

## A Word from Chief Lang...



Dear Mayor Wirth and Members of the Beatrice City Council,

I would like to present to you the annual report for the Beatrice Police Department. This has been a busy time for the Department in 2015. Due to some extended illnesses, retirements and transfers out of the Police Department, we found ourselves working shorthanded for much of the year. Officers and Dispatchers stepped up when asked and we were able to maintain the same level of service our citizens have come to expect.

We are in the middle of several large projects that relate to communications. We need to replace our 911 Phone System, as does all of Southeast Nebraska, therefore I am chairing a large committee of dispatcher center representatives as we develop a solution. Several other challenges are being addressed to insure that our Communications Center remains up to date.

Our patrol force remains the focal point of the Department since they are the ones delivering service to our citizens. Our Officers continue to use the Generalist Police Officer Model, which means that Officers work nearly all of their cases from start to finish.

With several new elected officials beginning their terms this year, I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions about this report or any other police matter.

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.”

# Administration



Chief of Police  
Bruce Lang  
1992

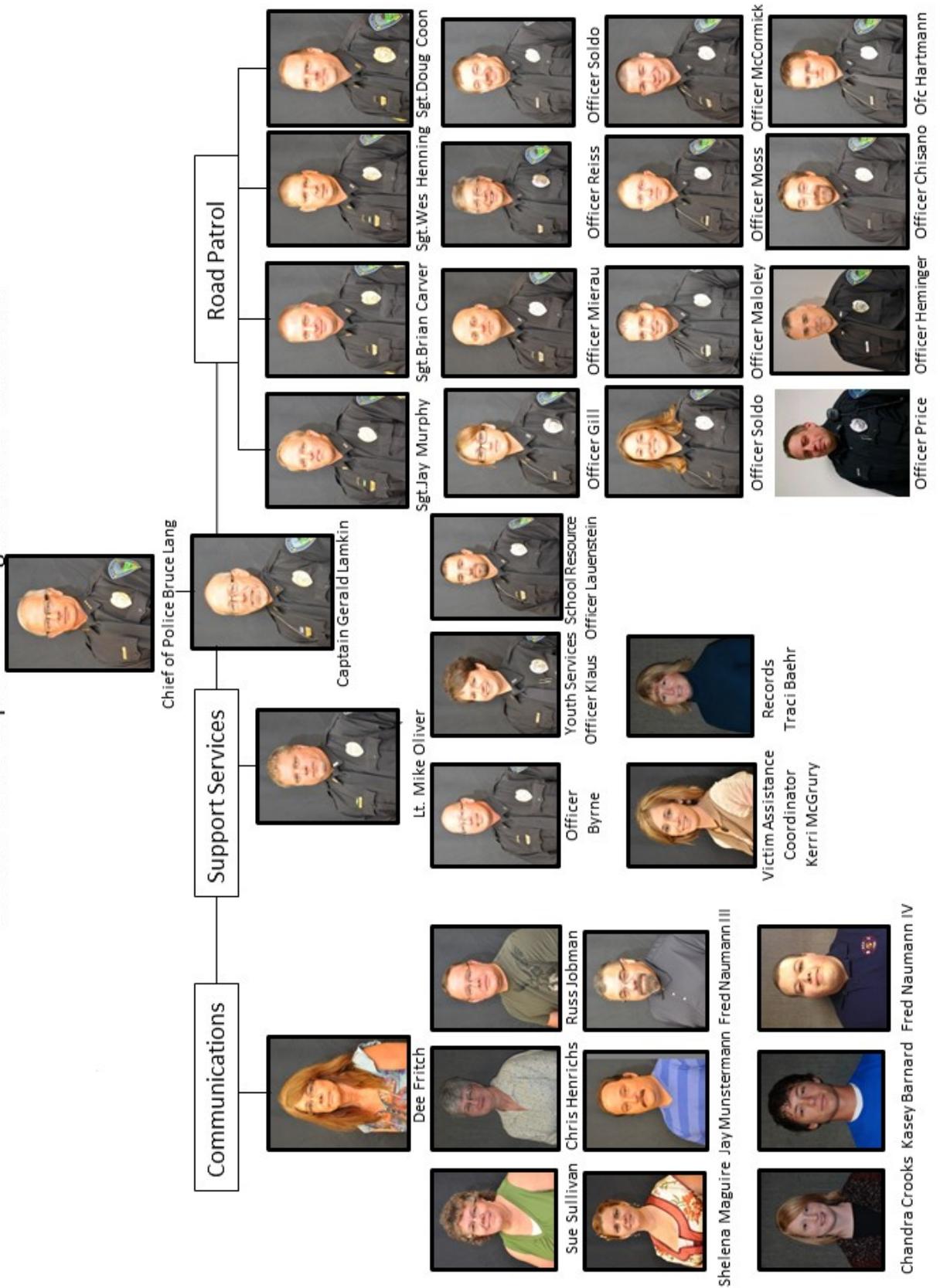


Police Secretary  
Traci Baehr  
2005



Victim Assistance Coordinator  
Kerri McGrury  
1998

# Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart 2014



# Changes in Staff 2014

## Promotions

- None

## Internal Transfers

- None

## New Hires

- Doug Heminger – Police Officer
- Timothy Price – Police Officer

## Resignations

- Robert Mierau – Police Officer
- Thomas Oelschlager – Police Officer

## Retirements

- Ernie Reiss – Police Officer



Officer Ernie Reiss retired on December 31, 2014 after 25 years of service to the citizens of the city of Beatrice. We wish him well in his retirement.

## 2014 Grants

This year we moved through a different concept in our grant operations by having one officer focus on the grants made available to us. Officer Anthony Chisano, a nine year law enforcement veteran, serving the past three years with our agency volunteered to oversee this project. We were provided with three specific grants during 2014. These grants for selective enforcement were all from the Office of Highway Safety, through the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles. The total amount of grant funds awarded our department in 2014 were \$7767.63. The funding for these selective enforcement grants allowed us to concentrate on our traffic enforcement efforts to specific areas of drinking and driving as well as seat belt enforcement.

From May 19 to June 1, 2014 our department once again participated in a selective enforcement targeting compliance of the state's occupant protective system (seatbelt) law. The Click It or Ticket Mobilization campaign has been one of many repetitive and effective mini-grants in recent years. The post enforcement survey showed an increase of 6% in seat belt usage after the week long selective enforcement, up to 53% compliance over all.

Grant Award: \$ 3,912.76

During the period November 24 through 30, 2014 our agency was provided with another mini-grant. The grant was a repeat of the selective enforcement targeting compliance of the state's occupant protective system (seatbelt) law. This grant covered the cost of not only extra officers to be on duty but also the cost of additional dispatchers to help cover the additional work load. The post enforcement survey showed an increase of 3% in seat belt usage after the week long selective enforcement, up to 59% compliance over all. This small percentage in increase may not seem significant unless you or a family member is a life spared due to becoming compliant with seat belt usage.

Grant Award: \$1,478.81

From December 12, 2014 through January 1, 2015 our department participated in the selective traffic enforcement targeting impaired drivers. The campaign was entitled "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" was part of the nationwide "You Drink & Drive You Lose" program to help in reducing the increase in alcohol related crashes. Officers and dispatchers put in an extra 82.75 hours in this selective enforcement endeavor. This enforcement resulted in twenty-one arrests to include Driving While Intoxicated, Minor in Possession of Alcohol and other related alcohol offenses.

Grant Award: \$ 2,376.06

It is no coincidence that these grants cover, and have covered for many years, major travel times throughout the United States. The specific holidays that are encompassed within these grant periods have proven to help reduce traffic fatalities in communities across the nation. Memorial Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas can all be celebrated a little easier with extra officers on the streets, even during these peak travel periods.

# 2014 Overtime

During the past year, overtime to help cover shifts once again saw an increase in the area of Fill In. This has been so, for the past three years. Our hours in this area increased 16% over the same period the previous year. This was prompted by physically covering officers who were out due to injuries or illnesses, or helping to cover shifts that were short manpower due to vacations or scheduled training. While the largest area of increase was in the area of Special Detail at 184%, this is the field that is generally covered by mini-grants.

There was a huge decrease in the overtime hours for Arrests, dropping 43% from 2013. This seems to correlate with the areas of overtime hours in the field of Investigations and Court time appearance. Investigations saw a decrease of 53% over the previous year and Court time appearance decreased 60% from 2013. The drop in court room overtime could be attributed to a combination of scheduling through the prosecutor's office and a decline in the number of cases being contested.

While the hours for overtime through the training of K-9 decreased 56%, officer training overtime rose slightly by 8% from 2013. This slight increase is very noteworthy, given the mandate by the State to provide a specific number of training hours for each officer. I feel this minimal increase can be attributed to the number of in-house training sessions taught by our own personnel.

The hours of overtime in the area of Crime Scene and Evidence collection or submittal dropped 59%. This significant decrease is largely based on the low number of violent crimes needing the services of calling out the specialty fields, such as the crime scene unit.

We can only hope that this year's trend of overtime decreases in the areas of Investigation, Arrests, Crime Scene Evidence and Court can continue through 2015 and beyond. I would like to think that the increase in the number of officers on the street, while working grants, helped to curb some criminal activity, but this is one of those unknowns we can only theorize.

Captain Gerald Lamkin

## Overtime Totals

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Arrests	30.10	70.00	48.00
Court	42.75	70.50	107.50
Fill In	1262.50	1061.50	837.55
Investigation	153.00	284.75	304.05
Meetings	68.20	62.50	93.00
Reports	90.00	164.50	175.50
Special Detail	201.50	71.00	109.00
Training	317.00	292.50	326.00
K-9	44.50	100.00	92.00
S.W.A.T.	120.00	102.00	104.50
Crime Scene/Evidence	26.50	64.75	98.25
Total Overtime Hours	2356.05	2344	2295.35

COMMUNICATIONS



Dispatch Supervisor  
Desiree Fritch  
1985



Sue Sullivan  
1992



Chris Henrichs  
1993



Shelena Maguire  
2001



Russell Jobman  
2003



Jay Munstermann  
2008



Fred Naumann III  
2011



Kasey Barnard  
2013

Part time Dispatchers



Chandra Crooks  
2010

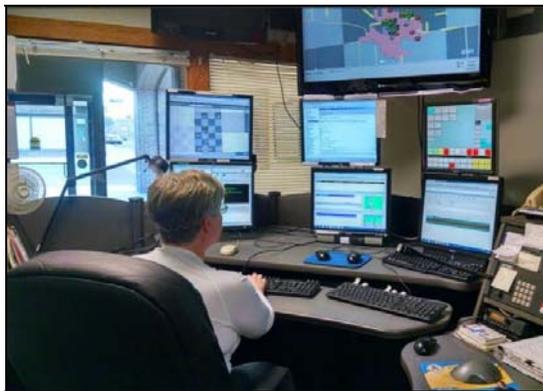


Fred Naumann IV  
2013

# Communications Center

The Beatrice Communication Center dispatches for 22 different agencies in Gage County. This includes all of Gage County law enforcement, rescue and fire agencies and after hours for the Beatrice Board of Public Works. The Communications Center entered 20937 calls for service in 2014. That is an increase from 2013 by 408.

There was no turnover in dispatch personnel in 2014. The fulltime dispatchers were Dee Fritch, Sue Sullivan, Chris Henrichs, Shelena Maguire, Russell Jobman, Jay Munstermann, Fred Naumann III, and Kasey Barnard. Parttime dispatchers were Chandra Crooks and Fred Naumann IV. Lt. Oliver oversees the Communication Center.



## What is a Call for Service?

A call for service (CFS) can be initiated different ways. The call can be initiated by:

1. A person walking into the station
2. A telephone call
3. 911 call
4. Officer initiated.

A CFS requires gathering all pertinent information to initiate a report in order to dispatch an officer/agency. The following things need to be gathered.

1. Type of call
2. Reporting parties name and phone number
3. Location of the call which can be different than where the caller is at the time
4. Details or narrative that the caller advises so the officer has a heads up prior to arriving at the scene.

Depending on the nature of the call, it is important that the dispatcher remain calm in order to calm the caller if needed. If this is a “hot” call, the dispatcher will keep the caller on the phone and relay all information to the officer that is en-route to the call.

## 2014 Calls for Service

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

<b>CALL TYPE</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
911 Hang Up	72	71	70	80
Accident/Fatality	3	2	6	1
Accident/H&R	Were not recorded separately these years		126	91
Accident/Injuries	129	122	107	95
Accident/No Injuries	835	704	623	555
Adult Abuse	59	67	77	78
Alarm	25	32	47	77
ALS	23	23	20	17
Animal Bite	49	30	43	50
Animal Complaint	1153	1115	848	854
Animal Cruelty	113	94	80	76
Arson	8	2	1	
Assault	206	168	157	167
Assist Citizen	221	198	179	159
Assist Other Agency	222	254	254	259
Attempted Suicide	13	19	10	8
Bar Check	536	473	419	237
Barking Dog	127	128	116	84
Board of Public Works	207	210	203	212
Bomb Threat	1	1	0	1
Burglar Alarm	276	291	235	224
Burglary	172	171	160	121
Child Abuse	202	224	249	230
Civil	323	309	382	328
Complaint Against Officer	2	3	12	9
Compliance Check	29	0	59	0
Crimestoppers	27	29	14	14
Death	70	92	87	89
Disorderly Conduct	14	10	12	4
Disturbance	508	470	446	410
Drowning	0	0	0	0
Drug Information	101	105	80	93
Drug Lab	3	1	0	1
Drug Violation	74	37	46	60
DUS	59	48	36	81
Driving While Intoxicated	167	82	84	110
Embezzlement	1	2	1	1

<b>CALL TYPE</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Emergency Protective Custody	5	7	6	12
Escort	119	106	98	90
Fail to Appear	12	14	15	7
False Reporting	4	6	3	6
Field Interview	105	114	85	114
Fire	250	258	203	247
Fire Alarm	127	135	121	106
Forgery	1	3	7	9
Found Animal	219	164	156	121
Found Property	257	248	190	151
Fraud	88	94	95	89
Gambling Violation	2	0	0	0
Game Violation	19	8	16	18
Gas Drive Off	101	112	75	77
General Information	282	310	321	298
Harassment	316	279	222	183
Health Hazard	76	82	63	61
Hitch Hiker	20	15	11	4
Homicide	0	0	0	0
ICAC	15	6	5	12
Identity Theft	10	13	11	12
Indecent Exposure	17	10	6	12
Injury	5	3	1	5
Jail Incident	7	8	3	5
Junked Motor Vehicle	53	32	107	185
Juvenile	440	391	302	286
Liquor Laws	90	41	32	35
Lost Animal	161	148	148	99
Lost Property	69	59	75	83
Mental	66	74	81	107
Minor in Possession	40	35	17	29
Missing Person	43	20	20	18
Motor Vehicle Theft	37	50	22	35
Motorist Assist	508	317	219	362
Noise	241	204	318	188
Open Door	132	137	75	80
Out of Unit	352	317	305	341
Ordinance Violation	164	149	167	158
Paper Service	897	787	672	634
Parking 2 hr.	47	63	56	46
Parking 24 hrs.	119	97	98	111
Parking/other	314	228	249	319
Probation Violation	6	16	7	16
Property Damage	48	25	31	40

<b>CALL TYPE</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Protection Order Violation	51	31	55	40
Prowler	19	16	8	5
Public Service	223	233	248	281
Pursuit	12	4	4	3
Rape	5	2	3	4
Remove Party	182	168	134	144
Rescue	1228	1309	1387	1289
Robbery	1	1	1	5
Runaway	59	66	45	73
SEADE	10	21	29	0
Search Warrant	1	1	6	1
Sex Offender Registration	29	10	9	8
Sexual Assault	64	36	44	34
Shoplifting	53	66	62	82
Solicitor	17	13	35	19
Suicide	3	10	1	1
Suspicious	676	731	670	618
Terrorism	0	0	1	0
Theft	554	546	409	434
Threats	113	169	148	142
Traffic Hazard	235	198	228	219
Traffic Stops	3300	3305	3506	4442
Transfer	862	766	773	770
Transport	222	222	227	202
Trash	72	52	59	55
Trespassing	52	78	71	84
Truancy	39	21	21	5
Unknown	4	7	3	7
Vacation Watch	73	78	91	106
Vandalism	448	356	271	206
Vehicle Comp/DUI	298	255	274	260
Vehicle Comp/Noise	37	15	24	19
Vehicle Comp/Other	422	468	449	429
Vehicle Comp/Bus Arm	9	8	9	12
Vehicle Comp/Speeding	161	171	171	175
Vehicle Comp/Stop Sign	4	7	2	3
Warrants	324	279	209	285
Watch	124	132	183	118
Weapon Laws Violation	17	13	29	9
Weather	25	16	22	22
Welfare Check	635	628	601	618
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22577</b>	<b>21280</b>	<b>20529</b>	<b>20937</b>

## Calls for Service by Agency

	2013	2014
Beatrice Police Department	14370	11135
Homestead National Monument	71	82
Board of Public Works	203	196
Gage County Sheriff's Office	7745	7016
Wymore Police Department	867	1016
Beatrice Fire & Rescue & Rural Fire	3640	3341
Adams Fire	25	15
Adams Rescue	51	36
Barneston Fire	9	9
Blue Springs Fire	19	26
Cortland Fire	21	33
Clatonia Fire	13	21
Clatonia Rescue	57	59
Cortland QRT's	40	31
Dewitt Fire	0	1
Filley Fire	20	15
Hallam Fire	0	1
Odell Fire	18	17
Odell QRT's	13	20
Pickrell Fire/QRT's	29	15
SEADE	34	No Longer Exists
Wymore Fire	40	32
Wymore Rescue	160	94

A total for all would not be accurate as on an injury accident for example, there is always a fire unit, a rescue unit, an extrication unit and a law enforcement officer sent therefore this would generate four different calls for service for one actual call.

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

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



Captain Gerald Lamkin  
1991



Sgt Jay Murphy  
1990



Sgt Wes Henning  
1997



Sgt Doug Coon  
1997



Sgt Brian Carver  
2000



Officer Ernie Reiss  
1989



Officer Zac Lauenstein  
2002



Officer Colleen Soldo  
2005



Officer Kristine Gill  
2006



Officer Joseph McCormick  
2007



Officer Robert Soldo  
2008



Officer Shane Maloley  
2009



Officer Daniel Moss  
2009



Officer Anthony Chisano  
2011



Officer Ben Hartmann  
2012



Officer Doug Heminger  
2014



Officer Timothy Price  
2014

# P a t r o l

# Vehicle Summary 2014

In March 2014 the Beatrice Police Department purchased a new 2014 Police Interceptor Sedan and a Ford Expedition (Expedition was purchased from the Fire Department). We traded in our 2001 Ford Crown Victoria to help with the purchases. Retired unit #5 was transferred to unit #15 and is now our school/ training car.

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

During 2014, our road patrol vehicles were driven an average of 8850 miles per vehicle. The six patrol units drove a combined miles 123913 compared to 104,722 in 2013.

## FLEET INFORMATION

Unit	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Miles Driven in 2003	Use
1	2010	Ford	Crown Vic	91,368	18,544	Patrol
2	2008	Ford	Crown Vic	118,650	9,134	Patrol/K9
3	2011	Chevy	Tahoe	81,112	21,144	Patrol/Supervisor
4	2013	Ford	P.I. SUV	50,669	15,660	Patrol
5	2014	Ford	P.I. SUV	19,337	19,337	Patrol
6	2013	Ford	P.I. SUV	36,456	18,797	Patrol
7	2000	Chevy	Impala	106,641	2,095	Administration
8	2003	Ford	Expedition	92,893	UNK	Administration
9	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	106,726	2,180	School Resource
11	2002	Chevy	Impala	86,144	4,108	Administration
12	2007	Ford	Explorer	107,768	6,097	Investigations
15	2009	Ford	Crown Vic	97,230	6,715	School/Training
Bus	1996	Chevy	Blue Bird	5857	6	Mobile Command
SWAT	1997	Ford	Armored Veh	308719	96	Tactical Deployment

## VEHICLE EXPENSE

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

# Training Summary

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

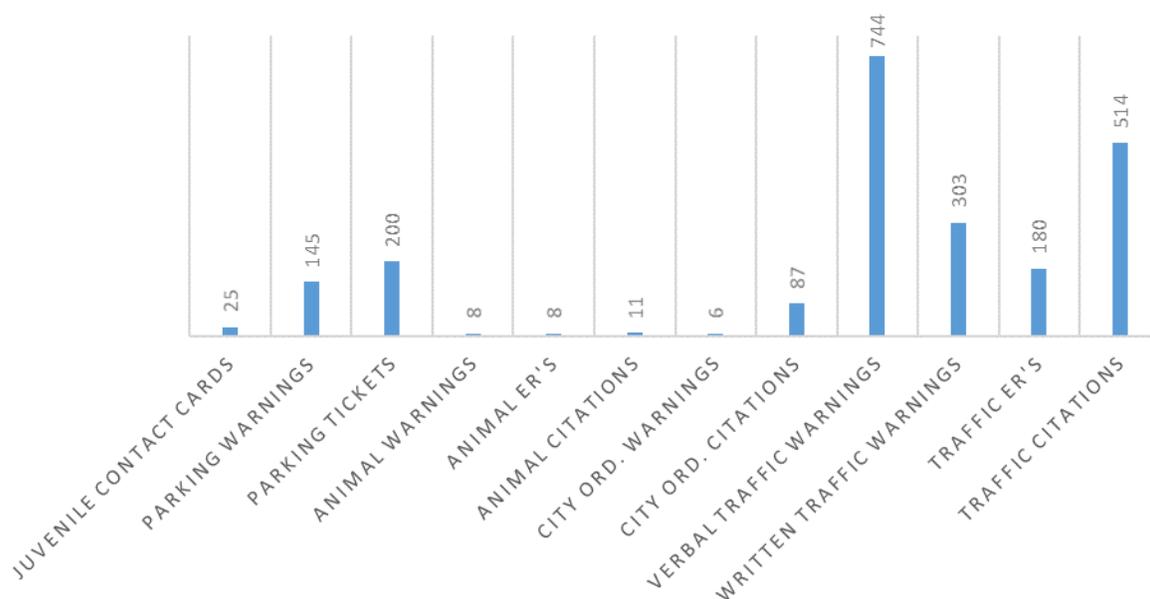
Since 2013 Officers are required to complete 20 hours of continuing education, Continuing Education hours are earned on an hour for hour ratio. All Officers were able to achieve this requirement. Members of the department logged over 1,551 hours of continuing education courses. Some of the more notable training events of 2014 attended by Police Department personnel are listed below.

Leader Cast 2014	Leadership in Police Organizations
Advanced Child Death	Homicide Investigations
Emergency Management Workshop	Fighting Domestic Violence
Crimes of Power and Control	School Resource Conference
Patrol Rifle Instructor	Less Lethal Munitions

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

- Pursuits and Use of Force
- ICAC
- Firearms- Handgun Qualification and Less Lethal Shotgun
- Defensive Tactics
- Basic Accident
- Taser Recertification
- Firearms Stress Shoot
- Lidar Recertification
- Active Shooter, Technical
- Firearms Night Shoot
- Domestic Violence Update
- SWAT Qualification
- SWAT Team Movements

# Ticket Statistics for 2014



## Juvenile Contact Cards

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

### Parking Warnings and Citations

Description	Warnings	Citations
24 Hour Parking	52	19
Alley Parking Prohibited	1	
Handicapped Parking Violation		2
Improper Parking	2	4
Left Side Parking	4	6
Obstructing Traffic		7
Parked in a Fire Lane		1
Parking - 2 hr	22	18
Parking 2 am to 6 am	1	
Parking in Restricted Area	9	18
Prohibited Parking	5	10
Red Zone Violation	22	23
Tow In Zone Parking	9	
Unregistered Vehicle Parked on Street	18	92
<b>Totals</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>200</b>

### Animal Warnings, ER's and Citations

Description	Warnings	ER	Citations
Cruelty to Animals			2
Barking Dog	2		1
Dog and Cats must be licensed		5	
Dog at Large	5		5
Leashing Dangerous Animal			1
Nuisance Dogs	1		2
Rabies Tag		3	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>

### City Ordinance Warnings and Citations

Type	Warnings	Citations
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor		15
Disturbing the Peace/Stereo	1	1
False Reporting		8
Littering	3	1
Shoplifting		61
Unnecessary Noise	2	1
	<b>6</b>	<b>87</b>

## Traffic Warnings, Equipment Repairs and Citations

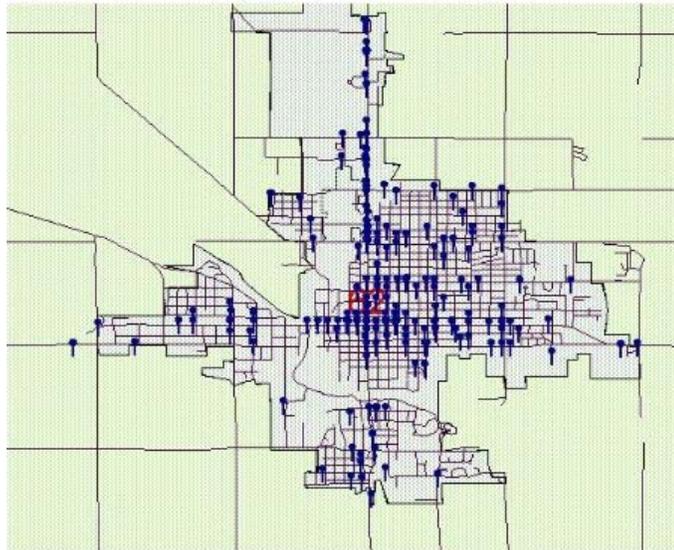
Description	Verbal Warnings	Written Warnings	ER's	Citations
Address Change			16	1
Careless Driving				1
Driving Left of Center		4		4
Driving Under Suspension				4
DUS Due to ALR/Fail to Comply				5
Duty to Carry License Permit		7		4
Exhibition of Acceleration				1
Expired Plates			2	
Failure to Use Seatbelt				6
Failure to yield ROW to vehicle or Sign		5		5
Failure to Yield to Pedestrian				1
Fictitious Plates				2
Improper Lane Change		3		1
Improper Turn		2		1
Leaving Scene of Accident				4
Lights required on Vehicle		10	129	31
Manner of Riding in a Vehicle				2
Motor Vehicle Restraint – Children		19		12
Mufflers			5	
Negligent Driving				18
No Headlight				2
No License Plates or manner of display		4	19	1
No Motorcycle Endorsement				1
No Valid Registration			2	18
One Way Violation		2		1
Operators must be licensed		3		28
Passing Violation				2
Proof of Financial Responsibility			2	41
Proof of Ownership			1	6
Reckless Driving				1
Registration Required			3	163
Violate Learners or School Permit				1
Screeching Tires				1
Speeding		202		104
Stop Sign Violation		18		22
Texting while Driving				1
Traffic Signal Violation		19		18
Turn Signal Required		3	1	
Unsafe Backing		1		
Vision Obstruction		1		
Verbal Warning - Traffic Offenses	744			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>514</b>

# Accident Tallies for 2014

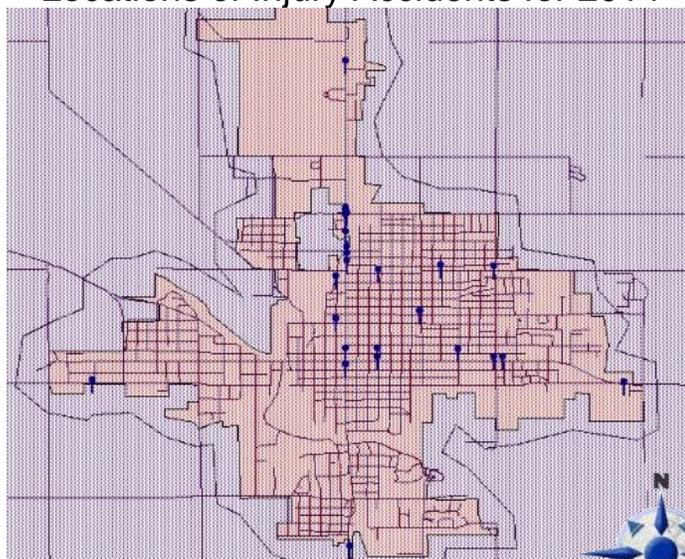
## Types of Accidents

Property Damage	341
Injury	37
Fatality	0
Total	377

Locations of Accidents for 2014

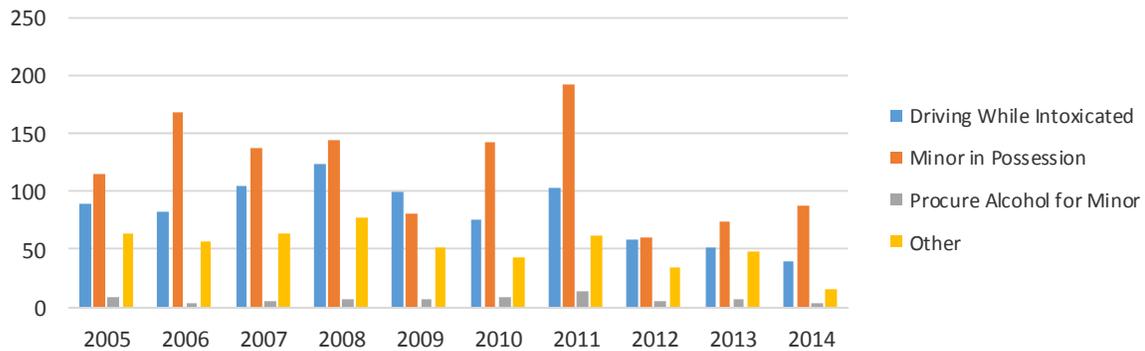


Locations of Injury Accidents for 2014



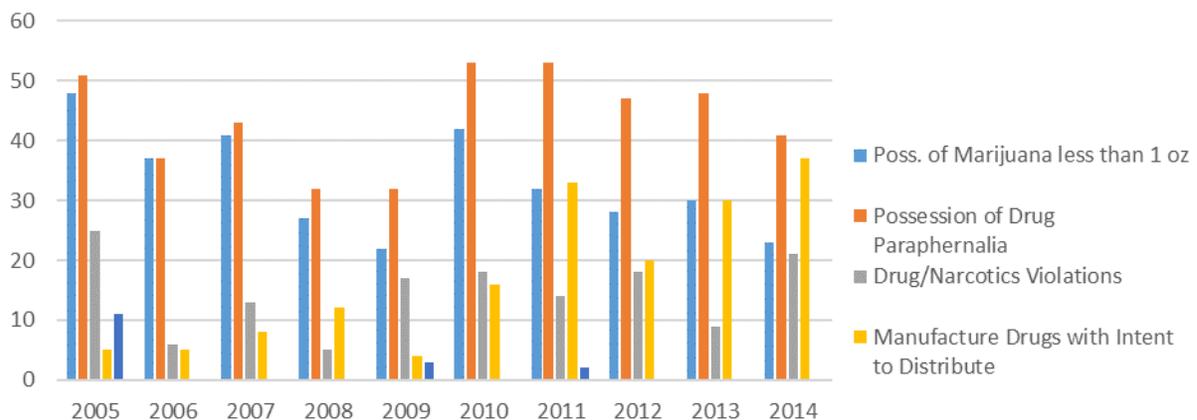
# Alcohol Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Driving While Intoxicated	89	82	105	124	100	75	103	59	52	39
Minor in Possession	115	169	137	144	81	143	193	61	74	87
Procure Alcohol for Minor	8	4	5	7	7	9	14	5	7	3
Other	63	57	63	77	52	43	62	34	49	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>145</b>



# Drug Related Arrests

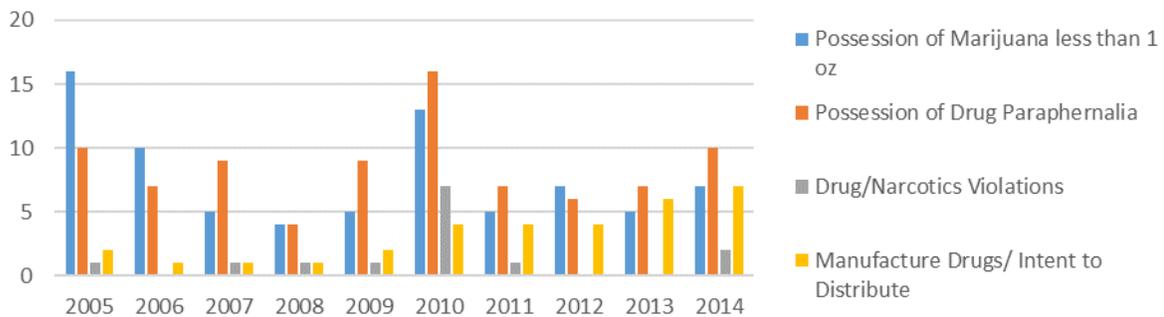
Type of Arrest	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Poss. of Marijuana less than 1 oz	48	37	41	27	22	42	32	28	30	23
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	51	37	43	32	32	53	53	47	48	41
Drug/Narcotics Violations	25	6	13	5	17	18	14	18	9	21
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	5	5	8	12	4	16	33	20	30	37
Poss. Of Precursor to Manufacture Meth	11	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>122</b>



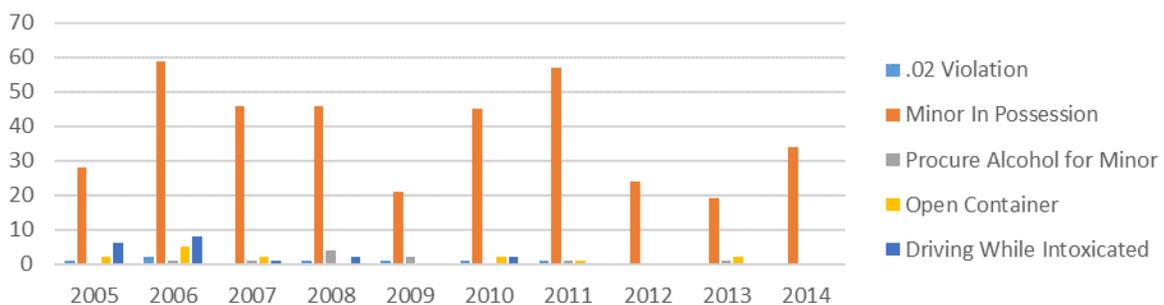
# Juvenile Alcohol and Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	16	10	5	4	5	13	5	7	5	7
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	10	7	9	4	9	16	7	6	7	10
Drug/Narcotics Violations	1	0	1	1	1	7	1	0	0	2
Manufacture Drugs/ Intent to Distribute	2	1	1	1	2	4	4	4	6	7
.02 Violation	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Minor In Possession	28	59	46	46	21	45	57	24	19	34
Procure Alcohol for Minor	0	1	1	4	2	0	1	0	1	0
Open Container	2	5	2	0	0	2	1	0	2	0
Driving While Intoxicated	6	8	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>60</b>

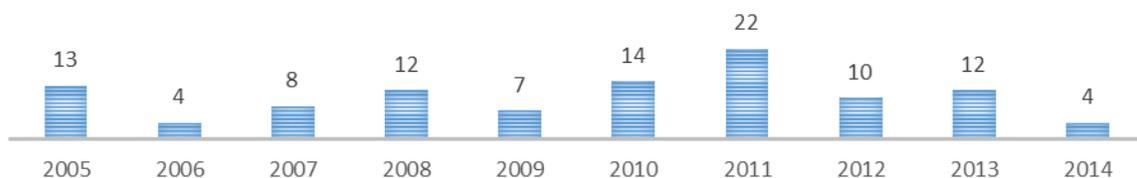
## Juvenile Drug Arrests



## Juvenile Alcohol Arrests



## Truancy Citations (Compulsory Education Violations)



# Major Crime Report 2014

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

Looking at the statistics from 2014 we had a total of 560 reported major crimes which is a decrease by 5 over the 2013 total of 565. The biggest increase was the reported larceny/theft cases with 348 reported in 2014 which was an increase of 32. They are still way below the 591 reported in 2005. I'm very pleased to report that we made it through 2014 without a homicide.

We did see a drop in the assaults reported they were down 28 from 2013. The reported sexual assaults in 2014 stayed at the 2013 number of 35. We did see an increase in robberies from 2 in 2013 to 6 in 2014. In one of the robberies there were shots fired, we sure hope this trend doesn't continue.

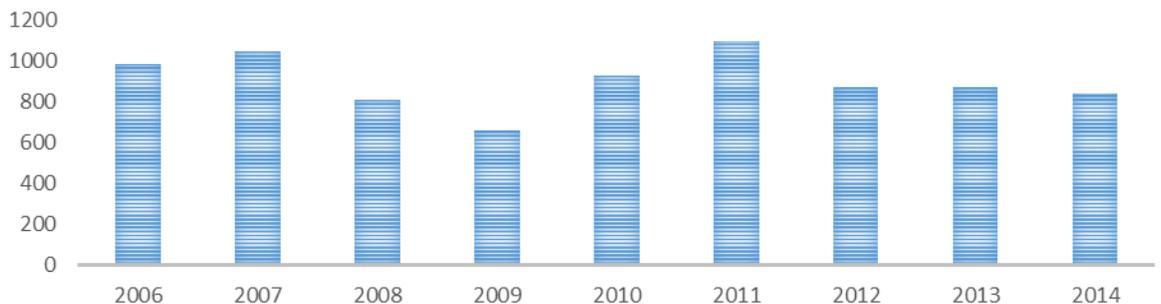
## Major Crimes Reported in Beatrice

Offense	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Homicide	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	27	25	34	31	33	28	47	20	35	35
Robbery	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	6
Assault	154	183	171	135*	101	153	156	122	129	101
Burglary	102	122	106	101	107	112	87	101	77	66
Larceny/Theft	591	584	477	499	486	477	348	402	316	348
Motor Veh.theft	39	17	29	30	15	14	7	6	6	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>560</b>

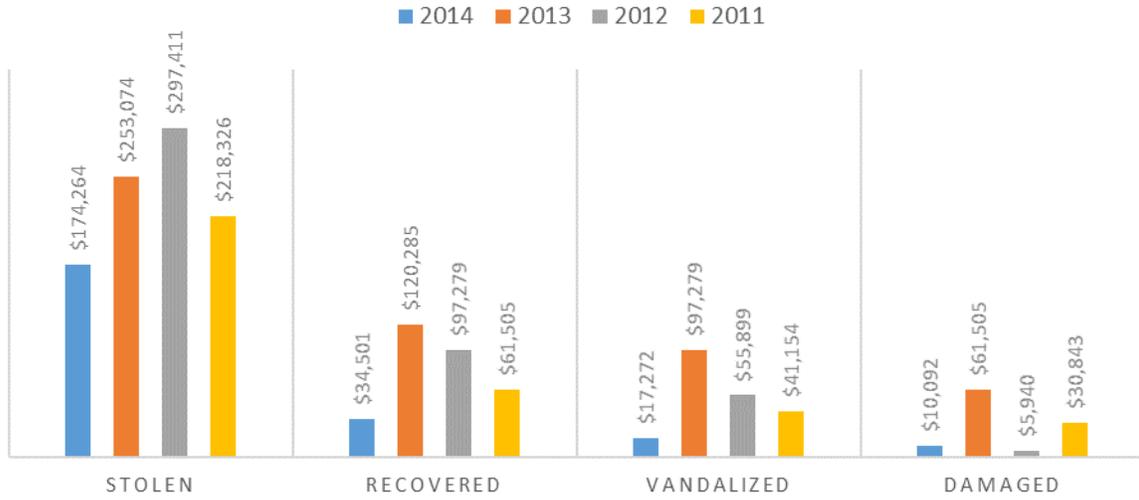
\* Assaults were incorrectly reported as 207 in 2008 – correct number is 135

# Arrest Charges

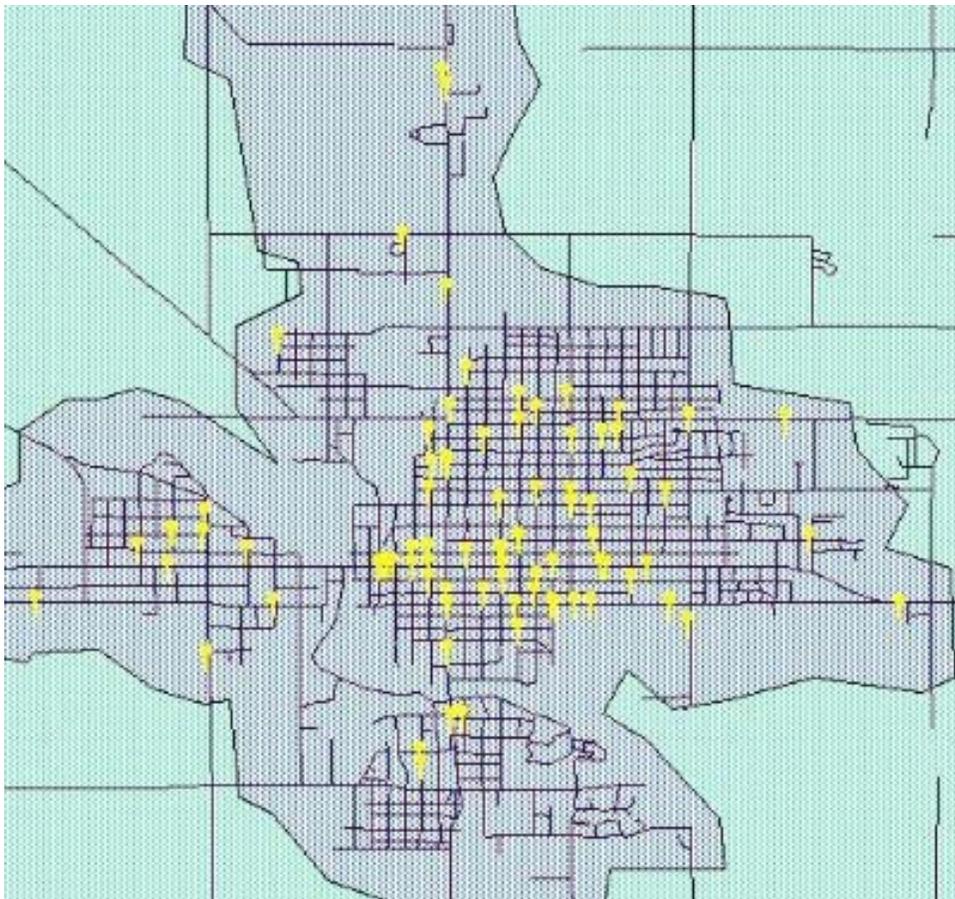
Type of Charges	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Assault 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>	50	58	35	24	62	71	32	23	18
Assault on an Officer	2	7	2	3	2	3	2	2	2
Strangulation	2	3	2	3	6	9	6	7	10
Domestic Assault	51	32	38	26	47	48	35	41	35
Protection Order Violations	23	11	7	6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



# Property Crime Stats



## Vandalism Locations For 2014





Lieutenant Mike Oliver  
1991



Investigator Erin Byrne  
1997



Officer Jennifer Klaus  
1994

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# Criminal Investigations Report 2014

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

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

During 2014, the Investigations Unit was tasked with a variety of cases, including burglaries, thefts, suicides, sexual assaults, fraud, and forgery cases. The Investigations Unit assisted numerous outside agencies with investigations of crimes in their jurisdictions which had ties to Beatrice. The Investigations Unit also assisted the road patrol officers in investigating several felony thefts and assisting on calls which required a significant investment in time and resources. In addition to these investigations, the Investigations Unit continues to work with other agencies in regard to Internet Crimes against Children. These cases involve crimes such as possession of child pornography, online enticement of a child, and any other cyber crime involving a child. During 2014, several investigations were performed by the Investigations Unit installing covert surveillance cameras in Beatrice businesses and home residences at their request in order to eliminate theft issues.

Aside from criminal investigations, the Criminal Investigations Unit conducts background investigations for department personnel, backgrounds for handgun permit applications, and background investigations for liquor license applications within the City of Beatrice. The Criminal Investigations Unit is also assigned to the state-mandated, county-wide, Child Abuse/Neglect Investigative and Treatment Teams. Officer Jennifer Klaus, Juvenile Services Officer, is also assigned to the Investigations Unit and is instrumental in coordinating with the many various agencies on child abuse/neglect cases. This would include working with all of the Beatrice Public Schools, the School Resource Officer, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Child Advocacy Center in investigating cases of possible child abuse or neglect occurring within the City of Beatrice. In 2014, the Juvenile Services Officer investigated numerous reported child abuse/child neglect cases in Beatrice, NE.

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

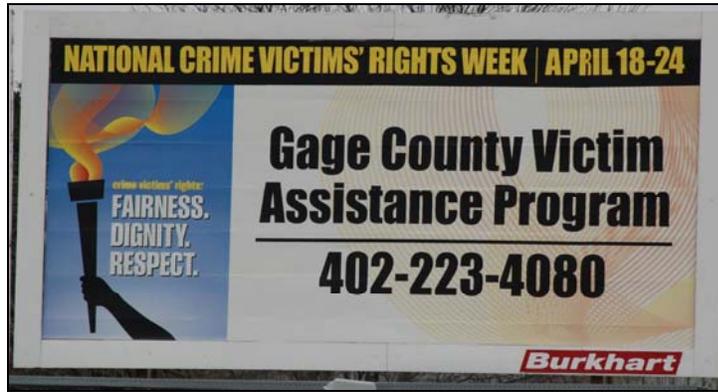
## Crime Scene Team 2014

The Crime Scene Team was activated seven times in 2014. Full or partial deployments of the team were sent to the following calls:

- 3-18-2014 Team members were called to the Beatrice Airport to investigate a death. The investigation determined that the death was due to accidental causes.
- 3-25-2014 Team members were called to a home invasion/armed robbery. Team members collected various evidence items and conducted a search of the home in order to collect any other forensic evidence.
- 8-7-2014 Team members were called to a residence to investigate a suspicious death. The investigation determined that the death was due to a medical condition.
- 8-16-2014 Team members were called to a residence regarding a possible suicide attempt. The investigation concluded that there had been a suicide attempt and that no other people had been involved.
- 10-1-2014 Team members were called to a residence for a suspicious death. The investigation determined that the death was due to suicide.
- 11-6-2014 Team members were called to a residence for a suspicious death. The investigation determined that the death was due to natural causes.
- 11-22-2014 Team members were called to a residence for a suspicious death. The investigation determined that the death was due to natural causes.

The Crime Scene Team is made up of both sworn and non-sworn members of the department and has 8 members. The team is led by Lt. Mike Oliver. The following are team members:

- Investigator Erin Byrne—Trace Evidence Collection
- Officer Kris Gill—Crime Scene Technician
- Officer Robert Soldo—Crime Scene Technician
- Officer Colleen Soldo—Crime Scene Sketching/Measurements
- Officer Dan Moss—Evidence Packaging
- Kerri McGrury—Photography
- Officer Ben Hartmann—Crime Scene Technician



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# Beatrice SWAT

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

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

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

## Team Member Information

Team Commander: Sergeant Jay Murphy

Team Leaders: Sergeant Wesley Henning & Sergeant Brian Carver

### Team Members

Officer Joe McCormick  
Officer Shane Maloley  
Paramedic Jim Young

Officer Anthony Chisano  
Officer Robert Soldo  
Officer Daniel Moss  
Captain Craig Fisher

Officer Colleen Soldo  
Officer Zachary Lauenstein  
Paramedic Jeremy Seggerman

Negotiations Team Commander: Captain Jerry Lamkin  
Negotiations Team Leader: Officer Zac Lauenstein

Negotiations Team Members: Officer Erin Byrne & Officer Colleen Soldo

The SWAT team was activated 2 times last year.

February 13th, the team was activated to a local hotel where a male was holding two females and an infant child hostage and threatened them with two different firearms that he had. Negotiations were established and one female with the child was released. The last female was able to escape on her own and negotiations were able to talk the male out, where he was taken into custody. The male was charged with Terroristic Threats, Use of a Deadly Weapon to Commit a Felony, Child Abuse, Burglary and False Imprisonment.

September 15, the team was activated to a house on the west side where gun shots had come from. The Negotiation Team was able to talk with people inside, and after 5 ½ hours all parties exited the house. One male was charged with Obstructing a Peace Officer and False Reporting, another male was charged with False Reporting and a third male was charged with Obstructing a Peace Officer.

# Gage County Victim Assistance Program

- The Victim Assistance Program has been in existence since 1995. It is supported by VOCA federal grant funds, in-kind and cash match by the City of Beatrice and Gage County. The daily operation of duties of the director include but are not limited to direct contact either face to face or phone contact with victims, assistance with protection orders, criminal justice advocacy, follow up contact, etc. The director is also responsible for grant writing and keeping track of all statistics for VOCA funding.
- The Victim Assistance Program utilized two interns and one volunteer during 2014.
- The Gage County Victim Assistance program was awarded a \$5,000 grant to promote National Crime Victims' Rights Week in April 2014. The campaign consisted of billboards, distribution of promotional items to partnering agencies, and a social media campaign.
- This program provides services to all victims of crime in Gage County. Some of the services provided are listed below:

Crisis Intervention

Personal Advocacy

Compensation Assistance

Jail Release Information

VINE Information/Registration

Parole Information

Victim Impact Statements

Transportation

Property Release

Protection Order Assistance

Restitution Information/Assistance

Criminal Justice Advocacy

911 Cellular Phones

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

# Victim Assistance Program Statistics 2014

## TYPE OF SERVICE

## NUMBER OF TIMES PROVIDED

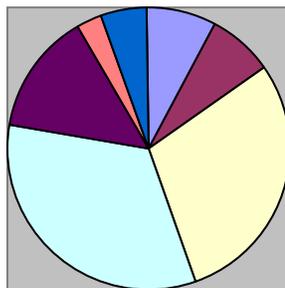
Crisis Counseling	76
Personal Advocacy	1,370
Information/Referral (In Person)	129
Information/Referral (Phone Contact)	234
Emergency Financial Assistance	8
Follow Up Contact	1,305
Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy	812
Compensation Assistance	478
Transportation	5
Protection order Assistance	157
Cellular Phone Program	0
<b>Total Number of Services Provided</b>	<b>4,574</b>
<b>Total Number of Victims Served</b>	<b>797</b>
<b>Percent of victims who reported the services provided to them was helpful to them.</b>	<b>526</b>
<b>Number of victims who reported the services provided to them was not helpful.</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Of the victims who responded to my survey request, the percent who felt the services received were helpful.</b>	<b>More than 99%</b>

TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED	TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED
Homicide	0	Sexual Assault (Adult)	24
Child Abuse/Physical	36	Domestic Violence	193
Child Abuse/Sexual	64	Incest Survivor	2
DWI/DUI	0	Assault	33
Robbery	7	Elder Abuse	2
Burglary	24	Business	0
Arson	0	Other *	128

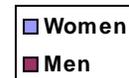
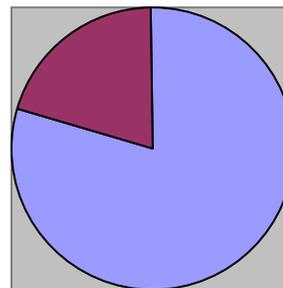
\*Includes criminal mischief, theft, identity theft, etc.

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## K9

In March 2010 the Beatrice Police Department was able to restart the K-9, Police Service Dog division of its department with the generous donations from the public. Officer Soldo and PSD Soter attended a three month long training academy at the Nebraska State Patrol Police Service Dog camp. Officer Soldo and PSD Soter successfully completed the Police Service Dog training and were certified a Police Service Dog Team by the Nebraska State Patrol in May 2010.

PSD Soter is trained in the areas of tracking, evidence recovery, drug searches, handler protection and suspect apprehension. PSD Soter is trained to detect four different odors of drugs including marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin.

Officer Soldo and PSD Soter are currently assigned to the overnight shift working from 6pm to 6am, and have responded to a variety of calls including open doors, suspect tracking, evidence recovery, building searches, drug searches and area searches for suspects.

In 2014 Officer Soldo and PSD Soter responded to approximately 65 calls for service requiring help of the K-9 Unit, compared to 50 calls in 2013. During 2014 Beatrice Police Dept. K-9 Unit assisted the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Gage County Sheriff's Office, Marshall County Sheriff's Office in Kansas, Beatrice Police Dept. and Nebraska State Patrol with drug searches, tracking of suspects, area searches for suspects and evidence recovery. In 2014 Beatrice K-9 Unit conducted several drug education classes and K-9 presentations. Beatrice Police Dept. K-9 Unit assisted Gage County Sheriff's Office in confiscating over 3 pounds of marijuana, over 100 grams of methamphetamine and several thousands of dollars in drug money. Beatrice Police Dept. K-9 Unit also made numerous felony and misdemeanor drug arrests in Beatrice area.

Recently Officer Soldo contacted Nestle Purina Company in Crete, NE and after a K-9 presentation Nestle Purina Company representatives chose to sponsor Beatrice Police Dept. K-9 Unit by supplying dog food for PSD Soter. The company representatives stated the food will be donated to the Beatrice Police Dept. as long as K-9 Unit is in existence.

## School Resource Officer Program (SRO)

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

I, Officer Zac Lauenstein began my fourth year as the SRO in the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year, and am the SRO for the Beatrice High School and the Beatrice Middle School. With my training through NASRO (National Association of School Resource Officers) we take a "triad" approach with the responsibilities being a Teacher, Informal Counselor, and Law Enforcement Officer. Over the past year there has been a large increase in counseling time with students, but as a preventative measure, or an intervention to assist them in de-escalating a situation. I have completed both the Basic SRO course as well as the Advanced SRO course, and look forward to continuing my education in this field.

Cyber bullying and conflicts continue to be a problem among our students, as well as in society as a whole. There is hope that the laws will be updated to help combat the problems faced among our youth with technology in today's culture. With my time being split between two school buildings with distinctly different student populations (middle school vs. high school) it can be difficult to balance my time. The goal would be to spend approximately 60% of my time at the high school.

Of the 126 police calls that were generated in the two schools, 77% were at the high school, not including the calls that required me to respond to an address away from school, such as welfare checks on families that we cannot contact or have concern about. There were an additional 26 calls for service where I went to the home to check on the status and well being of kids. Not including traffic stops, my calls for service increased 22% (441) leaving little time for proactive preventative measures, but I strive to continue with that area to hopefully lighten the load.

Drug cases in the schools have increased, and it appears to be tied to students that are new to the Beatrice High School, increased awareness among staff, and students willing to report concerns and wanting a better learning environment that is not affected by drugs and alcohol. There were 16 drug cases made involving at least 19 students with some sort of consequences. There was only one alcohol related offense/arrest during the 2014 year at school. Of the 34 school related disturbance/assault calls I responded to throughout the year 26 were at the high school and only 8 at the middle school.

Truancy cases are on the decline, which is great news after the last school year having such a large number of truancy cases. There were only eleven truancy cases from the high school referred to the County Attorney this school year (first semester of the 2014-2015 school year), and four at the middle school. A grant was achieved to combat truancy which increased involvement with a school employee and the student.

The call I respond to most often is theft. Most thefts at the school are able to be solved, and may not be referred to court. Repeat offenders are referred to the county attorney, after attempts to change behaviors fail.

The SRO program continues, in its sixteenth year to be a great benefit to the Beatrice Public School District, as well as the Beatrice Police Department. It is my goal to continue to be a great resource for all students and staff at the Beatrice High School and the Beatrice Middle School, and continue to further develop the program to its full capability. With the Gage County rural schools, and the Gage County Sheriff's Office potentially starting a SRO program I will look forward to working with the deputy assigned to this position as well.

Officer Zac Lauenstein #305 (School Resource Officer)

## **Police Speaker Service**

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

The program continues to be well received as demonstrated by the number of requests for speakers throughout the year. An estimated 370 people attended the 21 speaker presentations given to various church groups, service clubs, businesses and other community groups and classes requesting the service. The most requested topics were, Police Service Dog, Social Media, and informing people about the Police Department and Officer Duties. Numerous Groups continue to tour the Beatrice Police Department including Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. Officers were also requested to assist with Juvenile Diversion. Officers assisted the Beatrice Police Departments Police Explorer program by providing instructors in the different disciplines of Police work.

# Community Policing

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

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

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

Community partnerships are an important component to Community Policing. Members of the department participate on a number of community committees. To name a few, the "Safe Community" committee which is focusing on suicide prevention and is connected with the Beatrice Chamber of Commerce, the Community Justice Committee which is a taskforce of the MAPS community coalition, and the Crime Stoppers Committee.

The Beatrice Police Department's utilizes their Facebook page to list crime reports and invite citizens to participate in making reports. We post current articles from our local newspaper and the "Ask the Chief" article in order to connect with our community.

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

Officers attended a school picnic for St. Joseph Catholic School talking to parents, students and staff.

The Police and Fire Department Color Guards participated in the Relay for Life by bringing in the colors for this community event for the third straight year.

In September 2014, the Beatrice Police Department along with the Beatrice Fire and Rescue Department, hosted Beatrice's annual Community Connections. We sponsored this event as a way to bring our citizens together and help identify people in our community who may have special needs. We collected information about special needs people in Gage County and then entered it into the 911 center computer system. With this information we can alert emergency responders and make them aware of any potential issues if they require emergency services. This could include Alzheimer patients, people on a ventilator, those with autism or any

other issues citizens think we need to know about was welcomed. The information provided to us is kept confidential and is not subject to public information disclosures. We had a great a great turn out at the event.

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

The department has two officers who are certified to check and install child restraints or car seats. Upon request, anyone can have their child restraint checked, to make sure that it has been property installed in a vehicle and it is not expired. In 2014, we assisted with six installations/inspections, one Child Restraint Safety Check and did four presentations.

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