

## A Word from Chief Lang...



Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am once again pleased to present to you the annual report for the Beatrice Police Department. Many hours of work go in to this report and I hope you find it both helpful and informative. As elected officials you often receive questions about the delivery of police services. Many of the answers to those questions can be found in this report.

Crime remains low in our community; however, property crimes continue to be a significant problem. The Department remains committed to reducing domestic violence and child abuse. Department officers follow stringent guidelines for these types of cases with mandatory arrest policies in place. Although these policies do not significantly reduce the number of these cases, it does serve to protect the victims and when coupled with an outstanding victim assistance program, helps to break the circle of violence.

Staffing is an ongoing problem with two officers on light duty status due to injuries sustained on the job, three officers in training and one officer on military deployment. We have refused to lower our standards for officers and probationary officers not meeting the standards of our department are replaced. This unfortunately delays the time needed to return to full staffing

As always, I encourage anyone reading this report to call with any questions they may have.

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



# Changes in Staff 2006

## Promotions

- Gerald Lamkin – Captain
- Brian Carver – Sergeant

## New Hires

- Kristine Gill – Officer – September 5, 2006
- Sean Vest – Officer – September 30, 2006
- Becky Ferrill – Part Time Dispatcher – October 30, 2006

## Resignations

- Randy Raney – Officer
- Justin Kuhn – Officer

## Retirements

- Captain William Fitzgerald – August 1, 2006



Captain William Fitzgerald retired from the Beatrice Police Department on August 1, 2006 after 38 years of service.

He joined the Beatrice Police Department in 1968 as a uniformed officer. In 1973 he was an undercover drug investigator throughout the State of Nebraska through the Inter-Agency Exchange Program. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1974 and then to Lieutenant in 1975. He had held the position of Captain since 1997.

We thank William Fitzgerald for his many dedicated years of service. He has been an asset to our department and we wish him the best in his retirement.

## 2006 Grants

This year we applied for and were awarded a total of eight grants totaling \$176,162.

- 1) We were awarded a grant from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety so that we could participate in the "Think B 4 U Wink Program", which targets underage alcohol consumption. There is no match required for this program and we were paid for 10 man hours of overtime.  
Grant Award: \$287
- 2) We received a grant from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety for the purchase of six preliminary breath testers to be used by our officers. These preliminary breath testers, or PBTs, are used during the screening of drivers who may be under the influence of alcohol. The grant was awarded in May. No match was required.  
Grant Award: \$1608
- 3) We received a grant in May from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety. This grant was for the "Click It or Ticket" selective enforcement for seat belt usage. The grant paid for 43 hours of overtime and vehicle expense during the enforcement period. No match was required.  
Grant Award: \$1290
- 4) We received a grant from The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the continuation of the Victim Assistance Program. The grant was awarded in July and will allow the program to operate for another year.  
Grant Award: \$39,964  
In Kind Match: \$9,991
- 5) We received a grant from The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice in July for the continued operation of the Southeast Nebraska Area Drug Enforcement Task Force "SEADE task force". The grant pays for two investigators, to cover a six county area, and one part time secretary.  
Grant Award: \$91,900  
Match Funds: \$30,633
- 6) We received a grant from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the continuation of the Community Services Coordinator program. The grant was awarded in July and pays the part time salary of the Coordinator, who also serves as the part time SEADE secretary.

Grant Award: \$19,387  
Match Funds: \$7,755

- 7) We received a grant In December from The Nebraska State Patrol for the certification of our Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratory team. This allows our team to gather evidence and secure a methamphetamine laboratory, and in order to do so they must be certified. No match required on this grant.

Grant Award: \$3,748

- 8) We received our last grant in December from The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety for the purchase of six digital in car camera systems. The new digital systems do not use VHS tapes in a trunk unit like our old ones, but uses flash cards which plug into the rear view mirror. The rear view mirror houses the system without the need of a trunk unit.

Grant Award: \$17,978  
Match Funds: \$5,993

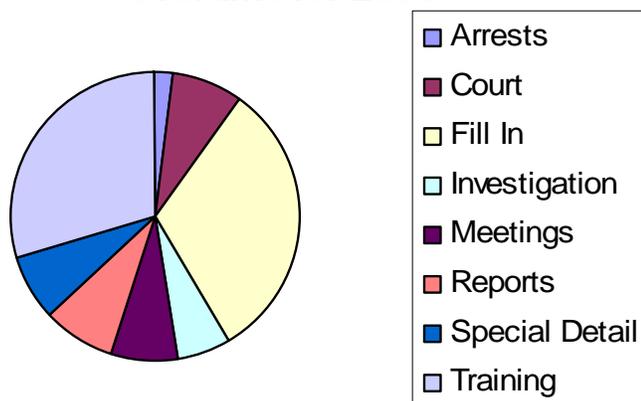
## 2006 Overtime

The overtime this year is slightly lower than last year even though a portion of the year saw the department short on manpower. With the retirement of Captain Fitzgerald, the resignation of two patrol officers, and officers off with injuries, it was necessary to do some shifting of personnel in order to reduce the amount of overtime necessary in order to keep the shifts effective. Even with the shifting of manpower the fill in overtime did increase by 103%. The manpower shortage is also reflected in the reports category by an increase of 198%, due to the fact that the officers were kept busy enough that they could not get in to complete their reports prior to the end of their shift. The remaining categories of overtime reflect the normal fluctuation (up or down). The Gage County Emergency Management Agency, through a grant from Homeland Defense, reimbursed the City for 343 hours of training. The training was on terrorism and for the continued training of the Emergency Response Team. A complete breakdown of the overtime is shown below.

### Overtime Totals

Arrests	41.3
Court	133.5
Fill In	549.3
Investigation	111.2
Meetings	127.0
Reports	137.4
Special Detail	131.8
Training	523.3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1754.8</b>

### Overtime for 2006





Lt. Joe Hawkins  
1969



Dispatch Supervisor  
Desiree Fritch  
1985



Sue Sullivan  
1992



Chris Henrichs  
1993



Ed White  
1994



Shelena Maguire  
2001



Russell Jobman  
2003



Cecilia Rosentreader  
2004



Gary Cullison  
2004

### Part time Dispatchers



Judie Braun  
1987



Amy Hanshaw  
2005



Becky Ferrill  
2006

COMMUNICATIONS

# Communications Center

During the year the Communication Center has been working out the usual glitches with the new radio system and is close to having all of them worked out. The only major problem encountered was a problem with the circuit cards in the radio system. For some reason some of the cards would shut down, and we would lose that frequency until the card was reset. Racom has replaced all of the circuit cards and reworked the card connector sockets, which seems to have taken care of the problem. Since then the radios have been causing few problems.

In December, we received a dispatch simulator from Gage County Emergency Management, which was purchased with funds from Homeland Security. The Simulator has two stations with one of the stations being the instructor station. From this station an instructor can simulate a multitude of call types and can even incorporate background noises from an attached CD player. The CD player can play background noises such as gunfire, storms, downed electric wires, a fight in progress, or can play a type of hang up call, such as a child calling in and the dispatcher will get no response from the caller. The student console has four incoming lines and has the ability to place a call on hold or call back the last number from which a call was placed. The console also has a display that reflects a name and address of where the call is being placed from, similar to the 911 screens we presently use. The student console also has the ability to place simulated calls for services such as a wrecker or anything else that may be needed to handle the call. Of course the outgoing calls go to the instructor console so that the instructor can complicate the call if desired or proceed with no problems. In addition to handling telephone calls the dispatcher can receive simulated radio traffic from officers through a microphone on the instructor console. The instructor console has a separate microphone for radio traffic so that another person can call on the radio while the instructor is on the telephone with the dispatcher. This can certainly increase the adrenalin rush, especially if an officer calls in a pursuit while the dispatcher is trying to handle an emergency call on the phone. We are confident that this simulator will be of great benefit to our dispatchers and will help hone their skills in handling types of calls they may not receive very often.

The Beatrice Communications Center still has seven full time dispatchers, one floater and three part timer dispatchers. Three dispatchers share the duties during the day and four share the duties on the night shift. The part timers help out on Saturdays and Sundays and fill in during vacations or illnesses.

Chris Henrichs is considered our "floater" which means she assists in dispatch when needed and helps the secretary out with the records portion of the Beatrice Police Department.

The other dispatchers at the Beatrice Communications Center are lead dispatcher, Dee Fritch, Sue Sullivan and Ed White who all work day shift. Night shift consists of Shelena Maguire, Russ Jobman, Cecelia Rosentraeder and Gary Cullison. Part

timers are Judie Braun, Amy Hanshaw, and Becky Ferrill. All dispatchers are required to be trained in the same areas, whether they are full time or part time.

The day shift dispatchers work from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with the exception of the lead dispatcher who works an eight hour shift. Day shift at the Beatrice Communications Center answer numerous phone calls, half being administrative calls. The night shift dispatchers work either 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. to either 3:00 a.m. or 6:00 a.m. Their calls for service are generated more by officer initiated rather than phone calls. They still get their share of phone calls but the radio traffic is more frequent on nights.

The dispatcher's duties have not gotten any less regardless of the number of calls for service. We had many stressful type calls this year ranging from fatality accidents, suicides, disturbance calls and robbery. The dispatcher must maintain their composure while taking the information from the caller and dispatching the appropriate responders.

At times the dispatcher may take an emergency call where the reporting party does not know where they are or where the emergency is. We have enhanced 911 at the Communications Center, but this system does not pin point a location when the caller is using a cell phone. This requires the dispatcher to ask numerous questions to try to ascertain where the caller is. This occurs mostly on injury accidents when the caller is confused or disoriented.

The dispatcher has to be as good as a listener as a call giver. A lot of times, the caller's voice will reflect just how much of an emergency the call actually is. There are call types that the dispatcher needs to keep the caller on the phone until the officer or deputy arrives on scene. It is very important that the dispatcher gets all information and relays it to the officer or deputy.

## 2006 Calls for Service

This list is a total for the entire county of Gage including the Beatrice Police Department, Gage County Sheriffs Office, Wymore Police Department, Gage County Game Warden, Board of Public Works, Animal Warden and all Gage County Rural Fire/Rescue Agencies.

In reviewing the numbers, the amount of “escorts” was up from 2005, however, this call type is also used to escort night shift employees to banks when requested but this call type is mainly used for funeral escorts.

The largest increase in numbers for calls for service is “Junked Motor Vehicles” which is only for the City of Beatrice. Each officer is assigned to a section of town to patrol for any violations of this City Ordinance.

“Open Door” calls also show an increase which has prompted the Communications along with the help of Officers and Deputies to keep the Open Door File updated. This is quite a task to keep up but it’s proven to be a good way to keep in contact with local businesses.

There is a large decrease in the “SEADE” calls for service, however in January of 2006 it was decided that a SEADE call would be handled in the SEADE department and not ran through the Communications Center.

Also to explain the increase in the call type of “Bar Checks”, in the previous years the officers would advise dispatchers that they were doing bar checks and one call was made however now, each time they go to a different bar to do a bar check, a new call is made so that the numbers are more accurate.

<b>Type of Call</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
911 Hang Up	321	287
Accident/Fatality	8	5
Accident/Injuries	161	145
Accident/No Injuries	965	884
Adult Abuse	5	8
Alarm	205	169
ALS	16	17
Animal Bite	60	51
Animal Complaint	898	1082
Animal Cruelty	91	74
Arson	1	3
Assault	191	204
Assist Citizen	249	228
Assist Other Agency	215	209
Attempted Suicide	17	27
Bar Check	11	118

<b>Type of Call</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Barking Dog	135	125
BPW	224	284
Burglar Alarm	165	191
Burglary	166	172
Child Abuse	192	151
Civil	211	270
Complaint against Officer	5	5
Crime Stoppers	20	35
Death	70	79
Disorderly Conduct	9	9
Disturbance	474	554
Driving Under Suspension	21	39
Drug Information	130	72
Drug Lab	38	31
Drug Violation	49	40
DWI	122	139
Embezzlement	3	3
EPC	11	10
Escort	147	237
Fail to Appear	27	43
False Reporting	5	7
Field Interview	35	23
Fire	238	269
Fire Alarm	163	135
Forgery	43	14
Found Animal	293	286
Found Property	301	271
Fraud	79	71
Game Violation	12	26
Gas Drive Off	95	99
General Information	1066	1218
Harassment	180	211
Health Hazard	28	54
Hitch Hiker	15	21
Indecent Exposure	5	13
Injury	1	18
Junked Motor Vehicles	72	366
Juvenile	470	413
Liquor Laws	67	85
Lost Animal	170	129
Lost Property	167	218
Mental	69	46
MIP	5	10
Missing Person	36	43
Motor Vehicle Theft	55	46

<b>Type of Call</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Motorist Assist	363	336
Noise	304	330
Open Door	52	133
Ordinance Violation	107	132
Out of Unit	398	441
Paper Service	569	424
Parking Complaint	427	411
Probation Violation	11	18
Property Damage	76	38
Protection Order Violation	50	82
Prowler	20	20
Public Service	75	121
Pursuit	14	12
Rape	5	3
Remove Party	96	141
Rescue	931	952
Robbery	2	1
Runaway	148	110
SEADE	65	3
Sexual Assault	38	30
Shoplifting	51	29
Solicitor	27	22
Suicide	4	2
Suspicious	610	690
Terrorism	2	1
Theft	718	703
Threats	97	86
Traffic Hazard	115	156
Traffic Stops	3246	2282
Transfer	837	806
Transport	173	96
Trash	84	90
Trespassing	38	46
Truancy	37	10
Unknown	4	9
Vacation Watch	106	78
Vandalism	499	590
Vehicle Complaint	1051	1004
Warrants	300	287
Watch	114	125
Weapons Law Violation	10	8
Weather	32	32
Welfare Check	527	589
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21736</b>	<b>21571</b>

## Breakdown of Call by Time, Day and Month

<b>Calls by Time of Day</b>	
00:01- 01:00	830
01:01- 02:00	802
02:01- 03:00	532
03:01- 04:00	349
04:01- 05:00	301
05:01- 06:00	282
06:01- 07:00	330
07:01- 08:00	640
08:01- 09:00	980
09:01- 10:00	982
10:01- 11:00	1005
11:01- 12:00	1021
12:01- 13:00	1013
13:01- 14:00	1002
14:01- 15:00	1022
15:01- 16:00	1141
16:01- 17:00	1217
17:01- 18:00	1133
18:01- 19:00	1109
19:01- 20:00	1194
20:01- 21:00	1188
21:01- 22:00	1202
22:01- 23:00	1235
23:01- 24:00	1061
<b>Total</b>	<b>21571</b>

<b>Calls by Day of Week</b>	
Sunday	2718
Monday	2930
Tuesday	3058
Wednesday	3005
Thursday	2974
Friday	3520
Saturday	3366
<b>Total</b>	<b>21571</b>

<b>Calls by Month</b>	
January	1738
February	1541
March	1787
April	1737
May	2018
June	1779
July	1939
August	2134
September	1739
October	1774
November	1620
December	1765
<b>Total</b>	<b>21571</b>

### 2006 Calls for Service by Agency

Beatrice Police Department	16293
Game and Parks	37
Board of Public Works	284
Gage County Sheriffs Office	6924
Wymore Police Department	896
Beatrice Fire and Rescue	3144
Adams Fire	16
Adams Rescue	72
Barneston Fire/QRT's	28
Blue Springs Fire	40
Cortland Fire	36
Clatonia Fire	28
Clatonia Rescue	50
Cortland QRT's	19
Dewitt Fire	3
Filley Fire	36
Odell Fire	22
Odell QRT's	20
Pickrell Fire/QRT's	46
Wymore Fire	70
Wymore Rescue	244

A total for all would not be accurate since multiple agencies can be called out on the same call. An example would be a call for an injury accident, 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 incident.

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 the emergency call. The Communications Center also gets calls for Board of Public Works during normal business hours however in that case, the call is simply transferred out to the Service Center.

The Beatrice Fire and Rescue statistics also includes the Beatrice Rural Fire Department calls. In 2005 we started dispatching Beatrice Rural Fire on all major medical calls, including injury accidents in the county. All of the Beatrice Rural Fire equipment is housed at the Beatrice Fire Department.



Captain Gerald Lamkin  
1991



Sgt. Jay Murphy  
1990



Sgt. Tony Lenners  
1986



Sgt. Mike Oliver  
1991



Sgt. Brian Carver  
2000



Officer Cheryl Honea  
1984



Officer Ernie Reiss  
1989



Officer Jennifer Klaus  
1994



Officer Erin Byrne  
School Resource  
1997



Officer Doug Coon  
1997



Officer Wesley Henning  
1997



Officer Jay Welch  
1999



Officer Zac Lauenstein  
2002



Officer Daniel Emken  
2004



Officer Colleen Morabito  
2005



Officer In Training  
Sean Vest



Officer In Training  
Kristine Gill

# Patrol

# Vehicle Summary 2006

In April 2006 the police department received one new patrol vehicle. This vehicle was the first black and white vehicle the department has had in many years. The goal is to eventually have the entire fleet be black and white patrol cars to help the public distinguish between the city's patrol vehicles and other law enforcement vehicles that are passing through town. With the addition of this vehicle, a 2001 Ford Crown Victoria was rotated out of the patrol fleet to be used as a school car when employees attend training. As fate would have it, the new vehicle received some damage as a result of flooded streets. Consequently the vehicle was out of service for approximately four months while being repaired. The expense for this repair was paid for by the city's insurer. In December 2006, operating in the 2006-2007 budget year, a black and white 2007 Ford Explorer Special Service vehicle was ordered from Beatrice Ford to replace the aging GMC Jimmy currently used by patrol. It is anticipated that the Explorer will be "street ready" during March 2007. The GMC Jimmy will be stripped of markings and rotated to the Investigators vehicle. It is anticipated that the vehicle will accumulate far less mileage and last for many years, but still be ready for use by patrol officers during inclement weather.

The police department currently has three of its six patrol vehicles that have over 80,000 miles. With the ever present budget cuts, the aging vehicles have been replaced at a rate of one a year. The necessity to hold on to patrol vehicles longer can be seen through the higher maintenance costs. During 2006, we spent \$18,579.56 for necessary vehicle repairs, which exceeded the budgeted amount of \$14,750 by \$3829.56. Recently while en-route to a training course, the aging vehicle used by administration suffered catastrophic engine damage, requiring it to be removed from the fleet. A 1997 vehicle that was scheduled to be sold was put back into service to replace the broken down vehicle. Additionally, the department's special service vehicle, a 1984 conversion van used by the tactical team, began experiencing major mechanical problems too numerous to justify repairing the 22 year old vehicle.

During 2006 the patrol vehicles were driven an average of 1326 miles a month. With a six marked unit fleet, that translates into 95,465 cumulative miles per year.

## FLEET INFORMATION

Unit	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Miles Driven In 2006	Use
1	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	28,311	16,470	Patrol
2	2002	Ford	Crown Vic	93,508	18,874	Patrol
3	2001	GMC	Jimmy	89,712	19,114	Patrol/Supervisor
4	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	58,898	14,780	Patrol
5	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	83,235	19,640	Patrol
6	2006	Ford	Crown Vic	6,588	6,588	Patrol
7	2000	Chev	Impala	78,054	3,954	Administration
8	2000	Chev	Impala	86,994	5,864	Investigations
9	2000	Ford	Crown Vic	99,482	2,144	School Resource
11	2002	Chev	Impala	41,664	6,806	Administration
14	2001	Ford	Crown Vic	85,007	3,877	School/Training
Dare	1995	Ford	Mustang	60,687	2,472	Administration
Bus	1996	Chev	Blue Bird	5,190	180	Mobile Command

VEHICLE EXPENSE

	2006	2005	2004
Parts/Supplies	\$ 9826.97	\$ 7662.87	\$ 7165.38
Labor	\$ 8752.59	\$ 9866.20	\$ 4948.25
	=====	=====	=====
Maintenance/Repairs Total	\$18,579.56	\$17,529.07	\$12,113.67
Gas and Oil Total	\$25,587.55	\$24,108.35	\$19,741.45



# Training in 2006

Ongoing training is one of the most important aspects in law enforcement. Legal, tactical and informational concepts are constantly changing and we as a department strive to keep our employees up-to-date.

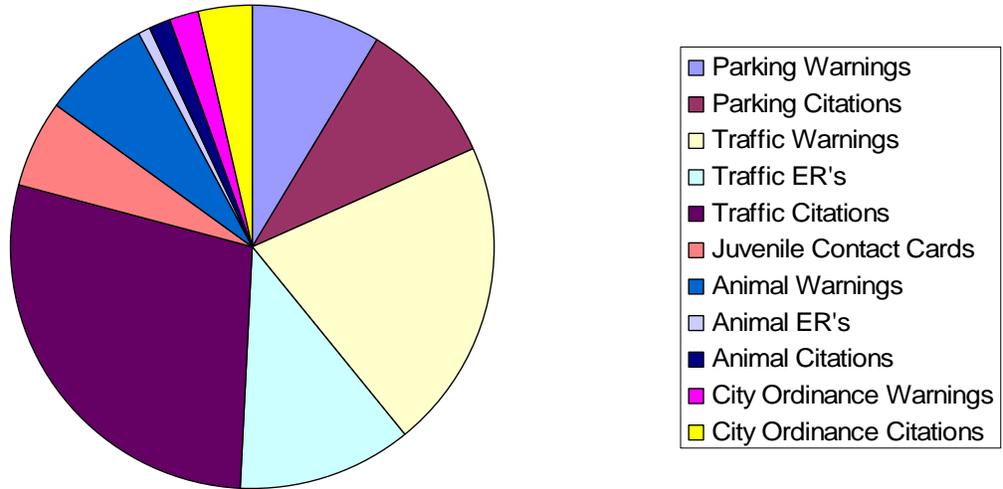
In order to cope with increasing knowledge requirements, rising training costs, and ever-present budget cuts, we are attempting to better utilize the funds available to us by providing in-house training, hosting training courses, and sending employees to free or low cost training. We try to diversify the training the employees receive allowing us to keep up-to-date with ever changing laws and tactics, while trying to keep spending to a minimum. Much of the training listed below has been provided to employees at no cost to the department, aside from the employee's wages. Our department maintains instructors in various disciplines allowing us to conduct much of our training in-house. As a result we have conducted 12 training courses in-house.

01-02-2006	NIMS and Intro to Incident Command (4)	All Employees
02-01-2006	DNA Evidence – Bellevue (8)	Honea, Byrne, Vath McGrury, Wallman
02-01-2006	PPCT Defensive Tactics Recert (16) NLETC	Mierau
02-15-2007	Basic Dispatch/EMD/TTY Cert (80) – NLETC	Cullison
03-24-2006	Clan Lab Certification (40) – Lincoln	Coon
03-27-2006	Basic SWAT Training (48) – Beatrice	Coon, Carver Mierau, Lauenstein Emken
04-01-2006	Crime Victims Workshop (16) – Omaha	McGrury
04-10-2006	CPR-AED for the First Responder (2)	All Officers
04-13-2006	Basic L.E. Certification (580) – NLETC	Morabito
04-21-2006	Interview and Interrogation (16) – MOCIC	Emken, Lauenstein
04-27-2006	Patrol Rifle Instructor (40) – NLETC	Lenners
05-04-2006	Nebr. Juvenile Justice Ass. Conf (8) – G.I.	Wallman
05-08-2006	Clan Lab Certification (40) – Johnston, IA	Vath, Carver Henning
05-18-2006	Death and Homicide (24) – La Vista	Vath
05-22-2006	Less Lethal Certification (6)	Lenners, Murphy Henning, Welch Carver, Coon Mierau, Lauenstein Emken
06-06-2006	Doppler Radar/Lidar Recertification (2)	Mierau
06-12-2006	Firearms Qualification Course (2)	All Officers
06-21-2006	Insurance Fraud First Responder (8) – Omaha	Vath
07-10-2007	Storm Spotter (2) – GCEMA	All Officers
07-17-2006	Firearms Instructor Recert (12) – NLETC	Carver
07-29-2006	Doppler Radar/Lidar Recert (2)	Lauenstein
08-10-2006	Gang Seminar (8) – Bellevue	Byrne, Vath

08-14-2006	Firearms Stress Course (2)	All Officers
08-15-2006	NeLEIN (80) – Crete	Vath
08-22-2006	Emergency Ops Center Familiarization (2)	All Dispatchers
09-01-2006	Advanced Crime Scene (16) – Bellevue	McGrury
09-05-2006	Websafe Workshop (8) – Lincoln	McGrury
09-11-2006	Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing (4)	All Officers
09-20-2006	Glass as Evidence (8) – FBI Omaha	Wallman
09-21-2007	Drug Endangered Children (8) – Lincoln	Coon
09-22-2006	Internet Crimes Against Children (8) – Lincoln	Vath
10-09-2006	Firearms Stress Combat Course (2)	All Officers
10-27-2006	Crime Scene Reconstruction (21) – Lincoln	Vath
11-15-2006	Narcotics Commanders Training (24) NLETC	Mierau, Wallman Lang
12-15-2006	Basic Narcotics Investigations (8) – Omaha	Mierau
12-18-2006	In-car Video Training (2)	All Officers



# Ticket Statistics for 2006



## Parking Warnings and Citations

Description	Warnings	Citations
24 hour parking	117	52
Alley Parking Prohibited	3	3
Handicapped Parking Violation		3
Improper Parking	2	2
Left Side Parking	18	21
Meter Violation		15
Obstruct Alley Entrance		4
Obstructing Traffic	1	12
Parked on Snow Route		3
Parking - 2 hr on meter	4	22
Parking in Restricted lot	11	25
Prohibited Parking	19	37
Red Zone Violation	2	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>204</b>

# Traffic Warnings, Equipment Repairs and Citations

<u>Description</u>	<u>Warnings</u>	<u>ER's</u>	<u>Citations</u>
Address Change		6	5
Auxiliary Lights	1		
Careless Driving	1		1
Disturbing the Peace/Stereo	3		
Driving Left of Center	11		
Driving Under Suspension			19
Driving Under Suspension			35
Driving without Headlights	1		
DUS Due to ALR/Fail to Comply			5
Duty to Carry License Permit	11	12	7
Duty to Report Accident			1
Exhibition of Acceleration	1		1
Fail to Yield from a Stop Sign	1		
Fail to Yield ROW/Unmarked	1		4
Failure to Dim	2	1	
Failure To Signal	2		1
Failure to Use Seat Belts	1		3
Failure to yield From a Yield Sign			1
Failure to Yield o Vehicle	2		17
Failure to Yield To Emergency Vehicle	1		
Fictitious Plates	1	8	7
Fictitious License Plates	2		10
Follow too Close	2		4
Improper Lane Change			5
Improper Passing			1
Improper Turn	3		5
Leaving Scene of Accident			17
Lights required on Vehicle	38	151	4
Motor Vehicle Restraint – Children	12	2	12
Muffler Required		2	
Mufflers	9	26	2
Negligent Driving	3		23
No Child Restraint	3		
No Headlight		11	
No Helmet			1
No License Plate		2	
No License Plates	1		5
No Mud Flaps	1		
No Operators License on Person	1	1	2

<b>Description</b>	<b>Warnings</b>	<b>ER's</b>	<b>Citations</b>
No Proof of Insurance			6
No Red light to Rear		2	
No Valid Operators License			1
No Valid Registration			12
One Way Violation	5		1
Operators license required for Moped			1
Operators must be licensed	9		24
Passing Violation			2
Plates/Manner of Display		3	7
Proof of Financial Responsibility – Penalty	1	15	81
Proof of Ownership	1	6	16
Provisional Operators Permit Violation		3	11
Reckless Driving			1
Red Flag Violation	3		1
Registration Cert; Duty to Carry			1
Registration Required	24	12	108
Right of Way Generally			4
Screeching of Tires	2		2
Speeding	235		98
Stop Sign Violation	29		53
Through Traffic in Alley Prohibited	2		
Traffic Signal Violation	18		20
Truck Route Violation	3		2
Unsafe Backing			2
Vehicle Occupant Protection System Required	10	2	5
Violate Lerner's Permit Provisions			1
Watch TV while Operating MV	1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>585</b>

# Juvenile Contact Cards

Type of Contact	2004	2005	2006
Assault	2	4	19
Assault Domestic	2	0	6
Assault in the 3rd Degree	9	2	2
Burglary	0	2	0
Carrying Concealed Weapon	0	0	1
Criminal Mischief	1	5	2
Criminal Mischief, \$100-\$300 damage	5	2	9
Criminal Trespass	1	6	1
Criminal Trespass 2nd	7	1	2
Criminal Trespass, 1st Degree	0	1	0
Cruelty to Animals, 1st Offense	0	2	0
Discharge Weapon within City Limits	0	4	3
Disturbing the Peace	5	1	1
Domestic Disturbance/Assault	0	1	0
Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	0	0
Failure to Obey Train Signals	1	0	0
False Reporting	4	4	2
Jaywalking	0	0	1
Minibike Violation	0	0	2
Minor in Possession	0	2	0
No Helmet	1	0	1
No Operators License on Person	1	0	0
No Skateboard Helmet	3	3	5
Nuisance Violation	3	0	4
Poss of Marijuana less than 1 oz	0	2	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	0	2	0
Possession of Stolen Property	0	1	4
Prepare, Distribute Obscene Material	0	0	1
Prohibited Act - Driver's License	3	0	0
Runaway	42	53	33
Sexual Assault, 3rd Degree, No injury	1	0	0
Shoplifting	32	11	11
Terroristic Threats	1	1	0
Theft	0	1	3
Theft by Unlawful Taking	6	8	4
Theft From Building	2	0	0
Theft From Motor Vehicle	0	2	1
Threatens in Menacing Manner	0	1	1
Tobacco Use by Minor	2	5	6
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	1	0	0
Unlawful Operation of an ATV	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>126</b>

## Animal Warnings, ER's and Citations

Description	Warnings	ER	Citations
Animals Running at Large	5		1
Dangerous/Vicious Dog	1		
Dog and Cats must be licensed	47	10	13
Dog at Large	82	3	18
Noise/Animal, Fowl	5		
Nuisance Dogs	5		
Rabies Tags	3	1	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>32</b>

## City Ordinance Warnings and Citations

Type	Warnings	Citations
Burning Salvage/Trash		1
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor		12
Disturbing the Peace	13	1
Disturbing the Peace		5
Disturbing the Peace/Stereo	9	
False Reporting		8
Junked motor Vehicle Prohibited		3
Littering	1	
Loud Stereo	3	
No Skate Board Helmet	3	4
Nuisance Violation		3
Shoplifting		13
Soliciting without a permit	6	
Theft By Deception		1
Theft by Receiving Stolen Property		1
Theft by Taking or Disposition		19
Theft of as from Self Service Station		1
Trash	1	
Unnecessary Noise	3	
Urinating in Public		4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>76</b>

## Accident Tallies for 2006

### By the Day of the Week and hour of Day

Hour	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Totals
00:00 - 01:00	3	0	0	1	1	0	2	7
01:01 - 02:00	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	5
02:01 - 03:00	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
03:01 - 04:00	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
04:01 - 05:00	0	2	1	2	0	0	1	6
05:01 - 06:00	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	6
06:01 - 07:00	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	7
07:01 - 08:00	0	3	3	2	3	3	0	14
08:01 - 09:00	4	3	5	5	2	2	4	25
09:01 - 10:00	1	2	5	2	3	2	5	20
10:01 - 11:00	2	1	4	3	1	5	5	21
11:01 - 12:00	5	7	6	8	3	2	2	33
12:01 - 13:00	4	4	12	0	6	7	5	38
13:01 - 14:00	3	5	4	4	3	8	3	30
14:01 - 15:00	4	3	2	2	6	4	6	27
15:01 - 16:00	3	10	11	8	5	11	4	52
16:01 - 17:00	7	8	8	10	6	13	6	58
17:01 - 18:00	2	7	5	2	7	7	3	33
18:01 - 19:00	1	3	7	4	1	4	5	25
19:01 - 20:00	2	2	0	5	0	3	2	14
20:01 - 21:00	3	3	4	3	2	2	3	20
21:01 - 22:00	4	2	1	2	0	2	2	13
22:01 - 23:00	3	2	0	1	1	5	2	14
23:01 - 24:00	0	1	0	0	1	5	4	11
<b>Totals</b>	56	69	82	66	55	89	66	

**Total Accidents for 2006: 483**

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### Type of Accidents for 2006

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**Non-Injury 431**

**Injury 49**

**Fatality 3**

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**Total 483**

## Alcohol Related Arrests

<u>Type of Arrest</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Driving While Intoxicated	66	89	82
Minor in Possession	126	115	169
Other	60	71	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>312</b>

## Drug Related Arrests

<u>Type of Arrest</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	75	48	37
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	80	51	37
Drug/Narcotics Violations	28	25	6
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	1	5	5
Poss. Of Precursor to Manufacture Meth	17	11	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>85</b>

## Juvenile Alcohol and Drug Related Arrests

<u>Type of Arrest</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	22	16	10
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	26	10	7
Drug/Narcotics Violations	5	1	0
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	0	2	1
.02 Violation	0	1	2
Minor In Possession	58	28	59
Open Container	7	2	5
Driving While Intoxicated	6	6	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>92</b>



# Major Crimes

## Major Crime Report

Another year has passed us by and again we have had the good fortune to escape with no homicides in our city. It would appear that sexual assaults are staying about the same with 25 reported in 2006, and 27 reported in 2004 and 2005. Assaults remain high and have increased from last year, with 183 reported assaults this year compared to 154 last year. Burglary calls have also increased with 122 this year compared to 102 last year. Larceny and theft calls seem to always remain high with 584 this year, compared to 591 last year.

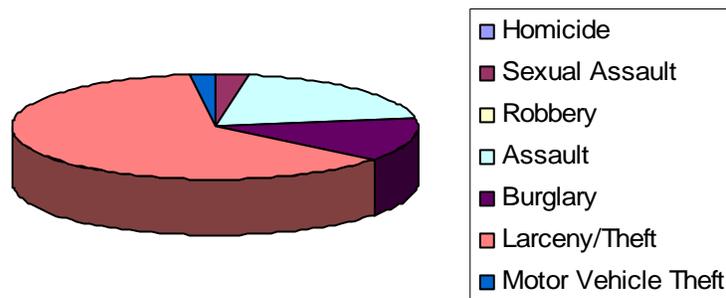
We seem to see motor vehicle thefts go in spurts from year to year. There was a significant drop in reported motor vehicle thefts this year with 17 reported compared to 39 last year.

Drug violation arrests have dropped significantly this year, with 85 arrests this year compared to 149 last year. Marijuana and Methamphetamine continue to be a problem, however drug and narcotic violations and possession of precursors to manufacture methamphetamine has dropped significantly with 6 arrests for narcotic violations this year compared to 25 last year. There were no arrests in 2006 for possession of precursors to manufacture methamphetamine compared to 11 in 2005. It is possible that this decline in arrests is due to the new laws regarding precursors, specifically ephedrine. The new laws have made it difficult to obtain this precursor.

## Major Crimes Reported in Beatrice

Offense	2004	2005	2006
Homicide	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	27	27	25
Robbery	2	2	1
Assault	207	154	183
Burglary	109	102	122
Larceny/Theft	579	591	584
Motor Vehicle Theft	20	39	17
<b>Totals</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>932</b>

### Major Crimes Reported in 2006





# 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 Lieutenant in charge of Support Services commands the Criminal Investigations Unit with one full time investigator assigned to the unit.

During 2006, the Investigation Unit was busy with a variety of cases ranging from thefts, felony assaults, sexual assaults, and burglary cases. In February 2006, the Investigations Unit assisted officers in a burglary investigation. The investigation involved a burglary to a business in Beatrice. During this investigation, this burglary as well as two additional burglaries in Gage County were cleared. One subject was arrested and convicted for all three burglaries.

In September of 2006, officers responded to a call of two subjects planning to shoot another person. Both suspects were arrested, and an extensive investigation followed. Both suspects are currently waiting further court hearings.

The Investigations Unit was kept busy in 2006 with Sexual Assault cases. Several arrests were made in 2006 involving sexual assaults. Most of the suspects are still waiting court hearings or sentencing.

In 2006, the Criminal Investigator as well as three uniformed police officers completed training for Clandestine Laboratory Safety Certification. All four individuals are now trained and certified to investigate, seize, process and dismantle clandestine laboratory sites.

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 Team. This team meets once a month and reviews cases involving suspected child abuse or neglect.

The investigator assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit also serves as the liaison to Crimestoppers of Gage County, Inc. This assignment requires the investigator to attend monthly meetings of the Crimestoppers board. The investigator also is responsible for the maintenance of the statistical reports, writing of the year-end report, and recommending rewards to confidential callers.

# Crime Scene Team

This was another busy year for the Crime Scene Team, which was activated eight times. It appears that December was the busiest month of the year as the team was activated three times within a two week period. June was the next busiest with two activations on the same day, a burglary in the morning and a suicide investigation that night. Of the eight activations, five were in the City and three were in the County. A complete break down of the activations are shown below.

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| March 10    | The team was called to a local residence to investigate the death of an infant.  |
| April 26    | The team investigated the burglary of a local business.  |
| June 30     | The team investigated a burglary of a local business and the forced entry into a fireworks truck which was parked on the property.                     |
| June 30     | The team assisted the Gage County Sheriff's Office with the investigation of a suicide at a farmstead North of Beatrice.                               |
| November 30 | The team assisted the Gage County Sheriff's Office with the investigation of a suicide in Virginia.  |
| December 15 | The team was called out to investigate the scene of a rape.  |
| December 22 | The team was called out to investigate an armed robbery of a local business.   |
| December 27 | At the request of the Gage County Sheriff's Office the team executed a search warrant of a residence where an assault had taken place in Blue Springs. |

# Arrest Charges

<b>Type of Charges</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Assault 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>	125	67	50
Strangulation	4	5	2
Domestic Assault	30	63	51
Protection Order Violations	17	24	23
Sexual Assaults 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>	2	9	12
Drug Violations	177	149	85
Burglary	33	14	9
Theft	159	31	48
Criminal Mischief	71	73	66
Child Abuse/Neglect	13	37	27
Weapons Violations	20	22	7
Disturbing the Peace	24	16	26
Disorderly Conduct	12	23	20
Minor In Possession	119	110	169
Procuring	7	8	12
DWI	63	90	82
Refusal to Subit	17	16	14
Open Container and other Alcohol offenses	36	50	35
Warrant Arrests	91	103	63
Runaway	68	65	37
Terroristic Threats/ Threats	10	18	10
Forgery 1st Degree	4	12	1
Resisting Arrest	4	5	6
Flight to Avoid Arrest	2	6	2
Emergency Protective Custody	9	7	2
Other Offenses	265	168	129
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>1382</b>	<b>1191</b>	<b>988</b>



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## **Beatrice – Gage County Emergency Response Team**

The Beatrice-Gage County Emergency Response Teams is a multi-agency tactical unit formed in the mid 1980's to respond to high-risk incidents. The unit is made up of members of the 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.

2006 witnessed a large turnover in the membership and command structure of the ERT. Captain Fitzgerald retired after 24 years of involvement with ERT. Jerry Lamkin was promoted to fill the vacant position, and became Team Commander, moving up from Negotiations Team Leader. Gage County Sheriff's Office members, Sergeant Anna White and Deputy Chuck Menezes resigned from the sheriff's office, and Paramedic Jake Carel resigned as a Tactical Medic. To fill the vacancies, five new members were added from the police department, Officer Doug Coon, Sergeant Brian Carver, Investigator Rob Mierau, Officer Zac Lauenstein, and Officer Dan Emken were all assigned to the ERT. Additionally, Officer Zac Lauenstein continued to function as a negotiator and moved to Negotiations Team Leader position. Gage County Deputy Jeremy Wach was added as a negotiator. Jeremy Seggerman filled the vacant Tactical Medic position

There were four incidents within Gage County requiring the use of the Tactical Team. In February ERT responded to a report that a suicidal male had barricaded himself in his sister's home and was potentially holding the residents against their will. After attempts to contact the male failed, a stealth search was conducted and the male was found asleep. The family was unharmed and it appeared the reported hostage incident was unfounded. In March, a call that a suicidal male had barricaded himself in his home proved genuine. ERT members found that the male had barricaded the door to his farm house. Attempts to negotiate were attempted several times, however the male appeared unwilling to cooperate. After negotiation proved ineffective, team members breached the front door and observed the male threatening himself. Two bean bag rounds were fired at the male. He was ultimately controlled and given medical attention. In June ERT was available for Riot Control during a military funeral where a protest was anticipated. No ERT action was required during the protest. During December, ERT was called to serve a high risk search warrant on residence where a felony assault had occurred earlier. The residence was successfully cleared and turned over to the crime scene team for the search.

Team members conducted in-house training in order to provide ongoing tactical training and to train the additional team members. Ongoing training consisted of Tactical Movements (T/Y, Stealth, Hostage Rescue, HRWS), Firearms Training (Qualification, Shooting on the Move, Exertion), Low Light Tactics, Chemical Munitions, Less Lethal, and Riot/Protest Control and Arrest Tactics. Additionally a 47.5 hour Basic SWAT course was developed and conducted in-house.

## Emergency Response Team Member Information:

Team Commander	Captain Jerry Lamkin	BPD	
Team Leader	Sergeant Tony Lenners	BPD	
Asst Team Leader	Sergeant Jay Murphy	BPD	
Team Members	Sergeant Mike Oliver	BPD	
	Officer Wes Henning	BPD	
	Officer Erin Byrne	BPD	
	Sergeant Joe Kubicek	GCSO	
	Investigator Larry Kendall	GCSO	
	Officer Doug Coon	BPD	
	Sergeant Brian Carver	BPD	
	Investigator Rob Mierau	BPD	
	Officer Zac Lauenstein	BPD	
	Officer Dan Emken	BPD	
	Negotiations Team Leader	Officer Zac Lauenstein	BPD
	Negotiations Team Member	Deputy Jeremy Wach	GCSO
	Tactical Medics	Mike Massey	BF&R
		Craig Fisher	BF&R
Jim Young		BF&R	
Jeremy Seggerman		BF&R	



# Gage County Victim Assistance Program

- The Victim Assistance Program has been in existence since 1995. It is supported by VOCA federal grant funds and matching in-kind funding 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	

- I am a Board Member and Treasurer of the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime which meets monthly.
- I serve on the Board of PATCH and the Gage County Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Council.
- 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.

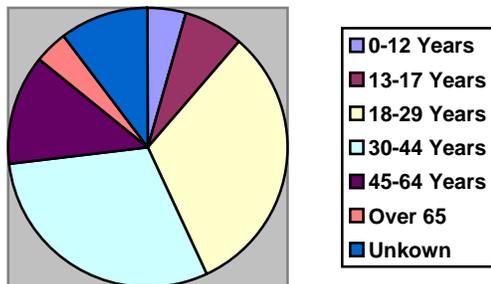
# Victim Assistance Program Statistics 2006

TYPE OF SERVICE	NUMBER OF TIMES PROVIDED
Crisis Counseling	112
Personal Advocacy	294
Information/Referral (In Person)	188
Information/Referral (Phone Contact)	222
Emergency Financial Assistance	0
Follow Up Contact	556
Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy	331
Compensation Assistance	2
Transportation	2
Protection order Assistance	108
Cellular Phone Program	8
Other	3
<b>Total Number of Services Provided</b>	<b>1,826</b>
<b>Total Number of Victims Served</b>	<b>548</b>

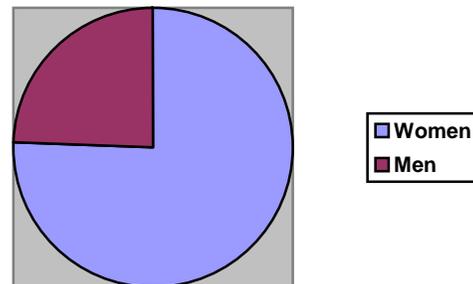
TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED	TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED
Homicide	0	Sexual Assault (Adult)	6
Child Abuse/Physical	5	Domestic Violence	138
Child Abuse/Sexual	17	Incest Survivor	0
DWI/DUI	1	Assault	29
Robbery	1	Elder Abuse	0
Burglary	3	Business	0
Arson	1	Other	161

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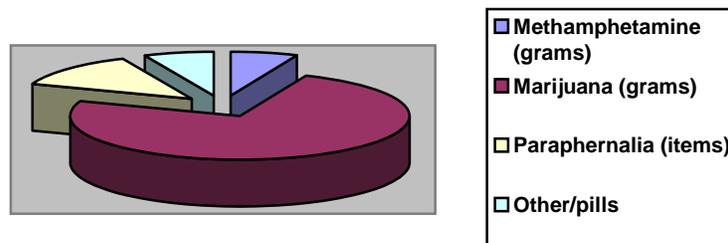


# Southeast Area Drug Enforcement Task Force “SEADE” Report

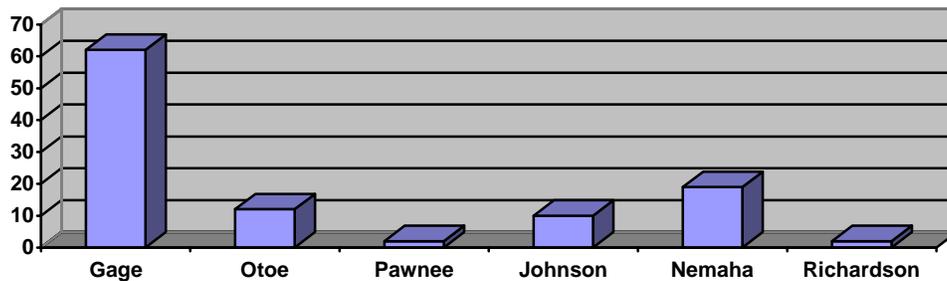
SEADE is a drug task force that operates off of a federal grant administered by the Nebraska Crime Commission. SEADE also receives matching funds from the six counties that it serves. SEADE has two full time investigators and a part-time secretary. The following are statistics for the year 2006.

<b><u>Cases Initiated</u></b>	106
<b><u>Confidential Informants</u></b>	3
<b><u>Intelligence Reports</u></b>	56
<b><u>Arrests</u></b>	17
<b><u>Drug Buys Initiated</u></b>	3
<b><u>Search Warrants</u></b>	6

## 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 did twelve such presentations this year.

SEADE underwent many changes in 2006. Instead of being a strictly undercover drug task force, we are including drug interdiction to the SEADE operational plan. New investigators were hired and a K-9 unit was incorporated into the plan. We look forward to successful 2007.

Methamphetamine continues to be a concern in 2006. Although Nebraska State Patrol statistics show that meth lab seizures were down from 2005, the majority of methamphetamine that we see in Nebraska is brought in from outside the state, mainly from California and Mexico. It is estimated that between 70 and 80 percent of the drug enters the state from outside its borders. The typical meth lab in Nebraska is capable of producing anywhere from ½ ounce to 2 ounces of the drug, however, meth lab clean up can consume up to 80 percent of law enforcement's time depending on the size and active status of the lab. Fewer meth labs mean more time for officers to target those who are dealing and using the drug, it doesn't necessarily mean we will have less of the drug.

Meth is a stimulant that affects the central nervous system. It is said that 98 percent of people who try meth will become addicted to it. SEADE has interviewed many meth users and they all say the same thing, that after the first use they didn't know when they were going to use again, they just knew they would. Methamphetamine causes a huge release of dopamine in the user's brain. Dopamine is a naturally occurring chemical we have in our brain that allows us to feel pleasure. Meth also causes the release of epinephrine, a naturally occurring chemical in our sense of well-being. A chemical is released, nor epinephrine is released fight or flight mode, in the adrenaline rush use meth often they have never felt with more energy than they know what to do with. The incredible feeling they get from this drug makes such an impression on the user that they crave that feeling again. Over time, the brain is depleted of dopamine and the only time the user can experience pleasure is when they are under the influence of the drug. This creates a huge obstacle for people who want to stop using. Without the drug they feel miserable...angry, sad, irritable, and prone to violence. They experience these same feelings when they are coming down off of a high, known as "tweaking". Longtime meth abusers typically have brain function similar to that of paranoid schizophrenics. Another typical affect of meth use is known as "crank bugs". Because of the way that meth affects the central nervous system, over-stimulation of the nerves, users get the sensation that they have bugs crawling under their skin and it causes them to pick at the bugs until they actually caused an open sore.



Meth can be injected, smoked (heated and the fumes inhaled), snorted, and taken orally. If it is smoked or injected the high is almost instantaneous, happening within seconds. The high from meth can last from 6 to 12 hours depending on the quality of the drug. The effects of crystal meth, often called "ice", can last up to 24 hours. Crystal meth is a purer form of meth, some say up to 90% pure, with more intense effects. Crystal meth is more likely to cause the user to have visual and auditory hallucinations. Meth, in general, causes users to become very paranoid. Users will lie, cheat, steal, and use force to get the money to get more meth or to get the ingredients to manufacture the drug. This increases the incidents of burglary,

vandalism, theft/shoplifting, and assault. It's clear that this drug creates problems in all aspects of our society.

Methamphetamine typically is found as a coarse powder, white to off-white in color. The texture is comparable to that of sugar or salt. However, SEADE has purchased light pink and tan colored meth. We have also seen meth that is very fine textured, like flour or powdered sugar. Crystal meth looks like little shards which is where it gets the street name "ice".



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Meth can be detected in the user's blood or urine from 12 – 72 hours after initial use. It can be detected in hair for up to 90 days. Some of the affects of meth use are: rotten teeth, emaciated look (extreme weight loss), body odor, open sores (crank bugs), fundamental and long lasting changes in the way the brain works (dopamine & serotonin), highly addictive, heightened sexual activity (std's and abuse as the user seeks to fulfill the sexual urge), increased heart and respiratory rates, increased body temperature, paranoia, hallucinations, decreased social life, severe depression (resulting from the inability to experience pleasure unless on the drug), sleep deprivation, excessive talking, hyperactivity, aggressiveness, and violent tendencies (volatile behavior).

Meth will continue to be a danger to our community.



Methamphetamine



Before



After (1 yr 5 mos)

\*pictures from "the faces of meth" at OregonLive.com

## Bike Patrol

The Beatrice Police Department Bike Patrol spent a limited amount of time on bike this year. Even though our staffing was down with the retirement of the Captain and resignation of other officers we did have the opportunity to ride during Homestead Days, the last day of school, and during several parades. We also take advantage of our bikes for special details such as targeting areas of town with increased crimes.

The Beatrice Police Department has had bike patrol since 1993 and it continues to be an important tool at our disposal. We currently have 10 officers assigned to bike patrol and each of the officers are looking forward to increasing our over all time on the bikes in the future.



## **School Resource Officer Program (SRO) for 2006**

The School Resource Officer Program completed its seventh year of existence in 2006. As in previous years, the SRO program continues to thrive and be beneficial to both 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 fourth 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 in various subjects. Mediation between students also continues to be an excellent tool in preventing crime, particularly assault.

Reported crimes in the Beatrice Middle School are possibly close to an all time low since the inception of the SRO program in 1999, with very few actual crimes being reported in 2006. 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 2006.

The only criminal issue that appears to be steady is Truancy arrests, however this is believed to be partially due to the fact that the State Legislature changed and enacted a law in 2005 which requires students to attend school until 18 years of age, instead of 16 years of age. 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 additional working relationships between the BPS District and the Beatrice Police Department.

Officer Erin Byrne #322 (School Resource Officer)

## **Gage County Community Service Coordinator Report**

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.

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. 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 we have 38 agencies participating in the Community Service Program. Individuals attending orientation also receive several pamphlets educating 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 2006, 107 youth completed the Community Service Orientation. The total number of community service hours completed for 2006 was 840. The Community Service Coordinator Program continues to grow as more people become aware of this service.

## **Special Security Detail**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, 2006 the Beatrice community once again was saddened by the loss of one of their sons, who had lost their life while fighting in Iraq. A very large contingency of the community turned out to pay their final respects, lining the downtown and in large groups all along the procession route. This department provided escort security for the funeral procession, which matched or exceeded the one the previous year. Six Beatrice Police units were assisted by four from the Gage County Sheriff Department and two from the Nebraska State Patrol.

On the day of the funeral our assistance was also given in providing security near St. John's Church. A religious group from Kansas was once again in our community to plan a public demonstration. The group was allowed to form a block north of the church. The Beatrice/Gage County Emergency Response Team was positioned a block from the group and team members remained in the police Mobile Command Center. Citizens of this community allowed the demonstrators to exercise their right of free speech and the need of the ERT team to intervene was not necessary.

## **Distributing Teddy Bears to Local Children**

During the last seven years, Captain Fitzgerald has approached local discount stores with a request for donations of Christmas and Valentine's Day teddy bears, which were left over after the holidays. Drawings are then held at each elementary school for the teddy bears. It is very gratifying to see how happy these children are to receive the teddy bears. Captain Fitzgerald retired in 2006; however this is a wonderful event that the Beatrice Police Department would like to continue.

Investigator Vath has taken over the role of collecting and distributing the teddy bears. In December of 2006, Investigator Vath, as well as uniformed Officers Gill and Welch handed out approximately 35 teddy bears to children at all four elementary schools. Unfortunately some children have only had contact with law enforcement, due to some type of call or response at their residence. It is nice to be able to interact with the children of Beatrice during a fun and positive event.

## **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 is activity represented by four member of the Beatrice Police Department. These individuals include Lt. Joe Hawkins, Tina Vath, Stephanie Wallman, and Kerri McGrury.

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

Some activities the Community Justice Task force has been involved with are:

- National Night Out – August 2006
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Health Day – September 2006  
This event was organized by the MAPS Coalition and hosted by Southeast Community College. Gage County 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to attend an educational but fun day providing information on various health related topics. Stephanie Wallman and Kerri McGury presented information on “Gateway Drugs” in two separate classrooms.
- Teen’s Night Out – October 2006  
This event was hosted by the Beatrice YMCA. It has a purpose of providing drug and alcohol education in an entertaining and interactive atmosphere, while offering a healthy alternative or social event for Gage County 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders to attend.

# National Night Out 2006

The Beatrice Police Department participated in National Night Out on August 1, 2006. It was a coordinated effort with the Gage County MAPS Coalition Community Justice Task Force. National Night Out 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

The Beatrice Police Department had many items displayed at the event including the newest addition of the patrol fleet, the crime scene/mobile command vehicle, AKA “The Whale”, brochures on drug information and the victim assistance program. Chief Lang, Lt. Hawkins, Sergeant’s Lamkin, Murphy and Oliver were present to interact with participants. There were free balloons, tattoos, coloring books and crayons for children. Main Street Beatrice provided and served hotdogs, chips, pop and water at the event.

The following agencies listed provided displays at the event:

- Gage County Reserve Deputies provided Child Identification Kits
- Beatrice Fire and Rescue provided a display of equipment
- Nebraska National Guard
- Nebraska State Patrol

There were approximately 250 people in attendance.

