

Beatrice Police Department



2021 Annual Report

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A Word from Chief Lang



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

It is with great pleasure and mixed emotions, that I present to you my final annual report for the Beatrice Police Department. The previous nearly 30 years has seen many changes in the Department, due in no small part to the support of elected officials and administrators. I would be remiss however, if I failed to recognize the men and women who have served and currently do serve this community.

When you read through this report you will see that arrests are down from where they were a few years ago, our call load is also slightly down from past years. I don't have much concern with these numbers, as my experience has been that these numbers will increase over time. A measure of our effectiveness can be seen in the general feel of our community. Do citizens feel safe moving about town both during the day and at night? I think the answer to this is yes.

Crime occurs in Beatrice on a scale similar to other communities in Nebraska, it has always been my hope that how we respond to that crime is what sets us apart. Whether it be our victim coordinators, youth services officers, school resource officers or any of our other officers and dispatchers, we strive to provide citizens with the best service possible.

If after reading this report you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce E. Lang". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "B" and "L".

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 Information &
Systems Coordinator
Traci Baehr
2005



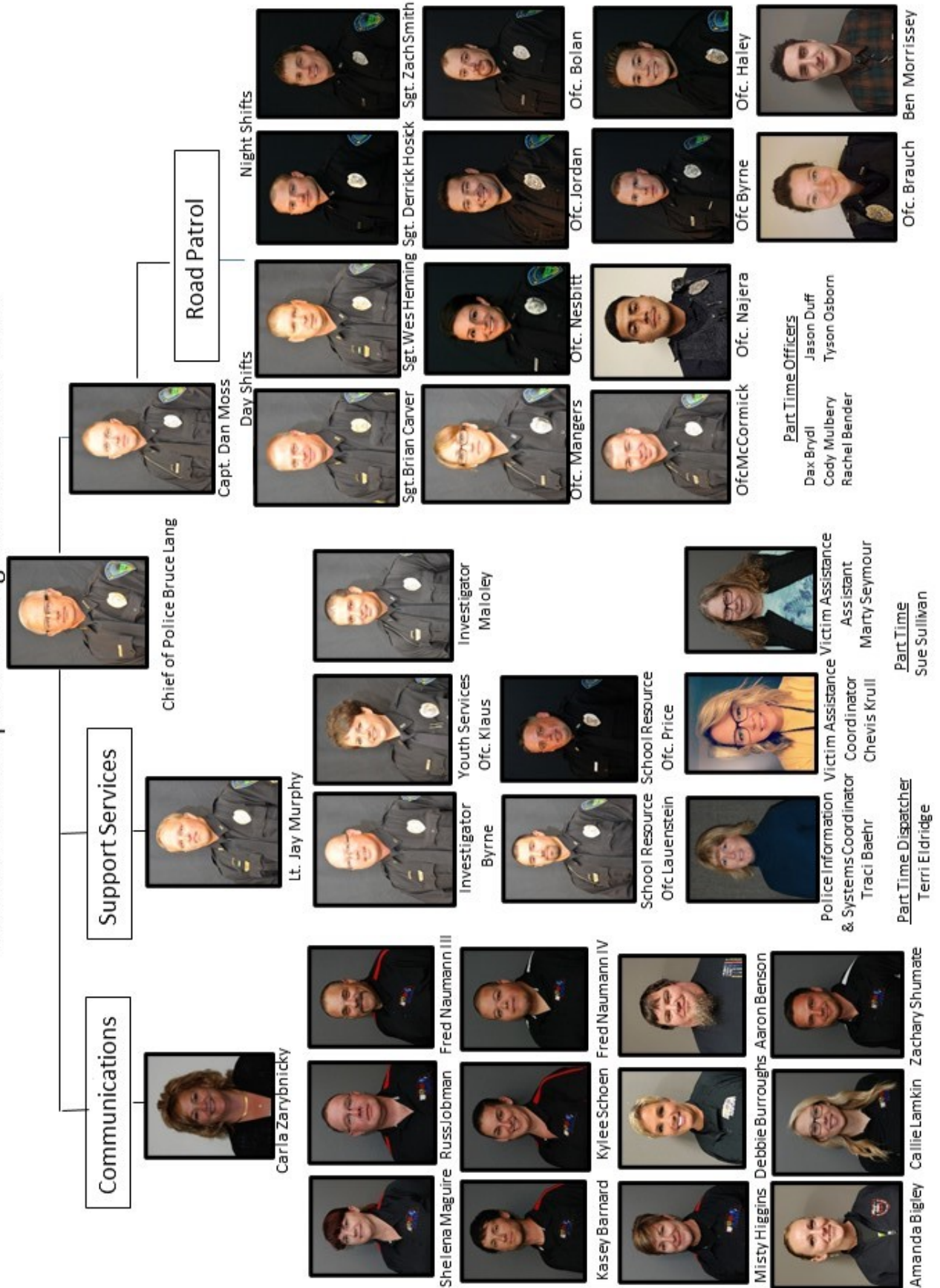
Victim Assistance Coordinator
Chevis Krull
2021



Assistant Victim Coordinator
Marty Seymour
2016



Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart 2021



Changes in Staff and Recognitions 2021

Promotions

- Daniel Moss – Captain
- Derrick Hosick – Sergeant
- Zach Smith - Sergeant

Internal Transfers

- Natasha Nesbitt – Road Patrol to School Resource Officer
- Tim Price – School Resource Officer to Road Patrol

New Hires

- Chevis Krull – Victim Assistance Coordinator
- Courtney Brauch – Officer
- Brian Najera – Officer
- Benjamin Morrissey – Officer
- Amanda Bigley – Dispatcher
- Callie Lamkin - Dispatcher
- Zachary Shumate - Dispatcher
- Terri Eldridge – Part Time Dispatcher
- Dax Brydl – Part Time Officer (Hospital Security)
- Jason Duff – Part Time Officer (Hospital Security)
- Cody Mulbery – Part Time Officer (Hospital Security)
- Tyson Osborn – Part Time Officer (Hospital Security)
- Rachel Bender – Part Time Officer (Hospital Security)

Resignations

- Doug Coon – Sergeant
- Kerri McGrury – Victim Assistance Coordinator
- Anthony Chisano – Officer

Awards

- Derrick Hosick – Meritorious Service Award
- Ethan Jordan – 2021 MADD Hero Award
- Ethan Jordan – Beatrice Police Dept Officer of the Year

Retirements

- Gerald Lamkin – Captain – 43 years of total law enforcement service
- Sue Sullivan – Dispatcher - 29 years of service



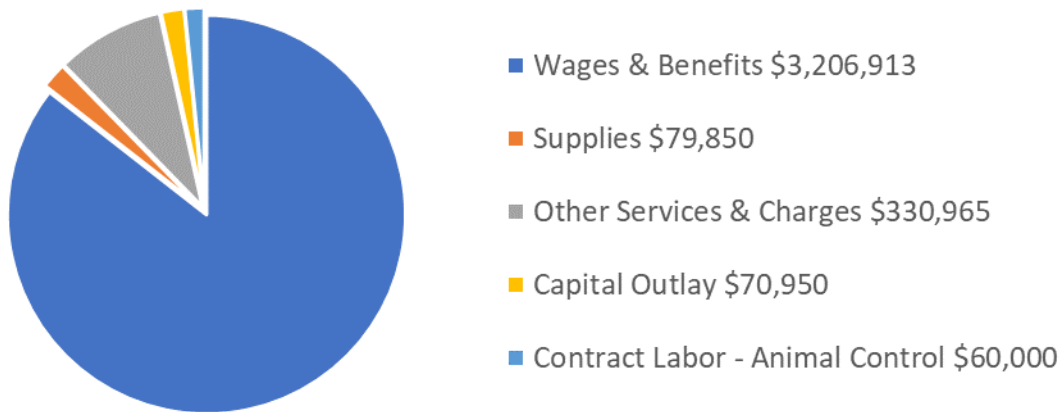
We would like to thank both Gerald and Sue for their many years of service to the citizens of Beatrice and wish them well in their next chapter of life.

Budget & Finances

The City of Beatrice and the Beatrice Police Department operates on a biennial budget, running from Oct 1st through Sept 30th.

The Budget ending Sept 30, 2021 was \$3,748,658 which included:

Police Administration - \$378,714	Victim Assistance Program \$133,980,
Southeast 911 Communications \$1,090,553	Police Patrol - \$2,146,102



Authorized staffing levels for 2022 were increased to 12 communications operators and 24 sworn officers.

Our department received money from the Federal Care's Act which will enable us to purchase 2 new patrol cars and 2 new unmarked vehicles for the Investigations Unit in the 2021-2022 Budget Year. This allowed us to free up funds which could be utilized for range improvements and Communications Center upgrades.

Communications



Communications Director
Carla Zarybnicky 2015



Shelena Maguire
2001



Russell Jobman
2003



Fred Naumann III
2011



Kasey Barnard
2013



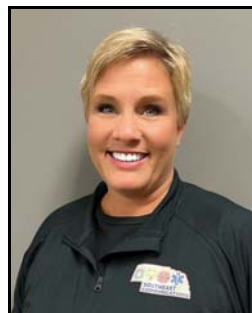
Kylee Schoen
2015



Fred Naumann IV
2015



Misty Higgins
2017



Debbie Burroughs
2020



Aaron Benson
2020



Amanda Bigley
2021



Callie Lamkin
2021



Zachary Shumate
2021



Terri Eldridge
2021

Southeast 911 Communications Center

Southeast Communications Center dispatches for 22 agencies in Gage County and the City of Crete, Crete Fire and Crete Rescue. Exciting growth in August of 2021, with the addition of the Richardson County Sheriff's office. This allowed us to add 2 more full time positions which brings us to 12 full time and 1 part time dispatcher. These dedicated people staff the communications center 24/7, 365 days a year. The communications center fields over 136,000 phone calls, on average per year, between emergency and administrative phone calls.

2021 brought challenges to the communications center with the pandemic, that continues to impact us daily. The dispatch staff never hesitates to step up to the plate and cover any shift that needs staffing. I am so very thankful I have such a great team.

Unfortunately, 2021 brought tragic calls into the dispatch center with a murder-suicide and fire fatality all in the same week. Many other calls impacted us as well. This is our community and although all calls are hard, some are more difficult than others. We are very fortunate to have the support of all the departments we work with and to be included in all the aftercare needed after such tragic events.

December 15th, 2021 brought an unprecedented strong storm and damaging winds to our area. All hands-on deck fielded over 750 calls within a three-hour window. True teamwork proves to be invaluable during these times with off duty personnel coming in to help with whatever they could. Damage was extensive in throughout our service area, with power lines and downed trees being the biggest culprit.

Exciting changes are happening at the State level as the 911 Service System Advisory Committee received updates on the completion and progress of several key projects of 2021.

Next Generation 911 in Nebraska is becoming a reality. The state is following a phased approach and will house two hosts that are currently connected to the ESInet with testing underway. Next Generation 911 is a secure Internet Protocol based system, utilizing high speed data connectivity capable of receiving information to include voice, text messages, picture and videos. This system across the state will allow seamless information sharing between citizens and 911 centers.

The Emergency Call Tracking System ECaTS is up and running in PSAPs statewide. ECaTs assists both the 911 Center and the State in tracking the number of calls that come into the centers and breaks these statistics down by answer time and time of day.

A cybersecurity and physical security assessment has been completed in most of the dispatch centers throughout the state. This assessment was conducted at no cost to the 911 centers and included onsite interviews, network scans, physical inspections and an assessment of a PSAPs network vulnerability along with a report prioritizing recommendations noting deficiencies that need to be addressed.

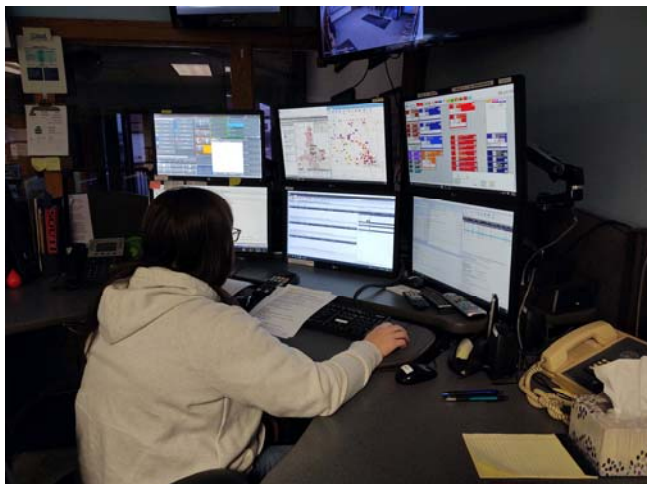
The Communications Center is overseen by Director Carla Zarybnicky. Carla started her dispatching career in Minnesota, November of 2000. Carla currently sits on the NRIN board. NRIN is the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network. Carla has been active on the board for 6 years now, as the network continues its buildout across the state of

Nebraska. This network connects all the dispatch centers in the state with a secure microwave network only used for public safety.

Carla also holds a seat on the 911 Service System Advisory Committee with other representatives across the state. This board was created and appointed by the Public Service Commission. In this committee, Carla is also assigned to the Training Working Group. This group has developed the first ever Statewide Training Standards for PSAPs and was approved by Commissioners November 2021 and will take effect on January 1, 2022. This Statewide Training Standard will ensure that service to the communities throughout Nebraska will be standardized in training and care.

When Should You Call 911?

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



2021 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, Richardson County Sheriff's Office, Nebraska Game & Parks, Board of Public Works, Animal Control & all Gage County Rural Fire/Rescue Agencies.

CALL TYPE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
911 Hang Up	153	290	306	317	263	551
Abandoned Vehicle	Did not record separately		11	14	14	16
Accident/Fatality	5	2	3	4	3	0
Accident/H&R	154	181	176	146	138	157
Accident/Injuries	129	160	162	137	124	161
Accident/No Injuries	673	594	644	648	555	631
Adult Abuse	151	203	194	181	201	205
Alarm	79	99	84	149	106	60
ALS	7	17	12	12	22	20
Animal Bite	60	61	72	66	80	64
Animal Complaint	928	931	852	618	642	639
Animal Cruelty	67	107	126	116	95	99
Animal on Roadway	Did not record separately		25	193	147	271
Arson	1	0	2	0	2	1
Assault	187	226	162	143	127	126
Assist Citizen	168	200	203	229	279	311
Assist Other Agency	503	407	460	645	654	748
Attempted Suicide	5	3	3	2	0	1
Bar Check	486	263	200	264	235	122
Barking Dog	84	81	104	77	80	77
BCH Security						18
Bicycle Theft	15	23	22	26	9	27
Board of Public Works	85	80	78	77	75	96
Burglar Alarm	261	258	260	252	186	215
Burglary	182	174	141	106	63	59
Child Abuse / Neglect	421	476	485	440	402	474
Child Custody	Did not record separately				12	18
Civil	464	461	408	107	375	390
Civil Paper Service	653	731	549	501	508	607
Civil Standby	101	89	86	104	122	130
Complaint Against Officer	7	17	11	7	7	10
Compliance Check	70	43	22	7	50	2
Crimestoppers	7	17	10	8	2	4
Death	78	69	70	83	127	134
Disorderly Conduct	17	8	6	9	7	5
Disturbance	574	522	508	424	475	495

Stats are for All Agencies that SE911 Dispatches for

CALL TYPE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Domestic	Did not record separately		12	51	65	47
Door Checks	20	15	8	22	9	72
Drowning	1	0	0	0	0	1
Drug Information	148	100	101	117	94	100
Drug Violation	71	84	95	65	64	66
DUS	67	92	78	63	81	97
Driving While Intoxicated	87	56	88	116	140	145
Embezzlement	0	1	1	2	1	1
Emergency Protective Custody	9	11	14	19	19	23
Escort	91	116	116	113	87	87
Fail to Appear	19	22	20	16	16	4
False Reporting	7	3	3	0	0	1
Field Interview	174	63	102	67	33	43
Fire	210	256	237	121	210	148
Fire Alarm	152	132	139	145	99	103
Fireworks Complaint	Did not record separately			5	96	27
Forgery	8	2	3	2	0	3
Found Animal	190	227	178	225	188	212
Found Bike	Did not record separately			34	34	59
Found Property	254	243	294	250	184	180
Fraud	138	150	162	115	110	109
Gage Co. Warrant						262
Gambling Violation	1	0	0	0	0	0
Game Violation	10	7	1	2	10	4
Gas Drive Off	55	57	82	100	40	49
General Information	298	293	332	334	306	426
Harassment	222	236	199	174	174	186
Harassment Text	15	10	14	23	18	23
Health Hazard	96	113	89	90	94	100
Hitch Hiker	8	6	10	4	4	3
Homicide	0	0	0	0	1	1
ICAC <small>internet Crimes Against Children</small>	5	8	14	11	21	15
Identity Theft	22	23	30	20	27	34
Indecent Exposure	9	7	4	4	2	6
Injury	4	2	5	1	2	1
Jail Incident	10	12	8	6	17	23
Junked Motor Vehicle	43	25	9	16	9	3
Juvenile	390	417	452	424	406	503
K9 Public Relations	22	13	9	9	2	1
K9 Training	Did not record separately				16	16
Rescue /Lift Assist	119	182	243	234	253	203
Liquor Laws	6	2	1	7	3	3

Stats are for All Agencies that SE911 Dispatches for

CALL TYPE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Livestock Complaint	Did not record separately		1	2	0	2
Lost Animal	145	162	134	122	118	116
Lost Property	115	120	128	114	88	109
Medical Alarm	Did not record separately				62	133
Mental Health	195	199	225	199	235	187
Minor in Possession	39	28	28	33	24	29
Missing Person	33	27	28	34	36	17
Motor Vehicle Theft	46	58	48	43	33	43
Motorist Assist	347	331	398	465	371	428
Mutual Aid	Did not record separately		1	2	8	23
Noise	311	286	264	241	269	209
Nuisance	73	164	175	43	121	122
Open Container	Did not record separately			5	1	1
Open Door	78	62	75	94	73	82
Out of Unit	669	566	709	714	752	940
Ordinance Violation	190	120	134	201	145	149
Parking 2 hr.	52	47	65	47	13	14
Parking 24 hrs.	135	159	153	314	210	184
Parking/other	621	599	781	627	583	562
Pivot /Traffic Hazzard	10	7	5	1	6	7
Possession of Stolen Property	0	0	0	6	1	0
Probation Violation	8	7	8	7	8	1
Procuring	0	0	2	0	0	2
Property Damage	75	64	66	68	65	68
Protection Order Violation	83	65	54	58	67	74
Prowler	26	3	11	5	3	6
Public Service&Speak	206	215	278	268	172	216
Pursuit	13	14	13	5	16	10
Remove Party	215	214	155	136	152	159
Repo	45	41	34	32	31	24
Rescue	1632	1701	1693	1638	1737	1781
Richardson Co. Warrant						332
Road Closed	44	44	37	26	53	17
Robbery	2	3	1	1	3	1
Runaway	92	103	69	44	85	89
Scam	49	76	142	170	165	171
Search Warrant	8	6	6	18	2	8
Sex Offender Registration	39	41	28	38	37	25
Sex Off. Compliance Check	Did not record separately		11	35	71	44
Sexual Assault/Rape	52	45	53	47	61	57
Shoplifting	112	114	80	68	50	49

Stats are for All Agencies that SE911 Dispatches for

CALL TYPE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Smoking Ban	1	1	0	0	0	0
Solicitor	17	6	5	3	6	0
Special Detail	Did not record separately		3	10	9	4
Suicide	5	7	4	3	1	3
Suspicious	910	969	1010	934	797	830
SWAT						1
Test Call	Did not record separately		15	15	15	12
Theft	487	432	417	303	329	323
Threats	195	182	182	161	205	154
Title Inspection	200	115	3	29	19	124
Traffic Hazard	284	299	337	332	272	362
Traffic Stops	5455	4201	4796	5538	4920	6135
Transfer	1133	1169	1076	1197	1060	1151
Transport	372	386	378	369	177	130
Trash	70	87	54	51	55	50
Trespassing	79	78	83	81	89	86
Truancy	40	32	23	18	14	14
Unknown	15	3	10	20	18	55
Vacation Watch	98	106	86	66	33	41
Vandalism	290	240	204	238	236	228
Vehicle Comp/All Types	1130	1200	1078	1010	864	931
Warrants	307	350	378	368	267	276
Watch	104	137	104	76	52	59
Weapon Laws Violation	11	16	8	7	11	7
Weather	20	14	21	23	19	22
Welfare Check	825	778	706	626	746	823
Totals	27,564	26,278	26,684	26,568	25,263	28,646

**Emergency calls that were duplicate or cancelled	10,377	5,789	4,769	4,549	4,851	4,633
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Total Calls for Service	37,941	32,067	31,453	31,117	30,114	33,279
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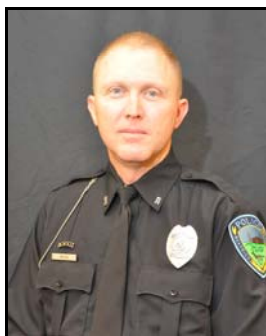
**We had not reported cancelled calls in previous years. We have now included them to give a true number of how many times Emergency calls are answered. Duplicate calls may include several calls regarding the same accident or incident

Calls for Service by Agency 2021

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.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Beatrice Police Department	12,607	11,176	11,576	10,801	10,110	10,108
Board of Public Works	85	69	78	77	64	96
Gage County Sheriff's Office	6,986	7,063	6,462	6,743	5,809	5,422
Wymore Police Department	1,009	1,158	775	1,056	1,112	1,077
Beatrice Fire&Rescue&Rural Fire	2,586	2,849	2,788	2,950	3,069	3,227
Adams Fire	49	66	48	28	22	26
Adams Rescue	61	68	52	70	66	88
Barneston Fire	20	22	14	6	16	7
Blue Springs Fire	36	63	47	24	24	35
Clatonia Fire	30	33	51	13	28	14
Clatonia Rescue	63	64	104	86	83	80
Cortland Fire	34	33	33	32	46	38
Cortland QRT's	62	63	119	91	106	99
Crete Police Department	4,663	4,811	5,719	5,929	5695	6,134
Crete Fire and Rescue	935	1,004	971	913	827	900
Dewitt Rescue	1	2	0	2	7	1
Diller Fire/Rescue	2	10	0	2	0	1
Filley Fire	22	33	28	17	16	20
Firth Fire & QRT	5	13	11	8	8	15
Hallam Fire & Rescue	0	2	8	5	10	12
Odell Fire	40	45	50	9	19	21
Odell QRT's	28	31	0	40	26	19
Richardson County Sheriff's Office	Began dispatching for RSCO August 2021					3,141
Pickrell Fire/QRT's	29	40	52	26	20	26
Wymore Fire & Rescue	262	175	153	254	283	282

Patriot



Captain Dan Moss
2009



Sgt Wes Henning
1997



Sgt Brian Carver
2000



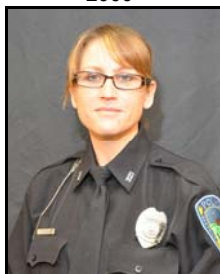
Sgt Derrick Hosick
2015



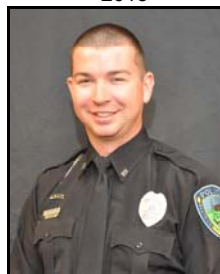
Sgt Zach Smith
2017



Ofc Zac Lauenstein
2002



Ofc Kristine Mangers
2006



Ofc Joseph McCormick
2007



Ofc Timothy Price
2014



Ofc Natasha Nesbitt
2015



Ofc Ethan Jordan
2018



Ofc Kelly Byrne
2018



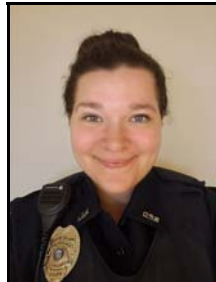
Ofc Michael Bolan
2019



Ofc Isaac Haley
2019



Ofc Brian Najera
2021



Ofc Courtney Brauch
2021



Trainee Benjamin Morrissey
2021

Patrol

2021 brought some significant changes to the Patrol Division at the Beatrice Police Department. During my 12 years at the Department, the supervisory staff has been a constant on which you can rely. The only changes being two Sergeant promotions during that time. In 2021 we saw the retirement of a Captain and the resignation of a Sergeant. This led to the promotion of a Captain and two Sergeants.

A K-9 Officer resignation opened the way for a new Officer to take on that role. The new Officer was able to get his training completed in the fall of 2021. Now, the Beatrice High School has not only a School Resource Officer, but a highly trained and competent K-9 Officer and dog as well. The addition of the K-9 at the High School has been positively received by students and staff alike.

The Beatrice Police Department also entered into a contract with the Beatrice Community Hospital to provide on-site security during the late evening hours. BPD provides security seven days a week for a total of 64 hours. This allowed for the creation of two new Officer Positions to help staff BCH and maintain current minimum staffing on our two night shifts.

While all the changes are positive and allow for new opportunities for Officers, there is obviously another side to the story. New opening and promotions create open spots which need to be filled. The ideal solution is to fill those open positions with Officers who are already Nebraska Law Enforcement Certified. Unfortunately, in today's political and social climate, nearly all Departments across the state are short of staff and looking for those same Officers.

With five openings created we were able to fill four of those spots in 2021. With the training required by our Department and State Statute it takes about eight months to fully train and certify a new Officer. Two of those new Officers completed the BPD portion of their training in 2021 and begin training at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in January 2022. The other two will begin their training in January 2022 and should be "on the road," by August 2022.

These shortages meant we needed to get creative with staffing to fill our new role at BCH. BPD hired part-time Nebraska Certified Law Enforcement Officers to help cover shifts at BCH. These Officers already work for other Departments and Sheriff's Offices in the area, but also put in time for BPD on a part-time basis at BCH. We have also entered into an agreement with the Gage County Sheriff's Office to have their Deputies work shifts at BCH. This is a win-win for all as BCH receives the security they need using certified officers who live and work in and around the Gage County area.

All these changes and moving parts did not divert us from our ultimate responsibility, the safety and security of the residents, visitors and businesses in Beatrice. Officers maintained their visibility with a patrol presence in town and responded to over 10,000 incidents. While 2020 was an up year for arrests and citations, 2021 was more in line with the 5-year average statistics. Officers responded to 411 accidents, whether they happened on city streets or public property. Officers made 1738 traffic stops in 2021 resulting in 652 traffic citations. Additionally, they made 59 arrests for Driving under the

influence of alcohol or drugs and cited or arrested 80 more for Driving under suspension or revocation.

All of this activity by Officers, in conjunction with open positions and new responsibilities, does have a cost. Overtime paid to Officers was up significantly from 2020, a year in which we were fully staffed. Nearly three-quarters of this overtime is tied to filling patrol shifts. The department has a minimum number of Officers required to be on duty for any particular shift, to include BCH. The cost for this overtime is mitigated by the fact that part-time officers were used to help cover security at BCH.

Lastly, I would like to give special attention to two awards given to Officers in the Patrol Division. Officer Ethan Jordan was voted as the Officer of the Year by his peers. He also received an individual award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving at their annual Nebraska banquet for his outstanding work in DUI enforcement. The *Free Ride Home* program he created in 2019 provided 68 rides home to impaired drivers in 2021. Sergeant Derrick Hosick received a Meritorious Service Award for his actions to save a family dog from a house fire.

Captain Dan Moss



Vehicle Summary 2021

The Beatrice Police Department utilizes seven marked patrol units for daily road patrol duties. Two of these units are assigned to the K9 unit and are specially equipped for that purpose and assigned directly to the K9 Officer. The other five units are rotated amongst the other Road Patrol Officers for Patrol duties.

The Police Department was able to purchase 2 new vehicles for our investigations division purchasing a new Dodge Ram Pickup and a new Ford Explorer Utility. Trading in three vehicles in the purchase of the Ford Explorer. The vehicles traded were a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria, 2003 Ford Expedition, and a 2007 Ford Explorer.

The Police Department lost 2 marked patrol units the precious year, Unit 1 was replaced in February and there were mechanical issues with that unit. The Police Department working with Zoellner Ford was able to have that unit declared a Lemon and the unit was replace by Ford in January 2022. Unit 4 was replaced and entered into our fleet after being involved in an accident

FLEET INFORMATION

Unit	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Projected Replacement	Use
1	2021	Ford	Explorer	Lemon/Replaced	2022	Patrol
2	2016	Ford	Explorer	67,948	73,537	Patrol/K9
3	2020	Chevy	Tahoe	51,035	75,000	Patrol
4	2021	Ford	Explorer	17,983	2021	Patrol
5	2018	Ford	Taurus	80,24	75,000	Patrol
6	2017	Ford	Explorer	86,681	95,989	Patrol
7	2022	Ford	Explorer	Ordered		Patrol
8	2021	Dodge	Ram	1,323		Investigations
9	2016	Chevy	Tahoe	95,473	106,600	Patrol/K9
11	2013	Ford	Explorer	94,668		Chief's Car
12	2021	Ford	Explorer	1,134		Investigations
13	2011	Chevy	Tahoe	134,825		School Resource
Bus	1996	Chevy	Blue Bird	6,175		Mobile Command
VA	2018	Chevy	Cruz	4,270		Victim Assistance
Rescue	2016	OSHKOSH	Armored Veh	3863		Special Operations



Training Summary 2021

The Beatrice Police Department uses a train the trainer approach to training. Officers are sent to different types of trainings/schools throughout the year in different areas of expertise. Upon completion of these trainings/schools, the police department utilizes them as trainers for the department.

Every second Monday of each month is reserved for in-house training. Officers who have completed any specialized training teach others what they have learned during these in-house trainings, saving the department money. Along with any specialized trainings, officers are required to have annual training on Pursuit, Use of Force, Implicit Bias/Racial Profiling and Firearms to name a few.

Since 2013 Officers are required to complete 20 hours of continuing education. Continuing Education hours are earned on an hour for hour ratio. In the past years, officers were limited to only 10 of their 20 continuing education hours could be online training. This stipulation has been removed so in theory they could get all their hours with internet training. However, this is not practical due to some of the specific required training as stated above (for example Firearms training).

All Officers were able to achieve the 20-hour requirement for the year 2021. Members of the department logged over 1,487 hours of continuing education courses. This number is inflated somewhat as we had two new officers complete the FTO program which accounts for 240 hours per officer.

Some of the more notable training events of 2021 attended by Police Department personnel are listed below.

Policing in Black and White Implicit Bias and Racial Profiling

SRP (Standard Response Protocol) with BHS and BMS

Leadership in Police Organizations

Red Dot Sight Handgun Instructor

OIS (Officer Involved Shooting)

Documenting the Death Scene

CJIS Level 3 Security Awareness

Sgt. Brian Carver

Incidents / Cases 2021

Following is a list of the types of Incidents that the Beatrice Police Department responded to during 2021. The incident type is entered by Dispatch when the call comes in. This “type” may actually change by the time it is made into a Case. Example: A call comes in as “suspicious” but after investigation an arrest was made for vandalism, then the case would be entered as a vandalism. Not all Incidents become cases

Incident Type	#	Incident Type	#	Incident Type	#
911 Hang Up	235	Escort	78	Parking/Other	173
Abandoned Vehicle	3	Fail to Appear	3	Probation Violation	1
Accident/H&R	77	False Reporting	1	Procuring	2
Accident/Injuries	59	Field Interview	23	Property Damage	32
Accident/No Injuries	275	Fireworks Complaint	17	Protection Order Violation	40
Adult Abuse	147	Forgery	2	Prowler	4
Alarm	41	Found Animal	104	Public Service	68
Animal Bite	37	Found Bike	20	Pursuit	4
Animal Complaint	357	Found Property	102	Remove Party	107
Animal Cruelty	59	Fraud	49	Repo	16
Animal on Roadway	50	Gage Co. Warrant	7	Rescue	29
Assault	81	Gambling Information	1	Road Closed	4
Assist Citizen	117	General Information	219	Robbery	1
Assist Other Agency	298	Harassment	126	Runaway	63
Bar Check	30	Harassment - Text	19	Scam	80
Barking Dog	64	Health Hazard	14	Search Warrant	3
BCH Security	17	Hitch Hiker	1	Sex Off Reg Viol	1
Bicycle Theft	13	ICAC	9	Sexual Assault	30
BPW	88	Identity Theft	12	Shoplifting	25
Burglar Alarm	118	Indecent Exposure	3	Special Detail	1
Burglary	25	Jail Incident	8	Suicide	2
Child Abuse	228	Junked Motor Vehicle	3	Suspicious	455
Child Custody	11	Juvenile	294	SWAT	1
Child Neglect	32	K9 Public Relations	1	Test	4
Civil	230	K9 Training	15	Theft	185
Civil Process	4	Liquor Laws Violation	4	Threats	99
Civil Standby	78	Lost Animal	70	Title Inspection	3
Complaint Against Officer	7	Lost Property	68	Traffic Hazard	133
Compliance Check	1	Mental Health	146	Traffic Stop	1738
Crimestoppers	4	MIP	19	Transport	7
Death	81	Missing Person	11	Trespassing	32
Disorderly Conduct	5	Motor Vehicle Theft	26	Vacation Watch	14
Disturbance	308	Motorist Assist	98	Vandalism	88
Domestic	25	Noise	109	Vehicle Complaint	418
Door Checks	3	OOU	351	Warrant	72
Drug Information	45	Open Container	1	Watch	47
Drug Violation	36	Open Door	28	Weapons Law Violation	4
DUS	50	Ordinance Violation	92	Weather	19
DWI - DUI	66	Parking/2 HR	6	Welfare Check	471
EPC	7	Parking/24 HR	60		

Cases Made 2021

Below are the Case types that the Beatrice Police Department worked during 2021. A “Case” is made when there is a known victim or when an arrest is made, rather than just issuing a traffic ticket or having a conversation with parties involved, etc.

Arrest charge numbers may differ from the Case Type numbers as one case may result in multiple arrest/charges.

Case Type	Total Cases Worked	Case Status				
		Arrests or Citations Issued	Warrant Issued or Other Agency Arrest	Open	Closed, Inactive, or Referred to other Agency	Unfounded
Accident (in depth investigation)	17	7	1	2	7	
Adult Abuse/Neglect/ Vulnerable	117		1	5	59	52
Animal Bite or Complaint	32	4		4	24	
Animal Cruelty	7	1		1	5	
Arson	2				2	
Assault	85	59	3	5	16	2
Assist Other Agency	32	2	2		28	
Burglary	18	3	3	6	6	
Child Abuse/Neglect	210	4	1	13	135	58
Child Pornography	1	1				
Civil	11	1			9	1
Criminal Mischief	30	7	1	3	19	
Death	33				33	
Disorderly Conduct	6	6				
Disturbance	37	8	3	3	22	1
Driving Under Suspension/ Revoked	42	38	3	1		
DUI	59	52			7	
Drug Equipment Violation	1			1		
Drug Information	10	2		3	5	
Drug Violation	36	25	2	3	6	
EPC	6			1	5	
Fail to Appear	2	1	1			
False Reporting	1	1				
Forgery	3				3	
Found Animal	1	1				
Found Property	50			1	49	
Fraud	38	2	2	3	31	
Game Violation	1				1	
General Information	23			3	19	1
Harassment	24	5	2	3	14	
ICAC	8			2	6	
Identity Theft	9				9	
Impersonation	1				1	
Juvenile Complaint	34	2		1	29	2
Liquor Law Violation	3			1	2	
Lost Property	12				12	
Mental Health	54	2			51	1

Case Status							
Case Type	Total Cases Worked		Arrests or Citations Issued	Warrant Issued or Other Agency Arrest	Open	Closed, Inactive, or Referred to other Agency	Unfounded
Minor in Possession	21		21				
Missing Person	2					2	
Motor Vehicle Theft	11		2			8	1
Moving Violation	4		2			2	
Nuisance	1				1		
Obstruct Police Officer	10		7	1	1	1	
Ordinance Violation	17		13	2		2	
Poss. of Stolen Property	1			1			
Probation Violation	2					2	
Property Damage	11				1	10	
Protection Order Violation	21		11	5	2	1	2
Public Indecency	2		1		1		
Runaway	40		24		2	14	
Sex Offender Registry Viol.	1					1	
Sexual Assault	17				7	6	4
Suicide	2					2	
Suicide Attempt	3					3	
Suspicious	33		1			30	2
Theft	136		32	4	12	88	5
Theft From Motor vehicle	6		2		1	3	
Threats	12		5	1		6	
Trash	1		1				
Trespassing	22		8			14	
Vandalism	21		3	1		17	
Warrant Arrest	74		70	1	1	2	
Weapon Law Violation	5		5				
Welfare Check	22					22	
Total Cases Worked	1,554		442	40	94	851	127

Total Incidents Initiated or Responded to	10,108	Arrests or Citations Issued	Warrant Issued or Other Agency Arrest	Open	Closed, Inactive, or Referred to other Agency	Unfounded
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Case Status at the end of the Year

Mental Health Assessments made by officers

Call Type Dispatched to	# of Assessments by officers	Call Type Dispatched to	# of Assessments by officers	Call Type Dispatched to	# of Assessments by officers
Assist Other Agency	4	Juvenile	4	Suspicious	3
Attempted Suicide	1	Mental Health	54	Threats	1
Disorderly Conduct	1	OOU	1	Trespassing	1
Disturbance	5	Protection Order Viol.	1	TS	1
Domestic	1	Remove Party	1	Welfare Check	33
DWI - DUI	1	Rescue	13		
EPC	3	Runaway	1		
				Total	130

Ticket Statistics for 2021

Parking Warnings and Citations

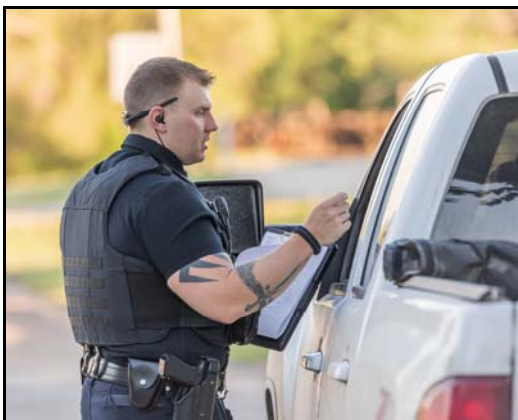
Description	Warnings	Citations
24 Hour Parking	17	7
Left Side Parking	5	8
Obstructing Traffic	1	
Parking - 2 hr	4	1
Parking in Restricted Area	1	3
Prohibited Parking	3	21
Unregistered Vehicle Parked on Street		17
Totals	31	57

Animal Warnings, ER's and Citations

Description	Warnings or ER's	Citations
Animal Neglect		1
Barking Dog	1	1
Dog and Cats must be licensed	3	9
Dog at Large		14
Limit of # of Dogs or Cats		1
Noisy Animals, Fowl	1	
Rabies Tag	2	
Totals	7	26

City Ordinance Warnings and Citations

Description	Warnings	Citations
Burn without Permit		1
Discharge Firearm in City Limits		2
Disturbing the Peace/Stereo		4
Littering		1
Shoplifting		13
Trash		1
Use of Fireworks	1	
Totals	1	22



Traffic Warnings, Equipment Repairs and Citations

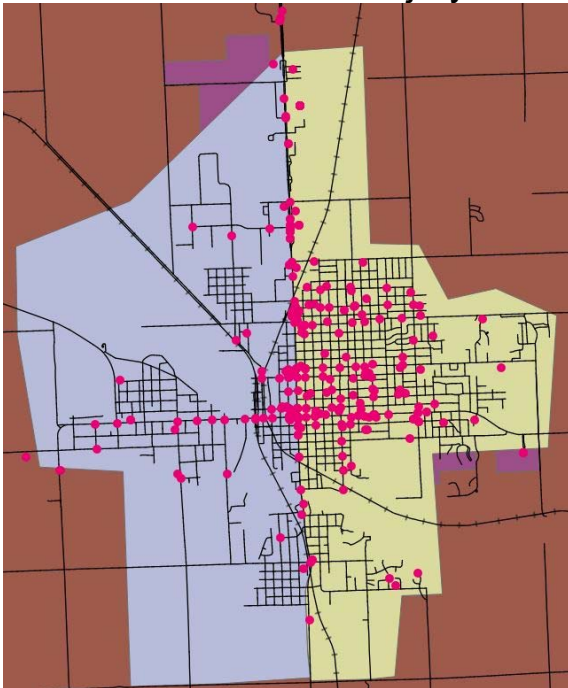
Description	Verbal Warning	Written Warning or Er's	Citations
Careless Driving			6
Driving Left of Center			1
Driving Under Suspension			59
DUS Due to ALR/Fail to Comply			21
Duty to Carry License Permit		2	2
Clinging to a Vehicle		1	4
Exhibition of Acceleration		4	6
Failure to Maintain Lane		5	3
Failure to Signal		30	8
Failure to yield ROW to vehicle or Sign		7	14
Fictitious Plates		2	5
Follow too Close		3	3
Impeding Traffic			1
Improper Lane Change		3	2
Improper Turn		16	5
Leaving Scene of Accident			15
Lights required on Vehicle or Violation		282	13
Motor Vehicle Restraint – Adult & Child		2	5
Mufflers/Noise		12	3
Negligent Driving		4	10
No Helmet		1	1
No License Plates or manner of display		42	3
No Motorcycle Endorsement License			2
One Way Violation		6	1
Operators must have valid license		4	52
Passing Violation		1	1
Proof of Financial Responsibility/Insurance		2	67
Proof of Ownership			4
Reckless Driving			3
Registration Required		17	228
Violate Learners or School Permit			3
Screeching of Tires		1	2
Speeding		119	50
Stop Sign Violation		41	24
Traffic Signal Violation		18	23
Truck Route Violation		2	2
Unlawful Operation of ATV			1
Unsafe Backing			1
Verbal Warning or Traffic Contacts	459		
Totals	459	627	652

Accident Tallies for 2021

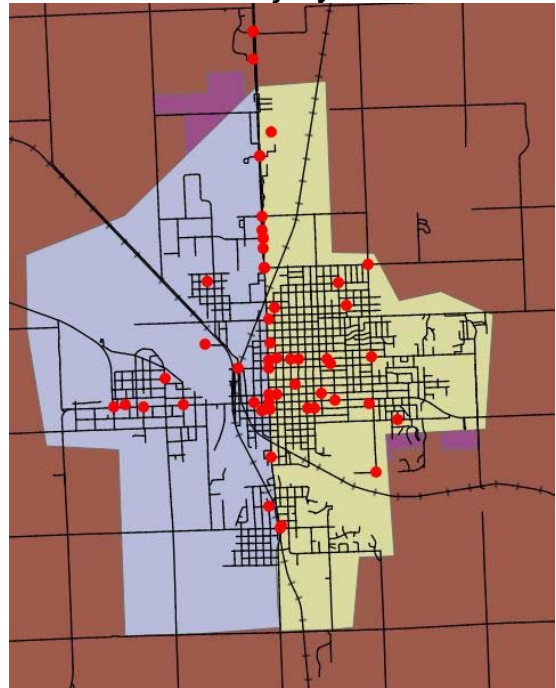
Types of Accidents

Officer Responded but no report taken	162
Property Damage	190
Injury	59
Fatality	0
Total	411

Locations of Non-Injury

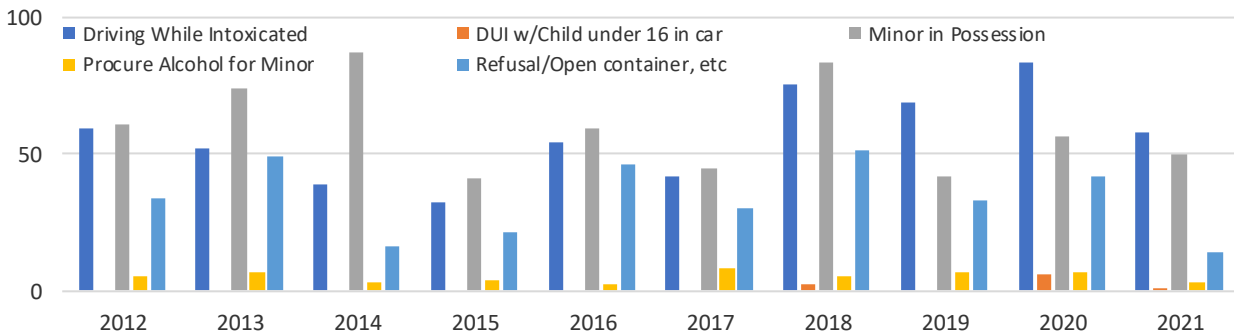


Locations of Injury Accidents



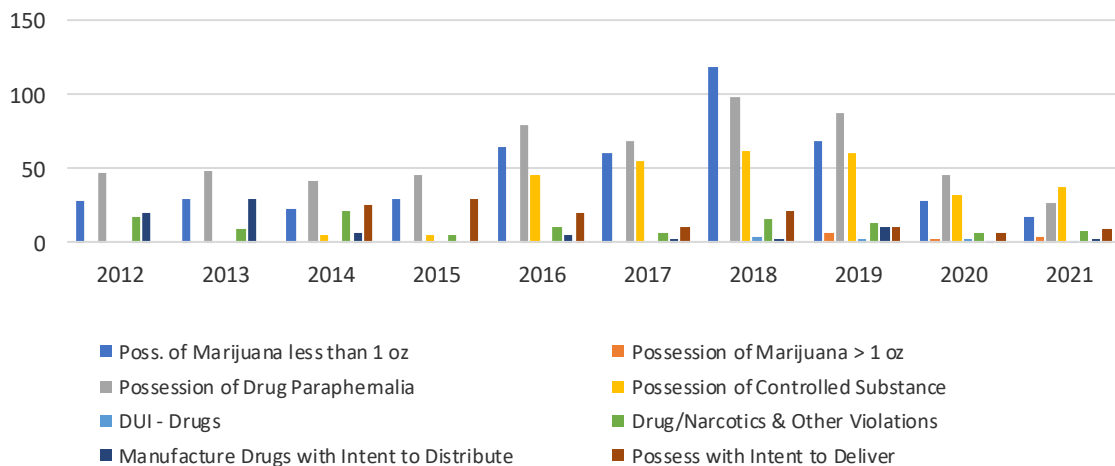
Alcohol Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Driving While Intoxicated	59	52	39	32	54	42	75	69	83	58
DUI w/Child under 16 in car							2		6	1
Minor in Possession	61	74	87	41	59	45	83	42	56	50
Procure Alcohol for Minor	5	7	3	4	2	8	5	7	7	3
Refusal/Open container, etc	34	49	16	21	46	30	51	33	42	14
Total	159	182	145	98	161	125	216	151	194	126



Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Poss. Marijuana less than 1 oz	28	30	23	29	64	60	119	68	28	17
Possession of Marijuana > 1 oz								6	2	4
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	47	48	41	46	80	68	98	87	46	27
Possession of Controlled Substance	0	0	5	5	46	55	62	60	32	37
DUI - Drugs							4	2	2	1
Drug/Narcotics & Other Violations	18	9	21	5	10	6	16	14	6	8
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	20	30	6	0	5	2	3	10	1	2
Possess with Intent to Deliver	0	0	26	29	20	10	21	10	6	9
Totals	113	117	122	114	225	201	323	257	123	105

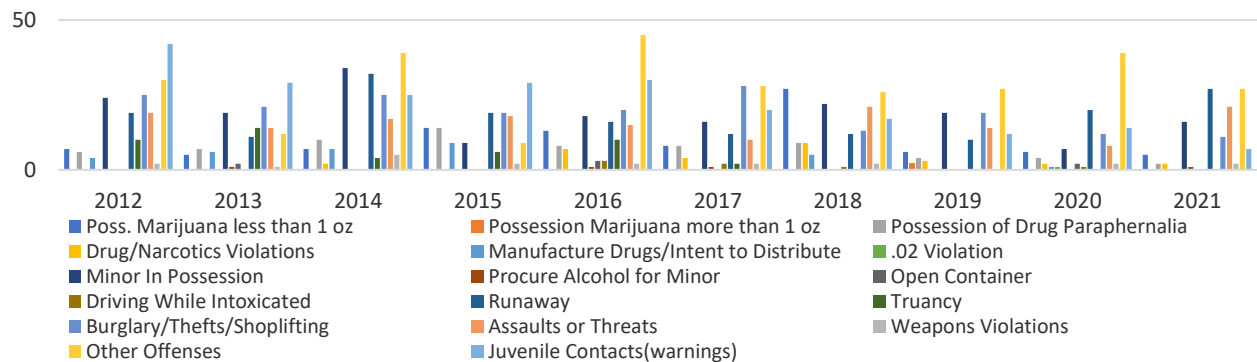


Juvenile Arrests and Citations

(under the age of 18) (these numbers are also included in the arrest charges on page 29)

Type of Arrest	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Poss. Marijuana less than 1 oz	7	5	7	14	13	8	27	6	6	5
Possession Marijuana more than 1 oz								2	0	0
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	6	7	10	14	8	8	9	4	4	2
Drug/Narcotics Violations	0	0	2	0	7	4	9	3	2	2
Manufacture Drugs/Intent to Distribute	4	6	7	9	0	0	5	0	1	0
.02 Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Minor In Possession	24	19	34	9	18	16	22	19	7	16
Procure Alcohol for Minor	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Open Container	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0
Driving While Intoxicated	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	1	0
Runaway	19	11	32	19	16	12	12	10	20	27
Truancy	10	14	4	6	10	2	0	0	0	0
Burglary/Thefts/Shoplifting	25	21	25	19	20	28	13	19	12	11
Assaults or Threats	19	14	17	18	15	10	21	14	8	21
Weapons Violations	2	1	5	2	2	2	2	0	2	2
Other Offenses	30	12	39	9	45	28	26	27	39	27
Juvenile Contacts(warnings)	42	29	25	29	30	20	17	12	14	7
Total	188	142	207	148	191	141	164	116	119	121

Juvenile Arrest Charges

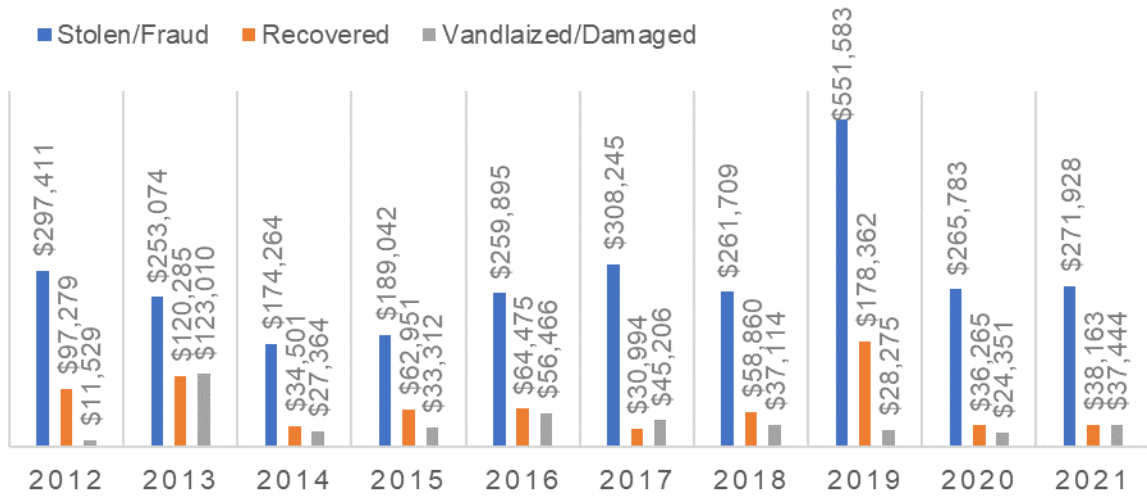


Arrest Charges

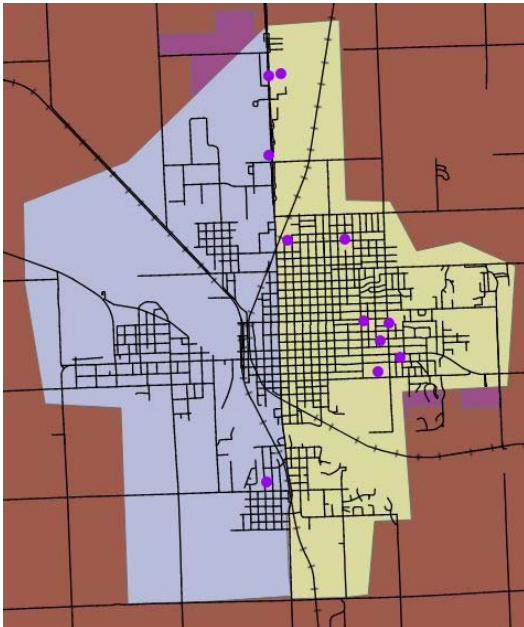
(Traffic Offenses not included)

Type of Charges	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Assault 1 st /2 nd /3 rd	32	23	18	15	31	29	40	23	32	36
Assault on an Officer	2	2	2	5	4	1	5	1	6	3
Strangulation	6	7	10	8	6	5	1	4	4	7
Domestic Assault	35	41	35	32	41	33	27	24	35	40
Protection Order Violations	4	9	21	7	20	10	8	8	28	11
Sexual Assaults 1st/ 2nd/ 3rd & child	3	8	2	2	0	2	5	2	4	0
Terroristic Threats/ Threats	9	24	14	22	18	9	17	18	5	11
Murder in the 2 nd Degree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Drug Violations	113	117	122	114	225	201	323	257	123	105
Burglary	1	14	9	4	5	8	7	9	3	4
Theft	58	32	38	43	43	21	22	27	25	16
Robbery	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	0
Motor Vehicle Homicide	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft/Unauth. Use	2	2	2	0	4	0	3	2	3	1
Criminal Mischief	31	22	23	17	31	16	27	34	33	20
Child Abuse/Neglect	20	28	24	19	35	22	34	40	34	14
Weapons Violations	12	14	18	14	20	20	26	30	14	15
Disorderly Conduct	14	20	10	10	16	21	10	10	5	8
Minor In Possession	61	74	87	41	59	45	83	42	56	50
Procuring	5	7	3	4	2	8	5	7	7	3
DWI	59	52	39	32	54	42	81	69	91	59
Refusal to Submit	12	18	9	13	12	9	19	20	20	8
Other Alcohol offenses	22	31	7	12	34	24	32	13	22	6
Runaway	19	11	32	19	16	12	12	10	20	27
Forgery 1st Degree	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Resisting Arrest	5	3	2	5	6	7	8	7	10	5
Flight to Avoid Arrest	6	2	2	1	4	2	2	0	7	1
Other Offenses & Citations	340	314	311	230	134	133	108	251	133	214
Total Arrests	871	875	842	673	821	681	905	907	723	664

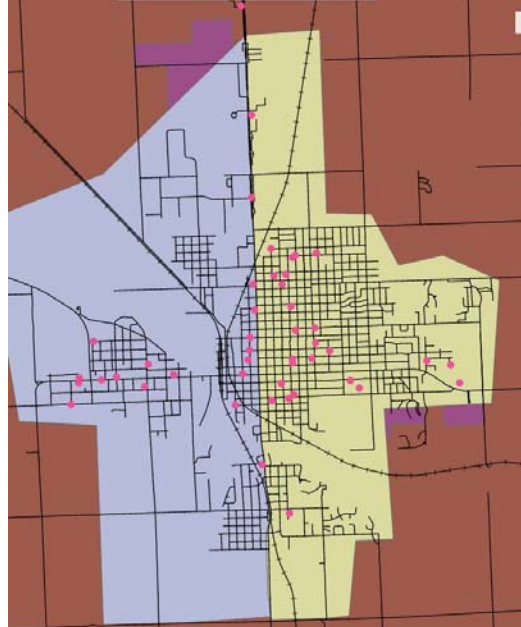
Property Crime Stats



**Motor Vehicle Theft
Locations for 2021**



**Vandalism/Criminal Mischief
Locations for 2021**



Investigative Services



Lieutenant Jay Murphy
1990



Investigator
Erin Byrne
1996



Juvenile Services Officer
Jennifer Klaus
1994



Narcotics Investigator
Shane Maloley
2009



Criminal Investigations Unit 2021

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, or when the criminal activity appears to be part of a pattern.

The Criminal Investigations Unit is commanded by Jay Murphy, Investigative Lieutenant. The investigations unit is staffed with three investigators. The investigators are Juvenile Services Officer Jennifer Klaus, General Investigator Erin Byrne and Illegal Drugs/Major Crime Investigator Shane Maloley.

Lt Jay Murphy has been with the department since 1990 and has served as a road patrol officer from 1990-1994, Sergeant from 1994-2018 and then was promoted to Investigations Lieutenant in 2018. He is a member of the ICAC Task Force and specializes in financial and electronic crimes.

Officer Jennifer Klaus has been with the department since 1994. She was a road patrol officer from 1994-2009. In 2009 she was assigned to Investigations as the Juvenile Services Officer. Officer Klaus specializes in child abuse and neglect cases. She is the liaison between the police department and the Child Advocacy Center as well as the Department of Health and Human Services.

Investigator Byrne has been with the department since 1996. He was assigned road patrol from 1996-2010. In 2010 he became a General Investigator and currently specializes in various types of investigations. He is also in charge of the dissemination of criminal activity to outside agencies and other databases. Investigator Byrne also looks into background checks and compliances for current liquor licenses applied for through the City of Beatrice.

Officer Maloley has been with the department since 2009. He was assigned road patrol from 2009-2016. In 2016 Officer Maloley moved into the role of Illegal Drugs/Major Crime Investigator. Officer Maloley specializes in narcotics investigations and confidential informant management. Officer Maloley is instrumental in helping solve various crimes through his confidential informants.

During 2021, the Investigations Unit was directly assigned 651 calls for service. In addition, the Investigations Unit assisted numerous outside agencies with investigations of crimes in their jurisdictions which had ties to Beatrice. The Investigations Unit continues to work with other agencies in regard to Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC)*. These cases involve crimes such as possession of child pornography, online enticement of a child, and any other cyber-crime involving a child. 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 outside surrounding agency cases. These searches are done with a software/hardware program called Cellebrite. The Gage County STOP program funds were used to purchase this \$10,000 unit. STOP program

funds come from traffic violation diversion classes, sponsored by Gage County. Updates on this Cellebrite unit costs up to \$4,000 per year. These update costs are shared between Beatrice, Gage County Attorney's Office and Wymore Police Department. Total number of cell phone searches in 2021 totaled 31. These searches can take up to two hours per search. Cell phone searches are completed to obtain information on various types of cases in which a cell phone may have been somehow involved.

Of these 651 calls for service, 236 cases were made by Investigations and 295 cases were passed on to Investigations by Patrol.

Cases Originally Assigned to Investigations

Adult Abuse/Neglect	36	Harassment	1
Animal Complaint	2	ICAC	2
Assault	1	Identity Theft	8
Assist other Agency	12	Juvenile Complaint	2
Burglary	3	Lost Property	3
Child Abuse/Neglect	96	Protection Order Violation	1
Civil	1	Sexual Assault	9
Criminal Mischief	2	Suspicious	7
Death	3	Theft	23
Driving Under Suspension	1	Threats	2
Drugs	1	Trash	1
Forgery	2	Warrants	4
Found Property	1	Welfare Check	1
Fraud	11	Total	236

Cases Passed on to Investigations from Patrol

Adult Abuse/Neglect	48	Juvenile Complaint	14
Animal Complaint	1	Mental Health	2
Arson	2	Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Assault	2	Poss. of Stolen Property	2
Burglary	13	Protection Order Violation	1
Child Abuse/Neglect	114	Public Indecency	2
Death	1	Sexual Assault	18
Disturbance	3	Suicide/Attempt	4
Drugs	8	Suspicious	4
Found Property	5	Theft	12
Fraud	13	Threats	2
General Information	6	Trespassing	1
Harassment	3	Welfare Check	5
Homicide	1	Total	295
ICAC	6		

The categories listed above is not a true reflection of how many of each category the investigations unit was actually involved in. For instance, a category listed above as child abuse/neglect may turn into a drug arrest during the abuse investigation. Keeping that in mind, the following is a list of felony offenses and arrests that both investigations and patrol made in 2021:

Felony Crime Code Classification	Offenses Reported	Arrests Made
Fraud/Counterfeit/False Pretense	6	0
Felony Drug Offenses	50	46
Pornography	4	1
Forcible Rape/Sexual Assault	8	0
Aggravated Assault/Terroristic Threats	24	24
Burglary	17	4
Weapons Law Violations	10	10
Arson	2	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	12	1
Family Offenses Nonviolent	30	5
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	6	2
Other Felony Offenses	25	17
	194	110

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. During 2021 seven new applicant background investigations were completed. We also completed six liquor license background/compliance checks and multiple handgun and vendor background checks.

The Investigations Unit, specifically Officer Klaus, is assigned to the state-mandated, county-wide, Child Abuse/Neglect Investigative and Treatment Teams. Officer Klaus 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 Officers, 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. This meeting takes place once every month and the length of the meeting depends on what cases are discussed each month.

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.

Lt Murphy has been a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force since approximately 2005. This Task force is led by the Nebraska State Patrol. The Nebraska State Patrol assign members of the task force crimes against children violations which may occur in their jurisdiction. They also assist in these investigations when possible.

The investigations unit is available 24/7 all year by means of an on-call rotation. Investigators rotate each week and will be on-call for the department to call them to come in and help work any type of crime that they feel may need the special skills of an investigator.

• **Crime Scene Team**

The Beatrice Police Department Crime Scene Team 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. We try to have training at least once a year to stay up on the knowledge and skills needed for this unit. Training is already set for 2022. The crime scene team was not activated in 2021. The team is commanded by Lt Jay Murphy.

• **Juvenile Services**

Nebraska Legislation dictates that child abuse/neglect reports be handled with a law enforcement coordinated response with Department of Health and Human Services, school professionals, medical personal, probation or other community partners whenever possible.

The role of law enforcement in child abuse cases is to investigate to determine if a violation of criminal law occurred, and if so, to gather and preserve physical and testimonial evidence

Only Law Enforcement officers are authorized to take children into temporary custody when there are reasonable grounds to believe a child is seriously endangered in his or her surroundings and immediate removal appears necessary to the protect the child. The decision to place a child into protective custody rests solely with law enforcement.

In 2021 Beatrice Police Department received 307 child abuse intake reports from the Health and Human Services Hotline. This number does not reflect reports received from other means such as direct calls from school personnel, other concerned parties that contact the police directly or situational responses. This number may also reflect duplicate reports sent to our department. The breakdown of these calls are as follows:

Child Abuse/Neglect incidents – 210

Welfare Check incidents – 6

Of these 216 incidents of child abuse/neglect/Welfare checks, 64 were unfounded, 27 were referred to other police agencies, 54 were marked inactive, 64 were closed either to arrests being made or services were put into the house, 3 are still open cases and 4 were marked that arrests/citations were involved.

Other types of juvenile reports include reports of sexual assaults. Thirty (30) sexual assaults were investigated in 2021. This call type does not differentiate between juvenile and adult but the majority involve juvenile victims. Of these thirty reports, seventeen (17) became actual cases. Four (4) of these seventeen became unfounded and twenty-six (26) were either marked inactive, referred to other agencies or sent to the Gage County Attorney's Office for consideration of charges.

Juvenile victims, in a majority of cases, are required to be taken to the Child Advocacy Center in Lincoln as part of the investigation and require coordination and officer presence. In 2021, thirty interviews were completed at the Child Advocacy Center. Each of these interviews can take up to four hours, or even longer, depending on how talkative the child can be.

Other additional supports include contacting and checking on juvenile of parent or adult offending offenses or calls. Providing or assisting with resources for the betterment or well-being of families and children. Because there are often multiple or on-going situations with families, there is value in having insight and knowledge of past and present actions

Child abuse cases are difficult and time consuming. They require all entities to invest their time in developing a long-range strategic plan that will ensure the team is ever responsive to the needs and changes within the community. The goal should be efficient coordination of services, with the chief objectives being to determine what happened to meet the needs of the child.

The juvenile services officer also is the liaison for the monthly multi-disciplinary investigative and treatment team meetings as required by State Statue.

• **Narcotics Investigator**

The focus of the Beatrice Police Department Narcotics Investigator is conducting operations related to drug distribution/possession, and other crimes surrounding narcotic use. The Investigator position was started by Lieutenant Mike Oliver in 2016. Operations include undercover work, confidential informant controlled buys, search warrants, buy/busts, and surveillance operations. Narcotics have taken on positive relationships with the Nebraska State Patrol Narcotics unit and have utilized them at times for extra help in operations. The Nebraska State Patrol also takes cases for our unit in Federal Indictments. The Narcotics Investigator is also a sworn Gage County Deputy to assist the Sheriff's Office in their Narcotic Operations.

The Narcotics Investigator does not focus solely on Narcotics but assists the Investigations Office in solving other crimes that maybe connected with drugs or using Confidential Informants with help on solving other crimes. These assists may involve surveillance, monitoring jail phone calls and interviewing witnesses and/or suspects.

Narcotics Training and Background for Officer Maloley

Became a certified officer in February 2009
Basic Drug Investigators School-Denver Colorado
Drug Identification-Tulsa Oklahoma
Confidential Informant Handling-Tulsa Oklahoma
Basic Investigator Training-Grand Island, NE

Became Narcotics officer in 2016
Surveillance Training-Sioux City Iowa
Hidden Compartments-Tulsa Oklahoma
Undercover Operations-Tulsa Oklahoma

Illegal Drug/Major Case History

Since 2016 the Narcotics Investigations Office has made over 242 arrests, consisting of drug possession/distribution, and multiple other major felony/crimes. Of those 242 arrests 93 were warrants issued from 2016-2022, 100 were fresh/probable cause arrests from 2016-2022. The breakdown of the 100 probable/cause arrests were 32 in 2016, 21 in 2017, 8 in 2018, 32 in 2019, 4 in 2020, 3 in 2021. Also this office investigated and arrested 45 warrant issued arrests from 2016-2022. The Narcotics Office has issued over 18 search warrants from 2016-2022.

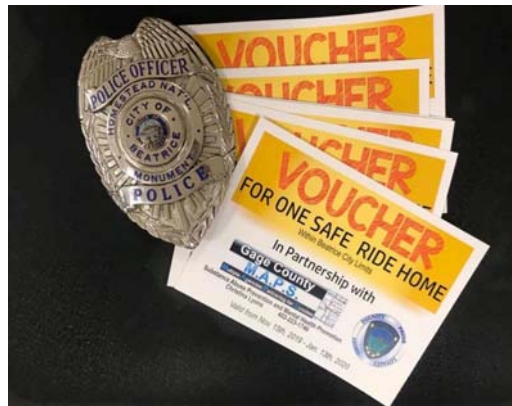
In the History of this office we have used Illegal Drugs to assist in the bigger picture that surrounds drug use and distribution. There have been multiple children removed from drug homes during the years by this office, none more important than in 2019 when two children were removed from a home as one child was the victim of a vicious abuse case. The connections and confidential informants that are acquired through drugs assist heavily on other crimes.

Illegal Drug/Major Case Operations

This year in distribution, Narcotics ran a Buy/Bust on two individuals that were coming from Lincoln selling Methamphetamine. One individual was considered as the main supplier of Beatrice and was on Federal Probation for Methamphetamine Distribution. During the Buy/Bust the CI was supplied an actual body camera used in videoing the transaction before the entry was made. During the arrest approximately 14 grams of Methamphetamine along with Cocaine, pills, and the money supplied to the informant were recovered. With this Buy/Bust, along with warrants ran on four other individuals for controlled buys in 2020, the Methamphetamine distribution in the city limits has dramatically decreased.

Along with these arrests 14 warrants were issued for drug possession and other felony crimes such as Burglary and Tampering with witnesses. Burglary cases were made by investigations, information from Confidential Informants, and interviews with suspects. Tampering with witness cases were made by phone call and message monitoring from Jail phone and messaging recordings monitored by this office.





special services

Beatrice SWAT

The Beatrice SWAT team is a unit that was formed in the mid 1980's to respond to high-risk incidents. The SWAT team is made up of Beatrice Police Department personnel and Beatrice Fire and Rescue personnel. The SWAT team also trains and works with the Gage County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Group. The SWAT team is tasked with handling high risk situations such as hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, high-risk warrant service, and any situation that would require specialized tactics and equipment and would be out of the normal scope of a road patrol officer.

Beatrice SWAT team conducts training in the following areas:

Building clearing	Tactical medical	Pre-operation planning
Distraction devices	Less than lethal weapons	Low-light tactics
Team movements	Vehicle assaults	Weapons qualifications
Live fire movements	Breaching techniques	Sniper training

The SWAT team is allotted one four-hour training per month and snipers are allotted an extra four hours of training per month. The SWAT team completed 48 hours of training in 2021 and snipers completed an additional 48 hours. The SWAT team has eight available openings, there are currently six members leaving two available spots.

CALL OUTS

The Beatrice SWAT team was deployed three times in 2021. One was a high-risk arrest for a felony domestic assault, one was a protection order violation with a possible armed subject, and one was to serve a high-risk search warrant for the Gage County Sheriff's Office in the city limits. SWAT members were asked to assist the Gage County Sheriff's Office on three separate occasions in 2021. All three times were to assist with high-risk search warrants. The BEAST was deployed three times in 2021. Two of the incidents were to assist the Gage County Sheriff's Office with suicidal subjects with weapons and the third was for the SWAT team call out for the protection order violation.

TEAM LEADER INFORMATION

Team Commander: Investigator Shane Maloley
Assistant Commander: Sergeant Zac Smith
Team Liaison: Captain Dan Moss

TEAM MEMBERS

Sergeant Derrick Hosick	Officer Ethan Jordan	Officer Kelly Byrne
Officer Natasha Nesbitt	FF Jim Young	FF Jay Beavers

NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

Team Commander: Investigator Shane Maloley
Team Liaison: Captain Dan Moss
Negotiators: Investigator Erin Byrne, Officer Zac Lauenstein

Gage County Victim Assistance Program

- The Gage County Victim Assistance Program has been in existence since 1995. It is supported by Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) federal grant funds, in-kind and cash match by the City of Beatrice and Gage County. The Victim Assistance Coordinator and Victim Assistant Advocate provide victims of crime with criminal justice information, emotional support, crisis intervention and notification of their rights in compliance with the Nebraska Code of Criminal Procedure. As part of their daily duties, the Victim Assistance Coordinator and Victim Assistant Advocate make initial contact with victims, provide case update, assist with State Crime Victims' Compensation paperwork, assist with the Victim Impact Statement (VIS), communicate for prosecutors, attend pre-trial meetings, provide court/law enforcement accompaniment, make referrals to community partners and services, assistance with protection orders, follow up contact and address all questions/concerns about the criminal justice process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator is also responsible for coordination with partnering agencies, grant writing and quarterly reporting of financial and statistical reports required for VOCA funding.
- The Gage County Victim Assistance Program was awarded additional funding from the Nebraska Crime Commission to hire two-part time advocates in November 2015 through September 2016. We were awarded funding to hire one full time advocate beginning October 1, 2016. The full-time advocate began working with the program on December 1, 2016. The full-time advocate is an assistant to the coordinator and is responsible for daily operations of the program to include direct contact, either face-to-face or via phone with crime victims, assistance with protection orders, criminal justice advocacy, follow up contact, and enters statistical data.
- The Beatrice Police Department hired a new Victim Assistance Coordinator in April 2021, after the last coordinator retired after 20 years of serving Gage County crime victims. The new coordinator has over 8 years of victim advocacy experience, mainly working with survivors of domestic violence, rape/sexual assault, human sex/labor trafficking, as well as, child welfare, juvenile justice, diversity/equity work, child abuse prevention and is a certificated Mental Health First Aid trainer. The coordinator has a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology and an emphasis in Counseling.
- The Assistant Victim Advocate has been with the Gage County Victim Assistance Program since December 1, 2016. The Assistant Victim Advocate has a Master's in Counseling and has worked in the fields of developmental disabilities, intensive family preservation, drug and alcohol counseling, with incarcerated populations, sexual perpetrator rehabilitation, as well as, working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and within the adult and juvenile justice systems.
- The Gage County Victim Assistance Program is available 24/7 to assist crime victims and law enforcement if called upon by the shift supervisor. The victim assistance program works closely with the Beatrice Police Department, Gage County Sheriff's Department, Wymore Police Department & NE State Patrol, as well as, the Gage County Attorney's Office.

- This program provides services to all victims of crime in Gage County. Some of the services provided are:

Crisis Intervention
 Personal Advocacy
 Criminal Justice Advocacy
 Protection Order Assistance
 Restitution
 Safety Planning
 Transportation

Parole Information
 Victim Impact Statement
 Court Proceedings
 General Information/Assistance
 NE Crim Victim's Reparations Program
 NE Victims of Crime Alert Portal Registration

- The Victim Assistance Coordinator services on the:

Gage County Child Abuse and Neglect Treatment Team

The mission of the Gage County Child Abuse and Neglect Treatment Team is to ensure a comprehensive multi-disciplinary approach to assist children who are abused and/or neglected, who are suspected of or at risk of abuse and/or neglect, and who are exhibiting multi-problem delinquent behavior to include cases where the Juvenile Court is not involved, where their needs are not being met by the current systems.

Nebraska Partnership Against the Trafficking of Humans (NE PATH)

Nebraska PATH facilitates connection between those involved in the anti-trafficking movement to build a competent, trauma-responsive, and survivor-centered response to human trafficking in Nebraska.

Community Justice Committee of Gage County MAPS

Multiple Agencies Partnering for Success (MAPS) Coalition is a collaboration of over 50 individuals, agencies, and organizations that work to improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities in Gage County.

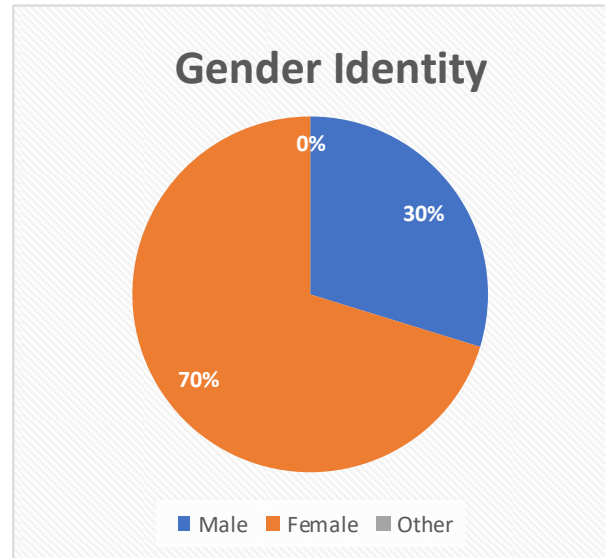
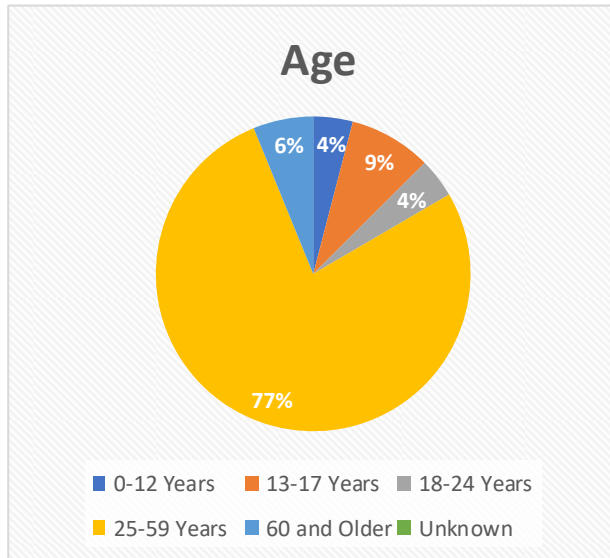
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Victim Assistance Coordinator

Marty Seymour
Victim Assistant

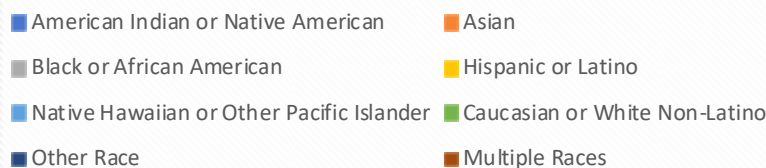
Victim Assistance Program Statistics 2021

TYPE OF SERVICE	# OF TIMES PROVIDED	
	2020	2021
Emotional Support & Safety Services	2,068	2,079
Personal Advocacy & Accompaniment	207	271
Information about the Criminal Justice Process & Referral	4,403	4,582
Emergency Financial Assistance	8	5
Law Enforcement Interview/Accompaniment	182	231
Criminal & Civil Justice System Advocacy	4,674	5,108
Compensation Assistance	11	18
Transportation	1	4
Protection Order Assistance	455	500
Total # of Services Provided	12,009	12,798
Total # of Victims Served	704	776
Number of victims who reported the services provided to them was helpful.	674	774
Number of victims who reported the services provided to them was not helpful.	1	2

Demographics- 2021



Race/Ethnicity- 2021



Types of Victimizations & Number of Crime Victims Who Received Services

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

Types of Victimization	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Adult Physical Assault	94	193	150	154	202	674
Adult Sexual Assault	44	53	36	9	37	24
Adults Sexual Abused as Children	1	24	7	5	0	0
Arson	3	1	64	16	0	0
Bullying (verbal, cyber or physical)	27	24	0	1	1	3
Burglary	68	39	124	97	95	90
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect	144	420	113	62	97	306
Child Pornography	0	0	4	2	5	0
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	161	209	237	108	77	54
Domestic and/or Family Violence	749	808	1080	813	875	1272
DUI/DWI Incidents	10	14	9	33	25	23
Elder Abuse/Neglect	5	0	2	1	0	1
Hate Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking Labor/Sex	1	1	0	0	0	3
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	57	11	5	8	3	37
Kidnapping (custodial/non-custodial)	0	0	0	0	0	10
Mass Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Victimization (hit & run etc.)	49	33	16	18	13	18
Robbery	8	20	28	22	3	8
Stalking/Harassment	354	355	372	355	343	314
Survivors of Homicide Victims	40	5	0	5	1	1
Teen Dating Victimization	0	0	0	0	0	0
Terrorism (domestic/international)	0	1	1	0	0	8
Other (PO violations, criminal mischief etc.)	131	232	133	256	273	335
Total	1946	2443	2381	1956	2050	3181

K9 Unit 2021

The Beatrice Police Department's two K9 Units assist officers with Beatrice Police, Gage County Sheriff's Office, Nebraska State Patrol, and other surrounding departments and county law enforcement agencies. The K9 Unit is supervised by Sergeant Derrick Hosick, who facilitates K9 operations, ensures K9 training standards are met, and ensures these valuable assets to our police officers are effective and efficient.

Sergeant Hosick and K9 Thomas are a Certified Narcotics Detection Team and a Certified Patrol Dog Team in the State of Nebraska. K9 Thomas, a black Shepard, is utilized for narcotics detection, and also utilized for criminal apprehension, building searches, and assists the Beatrice SWAT Team on operations. K9 Thomas has the ability to track missing persons. Sergeant Hosick would like to thank the Margaret and Martha Thomas Foundation for their contribution and significance in K9 Thomas' position with the Police Department. Also, thank you to BNSF Railway Foundation, Orschelns of Beatrice, and Oakview Vet in Beatrice for their contributions and support of Thomas. Oakview Vet provides the K9 units with food and veterinarian needs.

K9 Toro has been reassigned to Officer Lauenstein in 2021. Officer Lauenstein, one of two School Resource Officers, 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 work primarily at Beatrice High School, but are also an assistance to Beatrice Road Patrol Officers. Officer Lauenstein and K9 Toro would like to thank Ashley's Home Store, Beatrice Ford, Exmark, and Oakview Vet in Beatrice for their contributions and support of Toro.

If you have any questions regarding the Beatrice Police K9 Unit, please feel free to contact Sergeant Hosick 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) 2021

The goal of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program is to bridge the gap between students, schools and police by becoming a liaison when problems arise. SROs are working to build relationships with the students they serve in a variety of ways. Officer Lauenstein has been an SRO for 10 of his 19 years with Beatrice, while Officer Price left the position after 6 years, Officer Nesbitt is bringing 6 years of law enforcement experience and extreme passion to her first year as an SRO in 2022.

Both Officer Lauenstein and Officer Nesbitt strive to maintain certification as School Resource Officers through the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) which uses the “triad” approach with the responsibilities of being a Teacher, Informal Counselor, and Law Enforcement Officer. Safety is at the forefront of SRO responsibilities, and they work closely with Beatrice Public School administration to be on the leading edge of current best practices. This includes the Threat Assessment Teams, anonymous reporting, CPTED (crime prevention through environmental design), training staff and students in Standard Response Protocol, as well as making it available to the public.

SROs are a vital component of a Threat Assessment Team, where any and all threats or concerns of violence targeted towards a person, place or group is investigated and safety plans are put in place to ensure a safe learning and working environment for all.

Utilizing our training SRO's make arrests for criminal violations only when necessary and is in the best interest of the case or juvenile. The primary goal of any deviant behavior is prevention, and we are striving to utilize a variety of ways, including mentoring to prevent deviant juvenile behavior from becoming criminal acts as adults. If prevention efforts are unsuccessful then SROs are certified law enforcement officers who have a variety of intervention options. SROs utilize discretion when able and when it fits within policy.

SROs work with Beatrice Public Schools to be on the leading edge of programs that support prevention before intervention. Two recent examples of this are working towards Random Drug Testing for high school students who engage in activities. While the SRO is not involved in the process, it was the recommendation from the SRO that started the School Board and administration on the path to starting this program. Also combining the K9 program and the SRO program began in August of 2021. Having a single purpose narcotics detection K9 (Toro) in the high school is designed to deter students from engaging in drug crimes, specifically at the school. If the prevention efforts fail, SRO Lauenstein and Toro are a Nebraska certified Drug Detector Team who can be utilized both inside and outside of the school. The prevention seems to be working, which is supported by the times that school administrators have requested a sweep of the parking lot and locker rooms for drug odor and it has resulted in no drugs found, even with Toro's superior abilities. Toro has also helped grow even more relationships since dogs are often a great unifying factor.

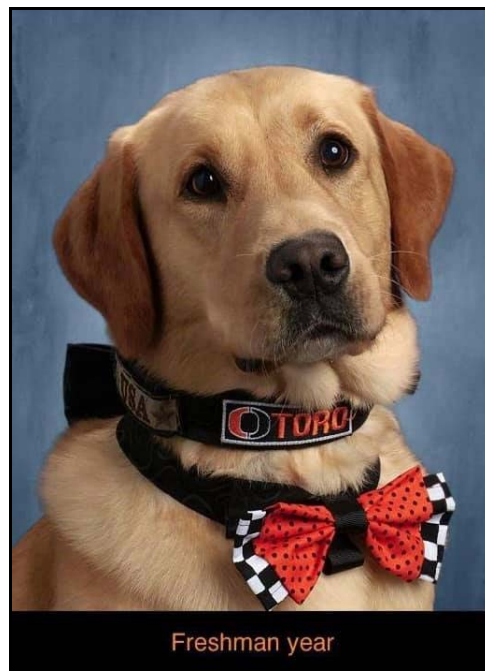
Officer Lauenstein worked 36 cases during the school year, including drug cases, weapons violations, sexual assaults, mental health, child abuses and assaults just to name a few. Officer Price worked 25 similar cases during the same time. Official case reports account for a very small percentage of what a SRO does, but having a sworn officer in the schools is beneficial to both the police department and the school when situations arise.

The overwhelming majority of contacts with SRO do not even result in a case report being generated, BPS has an internal logging system to track documented contacts. While it is impossible to log every contact, efforts are made to accurately document important interactions between students and SROs. During 2021 there were a total of 334 law enforcement contacts logged in the school data system. Of those 208 were logged on high school students, 13 on Stoddard Elementary students, 16 at Paddock Lane Elementary, 4 for BLAST (after school program) and the remaining 93 logged contacts at Beatrice Middle School. Of the 208 high school contacts logged 10 students accounted for 11 arrests, most being for violent or weapons offenses. Two students accounted for only 3 arrests of the 93 contacts at the middle school, and all three were assaults on staff. It is nearly impossible for an SRO to log all contacts with students and it should be noted that several of the 334 contacts are for positive reasons.

We continue to monitor arrests and watch to make sure we are not disproportionately arresting students by race or special education students.

They also welcome any opportunity to speak to classes about a variety of law enforcement related topics, and are given numerous opportunities to help guide youth through the uncounted times they are contacted by students or parents about a variety of situations.

Zac Lauenstein - SRO - Beatrice High School & Beatrice Community Preschool
Officer Tim Price - Outgoing SRO- Beatrice Middle School & Elementary Schools
Officer Natasha Nesbitt - Incoming SRO - Beatrice Middle School & Elementary Schools



Speaker Service and Community Policing

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 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 presentations based on their area of expertise.

The numbers were still in decline in 2021 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Groups were not meeting and Officers were not speaking in front of large groups. The Department had 9 requests for speakers throughout 2021. An estimated 200 people attended the 9 speaker presentations given to Beatrice Public Schools, various church groups, service clubs, businesses and other community groups and classes requesting the service. The most requested topics were, K-9 presentations along with the SRO's speaking to classes in the schools. 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. Officers were also requested to assist with Juvenile Diversion. Sgt Wes Henning

- **Holiday Events**

Officers participated in the Downtown Night of the Great Pumpkin and the Trick or Treat event, speaking to Children and family members. Officers also participated in the United Way's carnival and the Downtown Lighted Parade during the Christmas Holiday.

- **Lunch with a Cop**

This year we received a large donation from Neapco for \$2,000, a donation from Exmark for \$500 and \$100 from Holy Cross Lutheran Church to keep our lunch with a cop program running. One of the best parts of our lunches is sharing funny and inspiring stories, and with the permission of the parent, sharing on our Beatrice Police Department Facebook page. We look forward to many lunches in 2022. Officer Kristine Mangers

- **Stuff the Cruiser**

The Beatrice Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 84 was unable to hold their annual Stuff the Cruiser due to staffing shortages and the renovation of the YMCA. The citizens of Beatrice are always generous with their donations and we look forward to resuming this or a program similar to this in 2022. Sergeant Derrick Hosick

- **Special Olympics - 2021**

The Beatrice Police Department continues to partner with our Special Olympics Community to advocate for acceptance and inclusion. Unfortunately, this year with COVID restrictions, the annual basketball scrimmage and The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) had to be cancelled. We look forward to resuming these activities in the future. Officer Natasha Nesbitt

- **Food Drive**

Dispatcher Shelena Maguire organized a department food drive for the Community Food Pantry of Beatrice at St. John's Church. The department was divided into teams and the team that collected the most items received a donation of \$100 from Fletcher's Decorating. Sgt Hosick's team won the competition. Our department collected over 1300 food items to the pantry.

- **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. Officer Ethan Jordan