jennum, Officer

Steven King, Lieutenant

Steven Patrick, Officer

Terry Hughes, Officer

Thomas Fricke, Sergeant

Thomas McCaslin, Officer

Timothy Brown, Sergeant

Todd Crnkovich, Officer

Tracy Scherer, Captain

Judith A. Swallow, Clerk Typist II

Trevor O'Brien, Lieutenant

William Dropinski, Sergeant

RETIREMENT PHOTOS



REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED

- 
- Retired Deputy Chief Mark T. Sundermeier.....Served Omaha for 25 years
- Retired Sergeant Ronald Champion Coyan.....Served Omaha for 25 years
- Retired Sergeant Richard Swanson.....Served Omaha for 30 years
- Retired Sergeant David Shaffer.....Served Omaha for 31 years
- Retired Officer Ronald H. Goodrich.....Served Omaha for 28 years
- Retired Officer Ray Hunt.....Served Omaha for 31 years
- Retired Officer Terry Lee Bruner Sr.....Served Omaha for 50 years
- Retired Officer Joseph Santo Vaccaro.....Served Omaha for 27 years
- Retired Officer Gary Schnebel.....Served Omaha for 9 years
- Retired Officer George Allen.....Served Omaha for 21 years
- Retired Officer Edward Joseph O'Neill.....Served Omaha for 30 years
- Retired Officer David Wilson.....Served Omaha for 24 years
- Retired Officer Steven Henderson.....Served Omaha for 9 years
- Retired Officer David Heese.....Served Omaha for 26 years
- Retired Officer John J. Maranville Jr.....Served Omaha for 22 years
- Retired Officer Keith Thompson.....Served Omaha for 30 years
- Retired Officer Sasha Leach.....Served Omaha for 15 years
- Retired Officer Russell Lane Sr.....Served Omaha for 6 years
- Retired Officer Louis Lamb.....Served Omaha for 30 years
- Retired Officer Edward "Ed" Hale.....Served Omaha for 48 years
- Retired Officer John Maranville Jr.....Served Omaha for 22 years
- Retired Police Information Operator I Kathleen J. Kopecky.....Served Omaha for 12 years
- Retired Clerk Typist II Judy K. Korytowski.....Served Omaha for 22 years
- Retired Clerk Typist II Mary Lou Granados.....Served Omaha for 17 years
- Retired Police Information Operator II Donna Novak.....Served Omaha for 23 years
- Retired Crime Prevention Coordinator Judy C. Johns.....Served Omaha for 13 years