

## A Word from Chief Lang...



Dear Mayor Schuster and Members of the Beatrice City Council,

It is with great pride that I present the 2009 annual report for the Beatrice Police Department. The Department works hard to meet the needs of the community while carrying out the legislative intent of the City Council. Since Mr. Niedfeldt began our twice monthly staff meetings the cooperation between City Departments has increased dramatically which has improved our delivery of police services, especially on those calls involving quality of life issues.

Our crime rate in general was down slightly this year as was the number of total arrests. We found this somewhat surprising based on the number of thefts from vehicle cases we worked. These property crimes are troublesome as they affect large numbers of our citizens, some on multiple occasions. We deployed a variety of special patrol tactics to combat these types of crimes with variable levels of success. We did make numerous arrests of individuals for these crimes, however, it seems like there is always someone ready to take their place.

We continue to be faced with large numbers of domestic type crimes, whether that be assaults, child abuse or protection order enforcement. We are in the final stages of implementing the K-9 program and as I write this we are taking ownership of the dog. We were fortunate to receive multiple donations from the community which allows us to begin and sustain this program without an appropriation of general fund tax dollars.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce E. Lang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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



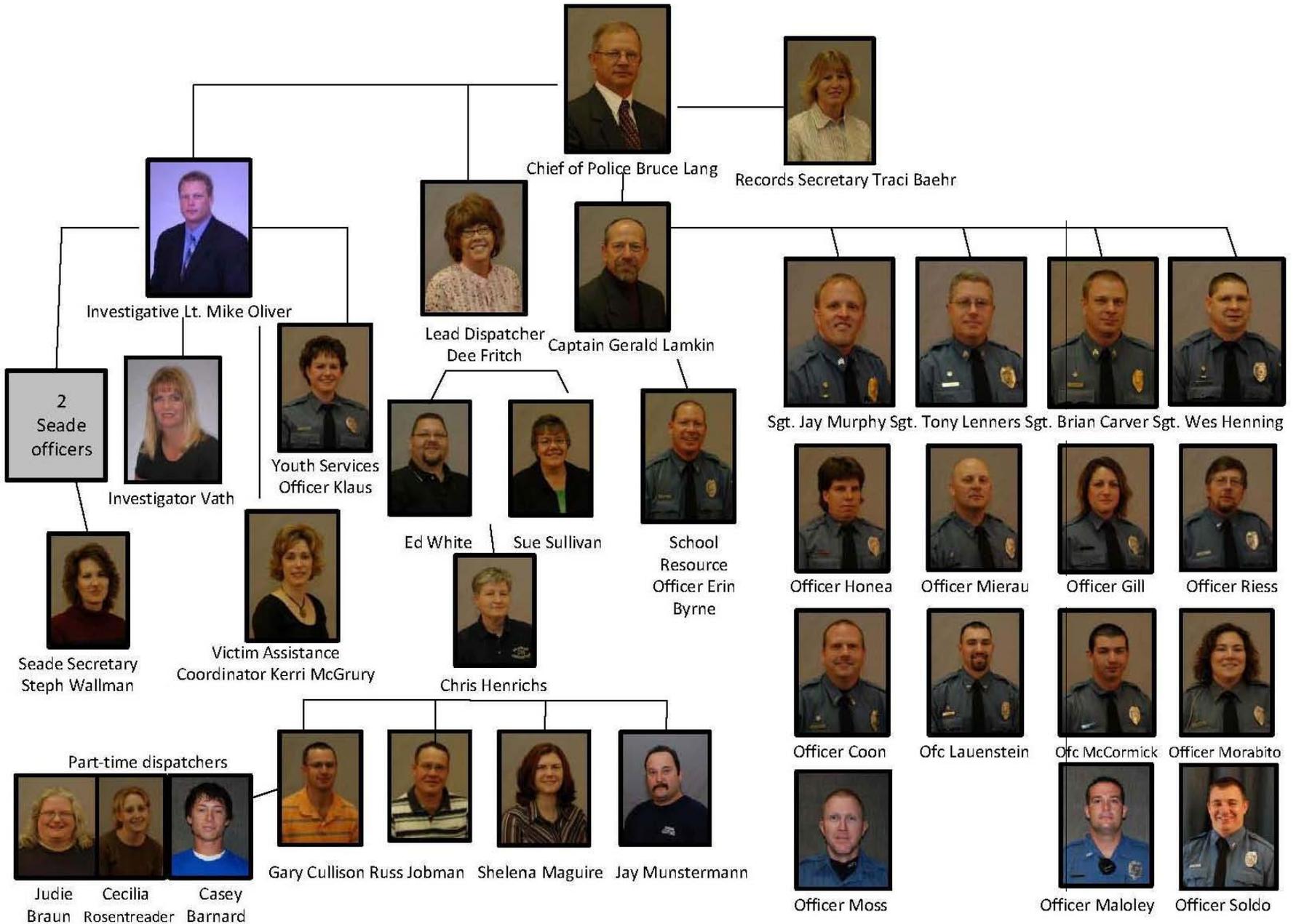
Victim Assistance Coordinator  
Kerri McGrury  
1998



SEADE Task Force Secretary/Juvenile Services Coordinator  
Stephanie Wallman  
2000

# Administration

# Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart



# Changes in Staff 2009

## Promotions

- None

## New Hires

- Shane Maloley – Police Officer – March 23, 2009
- Daniel Moss – Police Officer – November 9, 2009
- Kasey Barnard – Part Time Dispatcher – January 12, 2009

## Resignations

- Jay Welch – Police Officer
- Sean Vest – Police Officer

## Retirements

- None

## 2009 Grants

This year most of our grant funding was provided by the Office of Highway Safety, through the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles. The five grants awarded our department through highway safety in 2009 totaled over \$ 8398. These grants specifically targeted traffic enforcement and no matching funds were required by our department. The name of the officer assigned to oversee the specific grant is listed following the specific grant.

The first grant, received in March, was federal highway safety incentive funds in the amount of \$2,100.00 for six (6) Preliminary Breath Testers (PBT). This grant was sought by Officer Soldo, who completed the application process. Officer Soldo currently maintains the operational and calibration status of the departments PBT devices.



In May we conducted a Click it or Ticket mini grant. This program emphasized seatbelt usage. From the pre-enforcement to the post enforcement survey we saw a 16% compliance increase in the state seat belt statute.

Grant Award: \$2598  
Officer Robert Soldo

From August 21 to September 7 we took part in the Nationwide "You Drink & Drive You Lose" campaign, which complements our zero tolerance on Driving Under the Influence violations.

Grant Award: \$1430  
Officer Robert Soldo

Our fourth grant was a repeat of the Click It or Ticket mini grant. This grant period ran from November 23 – 29. The pre enforcement survey was conducted by Mrs. Kassmeier's 7<sup>th</sup> grade class. The post survey was conducted by Mrs. Dittbrenner's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. The post survey showed an increase of 3% in seat belt usage.

Grant Award: \$1231  
Officer Zac Lauenstein

The final highway safety grant once again targeted impaired drivers. The second "You Drink & Drive You Lose" campaign for 2009 ran during the weekends from December 04 through January 2, 2010. This grant funding paid for not only extra patrol officers but also for extra police dispatchers to assist with the increased radio traffic and officer support.

Grant Award: \$1039  
Officer Kristine Gill

The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice awarded a grant for the continued operation of the Victim Assistance Program. The program is geared specifically for individuals but is a valuable complement to all law enforcement agencies in our county.

Grant Award: \$38,000  
Program Director Kerri McGrury

In July of 2009 we were informed that our agency was one of only a handful in the State of Nebraska, to be selected to receive a grant from the U. S. Department of Justice. This grant focuses on Community Oriented Policing Services which mirrors our mission statement. The grant period runs for four years with the first three years being fully funded, enabling us to retain an entry level officer while we face a stringent economic crisis.

Grant Award: \$158,607  
Director Kerri McGrury

# 2009 Overtime

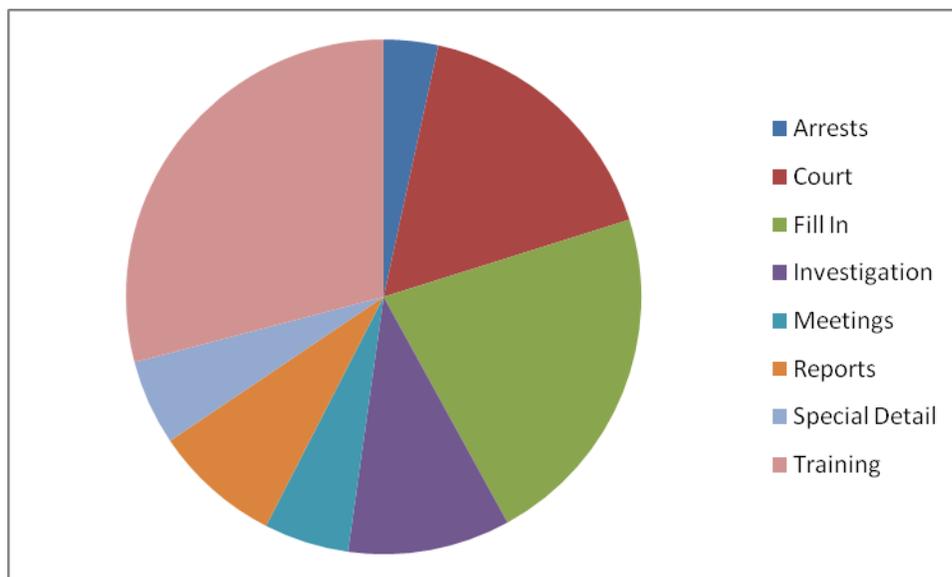
Over the previous year we realized a reduction of nearly 36% in our overtime hours. The largest decrease, 68% came in the area of Fill In. This was accomplished by having various divisions either fully staffed or operated in such fashions to minimize the number of hours which required bringing extra staff on-board, yet maintaining our minimum staffing levels.

The amount of overtime hours did increase about 39%, in the area of investigations. This overtime was specifically in response to the criminal activity encountered in our community.

The remaining areas of overtime experienced little fluctuation over the previous year. A breakdown of all areas is shown below.

## Overtime Totals

Arrests	50.5
Court	248.0
Fill In	324.0
Investigation	151.0
Meetings	79.05
Reports	118.6
Special Detail	79.35
Training	<u>431.0</u>
Totals	1481.50



# Communications



Dispatch Supervisor  
Desiree Fritch  
1985



Sue Sullivan  
1992



Chris Henrichs  
1993



Ed White  
1994



Shelena Maguire  
2001



Russell Jobman  
2003



Gary Cullison  
2004



Jay Munstermann  
2008

## Part time Dispatchers



Judie Braun  
1987



Cecilia Rosentreader  
2004



Kasey Barnard  
2009

# Communications Center 2010

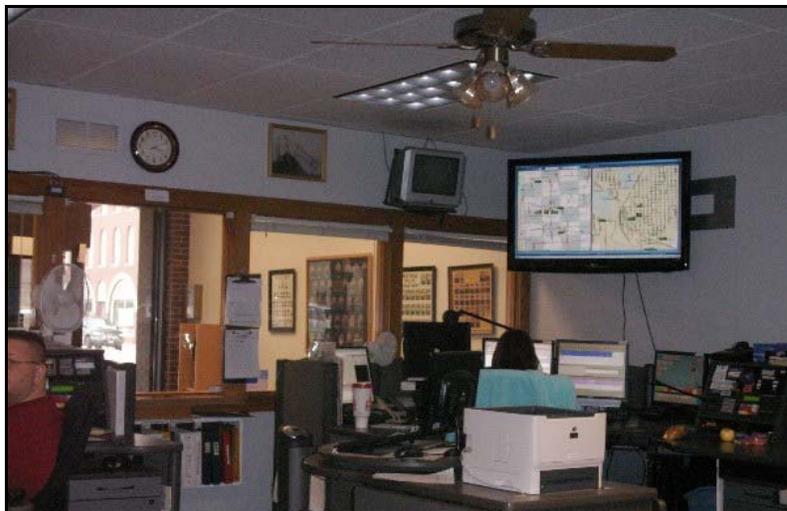
This past year was very busy for the eight full time and three part time dispatchers. During this time, 22118 calls for service were entered for the entire county. This does not include all the administrative or informational calls, etc. that the dispatchers took.

We upgraded the 911 system in order to handle the Phase II cellular coverage. This is the Vesta Pallas system purchased through Windstream. Each dispatcher received training on the operation of the system. It is a very compatible to other phone systems and has numerous other functions. One function that was proven to be quite effective was the Reverse 911. We used this procedure to notify people of the snow emergency routes. This system uses a combination of database information and GIS mapping technologies. The dispatcher can select an area on the map and generate an automated message that this phone system will call and relay to all land line numbers in that map section. We have also used a similar process to notify employees of emergency callouts, trainings, meetings, etc.

Also purchased this year, is the AVL (Automatic Vehicle Locator) system. This works in conjunction with the GeoCom mapping system and has a modem in each car allowing dispatchers and supervisors to know where each unit is at any given moment. This includes the City of Beatrice Police Department, Beatrice Fire Department, Wymore Police Department, Gage County Sheriffs Dept. and several of the Rural Rescue/Fire units.

The Christmas of 2009 Snowstorm was a busy one for dispatchers. We had numerous calls of stranded motorists. With some of our dispatchers living outside of the city, they found that sleeping at the Police Department was safer than trying to drive to and from work in the dark. No dispatcher had to take any time off due to not being able to get to work.

It is our hope that 2010 can be as good of year as 2009 was.



## 2009 Calls for Service for all Agencies In Gage County

Type of Call	2007	2008	2009
911 Hang Up	248	191	145
Accident/Fatality	4	7	3
Accident/Injuries	154	155	147
Accident/No Injuries	991	911	932
Adult Abuse	7	9	24
Alarm	107	70	42
ALS	14	14	12
Animal Bite	45	45	35
Animal Complaint	1010	878	1036
Animal Cruelty	96	124	99
Arson	1	6	4
Assault	213	169	145
Assist Citizen	237	201	266
Assist Other Agency	238	201	195
Attempted Suicide	31	11	13
Bar Check	176	303	274
Barking Dog	100	203	190
Board of Public Works	264	244	228
Bomb Threat	0	1	0
Burglar Alarm	269	216	261
Burglary	171	133	166
Child Abuse	183	93	175
Civil	260	268	323
Complaint Against Officer	12	5	9
Compliance Check	36	1	0
Crimestoppers	19	25	23
Death	71	67	65
Disorderly Conduct	21	12	6
Disturbance	614	496	481
Drug Information	95	78	96
Drug Lab	4	1	15
Drug Violation	76	39	51
DUS	59	55	55
Driving While Intoxicated	186	211	158
Embezzlement	0	2	1
Emergency Protective Custody	12	17	17
Escort	168	137	132
Fail to Appear	19	23	18
False Reporting	4	5	1

<b>Type of Call</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Field Interview	24	232	189
Fire	224	194	249
Fire Alarm	143	141	122
Forgery	28	6	7
Found Animal	294	253	242
Found Property	251	235	250
Fraud	87	60	82
Gambling Violation	1	0	0
Game Violation	31	30	26
Gas Drive Off	82	93	67
General Information	1125	975	258
Harassment	260	244	295
Health Hazard	61	63	67
Hitch Hiker	11	17	22
Homicide	1	0	1
Identity Theft	1	6	12
Indecent Exposure	11	11	15
Injury	13	4	3
Jail Incident	0	0	7
Junked Motor Vehicle	367	136	127
Juvenile	436	362	401
Liquor Laws	108	93	52
Lost Animal	153	130	126
Lost Property	202	76	64
Mental	45	40	39
Minor in Possession	51	41	43
Missing Person	28	25	31
Motor Vehicle Theft	53	41	20
Motorist Assist	436	422	472
Noise	231	214	280
Open Door	56	62	174
Out of Unit	394	233	265
Ordinance Violation	56	207	174
Paper Service	435	538	540
Parking 2 hr.	82	130	104
Parking 24 hrs.	401	184	312
Parking/other	253	230	407
Probation Violation	16	23	12
Property Damage	63	43	47
Protection Order Violation	63	39	27
Prowler	19	25	19
Public Service	127	101	249
Pursuit	16	8	3

<b>Type of Call</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Rape	9	7	6
Remove Party	165	121	88
Rescue	1046	1135	1175
Robbery	2	2	1
Runaway	138	100	95
Sex Offender Registration	0	2	13
Sexual Assault	41	51	47
Shoplifting	18	25	37
Smoking Ban	0	0	2
Solicitor	19	29	20
Suicide	2	3	5
Suspicious	700	617	802
Terrorism	4	4	1
Theft	618	644	660
Threats	136	112	108
Traffic Hazard	168	179	241
Traffic Stops	3732	3589	3122
Transfer	989	1030	1041
Transport	152	321	240
Trash	78	88	74
Trespassing	75	56	49
Truancy	11	20	14
Unknown	11	7	2
Vacation Watch	67	67	79
Vandalism	504	465	465
Vehicle Comp/DUI	154	239	254
Vehicle Comp/Noise	38	35	35
Vehicle Comp/Other	595	441	501
Vehicle Comp/Bus Arm	4	15	8
Vehicle Comp/Speeding	239	151	202
Vehicle Comp/Stop Sign	1	1	2
Warrants	373	315	314
Watch	115	111	113
Weapon Laws Violation	7	4	7
Weather	33	41	30
Welfare Check	604	608	520
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23947</b>	<b>22230</b>	<b>22118</b>

# Breakdown of Call by Time, Day and Month

Hour of Day	
00:01- 01:00	903
01:01- 02:00	854
02:01- 03:00	558
03:01- 04:00	372
04:01- 05:00	320
05:01- 06:00	272
06:01- 07:00	299
07:01- 08:00	705
08:01- 09:00	954
09:01- 10:00	945
10:01- 11:00	1055
11:01- 12:00	1009
12:01- 13:00	1043
13:01- 14:00	1056
14:01- 15:00	1139
15:01- 16:00	1149
16:01- 17:00	1188
17:01- 18:00	1075
18:01- 19:00	1081
19:01- 20:00	1238
20:01- 21:00	1277
21:01- 22:00	1335
22:01- 23:00	1141
23:01- 24:00	1150
<b>Total</b>	<b>22118</b>

Day of Week	
Sunday	2549
Monday	3137
Tuesday	3226
Wednesday	3167
Thursday	3296
Friday	3660
Saturday	3083
<b>Total</b>	<b>22118</b>

Month	
January	1603
February	1718
March	1874
April	1802
May	2037
June	1877
July	1825
August	1862
September	1959
October	1848
November	1807
December	1906
<b>Total</b>	<b>22118</b>

## 2009 Calls for Service by Agency

Beatrice Police Department	16062
Game and Parks	30
Board of Public Works	228
Gage County Sheriff's Office	7084
Wymore Police Department	885
Beatrice Fire and Rescue and Rural	3628
Adams Fire	19
Adams Rescue	59
Barneston Fire/QRT's	15
Blue Springs Fire	48
Cortland Fire	31
Clatonia Fire	16
Clatonia Rescue	54
Cortland QRT's	33
Dewitt Fire	9
Filley Fire	31
Odell Fire	27
Odell QRT's	22
Pickrell Fire/QRT's	39
Wymore Fire	57
Wymore Rescue	249

A total for all would not be accurate as on an injury accident 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.

The Beatrice Communications Center does not dispatch State Patrol officers to calls however, there are times when all deputies are busy on other calls and a State Patrolman is asked to handle a call in the county therefore, they will be dispatched on the call for future reference.

The Beatrice Communications Center answers the Board of Public Works phones on evenings, weekends and holidays and calls out the appropriate department to handle an emergency call. During a major power outage, one calls for service is entered and every callers address is added to that call rather than making a calls for service per caller. The Communications Center also receives calls for Board of Public Works during normal business hours however in that case, the call is simply transferred out to the Service Center.

# P a t t r i o n



Captain Gerald Lamkin  
1991



Sgt. Jay Murphy  
1990



Sgt. Tony Lenner  
1986



Sgt. Brian Carver  
2000



Sgt. Wes Henning  
1997



Officer Cheryl Honea  
1984



Officer Ernie Reiss  
1989



Officer Jennifer Klaus  
1994



Officer Erin Byrne  
1997



Officer Doug Coon  
1997



Officer Robert Mierau  
2002



Officer Zac Lauenstein  
2002



Officer Colleen Morabito  
2005



Officer Kristine Gill  
2006



Officer Joseph McCormick  
2007



Officer Robert Soldo  
2008



Officer Shane Maloley  
2009



Officer Daniel Moss  
2009

# Vehicle Summary 2009

The Beatrice Police Department maintains a fleet of six marked patrol cars, as well as six unmarked vehicles used for administration, and two multipurpose vehicles. Several of our vehicles are near or exceeding 100,000 miles. The necessity to hold on to our patrol vehicles longer can be seen through vehicle repairs associated with high mileage vehicles. Some of the repairs not normally seen in the past, include; replacement of transmissions, replacement of power window switches, replacement of serpentine belts, replacement of power steering pump, fluid leaks, alternator repair, replace intake manifold, starters, and front end repair to include Idler and Pitman arm replacement. During 2009, the department spent \$26,995 for necessary vehicle repairs, compared with the \$18,066 spent during 2008.

During 2009, our patrol vehicles were driven an average of 17,509 miles annually or 1459 miles monthly. With a six marked unit fleet, that translates into 105,054 cumulative miles during 2009, compared with 112,532 during 2008.

## FLEET INFORMATION

Unit	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Miles Driven In 2009	Use
1	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	87,565	18,072	Patrol
2	2008	Ford	Crown Vic	38,711	20,653	Patrol
3	2007	Ford	Explorer	55,518	21,872	Patrol/Supervisor
4	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	112,691	14,222	Patrol
5	2009	Ford	Crown Vic	6,819	6,819	Patrol
6	2006	Ford	Crown Vic	76,270	23,418	Patrol
7	2000	Chev	Impala	91,795	3,615	Administration
8	2001	GMC	Jimmy	111,764	9,600	Investigations
9	2000	Ford	Crown Vic	105,884	1,787	School Resource
11	2002	Chev	Impala	62,375	6,847	Administration
14	2001	Ford	Crown Vic	111,819	10,970	School/Training
DARE	1995	Ford	Mustang	64,923	1,847	Administration
Bus	1996	Chev	Blue Bird	5,677	194	Mobile Command
ERT	1996	Dodge	Ram Van	174,834	118	Tactical Deployment

## VEHICLE EXPENSE

	2009	2008	2007
Parts/Supplies	\$14,895	\$10,403	\$13,146
Labor	\$12,100	\$ 7,662	\$ 9,902
	=====	=====	=====
Maintenance/Repairs Total	\$26,995	\$18,066	\$23,049
Gas and Oil Total	\$22,401	\$33,985	\$34,125

# 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.

Some of the more notable training events of 2009 attended by Police Department personnel are listed below.

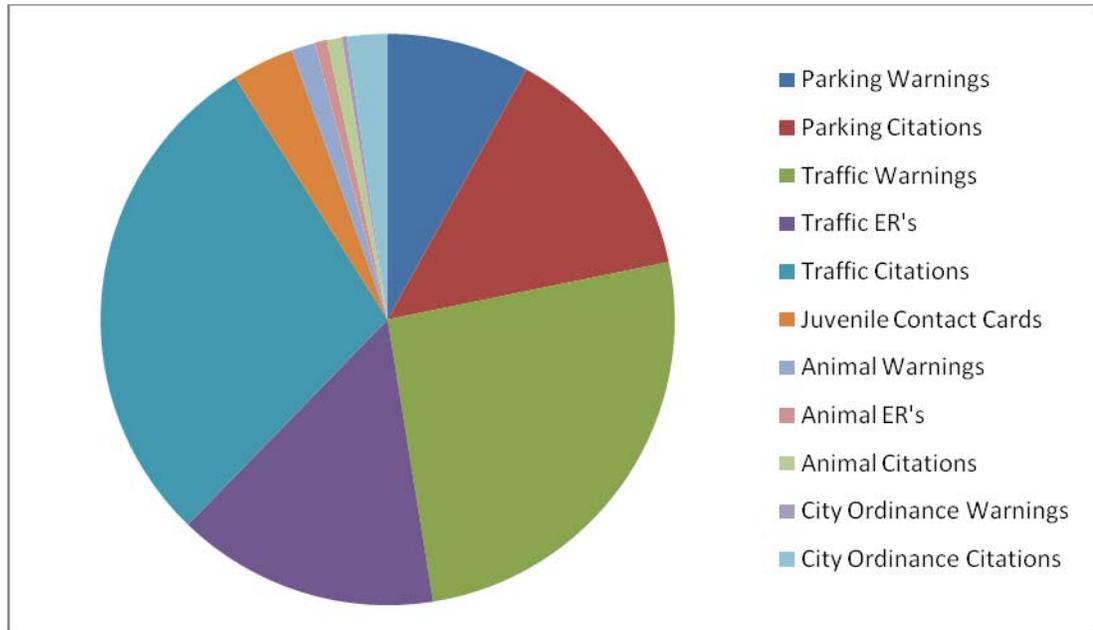
- Internet Crimes Against Children
- Child Advocacy Center
- Field Training Officer
- Management
- New World User Software Conference
- Domestic Violence Instructor
- Medico-Legal Death Investigation
- Taser Instructor
- Total Station Diagramming Software User Course
- NESCA Dispatch Spring Conference
- National Crime Victim's Conference
- Compulsive Hoarding
- Basic Law Enforcement Officer Certification
- Conspiracy Case Development
- Cell Phone Technology in Criminal Investigations
- Technical Accident Investigation
- Tactical Ground Fighting (Defensive Tactics Instructor)
- Oleoresin Capsicum Spray User Course
- Patrol Rifle User Course
- Crime Scene Processing
- AONE Narcotics Conference
- Firearms Instructor Recertification
- Interview and Interrogation
- Nebraska Pipeline Association Awareness
- Crime Scene Reconstruction Conference
- NESCA Dispatch Fall Conference
- Sexual Assault Stalking Conference
- Law Enforcement Intelligence Network Conference
- Drug Interdiction
- APCO/NENA Dispatch Conference
- Child Passenger Safety Technician
- Methamphetamine Lab Recertification
- Child Social & Emotional Development
- Typical Childhood Challenges

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, Policy and Real World Issues
- Lifesaver Ignition Interlock Overview
- Internet Chat and Other Computer Crimes
- Storm Spotter Training
- Use of Force Tactical Training Scenarios
- Firearms – Handgun Qualification and Less Lethal Shotgun Qualification
- Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs 101
- Domestic Violence Investigations
- Active Shooter – Technical Clearing Techniques
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Driving Simulator
- Defensive Tactics – Ground Fighting
- Taser Use of Force Updates
- Gage County Emergency Management Resources
- Intro to Incident Command Update



# Ticket Statistics for 2009



## Parking Warnings and Citations

<b>Description</b>	<b>Warnings</b>	<b>Citations</b>
24 Hour Parking	75	27
Alley Parking Prohibited	4	
Handicapped Parking Violation	1	2
Improper Parking		1
Left Side Parking	26	35
Obstruct Alley Entrance	1	
Obstructing Traffic	9	3
Parked on a Snow Route	2	3
Parking - 2 hr	20	37
Parking in Restricted lot	4	12
Prohibited Parking	4	6
Red Zone Violation	7	21
Unregistered Vehicle Parked on Street	10	131
<b>Totals</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>278</b>

# Traffic Warnings, Equipment Repairs and Citations

Description	Warnings	ER's	Citations
Address Change	3	5	
Careless Driving			3
Driving Left of Center	3		3
Driving Under Suspension			54
DUS Due to ALR/Fail to Comply			1
Duty to Carry License Permit	8	7	3
Exhibition of Acceleration			2
Fail to Yield ROW/Unmarked			2
Failure to Maintain Lane	4		1
Failure To Signal	13		3
Failure to yield From a Yield Sign	7		1
Failure to Yield to Vehicle	2		16
Failure to Yield To Emergency Vehicle			
Fictitious Plates	1	4	3
Follow too Close	2		
Illegal U-turn	1		
Improper Lane Change	2		6
Improper Passing	1		1
Improper Turn	10		3
Leaving Scene of Accident			5
Lights required on Vehicle	10	194	4
Mini Bike Violation	1		1
Motor Vehicle Restraint – Children	18	6	34
Mufflers	5		5
Negligent Driving	4	22	22
No Headlight	1	3	3
No Helmet	2		
No License Plates	6	15	
No Mud Flaps	1		
No Operators License on Person			
No Proof of Insurance	1		3

<b>Description</b>	<b>Warnings</b>	<b>ER's</b>	<b>Citations</b>
No Valid Operator's License		4	5
No Valid Registration			3
One Way Violation	7		6
Operators must be licensed	6	13	17
Passing Violation	1		3
Plates/Manner of Display	6	6	1
Proof of Financial Responsibility	2	3	61
Proof of Ownership	3	4	3
Provisional Operators Permit Violation		1	
Reckless Driving			1
Red Flag Violation	1		
Registration Cert; Duty to Carry	1	1	
Registration Required	3	6	103
Screeching of Tires	1		1
Speeding	270		135
Spilling Contents of Load on Street			
Stop Sign Violation	53		61
Traffic Signal Violation	48		
Truck Route Violation	9		
Unlawful operation of an ATV	1		
Unsafe Backing			2
Vehicle Occupant Protection System Required		1	
Violate Learner's Permit Provisions			
Vision Obstruction	2	1	2
Window Tint Below AS1 Line		4	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>583</b>

# Juvenile Contact Cards

<b>Type of Contact</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Arson	2	6	
Assault	17	9	14
Assault in the 3rd Degree	7		
Credit Card/ATM Fraud		1	
Criminal Mischief	9	20	8
Criminal Mischief, \$100-\$300 damage		3	
Criminal Trespass	6	8	
Criminal Trespass 2nd Degree		2	1
Discharge Weapon within City Limits	1	1	
Disorderly Conduct	2	2	2
Disturbing the Peace		2	1
False Reporting	2	3	1
Intimidation by phone call		2	
Littering	5		
No Skateboard Helmet		1	
Possession of Stolen Property	1		
Possession/Discharge Fireworks	4		
Provoking An Assault	2		
Runaway	38	32	25
Shoplifting	4	3	2
Terroristic Threats	1		
Theft	2	2	6
Theft by Receiving Stolen Property		1	
Theft by Unlawful Taking	2	9	4
Threatens in Menacing Manner	1	8	6
Tobacco Use by Minor	10	2	1
Urinating In Public	1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>71</b>

## Animal Warnings, ER's and Citations

Description	Warnings	ER	Citations
Cruelty to Animals	1		1
Dangerous/Vicious Dog			2
Dog and Cats must be licensed	6	12	1
Dog at Large	14		9
Noise/Animal, Fowl	3		4
Nuisance Dogs	1		2
Rabies Tags	2	2	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>

## City Ordinance Warnings and Citations

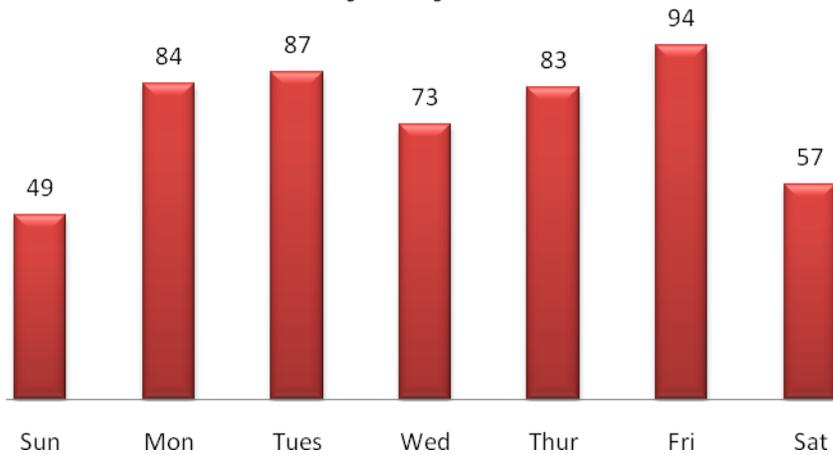
Type	Warnings	Citations
Compulsory Education Violation		7
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor		4
Discharge of Firearm in City Limits		1
Disturbing the Peace	1	2
Disturbing the Peace/Stereo	2	2
False Reporting		5
Littering	1	1
No Skate Board Helmet		
Posting Signs on Utility Poles	2	
Shoplifting		19
Soliciting without a permit		
Theft By Deception		1
Theft by Taking or Disposition		2
Unnecessary Noise		
Urinating in Public		2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>46</b>

# Accident Tallies for 2009

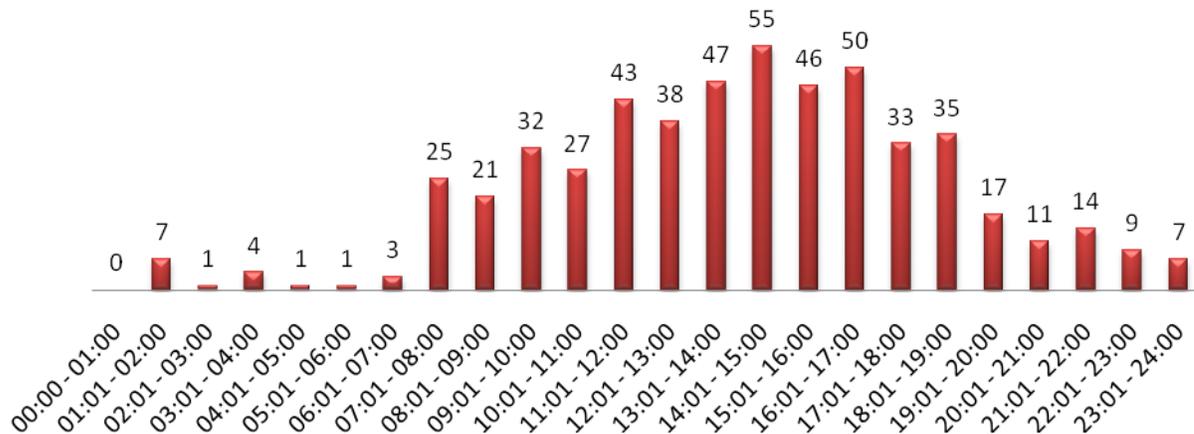
## Types of Accidents

Property Damage	479
Injury	47
Fatality	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>527</b>

## Number by Days of the Week

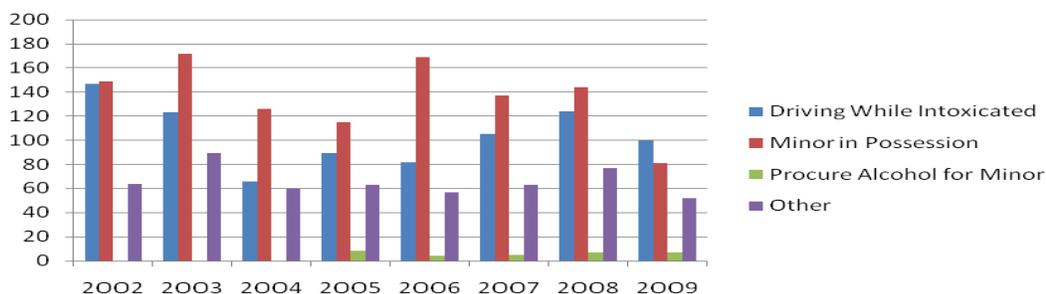


## Number by Time of Day



## Alcohol Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Driving While Intoxicated	147	123	66	89	82	105	124	100
Minor in Possession	149	172	126	115	169	137	144	81
Procure Alcohol for Minor	Stats included in other			8	4	5	7	7
Other	64	89	60	63	57	63	77	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>240</b>



## Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	48	37	41	27	22
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	51	37	43	32	32
Drug/Narcotics Violations	25	6	13	5	17
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	5	5	8	12	4
Poss. Of Precursor to Manufacture Meth	11	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>78</b>

## Juvenile Alcohol and Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	16	10	5	4	5
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	10	7	9	4	9
Drug/Narcotics Violations	1	0	1	1	1
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	2	1	1	1	2
.02 Violation	1	2	0	1	1
Minor In Possession	28	59	46	46	21
Procure Alcohol for Minor	0	1	1	4	2
Open Container	2	5	2	0	0
Driving While Intoxicated	6	8	1	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>41</b>



# Major Crime

# Major Crime Report

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

Where did 2009 go? Looking at the numbers from 2009 I'm very happy to see that the total number of Major Crimes has dropped from the high of 932 in 2006 to 745 in 2009.

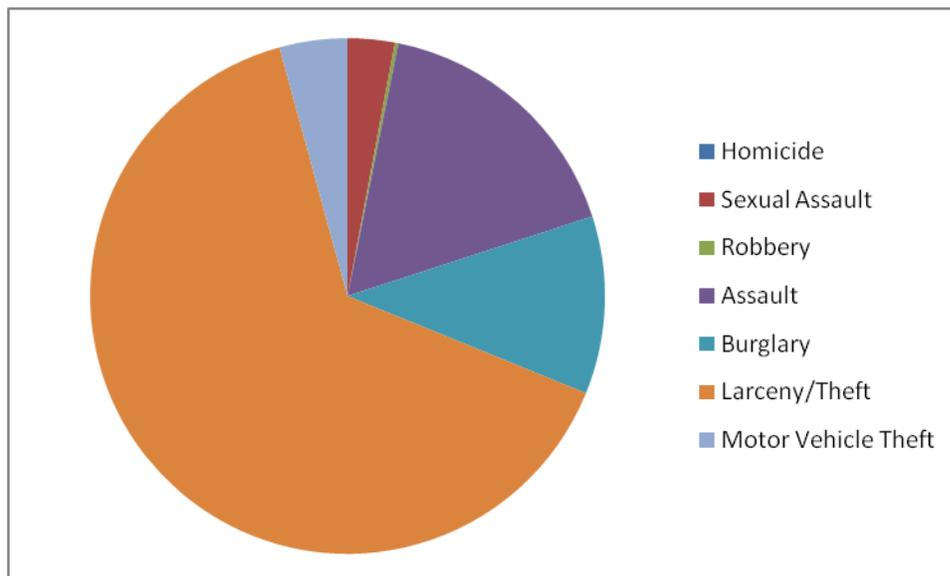
I'm very sad to report that we did not make it through 2009 without a Homicide. Officers were dispatched to a "baby not breathing" call which turned out to be our first Homicide since 2007.

The number of Sexual Assaults and burglaries has seen a slight increase. On a good note there was a substantial drop in Assaults, Motor Vehicle Thefts and Larceny/ Theft reports.

Lt. Mike Oliver

## Major Crimes Reported in Beatrice

Offense	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Homicide	0	0	1	0	1
Sexual Assault	27	25	34	31	33
Robbery	2	1	2	2	2
Assault	154	183	171	135**	101
Burglary	102	122	106	101	107
Larceny/Theft	591	584	477	499	486
Motor Vehicle Theft	39	17	29	30	15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>745</b>



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



Lieutenant Mike Oliver  
1991



Investigator Tina Vath  
1997

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# Criminal Investigations Report

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 involves serious criminal activity, such as suspected homicides, suicides, felony thefts and felonious assaults, or when the criminal activity appears to be part of a pattern.

The investigation unit is commanded by Mike Oliver, Investigative Lieutenant. The investigations unit is staffed with one full time investigator, Christina Vath.

During 2009, the Investigation Unit was busy with a variety of cases, including burglaries, thefts, sexual assaults, and a homicide. In the beginning of 2009, the investigations unit conducted an investigation into a sexual assault case involving a level 3 sex offender. The offender was arrested and is currently waiting court proceedings. The investigations unit also assisted road patrol in investigating numerous thefts from vehicles. Two juveniles were subsequently arrested and admitted to breaking into numerous vehicles and garages. Both juveniles were charged with numerous thefts and burglaries. The investigations unit also was called to investigate the death of an infant. This investigation continues and is currently being investigated as a homicide. The investigation will continue into 2010.

Investigations also made numerous arrests for Internet Crimes Against Children. These cases involve possession of child pornography, online enticement of a child and any other cyber crime involving a child. The Beatrice Police Department is an affiliate member of The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). The Internet Crimes Against Children program is a national network of fifty-nine coordinated local task forces and their 1,800 local and regional affiliated agencies engaged in both proactive and reactive investigations, forensic examinations, effective prosecutions, and community education. The ICAC program was developed in response to the increasing number of children and teenagers using the Internet, the proliferation of child pornography, and the heightened online activity by predators searching for unsupervised contact with underage victims. The Beatrice Police Department actively protects children who use the internet by proactively investigating the on-line sexual exploitation of children by predators.

In addition to criminal investigations, the Criminal Investigations Unit conducts background investigations for department personnel, and background investigations for liquor license applications within the City of Beatrice. The Criminal Investigator is also assigned to the state mandated, countywide, Child Abuse/Neglect Investigative and Treatment Teams. The teams meet once a month and reviews cases involving suspected child abuse or neglect.

In 2009, Officer Jennifer Klaus was appointed as the Juvenile Services Officer. Officer Klaus is assigned child abuse/neglect cases and is also assigned to the Child Abuse/Neglect Investigative and Treatment Teams. Officer Klaus coordinates with many agencies on child abuse/neglect cases, including all the public schools, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Child Advocacy Center.

The Investigation Unit also serves as liaison officers to Crimestoppers of Gage County, Inc. 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

The Beatrice Police Department Crime Scene Team consists of sworn officers, civilians, and retired officers of the department. 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 Christina Vath, Kerri McGrury, Stephanie Wallman, Officer Erin Byrne, Officer Colleen Morabito, Dispatcher Gary Cullison, and retired officers William Fitzgerald and Joe Hawkins. The team is commanded by Lt. Mike Oliver.

The Crime Scene Team was activated eight times last year compared to six times in 2008. Complete breakdowns of the calls listed below.

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|-------------|--|
| April 27    | The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed this death was caused by an accidental overdose. |
| May 22      | The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed this death was a suicide.                        |
| June 16     | The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed this death was caused by an accidental overdose. |
| July 8      | The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed that this death was from natural causes.         |
| August 4    | The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed that this death was from natural causes.         |
| September 7 | The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed this death was a homicide.                       |
| October 16  | The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed that this death was from natural causes.         |
| December 15 | The team was called to a Hotel to investigate a death. Investigation revealed that this death was from natural causes.             |

# Arrest Charges

Type of Charges	2006	2007	2008	2009
Assault 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>	50	58	35	24
Assault on an Officer	2	7	2	3
Strangulation	2	3	2	3
Domestic Assault	51	32	38	26
Protection Order Violations	23	11	7	6
Sexual Assaults 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>	12	5	4	5
Drug Violations	85	105	76	80
Burglary	9	11	15	18
Theft	48	55	57	52
Criminal Mischief	66	72	36	34
Child Abuse/Neglect	27	22	13	13
Weapons Violations	7	17	12	11
Disturbing the Peace	26	11	13	2
Disorderly Conduct	20	12	12	19
Minor In Possession	169	137	144	81
Procuring	12	5	7	7
DWI	82	105	124	100
Refusal to Submit	14	24	29	22
Open Container & other Alcohol offenses	35	44	77	30
Runaway	37	49	28	29
Terroristic Threats/ Threats	10	15	11	2
Forgery 1st Degree	1	1	0	0
Resisting Arrest	6	6	7	4
Flight to Avoid Arrest	2	2	5	0
Other Offenses	192	239	54	93
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>662</b>



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# Beatrice – Gage County Emergency Response Team

The Beatrice-Gage County Emergency Response Team is a multi-agency tactical unit formed in the mid 1980's to respond to high-risk incidents. The unit is made up of Beatrice Police Department, Gage County Sheriff's Office, and Beatrice Fire and Rescue personnel. The Emergency Response 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. ERT is also available to assist the S.E.A.D.E. drug task force with the service of their high-risk search and arrest warrants. Command of an incident falls with the agency head of the jurisdiction where the incident occurs, with the Tactical Team Commander having operational command over the unit.

In January 2009, the Emergency Response Team conducted a training exercise with the Nebraska Civil Support Team. The NCST is tasked with providing technical and logistical support to local jurisdictions responding to a nuclear, chemical or biological terrorist incident. The exercise allowed ERT to evaluate our preparedness to address a domestic terrorist plot, and our preparedness to conduct operations in extreme cold weather (the temperature was well below zero on that training date).

The Emergency Response Team conducted training monthly in the following areas;

- Terrorist Incident Exercise
- Noise Flash Diversionary Device User Course
- Chemical Munitions User Course
- Firearms Training
- Low Light Searches
- Firearms – Live Fire Shoot House with Teargas
- Weapon Retention and Active Countermeasures
- Linear Clearing and Vehicle Assaults
- Dynamic Entry Drills
- Search Exercise with Simunitions

No members attended advanced or specialized training during 2009.

Throughout 2009, the unit was activated five times for tactical incidents, resulting in fifteen arrests.

- 2 High risk search warrants, drug related
- 1 High risk search warrant, other
- 1 Barricade incidents involving suicidal/homicidal subjects
- 1 High rise arrest warrants, drug related (Operation Clean Sweep)

## Team Member Information

Tactical Commander	Chief Deputy Doug Klaus	GCSO
Tactical Team Leader	Sergeant Tony Lenners	BPD
Asst Tactical Team Leader	Sergeant Joe Kubicek	GCSO
Team Members	Sergeant Wes Henning	BPD
	Sergeant Brian Carver	BPD
	Officer Zac Lauenstein	BPD
	Officer Colleen Morabito	BPD
	Deputy Tony Shepardson	GCSO
	Deputy John Chavez	GCSO
	Officer Joe McCormick	BPD
	Deputy Andrew Rinquest	GCSO
	Officer Robert Soldo	BPD
	Deputy Burke Kline	GCSO
Negotiations Team Commander	Captain Jerry Lamkin	BPD
Negotiations Team Leader	Officer Zac Lauenstein	BPD
Negotiations Team Member	Officer Erin Byrne	BPD
	Officer Colleen Morabito	BPD
Tactical Medics	Paramedic Mike Massey	BF&R
	Paramedic Jim Young	BF&R
	Captain Craig Fisher	BF&R
	Paramedic Jeremy Seggerman	BF&R



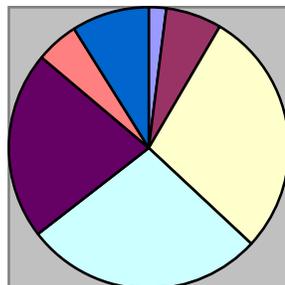
# Victim Assistance Program Statistics 2009

TYPE OF SERVICE	NUMBER OF TIMES PROVIDED
Crisis Counseling	27
Personal Advocacy	584
Information/Referral (In Person)	78
Information/Referral (Phone Contact)	377
Emergency Financial Assistance	0
Follow Up Contact	783
Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy	350
Compensation Assistance	6
Transportation	0
Protection order Assistance	75
Cellular Phone Program	0
Other	0
<b>Total Number of Services Provided</b>	<b>2,280</b>
<b>Total Number of Victims Served</b>	<b>719</b>

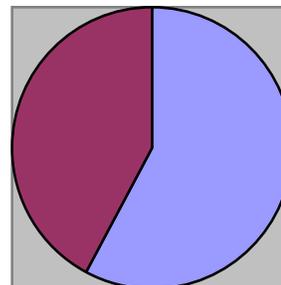
TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED	TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED
Homicide	1	Sexual Assault (Adult)	8
Child Abuse/Physical	8	Domestic Violence	111
Child Abuse/Sexual	22	Incest Survivor	0
DWI/DUI	1	Assault	18
Robbery	0	Elder Abuse	1
Burglary	51	Business	0
Arson	1	Other	345

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# 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.
- 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	

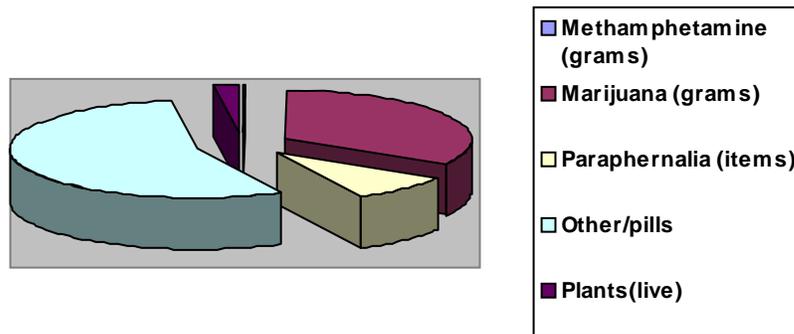
- The Victim Assistance Program received a grant in the amount of \$4,005 for a National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Project. The project included four billboards throughout Gage County, distribution of gift bags which included brochures, business cards, and pens to community agencies, an open house, and a booth at the Gage County fair.
- I am a Board Member of the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime which meets bi-monthly.
- I serve on the Coordinating Council of the Gage County MAPS (Multiple Agencies Partnering for Success) and on the Community Justice Committee of the Gage County MAPS. The Community Justice Committee organized the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night out this year. It was hosted at Chautauqua Park.

# SEADE Report

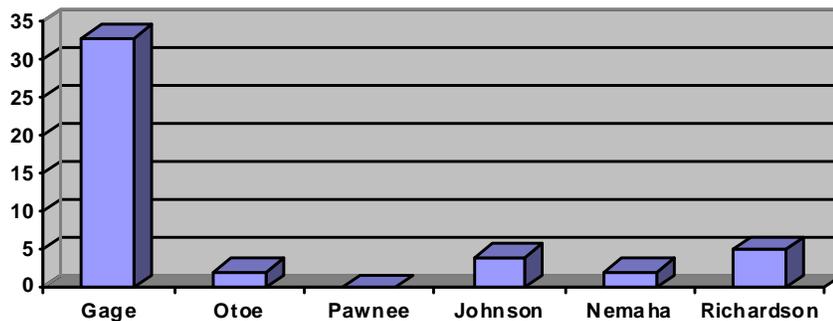
SEADE is a drug task force that operates off of a federal grant administered by the Nebraska Crime Commission. SEADE also receives funding from the six counties that it serves: Gage, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson. SEADE has two full time investigators and a part-time secretary. The following are statistics for the year 2009.

<b><u>Cases Initiated</u></b>	47
<b><u>Confidential Informants</u></b>	5
<b><u>Intelligence Reports</u></b>	47
<b><u>Arrests</u></b>	17
<b><u>Drug Buys Initiated</u></b>	11
<b><u>Search Warrants</u></b>	5

## Drugs Seized



The SEADE Task Force serves a six county area. Below is a graph demonstrating cases per county.



SEADE continues to proactively combat the drug problem by presenting information to local groups concerning the dangers of drug use. The SEADE Secretary strives to educate people about the dangers of drug abuse and the resulting consequences. Stephanie Wallman is a speaker for the Beatrice Police Department and presents information on Dangerous Drugs - Awareness and Effects. Stephanie did eight such presentations in 2009.

# Bike Patrol

The Beatrice Police Department has 10 officers in our bike patrol unit. Like past years we participated during Homestead Days, parades, the last day of school in addition to other community events such as bike rodeos. Bike patrol officers ride in the downtown area and out in the neighborhoods and sometimes we specifically target problem locations as well as responding to disturbances, accidents, and a wide range of calls for service throughout the city. In 2009 bike officers spent additional hours on the bike due to a spike in property crimes.



## **School Resource Officer Program (SRO)**

The School Resource Officer Program completed its tenth year of existence in 2008-2009 school year. As in previous years, the SRO program continues to thrive and be beneficial to the Beatrice High School and the Beatrice Middle School, as well as the Beatrice Police Department. In addition, occasional SRO duties at the Beatrice Alternative High School and the Beatrice SKILLS program have enjoyed a high success rate.

The goal of the SRO program is to bridge the gap between students, schools, and the 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. The SRO program enjoys an excellent working relationship with the Superintendent's Office, High School Administration and Staff, and Middle School Administration and Staff. It is due to this excellent working relationship that many crimes in school are prevented from happening or solved after they do.

Reported crime in the Beatrice Public Schools continues to be on the decline, with the two most common crimes being theft and assault. Theft crimes are down again in the Beatrice High School for the fifth year in a row, and this can be attributed to some changes made with the assistance of BHS administration as well as the assistance of student aides placed in areas of frequent theft. Presentations in the classroom continue to be an integral part of the SRO program, and are done on various subjects. Mediation between students also continues to be an excellent tool in preventing crime, particularly assault. New state mandates have caused dating violence education to be taught in schools also, and the SRO program assists with that at times.

Reported crimes in the Beatrice Middle School are still close to an all time low since the inception of the SRO program in 1999, with very few serious crimes being reported in 2009. Many of the problem issues are solved with the assistance of BMS administration prior to the issue rising to the level of a criminal violation. Assaults are down at BMS as well, with the numbers having been reduced by a large percentage in the last few years.

The only criminal issue that appears to be somewhat steady is Truancy arrests, however this is believed to be due to 2005 age change in the State Statute. The Truancy arrests do not appear to be age specific however, and are occurring at both the Middle School and High School level. Continued education and enforcement will be performed with regard to Truancy in order to effectively try and combat it.

Overall, the SRO program continues to be a beneficial program to both the Beatrice Public School District and the Beatrice Police Department. I believe that the SRO program will continue to provide quality results for many years to come, and will foster better working relationships between the BPS District and the Beatrice Police Department.

Officer Erin Byrne #322 (School Resource Officer)

# Gage County Community Service Coordinator

The Gage County Community Service Coordinator position was created from grant funds in May of 2003. The program was instituted to assist juveniles and adults who need to complete community service work as required for probation, Juvenile Diversion, or other mandated sentencing. This program adds the accountability factor to community service. Since the hours are tracked and verified by the Coordinator, it can be confirmed that the individual is indeed completing the necessary hours. Society can therefore accept the assignment of community service as a viable means of 'compensation' for whichever law/laws have been violated.

An orientation is held every other Thursday evening at the Beatrice Police Department. The orientation is designed to prepare the individual for his/her community service work by filling out the appropriate paperwork and discussing the Six Pillars of Character. A 'Test Your Knowledge' quiz is also completed by the juvenile and his/her parent/guardian. The quiz generates discussion and provides information to the orientation participants regarding drugs and alcohol. Once the required paperwork has been reviewed and completed the person receives a copy of area non-profit organizations that are willing to allow the offenders to do community service at their agency. Currently there are 44 agencies participating in the Community Service Program. Individuals attending orientation receive additional handouts in an effort to educate them about the dangers of drug abuse. Parents/guardians attending with their child/children also receive drug education material that is designed specifically for parents.

In 2009, 68 juveniles participated in the Gage County Community Service Program. The total number of community service hours completed for the year was 965. The Community Service Coordinator Program continues to grow as more people become aware of and depend on this service.



# Police Speaker Service

In 2008, the Beatrice Police Department organized a police speaker's program, as part of our community awareness effort. We have continued this program for 2009. The focus of the program is to help educate the public about various law enforcement related topics. Topics include personal safety, crime prevention and criminal activities, and range from 20 to 60 minutes in length. Sworn personnel prepare the presentations based on their area of expertise.

The program has been well received as demonstrated by the number of requests for speakers throughout the year. An estimated 900 people attended the 24 speaker presentations given to those church groups, service clubs, businesses and other community groups requesting the service. The most requested topics were; Dangerous Drugs Awareness and Effects, Survival Knowledge, Victim Assistance, Internet Safety and Protecting your Identity.

Topics include:

- Personal Safety for Women
- Safety on the Internet
- Safety on the Internet for Parents
- Safety on the Internet for Elementary Age Youth
- Safety on the Internet for Teen Age Youth
- Wheel Safety
- Effects of Distracted Driving
- Personal Safety for Adults
- Traveling Safely
- College Campus Safety
- Survival Knowledge Quiz and Discussion
- Protecting Your Identity
- Crime Prevention thru Environmental Design
- Shoplifter Prevention and Apprehension
- Dangerous Drugs Awareness and Effects
- Regulations for Employees of Liquor Establishments
- Meth 360
- P.O.P. and Vehicular Restraints Discussion
- Daily Operations of Beatrice Police Department
- Domestic Violence



# Gage County MAPS – Community Justice Task Force

In the fall of 2005, a number of people and agencies committed to serving youth, families, and individuals in Gage County came together to discuss forming the Gage County Coalition. Several of the leaders involved in forming this coalition are from the Beatrice Police Department. These leaders are committed to unifying their approaches under one body, which they later named M.A.P.S., or Multiple Agencies Partnering for Success.

The mission of Gage County MAPS is to coordinate, enhance, and broaden countywide services that promote healthy attitudes and behaviors for individuals, families, and communities.

Within the MAPS Coalition there are four task force committees. One of the committees, The Community Justice Task Force, is actively represented by four member of the Beatrice Police Department. These individuals included Captain Gerald Lamkin, Investigator Tina Vath, Stephanie Wallman-Community Service Coordinator/SEADE Secretary, and Kerri McGrury-Victim Assistance Coordinator.

The focus areas of the Community Justice Task Force includes:

- Promote healthy attitudes toward alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) among our youth & community members
- Engage community interest surrounding positive law enforcement relationships and ATOD issues
- Improve communication among programs and agencies working toward common goals.

The activities and projects of the Community Justice Task force in 2009 include:

- **The MIP Hotline** – Begin operating in April 2007 to present  
The MIP Hotline is a confidential hotline that accepts anonymous phone calls from individuals who would like to report an underage drinking party or adults procuring alcohol for minors.
- **“You Have Everything to Lose” Campaign** – Spring 2008 to present  
This campaign consisted of billboards, posters, radio ads, postcard mailing, etc. Signs could be seen in schools and roadsides throughout Gage County.



- **Letters to parents of Junior and Senior students in Gage County**–Spring 2009  
A letter was sent to all the parents of Junior and Senior High School students in Gage County. The letter consisted of information on alcohol use by teens during the prom and graduation season. We included an information sheet on the Nebraska state statutes relating to under aged drinking (MIP, DUI, procuring and contributing).
- **Gage County Fair Booth** – July 2009  
Information was distributed regarding MAPS and National Night Out was to the public in attendance at the fair.
- **Meth 360 Training** – August 2008 to present  
Officer Coon and Investigator Vath attended Meth 360 training in Grand Island, Nebraska. They have been trained to do community Meth 360 presentations. The program's goal is to unite communities in the fight against methamphetamine.
- **National Night Out** – August 2009
- **Pharmaceutical Take-Back Event** – October 2009  
This event was held at the Beatrice Public School Administration Building Parking Lot. This event was held in conjunction with Keep Beatrice Beautiful. This event allowed citizens to bring and properly dispose of past pharmaceuticals that they were no longer using.
- **MADD Victim Impact Panel** –Spring and Fall 2009  
Volunteers from this committee assisted MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) with registration at the Holiday Inn, in Beatrice. The victim impact panel is a requirement for offenders who are arrested for DUI and placed on probation.

# National Night Out 2009

The Beatrice Police Department participated in National Night Out on August 4, 2009. We had a great turn out and the weather was beautiful. This event is designed to:

- Heighten drug and crime prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back



Tug of War



Frozen T-Shirt Contest

National Night Out was a coordinated effort involving the Gage County Community Justice Task Force, the Beatrice Police & Fire Departments, Gage County Sheriff's Office, and Nebraska State Patrol. Highlight's of this year's National Night Out was the tug of war between the Beatrice Police Department and Beatrice Fire and Rescue and the frozen t-shirt contest. This year's National Night Out featured free cotton candy, snow cone, and popcorn as well as a bounce house all sponsored by our local Fraternal Order of Police Lodge. There were many activities for families to take part in. Other special features at this year's National Night Out were Officer Reiss's race car, the Beatrice Police Department crime scene/mobile command vehicle, the vehicles from the Beatrice Fire and Rescue Department.

Many community agencies contributed to the overall success of the event. The agencies had information and resources available to distribute or a fun, interactive activity for families to participate in. Valentino's provided the pizza and drinks for participants to purchase.

The following agencies provided displays and/or support at the event:

- Beatrice Fire and Rescue
- Beatrice Police Department
- Beatrice Community Hospital
- Beatrice Daily Sun
- Black Hills Energy
- Chamber of Commerce
- Dogs Deserve Better
- First Christian Church
- Fraternal Order of Police
- Gage County Attorney
- Gage County MAPS
- Gage County Sheriff's Office
- Gage County United Way
- Gage County Victim Assistance
- Gage County 4-H
- Hope Crisis Center
- KUTT/KWBE
- Mother to Mother Ministries
- Nebraska State Patrol
- Southwick Chiropractic
- University of NE Cooperative Extension Office – Gage County
- VFW Auxiliary
- YMCA

There were approximately 450 people in attendance.



Sgt. Lenners Popping Popcorn



NNO Participants