

A Word from Chief Lang...



Dear Mayor Wirth and Members of the Beatrice City Council,

This has been truly the most challenging year the Beatrice Police Department has experienced in the 23 years I have served as your Chief of Police. I have floated the idea on several occasions about the benefit of combining dispatch centers in rural areas of Nebraska. Until this year those discussions have pretty much fallen on deaf ears.

In early 2015 the City of Crete approached us about providing dispatch services for them. This resulted in the creation of the Southeast Nebraska 911 Center. Just as we were preparing to consolidate Crete into our center we were struck by lightning on our Communications Tower. This strike destroyed nearly all of the electronics located in the Center and elsewhere in the Police Department.

We relocated the Center to our backup Center in the Gage County Courthouse. As we have all heard before, things happen in threes, and we were promptly hit with the 3rd largest flood in Beatrice history. The call volume in the Center during the flood was beyond anything we had ever experienced before. Our dispatchers did a remarkable job under very difficult conditions.

We are now operating with a new 911 Director and two additional dispatchers. The cost savings to the City of Crete and also to the other users of our system has already been realized. With the addition of surrounding small dispatch centers the savings will be even more significant. The phrase "no pain no gain" seems to apply this year to our communications center.

As you will see in this report our crime rates remain low and our arrest numbers reflect this. As with most things in our business crime rates are somewhat cyclical, as repeat violators are incarcerated, do their time and are then released.

I hope after reading this report you will feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce E. Lang". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Bruce E. Lang
Chief of Police
City of Beatrice

Mission Statement

“The Beatrice Police Department will provide service and protection to its citizens through a professional and caring staff of sworn and non-sworn personnel.

A strong patrol presence, supported by various other divisions within the department will be the basis for our crime prevention efforts. Members of the department will work to maintain the standard of living that citizens of Beatrice have come to enjoy.”



Chief of Police
Bruce Lang
1992



Police Secretary
Traci Baehr
2005



Victim Assistance Coordinator
Kerri McGrury
1998

Administration

Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart 2015



Chief of Police Bruce Lang



Changes in Staff 2015

Promotions

- None

Internal Transfers

- None

New Hires

- Christopher Whitfield – Police Officer
- Derrick Hosick – Police Officer
- Jason Sharp – Police Officer
- Carla Jones – Communications Director
- Cathy Roever – Part time Victim's Advocate
- Katie Johnson – Part time Victim's Advocate

Resignations

- Robert Soldo – Police Officer
- Ben Hartmann – Police Officer
- Shelena Maguire - Dispatcher

Retirements

- Dee Fritch – Dispatch Supervisor

2015 Grants

During 2015 our department applied for only one selective enforcement grant. This grant ran from May 18 to May 31, the period of time that encompassed most high school graduation weekends through the Memorial Day holiday. This mini-grant was part of an ongoing traffic safety enforcement process being presented by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety which centered on the occupant protective system (seatbelt) law. The Click It or Ticket Mobilization campaign has been one of many repetitive and effective mini-grants in recent years. Although the post enforcement survey showed a decrease of 2% in seat belt usage after the selective enforcement period, the overall usage was still at 54% for compliance over all.

Grant Award: \$ 2,029.05

The fact that only one grant was applied for this year may be attributed to the amount of mandatory overtime hours that was required of our road patrol officers last year.

Captain Gerald Lamkin

2015 Overtime

During the past year, officers needing to help cover shifts once again tallied the largest amount of overtime hours in the category of Fill In. This has been so, for the past several years. Last year's increase came about due to the resignation of two patrol officers and the untimely illness or injuries of others. Although the generator of the largest man hours of overtime, the hours needed for Fill In actually decreased by 12% over the previous year.

The only area that saw a significant decrease, almost 200%, was in K9. Our previous K9, Sotor, was retired due to the resignation of his handler. Based on various factors it was not prudent to train a new handler for Sotor, especially given his age. Sotor is enjoying retirement with his previous handler and his family.

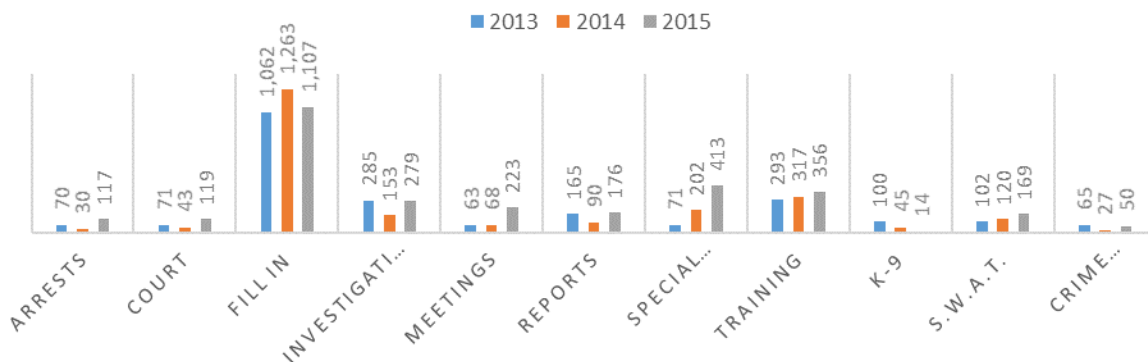
The areas that had the far greatest increase are pleasantly the part of direct law enforcement action, whether it be proactive or reactive. Overtime necessary in the sections of Arrests increased 288%, time necessary to testify in Court increased 180%, Meetings, normally classified as time preparing a court case with a prosecutor increased 226%, and the time spent completing Reports increased 95%. Officers are required to complete all reports prior to going off duty. Leave may be granted by their supervisor to complete the reports the following day, as long as they are scheduled to be on duty. Reports must be completed prior to going on days off. Finally, the area of Crime Scene & Evidence had an increase as well, at 88%.

Investigations saw a substantial increase in overtime over last year of 82%. This increase correlates with the increases in crime scene & evidence, reports, meetings, court & arrests. Overtime hours for investigations are logged by both the Patrol and Investigation Divisions.

The SWAT team has a slight increase in their hours over last year due to specialized training of members with specific assignments. All team members train as a general unit and the members with specialized skills receive additional training during the month.

Special Detail is the section of overtime generally given when officers may be working hours where the city is reimbursed through grants. It is also a time when officers must assist others when a larger police presence is necessary. This may be during the end of the school year or during the summer months to help with specific tasks during the Homestead Days celebration.

In 2014 I reported that I had hoped that we could continue to see a decrease in 2015 in overtime accumulating in Arrests, Crime Scene & Evidence and Court, thinking that those violating the law was giving it a second thought. Not being able to have a major impact on another's thought process, it is reassuring to know we have an agency whose men and women are dedicated to do what we can to bring to justice to those that do violate the law.





Communications Director
Carla Jones
2015



Sue Sullivan
1992



Chris Henrichs
1993



Russell Jobman
2003



Jay Munstermann
2008



Fred Naumann III
2011



Kasey Barnard
2013



Chandra Crooks
2015



Kylee Schoen
2015



Fred Naumann IV
2015

Communications

Communications Center

Southeast Communications Center dispatches for 22 agencies in Gage County and in July started providing services for the City of Crete, Crete Fire and Rescue. Our state of the art equipment and mapping allowed for a seamless transition. Regional dispatch centers are becoming more present throughout the states. It is extremely hard for smaller PSAP's (Public Safety Answering Points) to keep current with the latest and greatest, ever changing, equipment, technologies and record management systems. Maintenance, upgrading and replacement of outdated phone systems have become cost prohibitive for the smaller PSAP's. Southeast Region Communications Center is on the leading edge of taking on the growth needed to handle multiple jurisdictions.

2015 introduced some interesting hurdles for the Communications Center. May 4th, 2015 the Police Department was struck by lightning, disabling all radio communications, phones and computers at the center. Dispatch was immediately relocated to the Courthouse basement, utilizing the EOC. (Emergency Operations Center.) June 15, 2015 dispatch was able to move back to the Police Department Communications Center.

Spring floods increased call volumes by hundreds and hundreds of calls per day, with concerned citizens with a wide variety of questions.



When Should You Call 911?

- ✓ 9-1-1 should be called for emergencies, such as crimes in progress, to report a fire or for a medical emergency.
- ✓ For non-emergencies, such as parking problems, non-injury car accidents, thefts or vandalism call 402-223-4080
- ✓ Remain calm, speak clearly & follow any instructions the dispatcher gives you.
- ✓ Be prepared to provide the location of the emergency. Always know your location and be ready to give directions to the dispatcher. Descriptive information such as cross streets, mile markers, landmarks, and business names are helpful.
- ✓ The dispatcher will verify your address and phone number.
- ✓ Do not hang up until the dispatcher tells you to. Even if you dialed by mistake, stay on the line and explain that you accidentally dialed.
- ✓ The dispatcher will ask you questions. Stay calm and answer the questions clearly. This questioning does not delay the response of Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS Personnel. It does provide the responders with more information as they are en-route so they can be better prepared when they arrive.
- ✓ When describing a vehicle the dispatcher may ask the color, year, make and model, body style, license plate and state, and any other distinguishing characteristics.

2015 Calls for Service

This list is a total for Southeast 911 Communications; including the Beatrice Police Department, Gage County Sheriff's Office, Wymore Police Department, Beatrice Fire & Rescue, Crete Police Department, Crete Fire & Rescue, Nebraska Game & Parks, Board of Public Works, Animal Control & all Gage County Rural Fire/Rescue Agencies.

CALL TYPE	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
911 Hang Up	72	71	70	80	128
Accident/Fatality	3	2	6	1	7
Accident/H&R	* did not record these separately before 2013		126	91	135
Accident/Injuries	129	122	107	95	110
Accident/No Injuries	835	704	623	555	634
Adult Abuse	59	67	77	78	96
Alarm	25	32	47	77	75
ALS	23	23	20	17	21
Animal Bite	49	30	43	50	58
Animal Complaint	1153	1115	848	854	878
Animal Cruelty	113	94	80	76	82
Arson	8	2	1	0	1
Assault	206	168	157	167	195
Assist Citizen	221	198	179	159	180
Assist Other Agency	222	254	254	259	310
Attempted Suicide	13	19	10	8	15
Bar Check	536	473	419	237	364
Barking Dog	127	128	116	84	84
Bicycle Theft	* did not record these separately before 2015				31
Board of Public Works	207	210	203	212	170
Bomb Threat	1	1	0	1	0
Burglar Alarm	276	291	235	224	201
Burglary	172	171	160	121	157
Child Abuse / Neglect	202	224	249	230	339
Civil	323	309	382	328	382
Civil Standby	* did not record these separately before 2015				62
Complaint Against Officer	2	3	12	9	6
Compliance Check	29	0	59	0	21
Crimestoppers	27	29	14	14	16
Death	70	92	87	89	73
Disorderly Conduct	14	10	12	4	8
Disturbance	508	470	446	410	558
Drowning	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Information	101	105	80	93	87
Drug Lab	3	1	0	1	0
Drug Violation	74	37	46	60	70

CALL TYPE	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
DUS	59	48	36	81	76
Driving While Intoxicated	167	82	84	110	88
Embezzlement	1	2	1	1	1
Emergency Protective Custody	5	7	6	12	16
Escort	119	106	98	90	123
Fail to Appear	12	14	15	7	12
False Reporting	4	6	3	6	2
Field Interview	105	114	85	114	144
Fire	250	258	203	247	216
Fire Alarm	127	135	121	106	123
Forgery	1	3	7	9	10
Found Animal	219	164	156	121	151
Found Property	257	248	190	151	261
Fraud	88	94	95	89	102
Gambling Violation	2	0	0	0	0
Game Violation	19	8	16	18	18
Gas Drive Off	101	112	75	77	58
General Information	282	310	321	298	266
Harassment	316	279	222	183	202
Harassment Text	* did not record these separately before 2015				21
Health Hazard	76	82	63	61	69
Hitch Hiker	20	15	11	4	6
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
ICAC <small>internet Crimes Against Children</small>	15	6	5	12	9
Identity Theft	10	13	11	12	19
Indecent Exposure	17	10	6	12	5
Injury	5	3	1	5	2
Jail Incident	7	8	3	5	5
Junked Motor Vehicle	53	32	107	185	24
Juvenile	440	391	302	286	371
Liquor Laws	90	41	32	35	Broke out Separately
Lost Animal	161	148	148	99	126
Lost Property	69	59	75	83	123
Mental	66	74	81	107	148
Minor in Possession	40	35	17	29	35
Missing Person	43	20	20	18	29
Motor Vehicle Theft	37	50	22	35	38
Motorist Assist	508	317	219	362	316
Noise	241	204	318	188	256
Open Container	* did not record these separately before 2015				7
Open Door	132	137	75	80	94
Out of Unit	352	317	305	341	383
Ordinance Violation	164	149	167	158	227

CALL TYPE	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Paper Service	897	787	672	634	666
Parking 2 hr.	47	63	56	46	38
Parking 24 hrs.	119	97	98	111	96
Parking/other	314	228	249	319	317
Pivot /Traffic Hazzard	* did not record these separately before 2015				1
Probation Violation	6	16	7	16	13
Procuring	* did not record these separately before 2015				12
Property Damage	48	25	31	40	64
Protection Order Violation	51	31	55	40	45
Prowler	19	16	8	5	24
Public Service	223	233	248	281	218
Public Speaking	* did not record these separately before 2015				5
Pursuit	12	4	4	3	7
Rape	5	2	3	4	1
Remove Party	182	168	134	144	190
Repo	* did not record these separately before 2015				88
Rescue	1228	1309	1387	1289	1477
Rescue /Lift Assist	* did not record these separately before 2015				76
Road Closed	* did not record these separately before 2015				44
Robbery	1	1	1	5	1
Runaway	59	66	45	73	87
Scam	* did not record these separately before 2015				48
SEADE	10	21	29	0	0
Search Warrant	1	1	6	1	5
Sex Offender Registration	29	10	9	8	13
Sexual Assault	64	36	44	34	46
Shoplifting	53	66	62	82	95
Solicitor	17	13	35	19	4
Suicide	3	10	1	1	3
Suspicious	676	731	670	618	790
Terrorism	0	0	1	0	0
Theft	554	546	409	434	515
Threats	113	169	148	142	194
Traffic Hazard	235	198	228	219	289
Traffic Stops	3300	3305	3506	4442	3938
Transfer	862	766	773	770	1011
Transport	222	222	227	202	276
Trash	72	52	59	55	51
Trespassing	52	78	71	84	72
Truancy	39	21	21	5	18
Unknown	4	7	3	7	14
Vacation Watch	73	78	91	106	97
Vandalism	448	356	271	206	240
Vehicle Comp/All Types	931	924	929	898	949

CALL TYPE	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Warrants	324	279	209	285	273
Watch	124	132	183	118	126
Weapon Laws Violation	17	13	29	9	10
Weather	25	16	22	22	25
Welfare Check	635	628	601	618	778
Totals	22,577	21,280	20,529	20,937	23,086

Calls for Service by Agency

A total is not given because several agencies can respond to the case CFS; for example, there is always a fire unit, a rescue unit, an extrication unit and a law enforcement officer sent therefore this would generate four different calls for service for one actual call.

	2013	2014	2015
Beatrice Police Department	14370	11135	11225
Homestead National Monument	71	82	28
Board of Public Works	203	196	163
Gage County Sheriff's Office	7745	7016	6304
Wymore Police Department	867	1016	1050
Beatrice Fire & Rescue & Rural Fire	3640	3341	2628
Adams Fire	25	15	15
Adams Rescue	51	36	56
Barneston Fire	9	9	13
Blue Springs Fire	19	26	28
Clatonia Fire	13	21	19
Clatonia Rescue	57	59	55
Cortland Fire	21	33	37
Cortland QRT's	40	31	45
Crete Police Department			2231
Crete Fire and Rescue		started dispatching for Crete on July 7, 2015	479
Dewitt Fire	0	1	3
Diller Rescue	0	0	1
Filley Fire	20	15	18
Hallam Fire	0	1	0
Odell Fire	18	17	22
Odell QRT's	13	20	32
Pickrell Fire/QRT's	29	15	25
Wymore Fire	40	32	39
Wymore Rescue	160	94	125



Captain Gerald Lamkin
1991



Sgt Jay Murphy
1990



Sgt Wes Henning
1997



Sgt Doug Coon
1997



Sgt Brian Carver
2000



Ofc Zac Lauenstein
2002



Ofc Colleen Soldo
2005



Ofc Kristine Gill
2006



Ofc Joseph McCormick
2007



Ofc Shane Maloley
2009



Ofc Daniel Moss
2009



Ofc Anthony Chisano
2011



Ofc Doug Heminger
2014



Ofc Timothy Price
2014



Ofc Christopher Whitfield
2015



Ofc Natasha Nesbitt
2015



Ofc Derrick Hosick
2015



Ofc Jason Sharp
2015

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Vehicle Summary 2015

No new units were purchased or retired in 2015.

The Beatrice Police Department maintains a fleet of six marked patrol vehicles. We also utilize four unmarked vehicles that are used for Administration and Investigations. We utilize two marked units as multipurpose vehicles for the school resource officer and school training car.

During 2015, our road patrol vehicles were driven an average of 15,412 per vehicle. The six patrol units drove a combined miles of 92,476 compared to 102,616 in 2014. (there was an error in total miles driver for these units on the 2014 summary.)

FLEET INFORMATION

Unit	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Miles Driven in 2003	Use
1	2010	Ford	Crown Vic	105,000	13,632	Patrol
2	2008	Ford	Crown Vic	123,346	4,696	Patrol/K9
3	2011	Chevy	Tahoe	100,914	19,802	Patrol/Supervisor
4	2013	Ford	P.I. SUV	64,000	13,331	Patrol
5	2014	Ford	P.I. SUV	37,700	18,363	Patrol
6	2013	Ford	P.I. SUV	59,108	22,652	Patrol
7	2000	Chevy	Impala	108,000	1,359	Investigations
8	2003	Ford	Expedition	100,156	7,263	Administration
9	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	109,077	2,351	School Resource
11	2002	Chevy	Impala	92,000	5,856	Administration
12	2007	Ford	Explorer	112,874	5,106	Investigations
15	2009	Ford	Crown Vic	101,197	3,967	School/Training
Bus	1996	Chevy	Blue Bird	5,876	19	Mobile Command
SWAT	1997	Ford	Armored Veh	308,769	50	Tactical Deployment

VEHICLE EXPENSE

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Parts/Supplies	\$17,581	\$20,659	\$15,699	\$11,371	\$9,339	\$8,410
Labor	\$10,995	\$14,640	\$12,443	\$9,800	\$4,374	\$4,719
Maintenance/Repair Total	\$28,576	\$35,199	\$28,142	\$21,171	\$13,713	\$13,129
Gas and Oil Total	\$36,587	\$40,559	\$42,958	amount not Avail	\$41,285	\$20,955

Training Summary

The Beatrice Police Department strives, through an aggressive training program, to keep our employees up-to-date with the constantly changing legal, tactical and informational concepts. In spite of rising training costs and ever-present budget cuts, we are attempting to better utilize the funds available to us by providing In-house training, hosting training courses, and sending employees to free or low cost training.

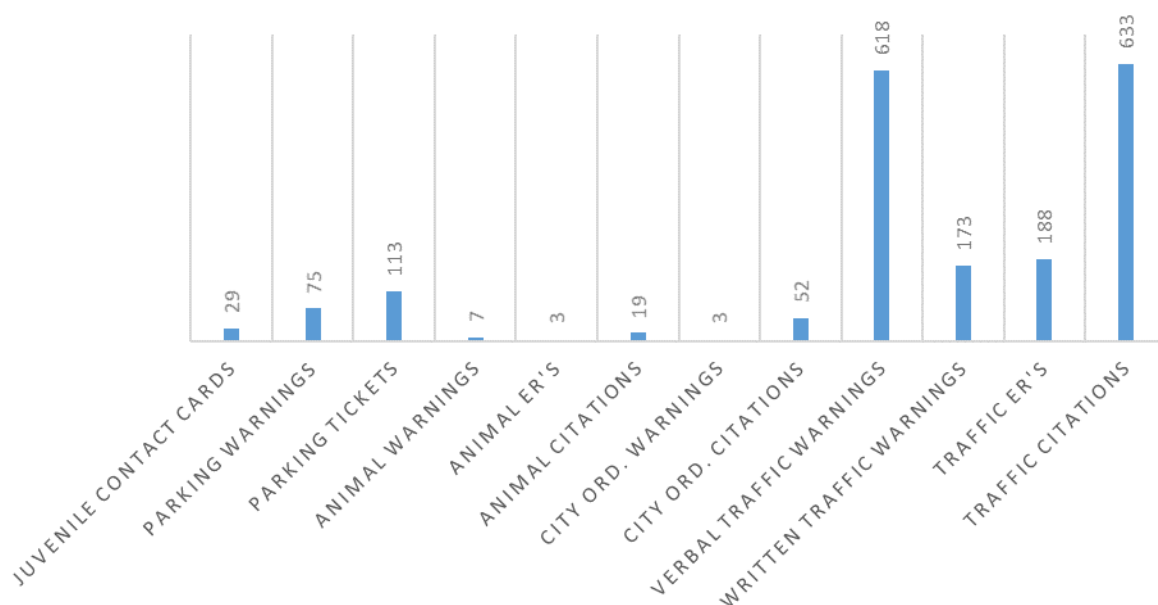
Since 2013 Officers are required to complete 20 hours of continuing education, Continuing Education hours are earned on an hour for hour ratio. All Officers were able to achieve this requirement for the year 2015. Members of the department logged over 1,414 hours of continuing education courses. Some of the more notable training events of 2015 attended by Police Department personnel are listed below.

Crimes Against Children Conference	Firearms Instructor
Supervising the FTO Unit	Taser Instructor
Ultimate FTO	The Warrior's Edge
Crimes of Power and Control	Oppositional, Defiant Anger Issues
Bridges Out of Poverty	Winning Mind for Women
Homicide Crime Scene	Internet Tools for Investigators

The Beatrice Police Department also conducts in-house training on a monthly basis. Much of the training listed below has been provided to employees, aside from the employee's wages, at no cost to the department. Additionally, the Beatrice Police Department maintains instructors in various disciplines allowing us to conduct much of our training in-house. In-house training is listed below.

- Pursuits and Use of Force
- CPR Recertification
- Firearms- Handgun Qualification and Less Lethal Shotgun
- Defensive Tactics
- Radar Recertification
- Taser Recertification
- Firearms Stress Shoot
- Lidar Recertification
- Active Shooter, Technical
- Firearms Night Shoot
- Domestic Violence Update
- Child Abuse & Neglect
- SWAT Team Movements/Qualifications
- Reactive Attachment Disorder

Ticket Statistics for 2015



Juvenile Contact Cards

Type of Contact	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Assault	14	10	17	8	1	1	2
Clinging to a Vehicle					2		
Criminal Mischief	8	14	8	3	5		1
Criminal Trespass		2					1
Criminal Trespass 2nd Degree	1	1	2				2
Discharge Weapon in City Limits		2	2			1	
Disorderly Conduct	2		1				4
Disturbing the Peace	1						
False Reporting	1	1					
Littering		1		1			
Possession of Stolen Property		1				1	
Possession/Discharge Fireworks		1					
Provoking an Assault							1
Runaway	25	30	20	21	13	11	11
Shoplifting	2	5	2	2	2	5	
Theft	10	12	5	5	5	3	2
Threatens in Menacing Manner	6	12	4	1	1	3	5
Tobacco Use by Minor	1	7	1	1			
Unlawful Operation of an ATV			1				
Totals	71	99	63	42	29	25	29

Parking Warnings and Citations

Description	Warnings	Citations
24 Hour Parking	39	15
Alley Parking Prohibited	1	
Expired License Plate	2	
Improper Parking	2	3
Left Side Parking	4	8
Obstructing Traffic		2
Parking - 2 hr	8	2
Parking in Restricted Area	1	2
Prohibited Parking	5	4
Red Zone Violation	6	7
Tow In Zone Parking		1
Unregistered Vehicle Parked on Street	7	69
Totals	75	113

Animal Warnings, ER's and Citations

Description	Warnings	ER	Citations
Animal Neglect	1		4
Barking Dog			1
Dog and Cats must be licensed	1	2	3
Dog at Large	5		9
Keep of Large Prohibited Animals			1
Rabies Tag		1	
Sanitary Regulations			1
Totals	7	3	19

City Ordinance Warnings and Citations

Type	Warnings	Citations
Disturbing the Peace/Stereo	1	5
False Reporting		1
Shoplifting	2	44
Unnecessary Noise		1
Urinating in Public		1
Totals	3	52

Traffic Warnings, Equipment Repairs and Citations

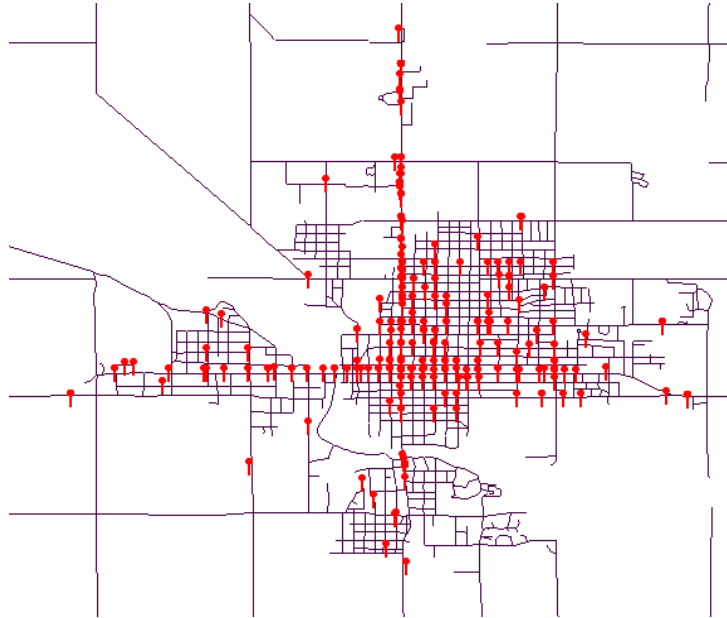
Description	Verbal Warnings	Written Warnings	ER's	Citations
Address Change		9	6	
Careless Driving				5
Driving Under Suspension				22
Driving without Headlights		1		
DUS Due to ALR/Fail to Comply				43
Duty to Carry License Permit		8		2
Exhibition of Acceleration				2
Expired Plates				2
Failure to yield ROW to vehicle or Sign		3		6
Fictitious Plates				2
Improper Lane Change		1		1
Improper Turn		4		3
Leaving Scene of Accident		2		9
Lights required on Vehicle		19	159	14
Motor Vehicle Restraint – Children		13		6
Mufflers		2	1	1
Negligent Driving				15
No Brake Lights			1	
No License Plates or manner of display		1	13	3
No Valid Registration				12
One Way Violation				1
Operators must be licensed				47
Passing Violation		3		4
Proof of Financial Responsibility/Insurance				63
Proof of Ownership				13
Provisional Operator Permit Violation		1		3
Reckless Driving		1		6
Registration Required		2	4	192
Violate Learners or School Permit		1		1
Screeching of Tires		2		
Speeding		79		89
Stop Sign Violation		12		39
Traffic Signal Violation			2	22
Truck Route Violation				1
Turn Signal Required or Violation		7	2	4
Verbal Warning or Traffic Contacts	618			
Totals	618	173	188	633

Accident Tallies for 2015

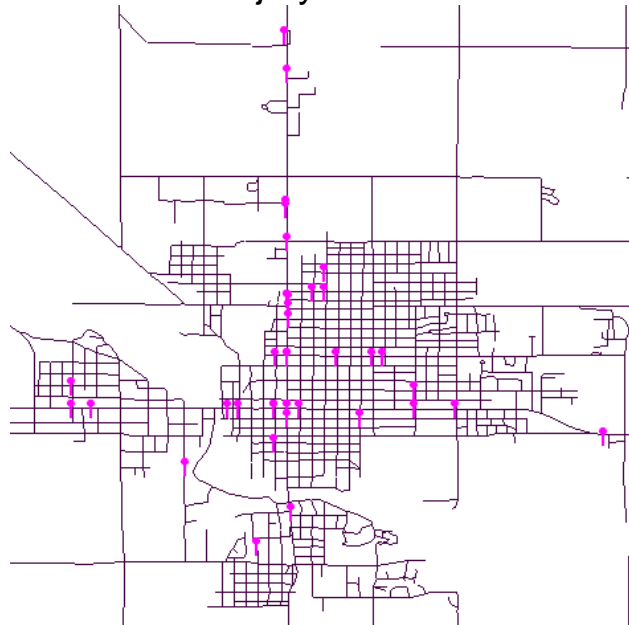
Types of Accidents

Property Damage	309
Injury	41
Fatality	0
Total	350

Locations of Accidents for 2015

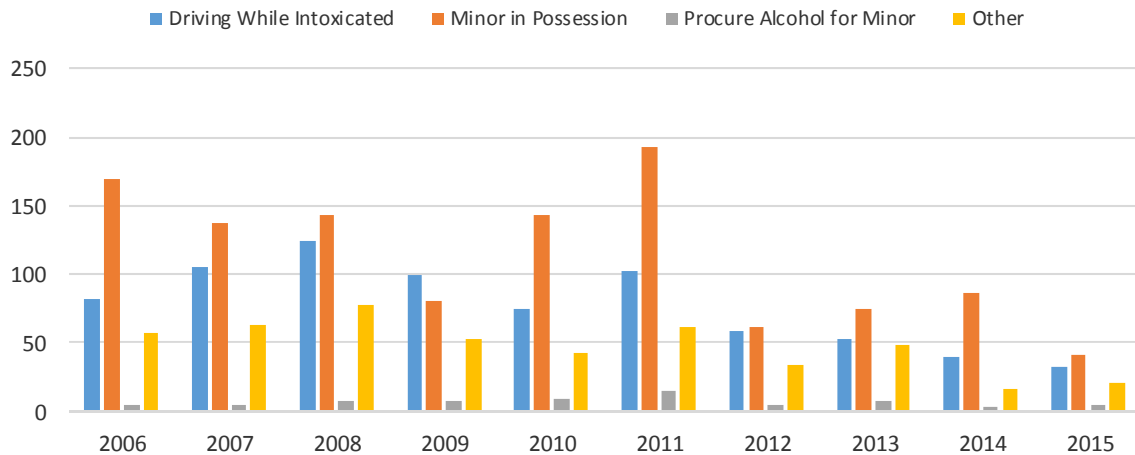


Locations of Injury Accidents for 2015



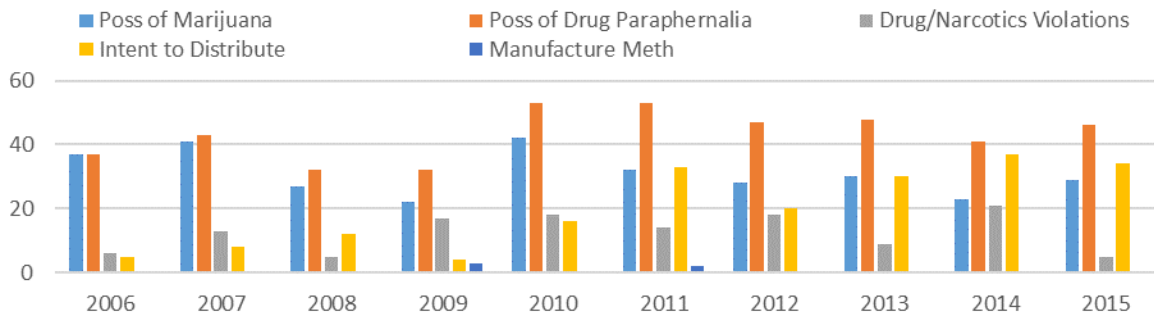
Alcohol Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Driving While Intoxicated	82	105	124	100	75	103	59	52	39	32
Minor in Possession	169	137	144	81	143	193	61	74	87	41
Procure Alcohol for Minor	4	5	7	7	9	14	5	7	3	4
Other	57	63	77	52	43	62	34	49	16	21
Total	312	310	352	240	270	372	159	182	145	98



Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Poss. of Marijuana less than 1 oz	37	41	27	22	42	32	28	30	23	29
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	37	43	32	32	53	53	47	48	41	46
Drug/Narcotics Violations	6	13	5	17	18	14	18	9	21	5
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	5	8	12	4	16	33	20	30	37	34
Poss. Of Precursor to Manufacture Meth	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0
Totals	85	105	76	78	129	134	113	117	122	114

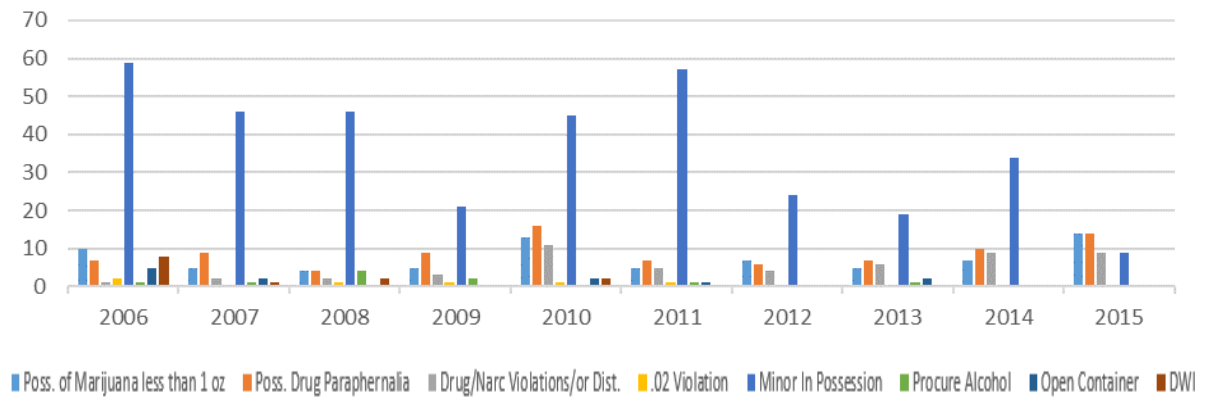


Juvenile Arrests and Citations

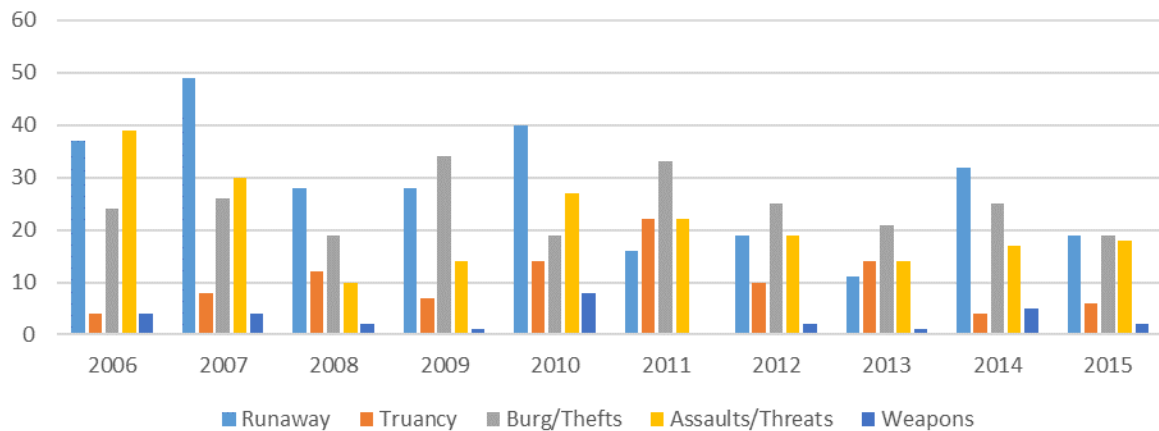
(under the age of 18)

Type of Arrest	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	10	5	4	5	13	5	7	5	7	14
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	7	9	4	9	16	7	6	7	10	14
Drug/Narcotics Violations	0	1	1	1	7	1	0	0	2	0
Manufacture Drugs/ Intent to Distribute	1	1	1	2	4	4	4	6	7	9
.02 Violation	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Minor In Possession	59	46	46	21	45	57	24	19	34	9
Procure Alcohol for Minor	1	1	4	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
Open Container	5	2	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0
Driving While Intoxicated	8	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Runaway	37	49	28	28	40	16	19	11	32	19
Truancy	4	8	12	7	14	22	10	14	4	6
Burglary/Thefts/Shoplifting	24	26	19	34	19	33	25	21	25	19
Assaults or Threats	39	30	10	14	27	22	19	14	17	18
Weapons Violations	4	4	2	1	8	0	2	1	5	2
Other	75	52	38	41	99	75	30	12	39	9
Total	276	235	172	166	297	245	146	113	182	119

Juvenile Drug & Alcohol Arrests



Other Juvenile Arrests



Major Crime Report 2015

The Major Crime Report consists of the following crimes: Homicide, Sexual Assault, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Larceny/Theft and Motor Vehicle Theft.

Looking at the statistics from 2015, the City of Beatrice had a total of 561 reported major crimes which is an increase of 1 over 2014's total. There was a 4% increase of larceny/theft cases reported in 2015 over 2014. There was also an increase in motor vehicle thefts from 4 in 2014 to 12 in 2015 which is an increase of 200%. I'm very pleased to report that we made it through another year without a homicide.

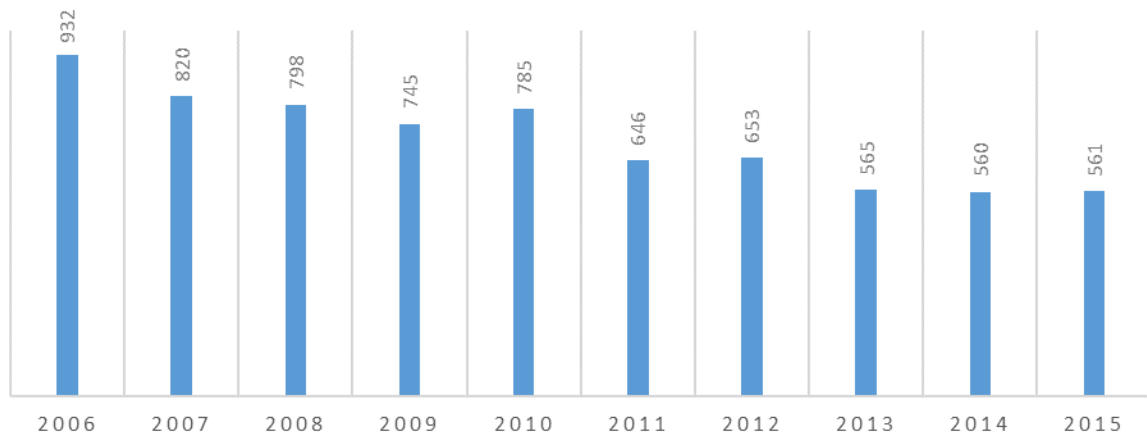
We continue to see a drop in the number of assaults and sexual assault reported. We are very happy to see a decrease in robberies from 6 in 2014 to 1 in 2015. The total number of major crimes being reported still continues to go down which is a good trend.

We were able to recover \$62,951 in stolen property in 2015 which is almost double of what we were able to recover in 2014.

Major Crimes Reported in Beatrice

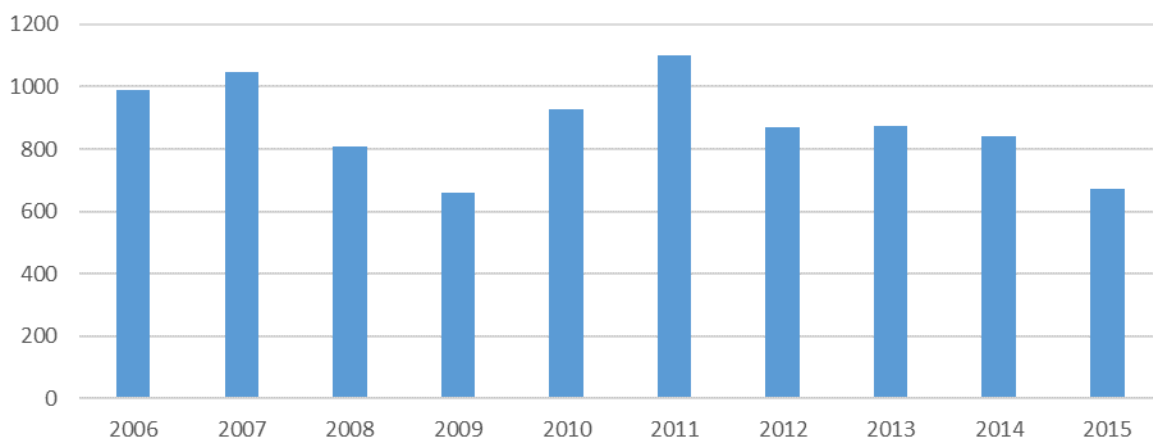
Offense	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Homicide	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	25	34	31	33	28	47	20	35	35	30
Robbery	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	6	1
Assault	183	171	135*	101	153	156	122	129	101	94
Burglary	122	106	101	107	112	87	101	77	66	64
Larceny/Theft	584	477	499	486	477	348	402	316	348	360
Motor Veh.theft	17	29	30	15	14	7	6	6	4	12
Totals	932	820	798	745	785	646	653	565	560	561

* Assaults were incorrectly reported as 207 in 2008 – correct number is 135

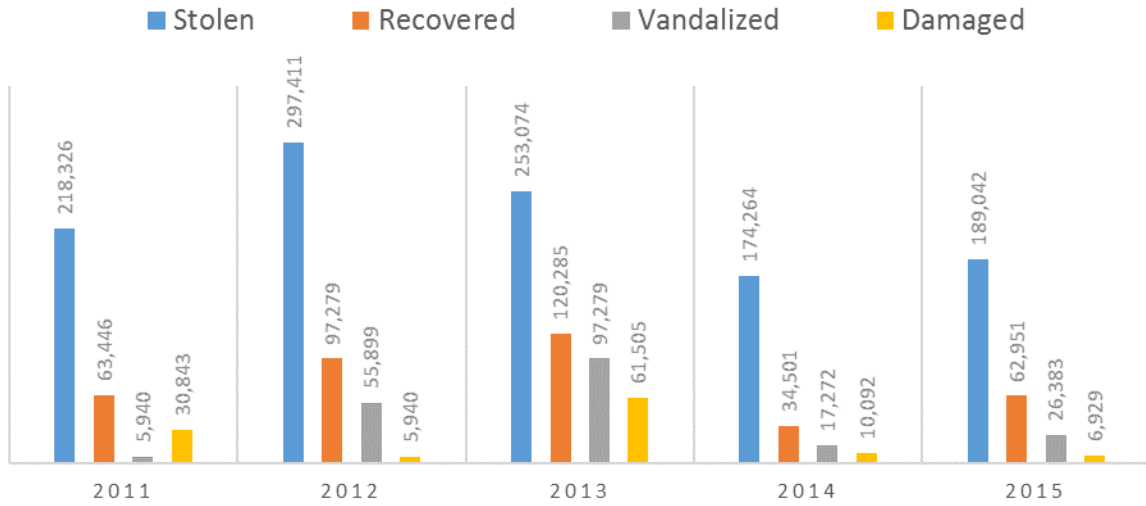


Arrest Charges

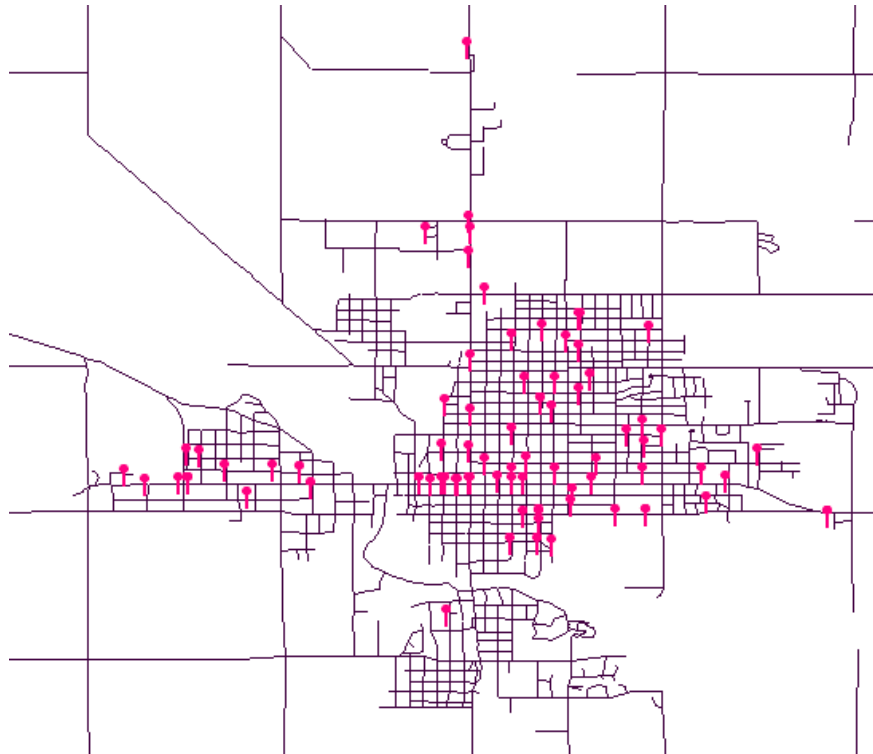
Type of Charges	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Assault 1 st /2 nd /3 rd	50	58	35	24	62	71	32	23	18	15
Assault on an Officer	2	7	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	5
Strangulation	2	3	2	3	6	9	6	7	10	8
Domestic Assault	51	32	38	26	47	48	35	41	35	32
Protection Order Violations	23	11	7	6	11	13	4	9	21	7
Sexual Assaults 1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd and child	12	5	4	5	6	5	3	8	2	2
Drug Violations	85	105	76	80	129	137	113	117	122	114
Burglary	9	11	15	18	15	11	1	14	9	4
Theft	48	55	57	52	28	39	58	32	38	43
Robbery	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1
Criminal Mischief	66	72	36	34	96	53	31	22	23	17
Child Abuse/Neglect	27	22	13	13	20	23	20	28	24	19
Weapons Violations	7	17	12	11	26	24	12	14	18	14
Disorderly Conduct	20	12	12	19	23	29	14	20	10	10
Minor In Possession	169	137	144	81	143	193	61	74	87	41
Procuring	12	5	7	7	9	14	5	7	3	4
DWI	82	105	124	100	75	103	59	52	39	32
Refusal to Submit	14	24	29	22	14	21	12	18	9	13
Open Container & other Alcohol offenses	35	44	77	30	29	62	22	31	7	12
Runaway	37	49	28	29	47	17	19	11	32	19
Terroristic Threats/ Threats	10	15	11	2	18	35	9	24	14	22
Forgery 1 st Degree	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Resisting Arrest	6	6	7	4	4	6	5	3	2	5
Flight to Avoid Arrest	2	2	5	0	5	4	6	2	2	1
Other Offenses & Citations	238	262	79	114	135	179	342	316	313	230
Total Arrests	988	1048	808	662	928	1099	871	875	842	673



Property Crime Stats



Vandalism Locations For 2015

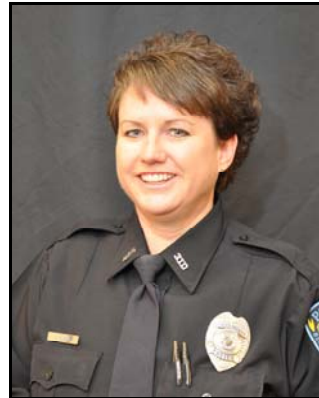




Lieutenant Mike Oliver
1991



Investigator Erin Byrne
1997



Officer Jennifer Klaus
1994

COMMUNITY

Criminal Investigations Report 2015

The Criminal Investigations Unit is responsible for the investigation of cases involving a special subject matter and cases that are more complicated and often of a more time consuming nature. The Criminal Investigations Unit is assigned a case when the nature of the crime involves serious criminal activity, such as suspected homicides, suicides, felony thefts, forgeries, felonious assaults, fraud, or when the criminal activity appears to be part of a pattern.

The Criminal Investigations Unit is commanded by Mike Oliver, Investigative Lieutenant. The investigations unit is staffed with one Investigator and one Juvenile Services officer. The investigator is Officer Erin Byrne, who is entering his sixth year in this position.

During 2015, the Investigations Unit was tasked with a variety of cases, including burglaries, thefts, suicides, sexual assaults, fraud, and forgery cases. The Investigations Unit assisted numerous outside agencies with investigations of crimes in their jurisdictions which had ties to Beatrice. The Investigations Unit also assisted the road patrol officers in investigating several felony thefts and assisting on calls which required a significant investment in time and resources. In addition to these investigations, the Investigations Unit continues to work with other agencies in regard to Internet Crimes against Children. These cases involve crimes such as possession of child pornography, online enticement of a child, and any other cyber crime involving a child. During 2015, several investigations were performed by the Investigations Unit installing covert surveillance cameras in Beatrice businesses and home residences at their request in order to eliminate theft issues.

Due to the dissolution of the Southeast Area Drug Enforcement task force, the Criminal Investigations Unit has also stepped forward to investigate reported drug activity and drug violations in the Beatrice area, including assisting Gage County Sheriff's Office on drug activity investigations when requested to do so.

Aside from criminal investigations, the Criminal Investigations Unit conducts background investigations for newly hired department personnel, backgrounds for specific handgun permit applications, and background investigations for liquor license applications within the City of Beatrice. The Criminal Investigations Unit is also assigned to the state-mandated, county-wide, Child Abuse/Neglect Investigative and Treatment Teams. Officer Jennifer Klaus, Juvenile Services Officer, is also assigned to the Investigations Unit and is instrumental in coordinating with the many various agencies on child abuse/neglect cases. This would include working with all of the Beatrice Public Schools, the School Resource Officer, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Child Advocacy Center in investigating cases of possible child abuse or neglect occurring within the City of Beatrice. In 2015, the Juvenile Services Officer investigated numerous reported child abuse/child neglect cases in Beatrice, NE.

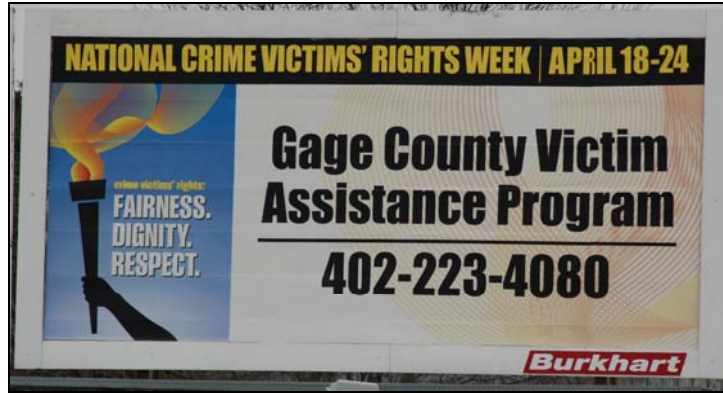
The Investigations Unit also serves as liaison officers to Crimestoppers of Gage County. This assignment requires the investigators to attend meetings of the Crimestoppers Board. The investigators are also responsible for the maintenance of the statistical reports, writing of the year-end report, and recommending rewards to confidential callers.

Crime Scene Team 2015

The Beatrice Police Department Crime Scene Team consists of sworn officers and civilians. The team is activated to investigate large or complicated crime scenes. The duties of the team include collecting and preserving evidence, such as fingerprints, shoeprints, tool impressions, DNA, photographs, diagrams, video recording, and all physical evidence at a scene. Members of the team have specialized training in all areas of crime scene investigations. Members of the team include: Investigator Erin Byrne, Officer Colleen Soldo, Officer Kris Gill, Officer Dan Moss, Officer Tim Price, and Kerri McGrury. The team is commanded by Lt. Mike Oliver.

The Crime Scene Team was activated eight times last year compared to six times in 2014. Complete breakdowns of the calls listed below.

January 19 th	The team was call to a residence to investigate an attempted suicide.
February 4 th	The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed the death was natural.
April 7 th	The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed the death was natural.
June 17 th	The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed the death was a suicide.
July 1 st	The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed the death was natural.
October 27 th	The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed the death was natural.
November 2 nd	The team was called to Riverside Park to investigate a sexual assault.
November 11 th	The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed the death was natural.



SPACIAL SERVICES

Beatrice SWAT

The Beatrice S.W.A.T. (Special Weapons and Tactics) Team is a unit formed in the mid 1980's to respond to high-risk incidents. The unit is made up of Beatrice Police Department personnel and Beatrice Fire and Rescue personnel. The S.W.A.T. Team is tasked with resolving hostage situations, barricaded subjects, the service of high-risk search and arrest warrants, or any incident requiring high-risk police tactics.

The S.W.A.T. Team conducted training monthly in the following areas;

Weapon Retention	Low Light Searches
Active Countermeasures	Firearms-Live Fire Shooting
Dynamic Entry Drills	Vehicle Assaults
Slow Deliberate Searches	Search Exercise with Simunitions
Firearms Training	Sniper Training
Containment	Open Air Assaults

Team Member Information

Team Commander: Officer Doug Heminger

Assist. Commander: Officer Dan Moss

Team Liaison: Sergeant Jay Murphy

Team Members

Sergeant Brian Carver	Officer Anthony Chisano	Officer Shane Maloley
Officer Joe McCormick	Officer Colleen Soldo	Officer Chris Whitfield
BFD Craig Fisher	BFD Jeremy Seggerman	BFD Jim Young

Negotiations Team

Training Coordinator: Officer Doug Heminger

Team Liaison: Captain Jerry Lamkin

Negotiator: Erin Byrne Negotiator: Zach Lauenstein

Officer Heminger as the new Commander of the S.W.A.T. Team brings a resume which includes 13 years of Service in the United States Army along with 10 years of Tactical Team experience with the State of Nebraska. He has taught in multiple S.W.A.T. schools and Sniper Schools. Officer Heminger has trained operators from not only multiple agencies but operators from several different States.

The members of the Beatrice S.W.A.T. Team continually strive to develop new and improved training techniques to enhance and refine the knowledge they have to offer the community they are sworn to protect and serve.

Gage County Victim Assistance Program

- The Victim Assistance Program has been in existence since 1995. It is supported by VOCA federal grant funds, in-kind and cash match by the City of Beatrice and Gage County. The daily operation of duties of the director include but are not limited to direct contact either face to face or phone contact with victims, assistance with protection orders, criminal justice advocacy, follow up contact, etc. The director is also responsible for grant writing and keeping track of all statistics for VOCA funding.
- The Victim Assistance Program was awarded additional funding from the Nebraska Crime Commission to hire two-part time advocates which will expand the hours of the program to include evening and weekend hours. The hiring and training of the two advocates began in November 2015.
- The Victim Assistance Program utilized one intern and one volunteer during 2015.
- This program provides services to all victims of crime in Gage County. Some of the services provided are listed below:

Crisis Intervention

Personal Advocacy

Compensation Assistance

Jail Release Information

VINE Information/Registration

Parole Information

Victim Impact Statements

Transportation

Property Release

Protection Order Assistance

Restitution Information/Assistance

Criminal Justice Advocacy

911 Cellular Phones

- The coordinator is a Board Member of the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime which meets bi-monthly.
- The coordinator serves on the Community Justice Committee of Gage County MAPS.

Victim Assistance Program Statistics 2015

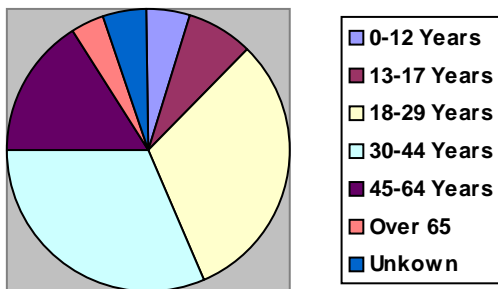
TYPE OF SERVICE	NUMBER OF TIMES PROVIDED
Crisis Counseling	87
Personal Advocacy	1,327
Information/Referral (In Person)	174
Information/Referral (Phone Contact)	920
Emergency Financial Assistance	8
Follow Up Contact	1,266
Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy	744
Compensation Assistance	363
Transportation	1
Protection order Assistance	145
Cellular Phone Program	3
Total Number of Services Provided	5,038
Total Number of Victims Served	786
Number of victims who reported the services provided to them was helpful. Same victim may have been surveyed on more than one occasion.	1,004
Number of victims who reported the services provided to them was not helpful.	1
Of the victims who responded to my survey request, the percent who felt the services received were helpful.	More than 99%

TYPE OF CRIME SERVED	# OF VICTIMS SERVED	TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS
Homicide	0	Sexual Assault (Adult)	17
Child Abuse/Physical	36	Domestic Violence	175
Child Abuse/Sexual	46	Incest Survivor	4
DWI/DUI	1	Assault	39
Robbery	2	Elder Abuse	0
Burglary	28	Business	0
Arson	0	Other *	163

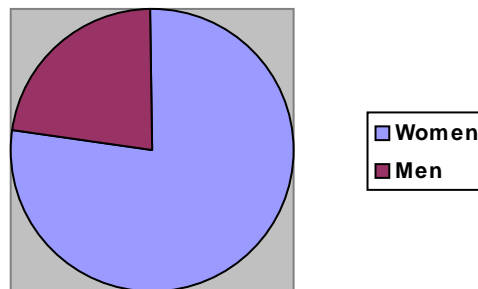
*Includes criminal mischief, theft, identity theft, etc.

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Community Based K9

In July of 2015 K9 Sorter was retired and after a review of the current program it was determined a new direction to a Community Based K9 program would best serve our local community. Instead of a K9 who is aggressive in nature and limited in exposure to the public, the new K9 will be friendly in nature and able to fully interact with the community. The new K9 will be able to perform all primary task as the retired K9 including locating narcotics, locating suspects who are hiding, evidence recovery, suspect/lost persons tracking, and search and rescue task. After researching dog breeds and the needs for the new direction it was determined a British Lab would best suit the role of the Community Based K9. As before the primary funding for the program comes from private and business donations from members of the community.

In late September 2015 at Community Connections the new Community Based K9 program, with Officer Chisano being the new K9 handler, was publicly announced. Officer Chisano started the donation campaign with the intention of being able to move forward with the purchase of the new K9 by January 2016. With the overwhelming support of the community, especially Stan Meyer of Stan's Home Stores Inc, the purchase of the new K9 was expedited and in late October 2015 Officer Chisano personally flew down to the breeder and picked up the 6 week old British Lab. The name of the new K9 was decided by fundraising. Exmark (division of Toro) donated the most money and the British Lab was officially named Toro. Toro immediately began public appearances and socialization training in the community. Toro and Officer Chisano are attending training and will be fully certified by spring 2016.

From January to July 2015 the retired K9 Sorter was involved in 8 calls for service/appearances. In less than 2 months ending the 2015 year, Toro made over 12 community and media appearances demoing the new K9 program and to raise drug awareness. Toro and Officer Chisano visited local schools in Beatrice and neighboring counties, retirement homes, special educational programs, local business upon request, made speeches for private organizations and clubs, interviews requested by media, and featured in Norris Public Power's magazine. At all places Toro interacted and made many friends, and arguably is the most popular "new kid". Officer Chisano and Toro expect to increase to over 100 calls for service/appearances by the end of 2016.

Officer Chisano, Toro, and the Beatrice Police Department would like to thank all of our donors and partners in their help in the success of the program. We continue to seek donors and partners to help with our needs both current and future.

If you have question regarding the Community Based K9 program, are interested in scheduling an appearance by Toro, or would like to schedule a presentation on drug awareness please contact Officer Chisano at the Beatrice Police Department.

If you would like to donate to the Community Based K9 Program, donations may be made payable and sent to:

City of Beatrice
ATTN: Beatrice Police Department K9 Fund
201 N. 5th Street
Beatrice, NE 68310

School Resource Officer Program (SRO)

The goal of the School Resource Officer (SRO) position is to bridge the gap between students, schools and police by becoming a liaison when problems arise. In addition, crime prevention and law enforcement both in and out of the schools are prime ingredients in making our schools a safer place to be. With students feeling safe at school it harbors a better learning environment for all who want to learn and teach.

I, Officer Zac Lauenstein began my fifth year as the SRO in the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year, and was the SRO for the Beatrice High School and the Beatrice Middle School for the 2015 Calendar year. With my training through NASRO (National Association of School Resource Officers) we take a "triad" approach with the responsibilities being a Teacher, Informal Counselor, and Law Enforcement Officer. With budget constraints, annual training has become difficult, and has been limited to every other year so there has been no SRO update training during the past year. There are hopes that this will change to annual training again soon.

There have been very few questions as to what a School Resource Officer does during the school day, which has recently been described to me as being a 100% advocate for the kids, and a well rounded source of information for families. The question that often arises is what it is that a SRO does when school is not in session. This past summer I was assigned to a 12 hour road patrol shift, instead of the usual 8 hour shift Monday through Friday, as it has been in the past years. This seemed to help supplement the road patrol division more, and this will be planned in the future as well.

There was only a slight increase in call volume for the School Resource Officer during 2015. Traffic stops during the summer months declined by over 50% due to being assigned to a shift that was running on minimum staffing the majority of the summer. The future plan of being assigned to a day shift should not decrease the amount of self initiated calls in the future due to staffing pattern plans. The number of calls at Beatrice High School rose approximately 6% to 103 calls, and Beatrice Middle School's call volume rose 17% to 35 calls. A total of 29 home visits (welfare checks) were done in 2015 as well, that were not assigned to either of the schools. Assaults rose 25% in 2015, but a change in reporting could account for some of the noted increase.

Technology can be a great tool to help students and staff, as well as the School Resource Officer, however it is not without it's faults. One of the biggest problems that students face is issues with social media. Strides are being taken to combat conflicts and bullying associated with social media, however it is often easier to apply a school rule violation than a criminal law. We continue to educate staff, students, and families on the laws dealing with harassment, threats, and what crosses the line of freedom of speech.

With the strong bonds built between the School Resource Officer and students, more students are willing to come forward and report rule and law violations that

they observe or know of. 2015 seemed to be a year of maintaining instead of improving, so there are some goals that are set to push forward in 2016. Officer Lauenstein is working on a suggestion box, or reporting system to make positive changes in his position as well as the school. The SROs and the School will work together to develop and implement a Threat Assessment Team to be utilized when needed, and there are plans to standardize training for the existing and an incoming SRO.

As of January 2016 there will be a second SRO position where Officer Timothy Price will begin as the Beatrice Middle School and Beatrice Elementary Schools Resource Officer. Officer Price plans on attending the NASRO training in the near future. He will be based out of the Beatrice Middle School but intends on visiting each of the four Beatrice Elementary Schools at least once every two weeks. The second SRO position is made possible due to a four year grant that we were awarded by Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). With this grant the Beatrice Public Schools will match funds with the Beatrice Police Department for the new SRO position.

The SRO program continues, in its seventeenth year to be a great benefit to the Beatrice Public School District, as well as the Beatrice Police Department. It is our goal to continue to be a great resource for all students and staff at the Beatrice High School and the Beatrice Middle School, and continue to further develop the program to its full potential.

Officer Zac Lauenstein #305 SRO- Beatrice High School

Officer Tim Price #325 SRO- Beatrice Middle School & Elementary Schools

Police Speaker Service

The Beatrice Police Department organized a Police Speaker's program in 2008 as part of our Community awareness effort. The focus of the program is to help educate the public about various law enforcement related topics. The topics include personal safety, crime prevention and criminal activities, and range from 20 to 60 minutes in length. Sworn personnel along with the Victim Assistance Coordinator prepare the presentations based on their area of expertise.

The program had 12 requests for speakers throughout 2015. An estimated 260 people attended the presentations given to various church groups, service clubs, businesses and other community groups and classes requesting the service. The most requested topics were, Police Service Dog, Social Media, and informing people about the Police Department and Officer Duties. Numerous Groups continue to tour the Beatrice Police Department including Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. Officers were also requested to assist with Juvenile Diversion. Officers assisted the Beatrice Police Departments Police Explorer program by providing instructors in the different disciplines of Police work.

Officers continue to assist Southeast Community College by giving numerous talks and presentations on campus.

The School Resource Officer continues to assist in educating the students in the Beatrice Public Schools by going into the classroom and speaking to students.

Officers participated in Paddock Lane Elementary School carnival by having a tennis ball throw where the speed trailer was used so the kids could see how fast they could throw.

Officers spoke with school students while assisting in handing out popcorn at Traubel's popcorn stand.

Officers attended the school carnival at St. Paul School.

Officers participated in one car seat Check-up event by inspecting car seats, providing instruction on installation and also letting the public know when their car seats were out of date and needed to be replaced.

Officers in the Department met the public in hosting a Community Connections event where they were able to meet the public and held an information gathering opportunity for those with disabilities to assist with emergency response. Officers also had equipment on hand for the public to see the equipment used by Officers in the performance of their duties.

Officers continue to be involved in many community events throughout the year where they greet and speak to the public.

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Community Policing

The Beatrice Police Department is actively committed to community policing. It has developed collaborative partnerships with other governmental agencies, community members, nonprofits and service providers, private business, and the media. This is a philosophy that promotes strategies using partnerships and problem solving techniques to proactively address immediate conditions that give rise to public safety. Below are some of the many ways the Beatrice Police Department is involved in Community Policing.

Members of the department continue to present informational and educational programs to the community upon request. There are a wide range of topics that can be presented on including personal safety to bicycle safety.

Chief Lang writes a bi-weekly column, "Ask the Chief" in the Beatrice Daily Sun. His column has generated large numbers of phone calls and questions regarding the subject matter written in the articles. He has numerous people approach him in public commenting on how they enjoy reading the column and find it educational. The column has been a great piece to our community policing plan. It is evident that the column is making a difference in our community.

Community partnerships are an important component to Community Policing. Members of the department participate on a number of community committees. To name a few, the Community Justice Committee which is a taskforce of the MAPS community coalition, and the Crime Stoppers Committee.

The Beatrice Police Department's utilizes their Facebook page to list crime reports and invite citizens to participate in making reports and to request assistance from the community to identifying people of interest. Recently, Officer Gill has used a more light-hearted approach in Facebook posts to improve the results in identifying people of interest. We also post current articles from our local newspaper and the "Ask the Chief" article in order to connect with our community.

In September 2015, the Beatrice Police Department along with the Beatrice Fire and Rescue Department, hosted Beatrice's 2nd Annual Community Connections. We sponsor this event as a way to bring our citizens together and help identify people in our community who may have special needs. We collected information about special needs people in Gage County and then entered it into the 911 center computer system. With this information we can alert emergency responders and make them aware of any potential issues if the citizen requires emergency services. This could include Alzheimer patients, people on a ventilator, those with autism or any other issues citizens think we need to know about was welcomed. The information provided to us is kept confidential and is not subject to public information disclosures. We had a great turn out at the event.

An activity held in conjunction with the MAPS coalition is alcohol compliance checks. The MAPS coalition provides grant funds to the Beatrice Police Department which pays for overtime wages for officers while conducting the alcohol compliance checks. These checks are done at retail stores selling or serving alcoholic beverages.

A brochure has been developed which contains helpful information and answers regarding city ordinances or frequently asked questions.