



Beatrice Police Department

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



STAKE
YOUR
CLAIM

BEATRICE
CITY • BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Index

A Word from Chief Murphy	1
Administration	
Organizational Chart.....	2
Changes in Staff and Department Accomplishments	3
Budget & Finances, and Records	4
SE 911 Communications Center	
Communications	5-6
Calls for Service	7-8
Calls for Service by Agency	9
Road Patrol	
Patrol.....	10-11
Vehicle Summary.....	12
Training	13
Incidents & Mental Health Assessments	14
Ordinance and Traffic Statistics	15
Accident Statistics.....	16
Arrest Charges	17
Juvenile Arrests and Narcotics Division	18-19
Property Crime Stats	20
Investigations	
Criminal Investigations Report	21-22
Crime Scene Team.....	22
Juvenile Services.....	22
Special Services	
K9 Program	24
School Resource Officer Program	25
Drone Program	25
Gage County Victim Assistance Program	26-29
Police Speaker Service & Community Policing	30-31

Beatrice Police Department 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.”

A Word from Chief Murphy



Dear Mayor Morgan, Members of the Beatrice City Council
and Citizens of Beatrice,

This year marked continued commitment by the Beatrice Police Department to public safety, community trust, and professional excellence. Our officers and civilian staff worked diligently to reduce crime, take drugs off the street and strengthen partnerships throughout the community. This report highlights our accomplishments, challenges, and priorities for the year ahead.

As for staffing, we did have one officer leave us for a law enforcement job with the federal government. Congratulations to him and to us for training him to be a good enough officer to take the job. We replaced this officer with a young officer that we feel is going to be just as good, if not better. By the work he is doing already, I have no doubts. The hiring of this officer keeps our road patrol staffing at full status.

As for the communications center, our Director, Carla Zarybnicky retired in September, leaving our center without the proper guidance it deserves. A long-time Communications Officer, Russ Jobman, stepped into the position of Lead Dispatcher and we are off and running like never before. Russ has done a great job getting things back on track and is making improvements to the functioning, policies and training of the center. Morale of the center is at a high I have not seen for quite some time.

Inside this report you will find a large amount of information about the Beatrice Police Department, as well as the communications center which is also known as Southeast Communications 911 Center. The information will consist of a lot of numbers showing our progress throughout the year. But, as I have mentioned in the past, numbers do not mean a lot if the employees and the community are not happy with how things are going. What does mean a lot is how the community and the department communicates and works together as one.

Towards the beginning of each year, we sit down and make goals for the department. Some goals are met and some are not. But this is not something that defines our progress. It does give us something to work towards and maybe to look forward to, but if some goals are not met, it's not the end of the world. It just means we may need to redefine these goals and work harder to accomplish them. We do this as a team, and we will continue to work as a team and a family.

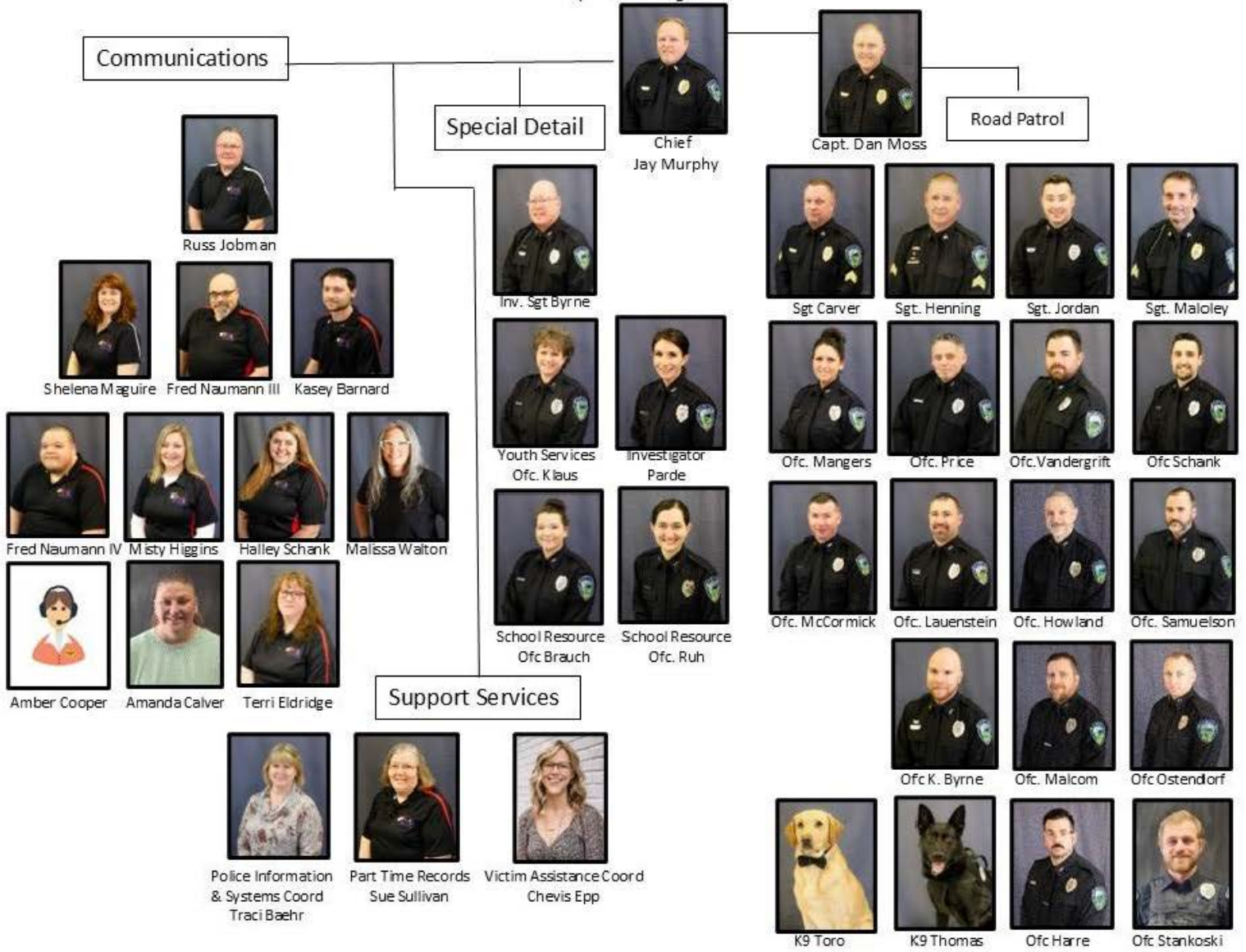
Looking forward to 2026!

Sincerely,

Jay Murphy

Jay Murphy
Chief of Police
City of Beatrice

Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart 2025



Changes in Staff and Recognitions 2025

Promotions

- Russell Jobman – Lead Dispatcher

New Hires

- Justyce Stankoski - Officer
- Amanda Calver - Dispatcher

Internal Transfers

- None

Resignations

- Zac Smith - Officer
- Carla Zarybnicky – Communications Director
- Aaron Benson - Dispatcher

Retirements

- None

Department Accomplishments

- K-9 Shift Implemented
- Purchased Stationary License Plate Readers
- Backup 911 Center Functioning
- Upgraded Digital Forensic Equipment

Budget & Finances

The City of Beatrice and the Beatrice Police Department operate on a biennial budget, running from Oct 1st through Sept 30th. The Police Department Actual Budget Expenditures ending Sept 30, 2025 was \$5,287,211.

Animal Control	\$60,000
Police Administration	\$386,281
Police Patrol	\$3,319,934
Southeast 911 Communications	\$1,425,260
Victim Assistance Program	\$95,736

Grants

The Police Department applies for Grants each year to help offset costs. In 2025 we received grant money to help purchase stationary LPR cameras (License Plate Reader). These cameras can be placed throughout the city to capture license plate information that can be accessed by our agency and surrounding agencies. We also received a grant to replace computer and camera equipment in one of our patrol cars.

Records

The Beatrice Police Department uses the New World System's Public Safety software. Our records management system is integrated with the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) and Mobile software which is used by Communications and Patrol. This allows a Call for Service, persons, or crimes to be easily tracked and searched for reference. This system also has the capability to create reports, charts, and maps of crimes, accidents, types of incidents, etc. This tool is very useful to Patrol to be proactive to help prevent crime. The Gage County Sheriff's Office utilizes our computer system as well. This allows agencies to share information.

Police Information &
Systems Coordinator
Traci Baehr
2005



Part Time
Records Clerk
Sue Sullivan
2021

Communications



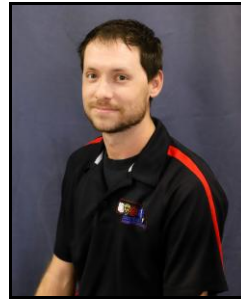
Lead Dispatcher
Russell Jobman 2003



Shelena Maguire
2001



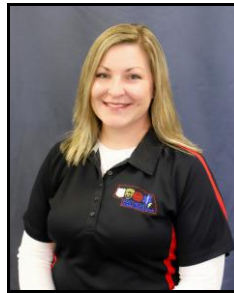
Fred Naumann III
2011



Kasey Barnard
2013



Fred Naumann IV
2015



Misty Higgins
2017



Terry Eldridge
2021



Halley Schank
2021



Malissa Walton
2022



Amber Cooper
2022



Amanda Calver
2025

"Between the thin red line and the thin blue line lies the thinnest gold line. This gold line represents those who are rarely seen but mostly heard... The calm voice in the dark night. Dispatchers: The golden glue that holds it all together".

Southeast 911 Communications Center

The Southeast Nebraska 911 Communications Center dispatches for 20 agencies in Gage County. This staff of 11 telecommunicators, averaging over 10 years of experience, fields over 100,000 calls per year between emergency and administrative calls. The willingness of this staff to answer the call and send help on someone's worst day cannot be overlooked.

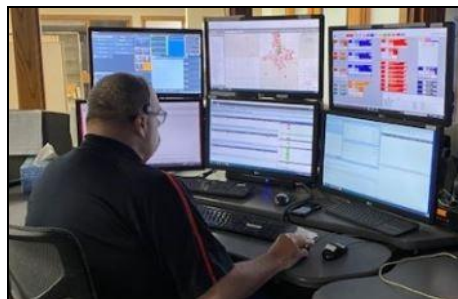
2025 can best be described as a year of transition for the Southeast Nebraska 911 Communications Center. In the first quarter of 2025, due to circumstances beyond the Communications Center's control, the agreement between the City of Beatrice and the City of Crete, representing police, fire & rescue, was terminated. We were honored to have had the opportunity to earn the trust and respect of the respective agencies, and appreciate the relationships that were developed and continue to this day.

The Communications Center however, does continue to progress and move forward with our goals intact. The Communications Center has rolled out the Everbridge Emergency notification system in conjunction and partnership with Nuckolls, Thayer, Fillmore, Jefferson, and Saline County, along with the Beatrice City Offices/Board of Public Works. This system gives users the ability to provide emergency and non-emergency messaging to first responders and/or the public. This enhanced system provides notification via an app, text, email, cell phone, or landline. As part of a cooperative effort with other counties, other agencies have the ability to send emergency messages if the affected area is unable. Also, the emergency notification does not stop at the county line, which previously was an issue.

Through cooperation with the City of Lincoln 911 center, we have added to our communications ability by adding additional frequencies in Lancaster County providing better coverage for Hallam Fire/Rescue, Firth Fire/Rescue, and Cortland Fire/QRT's.

The Communications Center has completely revamped the training program for new hires to assure a comprehensive and complete training in line and accordance with State of Nebraska Standards. A second CTO (certified training officer) has also completed training and is properly certified to train new telecommunicators.

In an effort to streamline and help the City operate more efficiently, the Communications Center has taken over as the after-hours answering service for BPW customers reporting outages or other issues. Methods and procedures were developed in order to accomplish this without impeding the primary Telecommunicator responsibility of public safety.



2025 SE911 Calls for Service

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

CALL TYPE	2022	2023	2024	2025	CALL TYPE	2022	2023	2024	2025
New Call-not assigned	71	81	33	17	Disorderly Conduct	9	11	17	3
911 Hang Up	961	1,710	1,070	666	Disturbance	534	488	422	232
Abandoned Vehicle	26	45	64	31	Domestic	60	91	75	68
Accident/Fatality	5	3	2	5	Door Checks	330	284	158	48
Accident/H&R	129	168	149	94	Drone Deployment			1	11
Accident/Injuries	139	158	100	91	Drowning				
Accident/No Injuries	669	673	625	492	Drug Information	113	92	98	89
Adult Abuse	232	371	369	262	Drug Violation	87	68	55	52
Alarm	68	65	42	45	DUS	141	132	75	65
ALS	16	19	20	31	DWI - DUI	185	126	102	79
Animal Bite	83	72	84	58	Embezzlement				2
Animal Complaint	643	668	619	412	Emergency Protective Custody	27	18	27	14
Animal Cruelty	106	123	106	88	Escort	107	86	205	130
Animal on Roadway	296	296	236	164	Fail to Appear				
Arson	2	2	4	1	False Reporting	5	5	3	
Assault	140	137	146	95	Field Interview	12	5	2	6
Assist Citizen	287	328	338	290	Fire	257	173	183	143
Assist Other Agency	843	785	705	472	Fire Alarm	139	112	139	146
Attempted Suicide		5		3	Fireworks Complaint	52	71	47	65
Background Check		13	23	10	Forgery	5	3	2	
Bar Check	90	151	304	139	Found Animal	220	176	201	142
Barking Dog	75	66	74	60	Found Bike	37	22	15	9
BCH Security	366	365	365	365	Found Property	188	174	174	110
Bicycle Theft	19	9	10	6	Fraud	131	109	108	82
Bomb Threat		1			Gage Co. Warrant	330	313	285	352
BPW	85	116	100	97	Gambling Violation		1		1
Burglar Alarm	242	211	229	199	Game Violation	3	7	7	4
Burglary	71	60	41	38	Gas Drive Off	50	30	19	5
Child Abuse	439	454	420	312	General Information	572	523	476	314
Child Custody	42	31	30	34	Harassment	157	194	222	153
Child Neglect	25	41	49	48	Harassment - Text	12	21	19	15
Civil	385	355	384	300	Health Hazard	84	93	107	81
Civil Process	829	787	591	327	Hitch Hiker	7	10	8	10
Civil Standby	124	103	116	69	Homicide			1	
Community Oriented Policing & Problem Solving			248	269	ICAC	13	26	20	7
Complaint Against Officer	17	15	12	7	Identity Theft	38	36	20	20
Compliance Check	3	1	19	1	Indecent Exposure	4	2	7	4
Crimestoppers	7	20	5	11	Injury	3	2	4	
Death	120	127	123	104	Jail Incident	32	19	18	7

Stats are for All Agencies that SE911 Dispatches For*

CALL TYPE	2022	2023	2024	2025	CALL TYPE	2022	2023	2024	2025
Junked Motor Vehicle	4		3	4	Rescue	1,863	1,680	1,897	1,682
Juvenile	463	491	490	377	Richardson Co. Warrant	344	300	154	
K9 Public Relations	2	4		1	Road Closed	8	3	9	25
K9 Training	37	85	32	20	Robbery	2	1	1	
Lift Assist	203	220	202	119	Runaway	67	83	65	43
Liquor Laws Violation	6	11	3		Scam	129	136	143	173
Livestock Complaint	3	1	14	11	Search Warrant	9	12	14	1
Lost Animal	160	112	94	70	Sex Off Reg Viol	16	25	13	24
Lost Property	100	110	79	88	Sex Offender Compliance Check	27	59	103	61
Medical Alarm	130	119	176	138	Sexual Assault	64	64	42	24
Mental Health	163	153	174	208	Shoplifting	50	133	134	31
MIP	15	21	18	20	Solicitor	4	2	5	2
Missing Person	20	32	37	14	Special Detail	21	17	38	17
Motor Vehicle Theft	39	39	35	15	Suicide	1	1	2	4
Motorist Assist	615	626	520	334	Suspicious	898	968	841	604
Mutual Aid	35	57	39	21	SWAT	1			
Noise	263	269	240	177	Test Call	45	77	64	56
Nuisance	90	16	17	1	Theft	391	301	325	191
Out Of Unit	1,001	867	792	494	Threats	202	222	219	161
Open Container	1			1	Title Inspection	372	380	195	27
Open Door	64	72	51	32	Tobacco/Vape			1	10
Ordinance Violation	162	143	138	90	Traffic Hazard	325	368	375	293
Overdose		7	11	12	Transfer	1,010	980	972	769
Parking /2 HR	11	20	20	11	Transport	212	200	115	15
Parking/24 HR	94	206	170	75	Trash	60	57	36	33
Parking/Other	512	575	471	232	Trespassing	117	123	110	123
Pivot	10	8	8	2	Truancy	8	9	24	42
Poss. of Stolen Property				1	Traffic Stop	9,580	10,211	7,363	4,385
Probation Violation		2	3		Unknown	3	2	1	2
Procuring		1	1	4	Vacation Watch	44	38	32	14
Property Damage	48	84	89	66	Vandalism	228	202	169	65
Protection Order Viol.	82	63	48	36	Vehicle Complaint	1,021	1,037	966	686
Prowler	3	3	2	1	Warrant	217	198	145	121
Public Service	338	408	332	381	Watch	52	50	54	39
Pursuit	18	20	14	7	Weapons Law Violation	20	12	8	6
Remove Party	145	194	185	159	Weather	23	19	29	20
Repo	47	52	50	43	Welfare Check	930	847	823	586

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Calls Per Year	34,847	36,066	31,222	21,782
**Emergency Duplicated or Cancelled Calls	3,870	3,940	3,373	3,024
Total including Cancelled Calls	32,279	38,717	34,595	24,806

Calls for Service by Agency 2025

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

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Beatrice Police Department	10,108	11,500	11,765	11,577	12,245
Board of Public Works	96	87	116	116	123
Gage County Sheriff's Office	5,422	6,806	6,491	6,593	5,911
Wymore Police Department	1,077	669	340	228	1
Beatrice Fire & Rescue & Rural Fire	3,227	3,295	3,036	3,207	3,140
Adams Fire	26	48	82	89	71
Adams Rescue	88	120	144	123	128
Barneston Fire	7	26	61	67	65
Blue Springs Fire	35	51	71	94	88
Clatonia Fire	14	31	80	70	69
Clatonia Rescue	80	92	117	107	124
Cortland Fire	38	55	99	93	88
Cortland QRT's	99	104	122	117	163
Crete Police Department	6,134	5,629	6,286	6,356	1,073
Crete Fire and Rescue	900	942	904	845	227
Dewitt Fire/Rescue	1	3	3	2	5
Diller Fire/Rescue	1	2	0	3	3
Filley Fire	20	36	66	72	62
Firth Fire & QRT	15	14	17	14	14
Hallam Fire & Rescue	12	17	16	20	22
Odell Fire	21	46	73	67	73
Odell QRT's	19	32	24	19	25
Pickrell Fire/QRT's	26	40	107	108	100
Plymouth Fire	0	0	0	2	0
Richardson County Sheriff's Office	3,141	7,208	8,356	3,499	0
Wymore Fire & Rescue	282	317	351	284	275

Patrol



Captain Dan Moss
2009



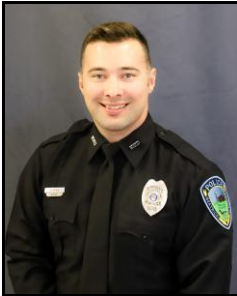
Sgt Wes Henning
1997



Sgt Brian Carver
2000



Sgt Shane Maloley
2009



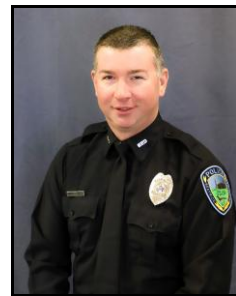
Sgt Ethan Jordan
2018



Ofc Zac Lauenstein
2002



Ofc Kristine Mangers
2006



Ofc Joseph McCormick
2007



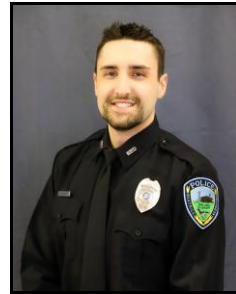
Ofc Timothy Price
2014



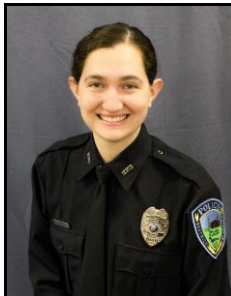
Ofc Kelly Byrne
2018



Ofc Courtney Brauch
2021



Ofc Benjamin Schank
2021



Ofc Brittney Ruh
2022



Ofc Brandon Samuelson
2023



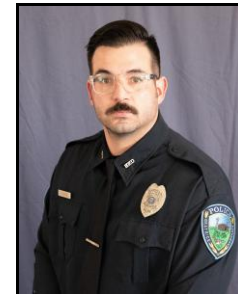
Ofc Christien Vandergrift
2023



Ofc Clayton Malcom
2024



Ofc Brandon Howland
2024



Ofc Matthew Harre
2024



Ofc Trent Ostendorf
2024



Ofc Justyce Stankoski
2025

Patrol

2025 saw a continued full staffing level. One new Officer, who was already NE Certified, was hired late in the year to replace an officer who left to pursue a position in Law Enforcement on the Federal level.

In 2025, patrol officers handled 9,563 calls for service. Traffic enforcement is one of the main functions for patrol officers. In 2025 officers conducted 3,315 vehicle stops, up from 2,215 in 2024. These stops resulted in 65 driving under the influence arrests and 63 driving under suspension/revocation arrests. Officers also responded to 359 vehicle crashes to include one fatality accident. Fatality accident investigations are initially handled by BPD officers, but a more comprehensive report is completed by a Traffic Crash Reconstructionist from the Nebraska State Patrol.

The second main function of patrol officers is to handle self-initiated and citizen-initiated calls for service. There are 130 different call types, with Disturbance, Suspicious, Vehicle complaint and Welfare check making up 1,750 of the remaining 6,250 calls for service handled. Officers did 198 mental health assessments in 2025 as compared to 88 in 2024, and placed 19 people in Emergency Protective Custody, compared to 10 in 2024. 12 people were placed in Civil Protective Custody due their level of intoxication.

During the year, all vehicles except one SRO vehicle, were updated with new Motorola in car camera systems and laptop computers to replace the older Data 911 systems. The new systems have three distinct camera angles and are able to record in car audio. Ten new Axon Taser10 electronic control devices were purchased and issued to officers. A cloud-based Motorola digital evidence library is the new storage platform for all digital evidence Officers collect for their criminal cases.

Sgt Maloley received both the Nebraska and the National American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award. He was honored at the American Legion National Convention in Florida in August. We are very proud of Sgt Maloley and all of our officers.



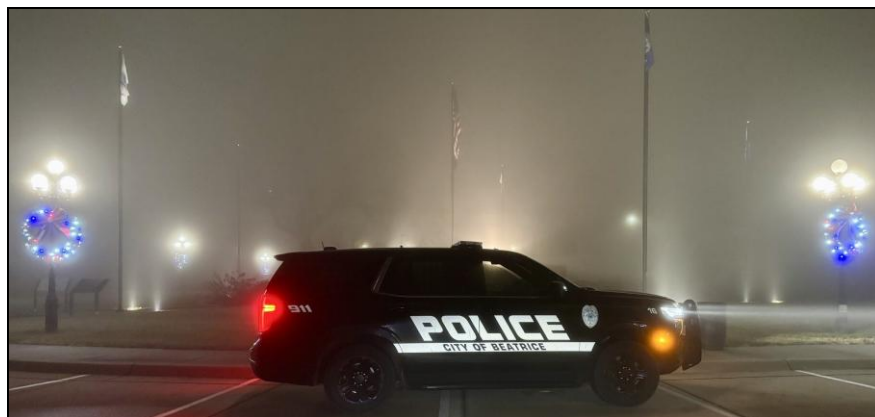
Dan Moss

Operations Captain

Beatrice Police Department Vehicle Information 2025

#	Model	Year	Mileage	Used for	Assigned to	Fuel
1	Explorer	2021	50,793	Patrol		Gas
2	Explorer	2016	85,612	K9	Lauenstein	Gas
3	Tahoe	2020	111,111	Sergeant	Day	Gas
4	Explorer	2021	88,408	Patrol		Gas
5	Taurus	2018	98,211	SRO		Gas
6	Explorer	2017	103,218	SRO		Gas
7	Explorer	2022	62,779	Patrol		Gas
8	Explorer	2022	63,589	Patrol		Gas
9	Tahoe	2016	126,712	K9	Price	Gas
10	Blue Bird	1995	6,242	Command Center		Diesel
11	Explorer	2013	131,511	Captain	Moss	Gas
12	Explorer	2021	20,803	Investigations	E. Byrne	Gas
13	Tahoe	2011	138,527	Patrol/Black		Gas
15	Dodge Ram	2021	23,558	Investigations	Murphy	Gas
16	Tahoe	2024	12,980	Sergeant		Gas
20	Oshkosh M-ATV	2010	4,080	SWAT		Diesel
25	Lacrosse	2006	98,254	Investigations	Klaus	Gas
27	Cruze	2018	4,933	Victim Assistance	Epp	Gas
29	Explorer	2023	32,097	Patrol		Gas

The Beatrice Police Department has received a grant to put 2 license plate reader cameras on three patrol units. Patrol units 2, 9 and 29 are all being equipped with the license plate readers. This allows the camera in the vehicle to not only record, but also to read license plates and alert the Officer if it is stolen, the person is missing, Amber Alerts or if there is any other alert on the vehicle. Through grants, the BPD has also equipped 10 patrol units to have cameras, computers and docking stations. The BPD has been awarded another grant to replace the computer in car 5. The new cameras allow all recordings to be automatically downloaded to the cloud for storage.



Training Summary 2025

All sworn officers are required to complete a minimum of thirty-two (32) hours of continuing education annually, as mandated by the Nebraska State Legislature. Required training encompasses, but is not limited to, de-escalation techniques, mental health response, substance abuse recognition, anti-bias and implicit bias instruction, firearms qualification, and other training as prescribed by law.

The Department conducts regularly scheduled in-service training on the second Monday of each month. Training topics are identified based on statutory requirements, POST mandates, accreditation standards, and departmental needs. Instruction is delivered by sworn personnel who have completed recognized train-the-trainer or instructor-level certification in applicable subject areas. The use of certified internal instructors ensures standardized delivery of training, supports compliance with accreditation requirements, and promotes cost-effective use of departmental resources.

During calendar year 2025, sworn personnel completed a total of one thousand eight hundred sixty-four (1,864) hours of continuing law enforcement education. This training met and, in many cases, exceeded the minimum thirty-two (32) hours of annual continuing education required per officer under POST standards, statutory mandates, and departmental policy.

Some of the more notable training programs hosted or attended by sworn personnel during calendar year 2025 included, but were not limited to, the following:

- DNA Collection and Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
- Ambush Awareness
- De-escalation: Principles and Practice
- Interview and Interrogation
- Stop the Bleed
- Basic Tactical Medical Instructor
- K-9 Recertification
- Basic SWAT
- Terry Stops and Pat-Downs
- Digital Currency Tracing Techniques
- Miranda and Beyond
- Drones Across Law Enforcement: Surveillance, Intelligence, Security, and High-Risk Operations

Calls Responded to 2025

Following are types of calls that the Beatrice Police Department responded to.

CFS/Incident Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
911 Hang Up	234	379	814	473	419
Accidents	403	368	403	362	359
Animal Complaints all types	738	775	707	737	706
Arson	0	1	1	2	1
Burglary	27	35	23	21	22
Child Abuse/Neglect/Custody	268	276	292	258	273
Civil Types	311	301	301	334	264
Complaint Against Officer	7	8	10	8	5
Death	81	75	74	71	73
Disturbance, Domestic or Assaults	506	527	588	430	303
Drug Complaint or Info	81	105	78	95	102
DWI - DUI	69	84	64	52	65
Fraud or Scam	143	157	144	125	158
Harassment or Threats	285	264	305	306	247
Homicide	0	0	0	1	0
ICAC	9	5	18	13	5
Juvenile	290	286	324	321	323
Liquor Law Violations	25	13	26	14	19
Missing Person	11	9	19	18	10
Motor Vehicle Theft	26	27	18	19	10
Parking Complaints	240	266	285	255	268
Pursuit	5	10	7	9	4
Rescue	103	99	121	202	177
Robbery	0	2	1	0	0
Runaway	65	33	46	29	36
Sexual Assault	30	34	41	20	23
Suicide	2	1	1	1	2
Suspicious	454	463	516	441	439
Theft or Shoplifting	208	195	181	197	153
Traffic Stops or DUS	1,788	2,452	1,866	2,279	3,250
Vandalism/Property Damage	121	125	135	121	92
Vehicle Complaints	418	348	417	390	405
Welfare or Mental Health	733	760	837	630	595
All Other Types of Calls	2,428	3,019	3,102	3,343	3,437
	10,109	11,502	11,765	11,577	12,245

Mental Health Assessments made by Officers

A Call for Service may require the officer to make mental health assessments at that time.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Mental Health Assessments made by an Officer	130	120	125	88	198

Ticket Statistics for 2025

Parking/Animal/City Ordinance Charges

Description	Warnings or ER's	Citations
Parking Violation	32	68
Dog at Large	1	32
Rabies Vaccine		1
Discharge Firearm in City Limits		1
Disturbing the Peace		5
Littering		3
Shoplifting		17
Soliciting without a License		1
Trash Placed in Other's Containers		2
Unnecessary Noise		2
Totals	33	132

Traffic Citation Charges

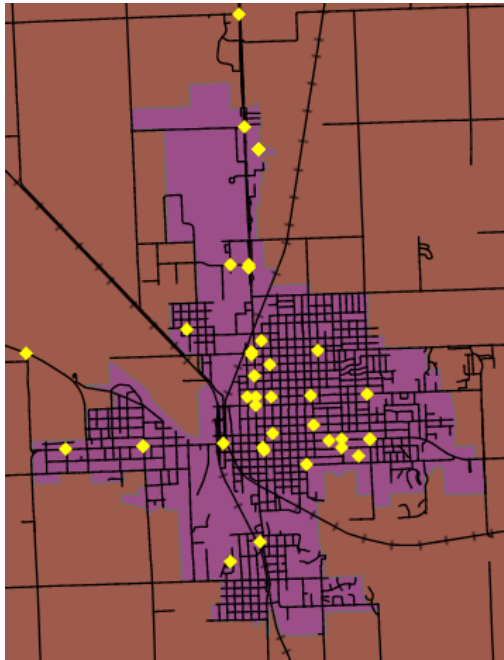
Description	Written Warning or ER's	Citations
Drag Racing		5
Driving Under Suspension or Revocation		97
Exhibition of Acceleration	4	5
Failure to yield ROW to vehicle or Sign	12	24
Fictitious Plates	1	15
Leaving Scene of Accident		12
Lights required on Vehicle or Violation	352	24
Motor Vehicle Restraint – Adult & Child	5	12
Negligent Driving	3	18
No License Plates or manner of display	35	2
One Way Violation	3	4
Operators must have valid license	17	115
Other Traffic Violations	81	77
Proof of Insurance or Ownership	61	102
Reckless Driving		20
Registration Required	53	329
School Bus Arm Violation		2
Speeding	143	112
Stop Sign or Traffic Signal Violation	36	51
Tint Violation	16	3
Totals	822	1029

***Traffic Contacts resulting in only a Verbal Warning = 819**

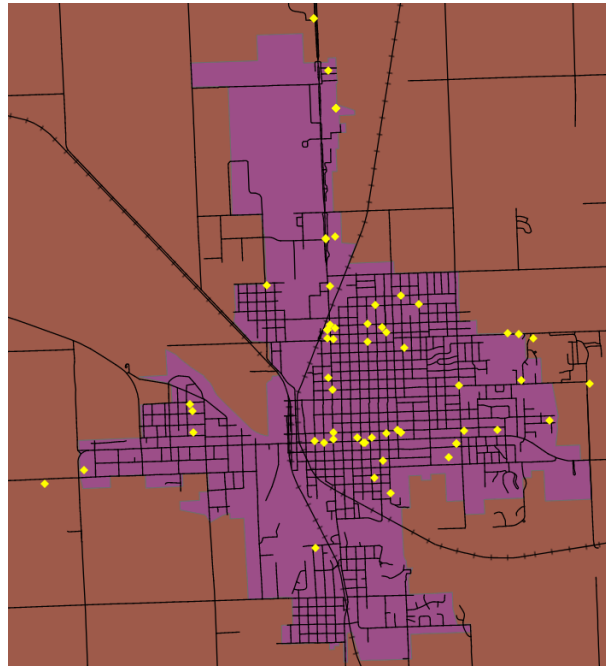
Accident Tallies for 2025

Types of Accidents

Officer Responded but no formal report taken	69
Property Damage	261
Hit and Run	70
Injury	32
Fatality	1
Total	433



Injury or Fatality Accidents



Hit and Run Accidents

Arrest Charges

(Traffic Offenses not included)

Type of Charges	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Assault 1 st /2 nd /3 rd	36	30	37	49	35
Assault on an Officer	3	6	1	3	8
Strangulation	7	6	4	5	1
Domestic Assault (Aggravated or Simple)	40	35	35	27	26
Protection Order Violations	11	13	15	10	17
Sexual Assaults 1st/ 2nd/ 3rd & child	0	1	6	6	1
Terroristic Threats/ Threats	11	9	10	21	18
Murder in the 1st or 2 nd Degree	0	0	0	1	0
Kidnapping	0	0	0	2	0
Child Abuse/Neglect	14	19	28	21	26
Child Abuse Resulting in Death	0	0	0	2	0
Drug Violations	105	137	85	84	143
Burglary	4	6	5	3	4
Theft	16	19	17	33	19
Robbery	0	1	0	0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft/Unauth Use	1	1	2	3	5
Criminal Mischief	20	16	21	30	25
Weapons Violations	15	31	12	17	17
Disorderly Conduct	8	9	9	6	7
Minor In Possession	50	51	37	65	55
DWI	59	73	48	47	60
Other Alcohol offenses	14	26	14	33	52
Resisting Arrest	5	12	6	8	12
Flight to Avoid Arrest	1	4	3	5	2
Warrant Arrest	81	67	73	72	114
Other Offenses	163	81	112	87	127
Total Arrests or Citation Charges	664	653	580	640	775

*Arrestees can be charged with multiple charges on one arrest. Out of these 775 Arrest charges, 344 individuals were taken into custody at the Gage County Jail and 241 people were cited and released at the scene.

Juvenile Arrests and Citations

(under the age of 18) (these numbers are also included in the arrest charges on page 17)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	5	5	9	4	0
Possession Marijuana more than 1 oz	0	0	1	0	0
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	2	3	1	2	1
Other Drug/Narcotics Violations	2	0		0	0
Manufacture Drugs/Intent to Distribute	0	0	1	0	0
.02 Violation	0	0	0	0	0
Minor In Possession	16	9	11	14	5
Procure Alcohol for Minor	1	0	0	0	0
Open Container	0	0	0	0	0
Driving While intoxicated	0	1	1	0	1
Use of Tobacco by a Minor	2	17	16	9	10
Runaway	27	17	28	11	15
Motor vehicle Theft	0	0	2	1	2
Burglary/Thefts/Shoplifting	11	9	14	12	4
Criminal Mischief	6	6	10	8	9
Sexual Assault	0	1	5	2	0
Assaults or Threats	20	16	28	26	20
Assault on an Officer	1	1	0	2	2
Weapons Violations	2	5	3	1	0
Other Offenses	25	24	35	26	30
Juvenile Contacts(warnings)	1	11	8	2	25
Total	121	125	173	120	124

Narcotics Investigation Division

On May 28, 2024, the BPD Narcotics Investigation Division was officially reactivated. The division is comprised of six road patrol officers operating under the supervision of Sergeant Maloley, with Officer Kelly Byrne and Officer Benjamin Schank assigned to dedicated narcotics investigations. Interdiction efforts are carried out by Officer Tim Price, Officer Brandon Samuelson, Officer Zac Lauenstein and Officer Brandon Howland (#306).

Through proactive enforcement, targeted investigations, interdiction operations, and inter-agency cooperation, the diligent actions of these officers throughout 2025 directly resulted in significant drug enforcement outcomes detailed below. These efforts reflect a sustained commitment to disrupting illegal drug activity and enhancing public safety within the jurisdiction.

Enforcement Activity Overview

- Possession of Controlled Substances (PCS) arrests: 15
- Possession With Intent to Distribute (PWID) arrests: 5
- Felon in possession of a stolen firearm arrest: 1
- Possession of a stolen vehicle arrest: 1
- Total arrests documented in case activity: 14
- Arrest warrants executed: 4
- Search warrants executed: 4
- Controlled buys conducted: 5

Seizures and Property of the Narcotics Division

- Methamphetamine: Approximately 502 grams seized, with an estimated street value of \$50,200.
- Cocaine: Approximately 61.06 grams seized, with an estimated street value of \$6,100.
- Marijuana: Approximately 311.5 grams seized, with an estimated street value of \$3260.
- One stolen firearm recovered during enforcement operations.
- One stolen vehicle recovered during enforcement operations.
- One passenger vehicle seized as part of a narcotics investigation.

Operational Highlights of the Narcotics Division

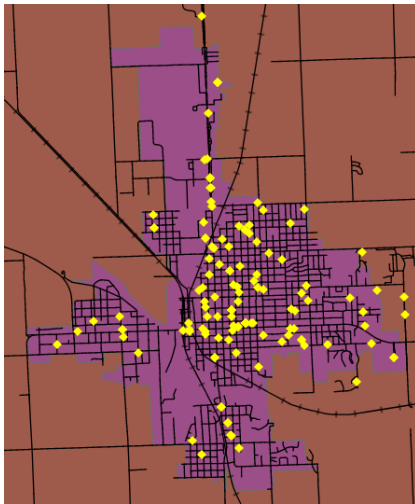
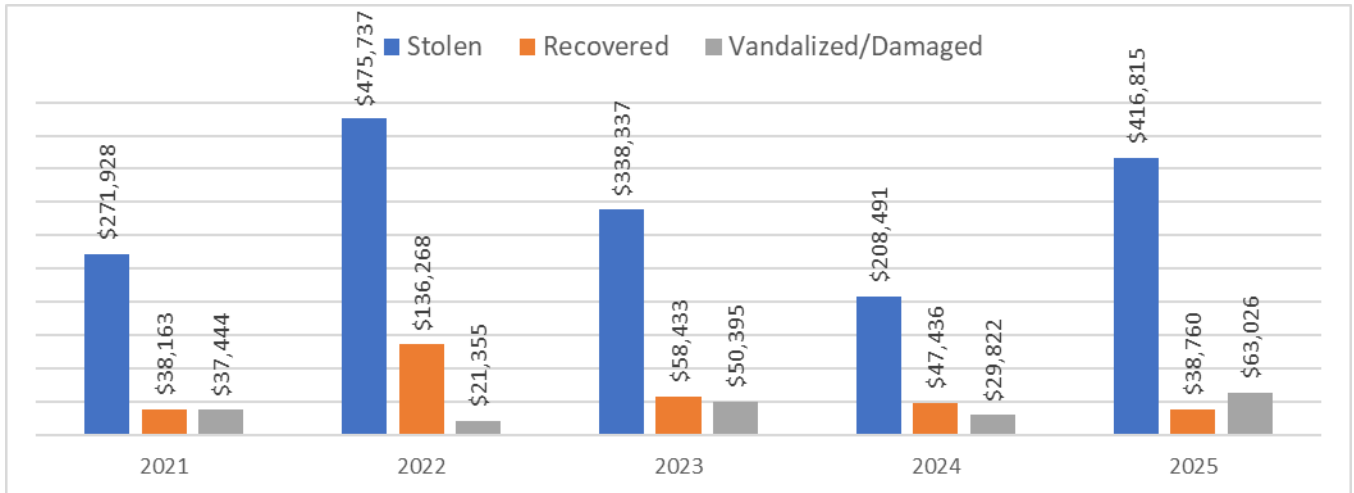
- Multiple arrests resulted from traffic stop investigations, including instances involving controlled substances and drug paraphernalia.
- Controlled purchases were successfully conducted, leading to warrant arrests and the seizure of illegal narcotics.
- Search warrants executed resulting in multiple arrests and recovery of controlled substances.
- Several investigations involved drug residue or positive tests without measurable quantities, contributing to intelligence gathering and follow-up enforcement.
- Assistance provided to partner agencies, resulting in additional arrests and narcotics seizures.

Overall, enforcement efforts demonstrated a sustained commitment to narcotics interdiction through proactive policing, investigative operations, and inter-agency cooperation. These actions contributed to the disruption of illegal drug distribution and enhanced public safety within the jurisdiction.

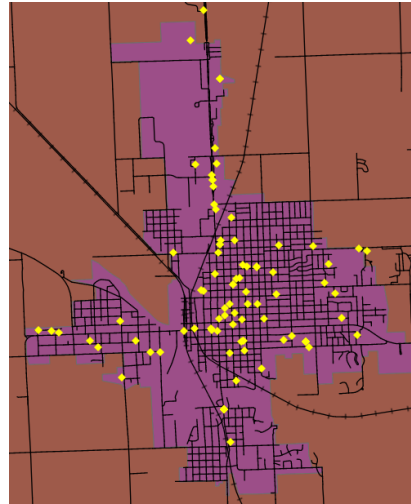
Breakdown of Drug Arrests for Entire Agency

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Poss. Marijuana less than 1 oz	17	27	22	19	17
Possession of Marijuana > 1 oz	4	3	1	1	4
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	27	37	23	20	50
Possession of Controlled Substance	37	55	31	29	56
DUI - Drugs	1	3	3	3	2
Drug/Narcotics & Other Violations	8	3	7	6	2
Manufacture Drugs Intent to Distribute	2	5	0	0	5
Possess with Intent to Deliver	9	4	3	6	7
Totals	105	137	90	84	143

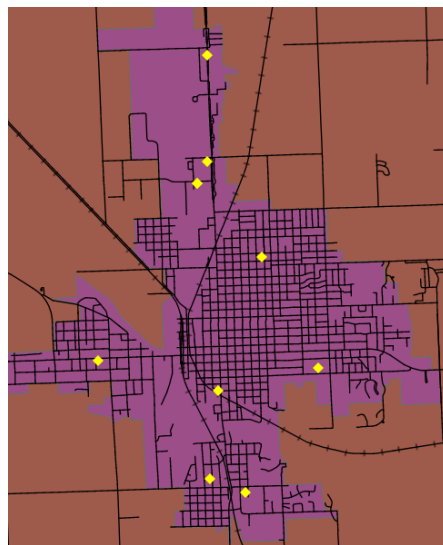
Property Crime Stats



Thefts



Vandalisms

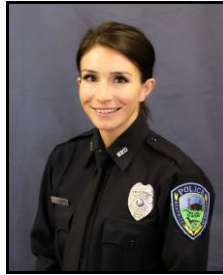


Motor Vehicle Thefts

Criminal Investigations Unit 2025



Investigative Sergeant
Erin Byrne
1996



Investigator
Natasha Parde
2015



Juvenile Services Ofc.
Jennifer Klaus
1994

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

The Criminal Investigations Unit is commanded by Erin Byrne, Investigative Sergeant. The Investigations unit is staffed with two investigators. The investigators are Juvenile Services Investigator Jennifer Klaus and general Criminal Investigator Natasha Parde. There also two School Resource Officers that are under the supervision of the Criminal Investigations Unit, those officers being Beatrice High School SRO Brittney Ruh and Beatrice Middle School SRO Courtney Brauch.

During 2025, the Investigations Unit was directly assigned to numerous calls for service, along with continuing to aid county and state prosecutors throughout the entire year by performing ongoing investigation into two Gage County death cases from late 2024. One case resulted in a prison conviction in late 2025, and the other is going to trial in February of 2026. In addition, the Investigations Unit assisted road patrol on many cases as well as numerous outside agencies with investigations of crimes in their jurisdictions which had ties to Beatrice.

The Investigations Unit continues to work with other agencies as a member of the Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) Task Force. These cases involve crimes such as possession of child pornography, online enticement of a child, and any other cyber-crime involving a child. There were 5 ICAC cases in 2025. The Investigations Unit sometimes is requested to install covert surveillance cameras in Beatrice businesses and home residences in order to solve theft or other crime related issues.

The Investigations unit also assisted in the searches of cell phones and computers for various Beatrice Police Department cases as well as some outside surrounding agency cases. These searches are now being done with a new software/hardware program called Cellebrite Inseyets, purchased new in the summer of 2025. The cost for this new software/hardware are being shared annually between the Beatrice Police Department and the Gage County Attorney's Office. Total number of cell phone searches in 2025 totaled 11 due to not obtaining the new system until almost fall of 2025. These searches can take multiple hours per search given the ever-increasing storage capabilities of newer cell phones. Cell phone searches are completed to obtain information, photos, and videos on various types of cases in which a cell phone or tablet may have been somehow involved.

Aside from criminal investigations, the Investigations Unit conducts background investigations for new department personnel, backgrounds for handgun permit applications, vendor background

investigations, and background investigations for liquor license applications within the City of Beatrice. The Investigations Unit also serves as liaison officers to Crime Stoppers of Gage County. This assignment requires the investigators to attend meetings of the Crime Stoppers Board and to assist with recommendations of rewards to callers who provide information leading to arrests.

Felony Crimes Reported in Beatrice	Offenses Reported	Arrests Made or Warrant Issued
Sexual Assault	3	2
Child Abuse	15	9
Aggravated Assault/Terroristic Threats	20	14
Domestic Assault	7	6
Felony Drug Offenses	64	64
Burglary	13	4
Robbery	1	1
Theft/Forgery/Identity Theft	37	3
Weapons Law Violations	15	12
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	8	3
Other Felony Offenses	64	29
	252	146

CRIME SCENE TEAM The Beatrice Police Department Crime Scene Team, led by Sgt. Erin Byrne, consists of sworn officers and civilians of the Beatrice Police 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 the scene. Members of the team have specialized training in all areas of crime scene investigations. The team has training at least once a year to stay up on the knowledge and skills needed for this unit. It should be noted that the team was significantly depleted due to employee turnover and additional work needs to be done in order to obtain and train new members.

JUVENILE SERVICES In 2025, the Beatrice Police Department received 273 Child Abuse/Neglect/Custody and Adult Abuse/Neglect calls, along with 595 Welfare Check/Mental Health reports. Many of the Welfare Checks involve juveniles. These Abuse/Neglect reports are received from the Department of Health and Human Services Child or Adult Abuse Hotline, school personnel, and other concerned parties that contact the police directly or in situational responses. A majority of these calls are handled directly by, or with the assistance of, the Juvenile Services Investigator or other members of the Investigations Unit.

Of the 273 Child Abuse/Neglect and Adult Abuse/Neglect reports received, several resulted in arrests or citations. Abuse cases are sometimes difficult and time consuming. In the majority of these cases, the situation or actions do not rise to criminal levels but do require intervention, or at least support services through DHHS to protect the abused/neglected and to meet the identified needs.

Juvenile victims of sexual assault, serious physical abuse, witnesses to a violent crime, or other situations are required by State statute to be taken to the BraveBe/Child Advocacy Center in Lincoln as part of the investigation and require officer presence. Each of these interviews can take up to four hours or longer. In 2025, numerous juveniles were interviewed at the BraveBe/Child Advocacy Center on behalf of the Beatrice Police Department. The Juvenile Services Investigator or other investigators generally attend the CAC interviews. The Juvenile Services Investigator is also the liaison officer for the monthly multi-disciplinary investigative and treatment team meetings as required by State Statute (1184 meetings).

Special Services



K9 Unit 2025

The Beatrice Police Department's two K9 Units assist officers with Beatrice Police, Gage County Sheriff's Office, Nebraska State Patrol, and surrounding county law enforcement agencies. Sgt. Maloley began supervising the K9 Unit in 2025. Officer Zac Lauenstein maintains responsibility for facilitating K9 operations, ensures K9 training standards are met, and ensures these valuable assets are effective and efficient in their time of need.

K9 Toro has been working with Officer Lauenstein since 2021. Officer Lauenstein, returned to road patrol in 2025, and K9 Toro are a Certified Narcotics Detection Team in the State of Nebraska. Toro, a yellow British Labrador, not only serves as a narcotics detection dog, but also serves as a community-based service dog, utilized for educational functions, public service events and events with local youth. Officer Lauenstein and K9 Toro worked a day shift road patrol in 2025, but are available for callouts 24/7. Toro had 11 deployments in 2025 and 16 training sessions, and was part of a total of 40 calls for service.

K9 Thomas has been working with Officer Price since 2023, and beginning in 2025 the Beatrice Police Department made a K9 shift that is separate from all other shifts. The days and hours of this shift ensure that a K9 is available for all shifts of the department throughout the week, trying to maximize availability during peak times. Officer Price and K9 Thomas are a Certified Narcotics Detection Team in the State of Nebraska. K9 Thomas, a black Dutch Shepard, had 35 deployments and 19 training sessions in 2024, and was part of 79 calls for service.

The Beatrice Police Department started a partnership with Nestle Purina of Crete Nebraska. Nestle Purina donates top quality dog food to our K9 program when needed.

If you have any questions regarding the Beatrice Police K9 Unit, please feel free to contact the new K9 Supervisor, Sgt. Shane Maloley at 402-223-4080.

If you would like to make a donation to the Beatrice Police Department K9 Unit, please send donations to:

Beatrice Police Department
Attn: Beatrice Police Department K9 Fund
201 N 5th St Beatrice, NE 68310



School Resource Officer Program (SRO)

The School Resource Officer (SRO) program is a key component of maintaining safe, supportive, and positive learning environments within Beatrice Public Schools. SROs engage daily with students, staff, and families to identify and address safety concerns, encourage positive decision-making, and foster trust and mentorship throughout the school community.

In 2025, Officer Courtney Brauch served as the School Resource Officer at Beatrice Middle School, and Officer Ruh served at Beatrice High School. Both officers worked closely with school staff to proactively address behavioral concerns, support safety planning, and provide guidance and mentorship to students. Their ongoing engagement strengthened the partnership between the Beatrice Police Department and the schools.

Both Officers Brauch and Ruh attended the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) training in 2025, gaining advanced knowledge and skills to further enhance their effectiveness in supporting students, staff, and families.

The SRO program emphasizes prevention, education, and relationship-building rather than enforcement alone. Officers focus on guiding students toward responsible choices, resolving conflicts, and offering mentorship. Enforcement is used when necessary to ensure safety and maintain order, but the primary goal remains early intervention and fostering a positive school culture.

At Beatrice Middle School, officers responded to 57 juvenile-related incidents, including 6 assaults, 2 ICAC-related cases, 6 mental health calls, 2 thefts, 1 child neglect, 14 child abuse cases, 12 welfare checks, and 35 truancy calls. They conducted 6 traffic stops, 4 vehicle complaints, 27 public service calls, 22 ordinance violations, and 4 drug-related incidents.

At Beatrice High School, officers responded to 50 juvenile-related incidents, including 10 assaults, 3 harassment reports, 2 sexual assault investigations, 15 mental health calls, 17 welfare checks, 4 thefts, 8 child abuse cases, 3 drug violations, and 2 truancy calls. Traffic enforcement included 4 traffic stops and 2 vehicle complaints. Officers also assisted with 40 public service calls. There were no ICAC or ordinance violation cases reported at the high school.

The presence of Officers Brauch and Ruh continues to enhance communication, trust, and safety within the schools. Their proactive engagement, mentorship, and professional development support the department's mission to provide a safe and positive environment for all students.

Drone Program

The Beatrice Police Department currently operates one DJI drone. Due to the capabilities of this aircraft, it is limited to daytime operations only. In 2026, the department will add a Skydio X10 drone, which will provide enhanced capabilities and allow for both daytime and nighttime operations.

The department maintains four certified drone pilots:

Sgt. Brian Carver	Officer Kris Mangers
Officer Christien Vandergrift	Officer Brandon Howland

In 2025, the drone was deployed a total of 11 times. Notable deployments included:

- Assisting with a possible drowning investigation in the river
- Documenting Dempster's fire and landfill progress
- Searching for lost children or adults (four deployments)
- Providing intelligence and observation during a SWAT search warrant

Gage County Victim Assistance Program

About the Program

Established in 1995, the Gage County Victim Assistance Program has been dedicated to supporting crime victims throughout Gage County. The program operates through the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funding, as well as in-kind and cash contributions from the City of Beatrice and Gage County.

Our Mission

The Gage County Victim Assistance Program is a free public service that provides information, practical assistance, and crisis intervention to victims of crime. Victims not only experience physical harm but also endure emotional and financial hardships, including lost wages, medical expenses, and property damage. Many victims struggle with anger, guilt, confusion, and frustration with the complexities of the criminal justice system.

Our mission is to ensure that victims' rights are upheld while offering guidance, support, and advocacy throughout the legal process. We provide case updates, assistance with compensation applications, and emotional support, always treating victims with dignity, compassion, and empowerment. The criminal justice system is designed to bring justice and relief, but its process is often lengthy and complex. Our office is committed to helping victims navigate each step, ensuring they receive the information, resources, and support they need.

Services Provided

The Victim Assistance Coordinator is responsible for direct victim services, advocacy, and administrative oversight. Daily responsibilities include:

- Making initial contact with victims and providing case updates
- Assisting with State Crime Victims' Compensation applications
- Helping victims complete their Victim Impact Statements (VIS)
- Acting as a liaison between victims and prosecutors
- Attending pre-trial meetings and providing court/law enforcement accompaniment
- Connecting victims with community resources and services
- Assisting with protection orders and follow-up contacts
- Addressing questions and concerns about the criminal justice process

Additionally, the Victim Assistance Coordinator manages collaborations with partner agencies, grant writing, and all required financial and statistical reporting for VOCA funding.

With the loss of the Assistant Victim Advocate position due to funding reductions, the program continues to adapt to ensure that victims in Gage County receive the highest level of support possible.

Chevis Epp has served as the Victim Assistance Coordinator for Gage County since April 2021, stepping into the role following the retirement of the previous coordinator after two decades of service. With over 15 years of experience in victim advocacy, she has dedicated her career to supporting survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, child welfare, and juvenile justice matters. Her work is grounded in a strong background in diversity and equity efforts, child abuse prevention, and mental health support as a certified Mental Health First Aid trainer. Chevis holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, with a minor in Psychology and an emphasis in Counseling.



Chevis Epp
2021

The Gage County Victim Assistance Program has experienced significant instability in funding over the past several grant cycles due to statewide reductions in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding. On November 30, 2023, the program lost one full-time victim advocate position as a direct result of these cuts, reducing staffing capacity and placing increased responsibility on the remaining advocate to meet the growing needs of victims in Gage County.

Historically, the program has relied on VOCA funding since its inception in 1995 to provide critical services to victims of crime. In the current grant cycle, Nebraska experienced a 40 percent reduction in VOCA funding during year one, followed by a 60 percent reduction in year two. While the Gage County Victim Assistance Program was initially able to receive its fully awarded amount during this period, the long-term sustainability of funding continued to decline statewide.

As a result of these ongoing reductions, the VOCA grant application process for Fiscal Year 2025 was paused, and the Nebraska Crime Commission issued a Year 3 extension to the existing two-year grant cycle. Despite this extension, the program's VOCA award was reduced from \$86,000 to \$60,200 due to statewide funding cuts. This reduction placed the remaining full-time Victim Assistance Coordinator at risk of being reduced to part-time or potentially eliminated in order to remain within the awarded amount.

Fortunately, the City of Beatrice was able to work collaboratively with the Gage County Board of Supervisors, who have a longstanding history of supporting the program through matching funds, to secure gap funding. This support has allowed the Victim Assistance Coordinator position to remain full-time for an additional year, ensuring continuity of services until the VOCA grant application process reopens in 2026 for new funding requests.

Despite this temporary stabilization, the program continues to operate with reduced staffing. The loss of a full-time advocate has significantly impacted service capacity, and the demand for victim services continues to exceed available resources.

Gage County Victim Assistance Program: Services & Community Partnerships

24/7 Availability & Law Enforcement Collaboration

The Gage County Victim Assistance Program is available 24/7 to support crime victims and assist law enforcement when called upon by the shift supervisor. The program works closely with the Beatrice Police Department, Gage County Sheriff's Department, Wymore Police Department, Nebraska State Patrol, and the Gage County Attorney's Office to ensure victims receive timely and effective assistance.

Comprehensive Victim Services

The program provides a wide range of services to all crime victims in Gage County, including but not limited to:

- **Crisis Intervention** – Immediate emotional support for victims in crisis
- **Personal Advocacy** – Assistance with navigating victim rights and available resources
- **Criminal Justice Advocacy** – Guidance and support throughout the legal process
- **Protection Order Assistance** – Help with filing and understanding protection orders
- **Property Release** – Coordination with law enforcement for property retrieval
- **Restitution Assistance** – Helping victims seek financial reimbursement
- **911 Cellular Phones** – Providing emergency phones for victims in need
- **Safety Planning** – Developing personalized plans to enhance victim safety
- **Transportation Assistance** – Helping victims access services and court proceedings
- **Parole Information** – Updates on offender release and parole hearings
- **Victim Impact Statement Assistance** – Helping victims express how the crime has affected them

- **Court Proceedings Support** – Accompaniment and guidance for victims in court
 - **General Information & Assistance** – Providing answers and referrals for victim-related concerns
 - **Nebraska Crime Victim’s Reparations Program** – Assisting with financial compensation applications
 - **Nebraska Victims of Crime Alert Portal Registration** – Enrolling victims for case status notifications
- **Community Involvement & Partnerships**
The Victim Assistance Coordinator actively collaborates with multiple organizations to enhance victim services and promote community safety. These partnerships ensure a comprehensive, multidisciplinary response to crime and victimization in Gage County.
- **Gage County Child Abuse and Neglect Treatment Team**
The Gage County Child Abuse and Neglect Treatment Team is dedicated to a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach to assisting children who have experienced abuse or neglect, are at risk, or are displaying delinquent behavior. This team works to fill service gaps for children whose needs are not met within the current system, even in cases where the Juvenile Court is not involved.
- **Gage County Crime Stoppers**
Gage County Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization led by a volunteer citizen board. This initiative brings together law enforcement, media, and the community to combat crime. Crime Stoppers provides a secure, **anonymous** way for individuals to report crime-related information to law enforcement. Tipsters may receive a reward of up to \$1,000 for valuable information leading to an arrest.
- **Southeastern Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force**
Established in 2015, the Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force (NHTTF) coordinates the state’s efforts to combat human trafficking. This initiative brings together law enforcement, prosecutors, service providers, advocates, and community partners to implement a unified, strategic response to trafficking in Nebraska.
- **Nebraska Partnership Against the Trafficking of Humans (NE PATH)**
NE PATH connects organizations and individuals engaged in the fight against human trafficking. This network strengthens Nebraska’s anti-trafficking efforts by fostering collaboration, promoting trauma-informed practices, and ensuring a survivor-centered approach.
- **Community Justice Committee – Gage County MAPS**
The Community Justice Committee operates within the **Multiple Agencies Partnering for Success (MAPS) Coalition**, a network of over 50 individuals, agencies, and organizations committed to improving the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities in Gage County. Through collaboration, the coalition addresses critical social issues and enhances community resources.

Victim Assistance Program Statistics 2025

*Not an all-inclusive list of services provided

TYPE OF SERVICE	# OF TIMES PROVIDED	
	2025	2024
Emotional Support & Safety Services	1,921	1,742
Personal Advocacy & Accompaniment	252	446
Information about the Criminal Justice Process & Referral	4,346	3,711
Law Enforcement Interview/Accompaniment	191	190
Criminal & Civil Justice System Advocacy	4,139	4,033
Compensation Assistance	16	20
Transportation	8	7
Protection Order Assistance	376	432
Total # of Services Provided	10,658	9,932
Total # of Victims Served	1,128	1,258

Types of Victimization & Number of Crime Victims Who Received Services

*An individual MAY be counted in more than one victimization type

Types of Victimization	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Adult Physical Assault	224	77	99	94	94	193
Adult Sexual Assault	72	21	34	34	44	53
Adults Sexual Abused as Children	0	2	2	2	1	24
Arson	0	0	4	4	3	1
Bullying (verbal, cyber or physical)	30	20	12	10	27	24
Burglary	86	47	92	101	68	39
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect	189	209	182	167	144	420
Child Pornography	5	2	0	0	0	0
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	86	160	68	101	161	209
Domestic and/or Family Violence	1115	787	838	793	749	808
DUI/DWI Incidents	15	9	21	26	10	14
Elder Abuse/Neglect	11	9	4	4	5	0
Hate Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking Labor/Sex	0	1	0	0	1	1
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	91	231	157	157	57	11
Kidnapping (custodial/non-custodial)	0	0	1	1	0	0
Mass Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Victimization (hit & run etc.)	35	34	93	94	49	33
Robbery	0	2	0	2	8	20
Stalking/Harassment	419	224	256	256	354	355
Survivors of Homicide Victims	31	50	44	44	40	5
Teen Dating Victimization	0	3	18	18	0	0
Terrorism (domestic/international)	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other (PO violations, criminal mischief etc.)	283	142	198	196	131	232
Total	2,692	2,030	2,123	2,104	1,946	2,443

Source: U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs- Performance Measurement Platform Compiled by: Chevis Epp

Speaker Service and Community Policing

- **Speaker Service**

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

Beatrice Public Schools, various church groups, service clubs, businesses and other community groups and classes requesting the service. The most requested topics are fraud, K-9 presentations and computer scams. Officers also spent time informing people about the Police Department and Officer Duties. Numerous Groups continue to tour the Beatrice Police Department including Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, along with school classes.

- **Holiday Events**

Officers participated in the Downtown Night of the Great Pumpkin fun night and the Trick or Treat event, speaking to Children and family members at this event. Officers also participated in the Downtown Lighted Parade during the Christmas Holiday.

- **Special Olympics**

In 2025, officers remained actively engaged with the Beatrice Special Olympics community, participating in a variety of events that bring joy, confidence, and a sense of accomplishment to the athletes. Officers took part in the 10th annual basketball scrimmage against Beatrice Special Olympics athletes, helping create a fun and competitive environment where athletes could showcase their skills. They assisted the Special Olympics football team with practice leading up to Nationals in Nashville, where the team earned a gold medal, providing hands-on support that contributed to the athletes' preparation and success.

Officers also played a key role in organizing and participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which raises awareness and funds for Special Olympics programs. Additionally, they assisted with refereeing the Beatrice Special Olympics Flag Football scrimmage and organized a Tip-A-Cop event, with proceeds benefiting the local Special Olympics. Events like these hold tremendous meaning for Special Olympics athletes, offering them opportunities for inclusion, celebration of their abilities, and positive interactions with law enforcement. The involvement of officers helps create lasting memories for the athletes while fostering community support, encouragement, and a sense of pride.

Through these activities, the department exemplifies its commitment to community engagement and dedication to supporting athletes with disabilities, further reinforcing the values of teamwork, respect, and service that are central to both the police department and Special Olympics programs.

- **Free Ride Home Program**

The Beatrice Police Department has partnered with Yellow Cab and Gage County MAPS since 2019 allowing officers, bars and restaurants in Beatrice to give vouchers for a free ride home to impaired drivers. A total of 650 vouchers were given out in 2025.

- **National Night Out**

The 2025 National Night Out in Beatrice was a highly successful community event that showcased the strong partnerships between residents, businesses, and law enforcement. With 34 booths filled by local businesses, police informational displays, community organizations, a dunk tank, and

Happy D Clown, attendees enjoyed a wide variety of activities and opportunities to connect with officers and community members.

The event drew a tremendous turnout, reflecting the community's dedication to building positive relationships and promoting neighborhood safety. It provided a fun, engaging environment where families could interact with law enforcement in a relaxed setting, learn about public safety resources, and celebrate the spirit of collaboration. National Night Out continues to be a vital occasion for fostering trust, strengthening communication, and encouraging a united effort to maintain a safe and supportive community in Beatrice.

- **Mini Mart**

The Mini Mart has been an integral part in supporting local students and families, with the School Resource Officer (SRO) playing an active role in providing food from local monetary donations and resources. Through this program, which is supported by the school, the SROs work closely with the Mini Mart to ensure students have access to meals throughout the school year. This program is highly utilized and appreciated by the school community.

- **Stuff the Cruiser**

The 2025 Stuff the Cruiser event brought together local organizations, volunteers, donors, and businesses to support children, teenagers, and families in the Beatrice community. Through strong collaboration and generosity, the event provided meaningful assistance during the holiday season while ensuring resources remained within the local economy. A total of 65 volunteers representing nine community organizations participated in the effort, helping serve 405 children, including 55 teenagers who often face gaps in holiday assistance programs. In addition to toy donations, \$2,950 was raised through community contributions. These funds were intentionally used to purchase age-appropriate gifts for teens and essential hygiene and toiletry items for families in need, addressing both holiday joy and everyday necessities.

All monetary donations from the 2025 Stuff the Cruiser event were reinvested entirely in local businesses and boutiques, creating a direct economic benefit for the Beatrice area while meeting community needs. This approach ensured that generosity not only supported children and families but also strengthened local commerce. Volunteers and support came from the Beatrice Police Department, Beatrice YMCA, CASA, Better Living, BVBH, Sheepgate, PALS, HFA & PHS, and Beatrice Preschool. The 2025 Stuff the Cruiser event demonstrated that when community partners work together with a shared commitment, the impact extends beyond a single season—creating lasting benefits for individuals, families, and the local community as a whole.

- **Lunch with a Cop**

In 2025 our Lunch with a Cop program continued to focus on lunch dates at the schools with students. Students at Beatrice Middle School were recognized and rewarded after participating in Attendance Challenges. Officers enjoyed lunch at Beatrice Middle School as well as the Elementary school. Group lunches continue to be a great way to spend time with our community youth.