

Beatrice Police Department

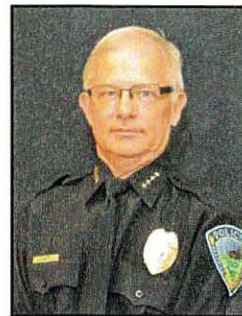


2020 Annual Report

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A Word from Chief Lang...



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

I am pleased to once again provide you with the Beatrice Police Department Annual Report. Inside this report you will find a lot of numbers and other statistical information. The Beatrice Police Department is however, a lot more than numbers on a page but rather is a group of people dedicated to the security and wellbeing of their community.

It has given me great pleasure to serve with these professionals throughout what could only be described as a tough year. Although the volume of work has been less during the pandemic, the public's need for our services during personal crisis has never been greater. Our Officers responded to over 180 calls where the threat of suicide was present. That is one every other day for the entire year.

We will be experiencing many changes during this upcoming year with transfers and retirements, promotions and reassignments. All of these changes will bring about new ideas, fresh perspectives and at the same time a sense of loss and sadness.

As always, if 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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bruce" being more prominent.

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

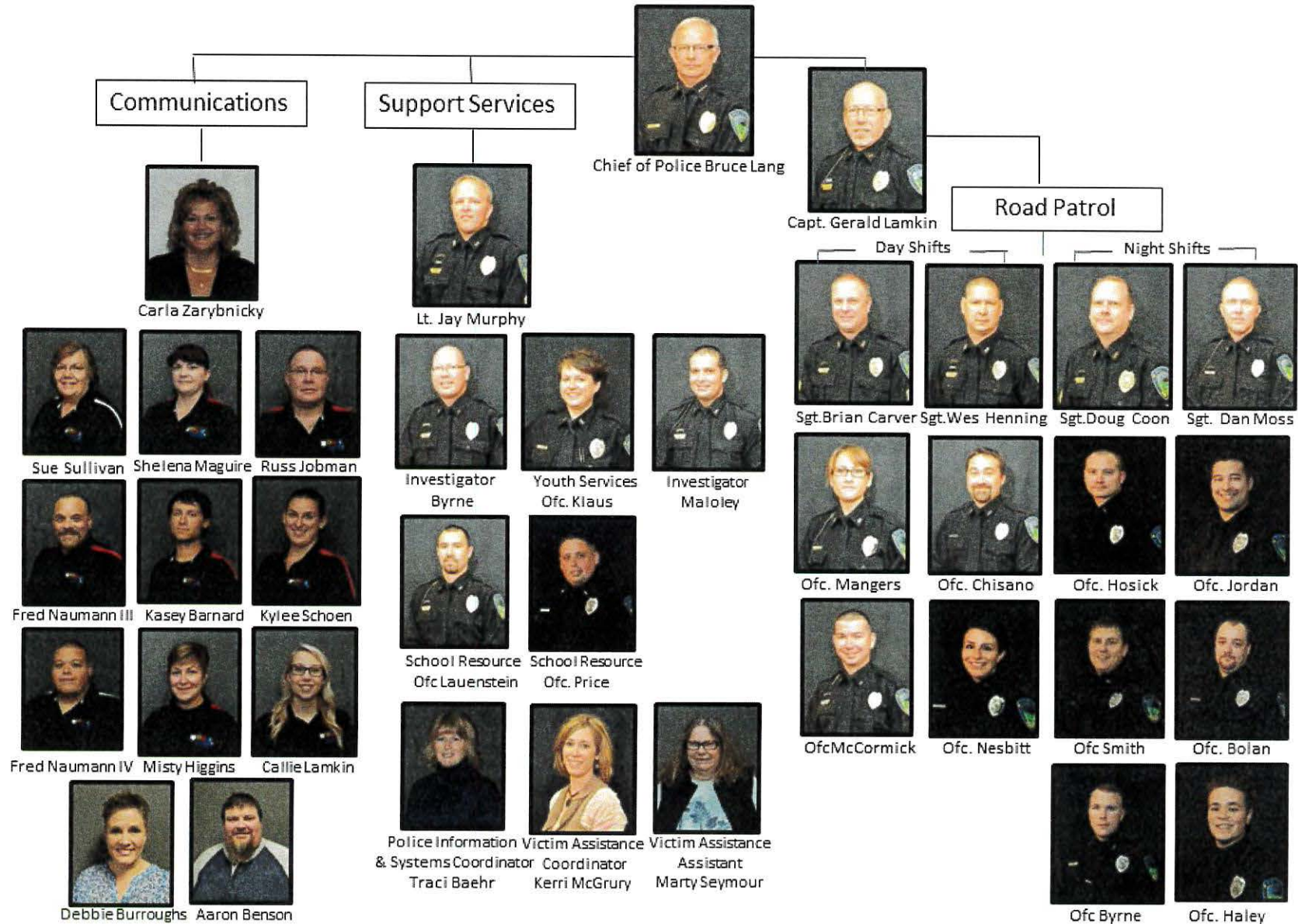


Victim Assistance Coordinator
Kerri McGrury
1998



Assistant Victim Coordinator
Marty Seymour
2016

Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart 2020



Changes in Staff 2020

Promotions

- None

Internal Transfers

- Callie Lamkin – Full Time Dispatcher to Part Time Dispatcher

New Hires

- Debbie Burroughs – Dispatcher
- George Aaron Benson - Dispatcher

Resignations

- Adam Turner - Dispatcher

Retirements

- None

2020 Overtime Report

Well, 2020 certainly was an interesting year. The COVID-19 element led to many changes for everyone. The amount of overtime worked, and the areas where overtime was needed is reflected in the changes between 2019 and 2020.

With so many businesses closed and people staying home, Calls for Service were down 6% from 2019 to 2020. This contributed to a drop of 7% in the overall overtime numbers, from 4196 hours to 3880 hours. Overtime related to Case Arrests (-82%), Reports (-41%), Investigations (-16%), along with Court meetings and Hearings (-15%) were all down.

With the onset of the pandemic, getting Officers together for training was made more difficult. Especially in the early months we saw some non-mandatory training canceled or postponed. This created a 4% drop in overtime for PD training to 357 hours. The overtime for SWAT Training, however, rose by 18% to 214 hours as there were seven members on the team, including two snipers for the full year and one member attended an out-of-state 5-day training and an in-state 2-day training. Overtime for SWAT calls dropped from 29 hours to 10 hours in 2020.

With the emphasis on social distancing and so many vacation spots being closed this year, we saw some drastic changes in the amount of fill-in time officers worked and the amount of overtime paid for officers working on a holiday. Officers are scheduled to work 80 hours in a two-week period. If staffing allows, an officer can take one "short day" during a pay period and only work eight hours. Fill-in overtime covers those hours worked over 80 in a pay period, or to cover a shift if staffing is below the minimum required. Holiday overtime is paid to officers who work any one of the 10 City recognized holidays. Between 2019 and 2020, Fill-in overtime dropped 48% from 1136 hours to 592 hours. Overtime paid for Holidays worked rose 26%, from 561 hours in 2019 to 711 hours in 2020 as more officers were available to work their scheduled holidays. With changes in students attending classes from home, rather than in person, School Resource Officers were more often able to take their unpaid lunch break and overtime dropped from 121 hours in 2019 to 86 in 2020.

Having two full-time K-9 officers for 2020, the overtime paid for K-9 related activities increased. Three areas are tracked; K-9 call-outs, K-9 training and Kennel time, which is paid to officers for the care and upkeep of their service animal. In 2019, 293 hours of overtime was paid to K-9 officers. In 2020, that number increased to 352 hours, as we brought our second K-9 team on board. K-9 training overtime actually dropped by 90 hours, but Kennel time increased by 148 hours. K-9 demonstrations required no overtime to be paid in 2020.

The Department has three investigators, who work a rotating on-call schedule, which lasts a week at a time. During the time they are not at work, they earn overtime for being on-call as they are required to be available to be called in for a case, at any time of the day. In 2019, 286 hours of overtime were earned, compared to 654 hours in 2020. There are several factors that caused the increase. In 2019, Lt. Murphy was on the on-call schedule, but is an overtime exempt employee. As the

Supervisor of the Investigations Unit, he is realistically always on call. In 2020 Lt. Murphy was taken off the on-call schedule. Also, in 2019 investigators traded much of their on-call overtime for time-off from work. Unfortunately, this created too much shortage in the hours investigators were available to work, so they reverted to taking the overtime paid near the end of 2019 and into 2020, to be able to assist the Road Patrol and better serve the public.

The last area of overtime is Special Details. This covers areas such as transporting persons placed in Emergency Protective Custody (EPC) to The Bridge or Lancaster County Mental Health Crisis Center in Lincoln; Search Warrants; Crime Scene Team (CST) call outs; Narcotics investigations; PD related activities such as vehicle transportation for equipment outfitting, special details; Community Relations; Flooding; Alcohol compliance checks; Evidence; Officers going to the NE Law Enforcement Training Center to use their expertise to help teach classes; Bike patrol and High School activities such as sporting events.

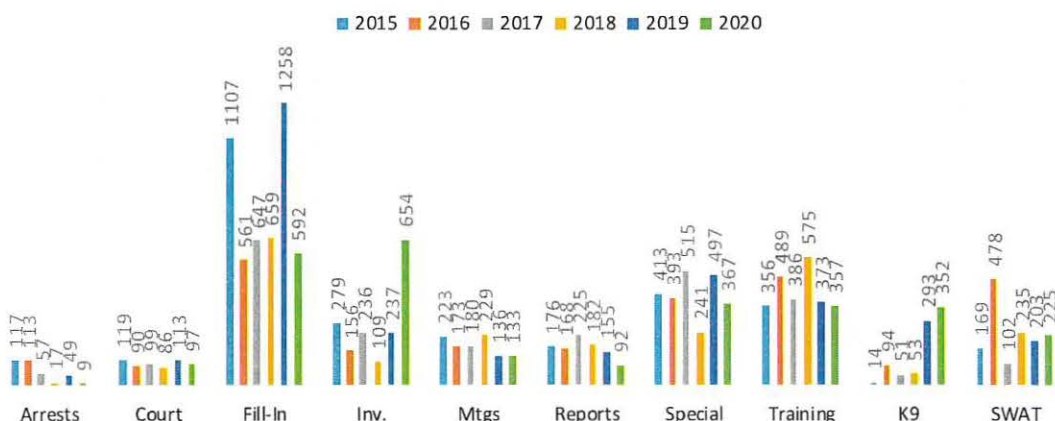
Overall, the overtime for Special Details dropped from 496 hours in 2019 to 360 hours in 2020. Again, it appears COVID is the culprit, or hero, depending on how you look at these numbers. Regrettably, overtime for Community Relations fell from 133 to 39 hours. Surprisingly, 2020 brought no significant flooding and overtime dropped from 99 hours to 6. No alcohol compliance checks were completed in 2020. A new category, Grants, was added for NE Highway Safety Grants worked by officers. Seventy-seven hours of overtime was paid for hours worked, but those wages are reimbursed to the City by the grant.

The following total hours, for the other areas under the heading of Special Details, in 2020 are as follows: EPC – 10, Warrants – 35, CST – 9, Narcotics – 41.5, PD Related – 70, Evidence – 8, NLETC – 13, High School activities – 75.

Jerry Lamkin, Captain

Compiled and completed by Sgt Dan Moss

Overtime Hours



2020 Grants

In January we received a grant from the Nebraska Department of Transportation, Highway Safety Division. This grant was to help defray the cost of specific patrol vehicle equipment which included a laptop, in-car video equipment and its associated software. This grant was administrated by Sgt Wes Henning and was in the amount of \$3,500.00

In October we applied for and were awarded one Nebraska Department of Transportation, Highway Safety Selective Enforcement Grant. The Click It or Ticket Mobilization grant was for the period of November 16th to the 29th. This grant allowed officers to work additional hours of road patrol, outside their regularly scheduled work shifts, concentrating on enforcement of seat belt and child safety laws.

Six officers worked a total of fifty-nine hours, during this grant. During the special enforcement period 176 vehicle stops were conducted, resulting in fifty-one (51) citations; six (6) seat belt violation, six (6) speeding violations, seven (7) school bus stop arm violations and two (2) warrant arrests. The grant paid 100% of the officers' overtime. This grant was administrated by Officer Isaac Haley. The grant was in the amount of \$2,343.86.

In 2020 a new approach towards administrating various grants was introduced by Sgt Doug Coon. Over the years we looked for volunteers to apply for, set up and administrate the grants that came our way. As time went on the volunteers became more and more sparse. Our new focus is that every one of our sworn officers should have the experience of applying for and developing what is needed to administer a grant.

Beginning in October 2020 the new grant assignment program was put into practice. Isaac Haley, our officer with the least seniority, began the process of how to work a grant. Our next grant will go to the next in line, moving up the ladder of seniority. I am happy to report that Isaac Haley passed this indoctrination.

Jerry Lamkin, Captain

Compiled and completed by Sgt Dan Moss

Communications



Communications Director
Carla Zarybnicky
2015



Sue Sullivan
1992



Shelena Maguire
2001



Russell Jobman
2003



Fred Naumann III
2011



Kasey Barnard
2013



Kylee Schoen
2015



Fred Naumann IV
2015



Misty Higgins
2017



Callie Lamkin
2019



Debbie Burroughs
2020



Aaron Benson
2020

Southeast 911 Communications Center

Southeast Communications Center dispatches for 22 agencies in Gage County and the City of Crete, Crete Fire and Crete Rescue. The Communications Center employs 10 full time and 1 part time dispatcher, staffing the center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The communications center answered over 145,000 phone calls in 2020 between emergency and non emergency calls.

2020 brought lots of challenges to the communications center with Covid-19 impacting us daily. The entire year posed a struggle with staffing, quarantine and the unknown of what was to come. The dispatch staff stepped up to the plate and covered everything that needed staffed. I am so thankful I have such a great team.

June brought flooding all over the county impacting Chautauqua Park and its resident campers. Water rescue was activated and the new "Beast" (Beatrice Emergency Armored Service Truck) along with several other agencies were sent to rescue a female who tried to cross a flooded road and was swept away.

Although call for service for some agencies were slightly less due to the pandemic, the dispatch center answered thousands of calls a month with questions, concerns from the public.

New and exciting for 2020 was the progress made by the Public Service Commission's 911 Advisory Board. The Advisory Board completed the task of coming up with a statewide training program for all dispatchers in the State of Nebraska. This will create a certification for dispatchers and require continuing education throughout the year. This will ensure consistency throughout the state in all that the 911 centers do. The goal is to receive the same level of service no matter where your emergency is. This is very exciting for the State and I look forward to assisting with the implementation of these programs in 2021.

Blue Rivers Basin Community Alert System (Jefferson, Saline and Gage)

The system allows the Counties to send emergency alerts and community notifications that affect you. Once you sign up you will receive notification on your landline phone, email, cell phone and the system also allows us to post to our Facebook and Twitter social media sites. It is important that you sign up your cell phone! <http://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/?regionid=1288>

Public Safety Alerts

Receive emergency alerts from public safety alerting authorities, notifying you of situations that threaten the safety of yourself or those you care about. Public safety alerts include, but not limited to events such as crime, active shooter, imminent danger, hazardous materials, wildfire, floods, need for immediate evacuation, etc. If you have been evacuated from your home or business, we will use the system to notify you that you can return. This is another important reason to sign up your cell phone.

Community Notifications

You can also choose to receive notifications of events in your community that, while not life-threatening emergencies, still impact your daily life and commute, such as road closures, snow emergencies, power outages, water main shut-offs etc.

Severe Weather Alerts

Receive advanced warning of severe weather when you or one of your locations is in the direct path of the storm. AlertSense receives feeds from the National Weather Service, automatically interprets the geographic area affected, and delivers targeted alerts immediately to app users when one of their locations falls within the impact area. You can tailor your alert settings by location, selecting the severity level for which you want to receive notifications. For example, you can choose to receive only the most severe weather warnings or all watches and advisories as well.

MyAlerts App

Our residents and visitors can now receive life-saving emergency alerts and advanced warning of severe weather directly on their Android or Apple iOS phone or tablet. You can download the free **MyAlerts** app today from the Google Play Store or the App Store. You can sign up as many locations to the app that you want to be alerted for. You will be alerted only through the app by doing this.

Any information you share will remain private and will only be used to deliver the emergency alerts and community notifications which you subscribe to.

Questions Call:

Jefferson and Saline Counties:

John McKee, Jefferson & Saline County Emergency Management: 402-729-3602 or 402-821-3010.

Gage County & Crete:

Carla Zarybnicky, SE Communications: 402-228-5264 or 402-223-4080 ext. 0



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.

2020 SE911 Calls for Service

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

CALL TYPE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
911 Hang Up	153	290	306	317	263
Abandoned Vehicle	Did not record separately		11	14	14
Accident/Fatality	5	2	3	4	3
Accident/H&R	154	181	176	146	138
Accident/Injuries	129	160	162	137	124
Accident/No Injuries	673	594	644	648	555
Adult Abuse	151	203	194	181	201
Alarm	79	99	84	149	106
ALS	7	17	12	12	22
Animal Bite	60	61	72	66	80
Animal Complaint	928	931	852	618	642
Animal Cruelty	67	107	126	116	95
Animal on Roadway	Did not record separately		25	193	147
Arson	1	0	2	0	2
Assault	187	226	162	143	127
Assist Citizen	168	200	203	229	279
Assist Other Agency	503	407	460	645	654
Attempted Suicide	5	3	3	2	0
Bar Check	486	263	200	264	235
Barking Dog	84	81	104	77	80
Bicycle Theft	15	23	22	26	9
Board of Public Works	85	80	78	77	75
Bomb Threat	0	0	0	0	0
Burglar Alarm	261	258	260	252	186
Burglary	182	174	141	106	63
Child Abuse / Neglect	421	476	485	440	402
Child Custody	Did not record separately before 2020				12
Civil	464	461	408	107	375
Civil Paper Service	653	731	549	501	508
Civil Standby	101	89	86	104	122
Complaint Against Officer	7	17	11	7	7
Compliance Check	70	43	22	7	50
Crimestoppers	7	17	10	8	2
Death	78	69	70	83	127
Disorderly Conduct	17	8	6	9	7
Disturbance	574	522	508	424	475
Domestic	Did not record separately		12	51	65

Stats are for All Agencies that SE911 Dispatches for

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

Stats are for All Agencies that SE911 Dispatches for

CALL TYPE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Lost Animal	145	162	134	122	118
Lost Property	115	120	128	114	88
Medical Alarm	Did not record separately				62
Mental Health	195	199	225	199	235
Minor in Possession	39	28	28	33	24
Missing Person	33	27	28	34	36
Motor Vehicle Theft	46	58	48	43	33
Motorist Assist	347	331	398	465	371
Mutual Aid	Did not record separately		1	2	8
Noise	311	286	264	241	269
Nuisance	73	164	175	43	121
Open Container	Did not record separately			5	1
Open Door	78	62	75	94	73
Out of Unit	669	566	709	714	752
Ordinance Violation	190	120	134	201	145
Parking 2 hr.	52	47	65	47	13
Parking 24 hrs.	135	159	153	314	210
Parking/other	621	599	781	627	583
Pivot /Traffic Hazzard	10	7	5	1	6
Possession of Stolen Property	0	0	0	6	1
Probation Violation	8	7	8	7	8
Procuring	0	0	2	0	0
Property Damage	75	64	66	68	65
Protection Order Violation	83	65	54	58	67
Prowler	26	3	11	5	3
Public Service&Speak	206	215	278	268	172
Pursuit	13	14	13	5	16
Remove Party	215	214	155	136	152
Repo	45	41	34	32	31
Rescue	1632	1701	1693	1638	1737
Road Closed	44	44	37	26	53
Robbery	2	3	1	1	3
Runaway	92	103	69	44	85
Scam	49	76	142	170	165
Search Warrant	8	6	6	18	2
Sex Offender Registration	39	41	28	38	37
Sex Off. Complainece Check	Did not record separately		11	35	71
Sexual Assault/Rape	52	45	53	47	61
Shoplifting	112	114	80	68	50
Smoking Ban	1	1	0	0	0
Solicitor	17	6	5	3	6
Special Detail	Did not record separately		3	10	9

Stats are for All Agencies that SE911 Dispatches for

CALL TYPE	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Suicide	5	7	4	3	1
Suspicious	910	969	1010	934	797
Test Call	Did not record separtely		15	15	15
Theft	487	432	417	303	329
Threats	195	182	182	161	205
Title Inspection	200	115	3	29	19
Traffic Hazard	284	299	337	332	272
Traffic Stops	5455	4201	4796	5538	4920
Transfer	1133	1169	1076	1197	1060
Transport	372	386	378	369	177
Trash	70	87	54	51	55
Trespassing	79	78	83	81	89
Truancy	40	32	23	18	14
Unknown	15	3	10	20	18
Vacation Watch	98	106	86	66	33
Vandalism	290	240	204	238	236
Vehicle Comp/All Types	1130	1200	1078	1010	864
Warrants	307	350	378	368	267
Watch	104	137	104	76	52
Weapon Laws Violation	11	16	8	7	11
Weather	20	14	21	23	19
Welfare Check	825	778	706	626	746
Totals	27,564	26,278	26,684	26,568	25263

Emergency calls that were duplicate or cancelled **10,377 5,789 4,769 4,549 4,851

Total Calls for Service **37,941 32,067 31,453 31,117 30,114**

**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 2020

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.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Beatrice Police Department	14,370	11,135	11,225	12,607	11,176	11,576	10,801	10,110
Homestead National Monument	71	82	28	0	0	0	0	0
Board of Public Works	203	196	163	85	69	78	77	64
Gage County Sheriff's Office	7,745	7,016	6,304	6,986	7,063	6,462	6,743	5,809
Wymore Police Department	867	1,016	1,050	1,009	1,158	775	1,056	1,112
Beatrice Fire&Rescue&Rural Fire	3,640	3,341	2,628	2,586	2,849	2,788	2,950	3,069
Adams Fire	25	15	15	49	66	48	28	22
Adams Rescue	51	36	56	61	68	52	70	66
Barneston Fire	9	9	13	20	22	14	6	16
Blue Springs Fire	19	26	28	36	63	47	24	24
Clatonia Fire	13	21	19	30	33	51	13	28
Clatonia Rescue	57	59	55	63	64	104	86	83
Cortland Fire	21	33	37	34	33	33	32	46
Cortland QRT's	40	31	45	62	63	119	91	106
Crete Police Department	Began Dispatch for Crete mid, 2015		2,231	4,663	4,811	5,719	5,929	5695
Crete Fire and Rescue			479	935	1,004	971	913	827
Dewitt Rescue	0	1	3	1	2	0	2	7
Diller Fire/Rescue	0	0	1	2	10	0	2	0
Filley Fire	20	15	18	22	33	28	17	16
Firth Fire & QRT	0	0	0	5	13	11	8	8
Hallam Fire & Rescue	0	1	0	0	2	8	5	10
Odell Fire	18	17	22	40	45	50	9	19
Odell QRT's	13	20	32	28	31	0	40	26
Pickrell Fire/QRT's	29	15	25	29	40	52	26	20
Wymore Fire	40	32	39	123	175	153	254	283
Wymore Rescue	160	94	125	139				





Captain Gerald Lamkin
1991



Sgt Wes Henning
1997



Sgt Doug Coon
1997



Sgt Brian Carver
2000



Sgt Daniel Moss
2009



Ofc Zac Lauenstein
2002



Ofc Kristine Mangers
2006



Ofc Joseph McCormick
2007



Ofc Anthony Chisano
2011



Ofc Timothy Price
2014



Ofc Natasha Nesbitt
2015



Ofc Derrick Hosick
2015



Ofc Zach Smith
2017



Ofc Ethan Jordan
2018



Ofc Kelly Byrne
2018



Ofc Michael Bolan
2019



Ofc Isaac Haley
2019

Patriot

Vehicle Summary 2020

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 Road Patrol Officers for Patrol duties.

The five marked Patrol units that were on the street at the end of the year averaged approximately 18,917 miles during the past year.

The Police Department lost 2 marked patrol units during the past year, Unit 1 was lost to a vehicle fire at the conclusion of a pursuit, and Unit 4 was lost to an accident where it was hit in an intersection by a vehicle running a red light. Sgt. Wes Henning

FLEET INFORMATION

Unit	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Projected Replacement	Use
1	2016	Ford	Taurus	Burned Up	2021	Patrol
2	2016	Ford	Explorer	59,988	73,537	Patrol/K9
3	2020	Chevy	Tahoe	28,855	75,000	Patrol
4	2016	Ford	Taurus	Crashed	2021	Patrol
5	2018	Ford	Taurus	58,064	75,000	Patrol
6	2017	Ford	Explorer	63,490	95,989	Patrol
7	2010	Ford	Crown Vic	>100,000	4,000 (Est)	Administration (Broken Odometer)
8	2003	Ford	Expedition	114,668		Investigations
9	2016	Chevy	Tahoe	87,306	106,600	Patrol/K9
11	2013	Ford	Explorer	90,185		Chief's Car
12	2007	Ford	Explorer	123,445		Investigations
13	2011	Chevy	Tahoe	130,729		School Resource
Bus	1996	Chevy	Blue Bird	6,141		Mobile Command
VA	2018	Chevy	Cruz	3,932		Victim Assistance
Rescue	2016	OSHKOSH	Armored Veh	3,734		Special Operations



Training Summary 2020

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 for the year 2020. Members of the department logged over 921 hours of continuing education courses. This number was down significantly due to Covid 19, as many training academies were closed to in person learning. Some of the more notable training events of 2020 attended by Police Department personnel are listed below.

Policing in Black and White Implicit Bias and Racial Profiling

Treat Assessment BETA

Human Trafficking

Interview & Interrogation Law

Warrantless Home Entries

Taser X26 Certification Course

SRP for Schools

TraCS (accident reporting)

SWAT Precision Shooting

Follow the Money Financial Crimes

Teen Sexting

Cellebrite Certified Operator

Basic SWAT

ArmoredRescueVehicleTactics Course

Officer Joe McCormick of the Beatrice Police Department put countless hours into getting Safariland Group, a regional training program, to come to Beatrice to provide specialized training. Participants for this training came from Kansas, Colorado, South Dakota and Nebraska to name a few. In hosting this training, Safariland Group offered the Beatrice Police Department free instructors for their courses. In all, five Beatrice Police Officers were involved along with Officer McCormick and completed the 4 days of training, earning certificates valued at over \$5000. The four day training courses included:

OC Aerosol Projectors Instructor Program

Less Lethal Impact Munitions Instructor Program

Chemical Munitions Instructor Program

Distraction Device Munitions Instructor Program

Sgt. Brian Carver

Incidents / Cases 2020

Following is a list of the types of Incidents that the Beatrice Police Department responded to during 2020. 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. 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.

Incident Type	#	Incident Type	#	Incident Type	#
911 Hang Up	116	Fire	18	Probation Violation	4
Abandoned Vehicle	3	Fire Alarm	6	Property Damage	28
Accidents / All Types	393	Fireworks Complaint	46	Protection Order Violation	47
Adult Abuse	149	Found Animal	93	Prowler	2
Alarm/Burglary Alarm	121	Found Bike	23	Public Service	62
Animal Bite	49	Found Property	127	Pursuit	12
Animal Complaint	354	Fraud	60	Remove Party	101
Animal Cruelty	60	Gas Drive Off	16	Repo	18
Assault	66	General Information	151	Rescue	98
Assist Citizen	105	Harassment	115	Road Closed	15
Assist Other Agency	229	Harassment - Text	9	Robbery	3
Bar Check	54	Health Hazard	23	Runaway	58
Barking Dog	59	Hitchhiker	1	Scam	62
Bicycle Theft	6	Homicide	1	Search Warrant	1
Board of Public Works	64	ICAC	12	Sex Off Reg Viol	1
Burglary	32	Identity Theft	9	Sexual Assault	25
Child Abuse/Neglect	228	Indecent Exposure	1	Shoplifting	33
Child Custody	7	Jail Incident	6	Solicitor	3
Civil / Civil Standby	313	Junked Motor Vehicle	8	Special Detail	3
Complaint Against Officer	5	Juvenile	255	Suspicious	453
Compliance Check	13	K9 Public Relations	2	Test	10
Crimestoppers	1	K9 Training	15	Theft	184
Death	89	Liquor Laws Violation	3	Threats	131
Disorderly Conduct	4	Lost Animal	71	Traffic Hazard	100
Disturbance	299	Lost Property	53	Traffic Stop	1984
Domestic	39	Mental Health	149	Transport	3
Drug Information	50	MIP	12	Trash	16
Drug Violation	44	Missing Person	21	Trespassing	53
DUS	46	Motor Vehicle Theft	13	Truancy	1
DWI	89	Motorist Assist	84	Vandalism	109
Embezzlement	1	Noise	149	Vehicle Complaint	403
EPC	6	Out of Unit	287	Warrant	69
Escort Funeral	80	Open Door	30	Vacation Watch	43
Fail to Appear	16	Ordinance Violation	92	Weapons Law Violation	6
Field Interview	15	Parking / All Types	267	Weather	13
				Welfare Check	431

Cases Made 2020

Below are the Case types that the Beatrice Police Department worked during 2020. 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
Abandoned Vehicle	1				1	
Accident(in depth investigate)	15	10	1		4	
Adult Abuse/ Neglect/ Vulnerable	102				69	33
Animal Bite	45	3			42	
Animal Cruelty	4	4				
Arson	2		1		1	
Assault	77	59	4		14	
Assist Other Agency	39	4	3		32	
Burglary	23	3			19	1
Child Abuse/Neglect	184	8		15	105	56
Child Pornography	2			1	1	
Civil	1				1	
Compliance Check	2				2	
Criminal Mischief	26	6			20	
Death	28			1	27	
Disorderly Conduct	6	6				
Disturbance	33	15	1		17	
Driving Under Suspension	65	62	3			
DUI	87	87				
Drug Equipment Violation	2	1			1	
Drug Information	16			6	9	1
Drug Violation	57	45	3	4	5	
EPC	8				8	
Fail to Appear	13	1	10		2	
Forgery	7	1	1		4	1
Found Property	63	1			62	
Fraud	36			2	34	
General Information	11				11	
Harassment	19	5	2		12	
Homicide	1	1				
ICAC	7	1		1	4	1
Identity Theft	4				4	
Impersonation	1				1	
Intimidation	3		1		2	
Juvenile Complaint	32				31	1

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
Liquor Law Violation	5	2			3	
Lost Animal	1			1		
Lost Property	10				10	
Mental Health	67				66	1
Minor in Possession	16	16				
Missing Person	2				2	
Motor Vehicle Theft	5		1		4	
Moving Violation	10	8	1		1	
Ordinance Violation	17	13	1		2	1
Parking Violation	1			1		
Possession of Stolen Property	1	1				
Probation Violation	1				1	
Property Damage	13			1	11	1
Protection Order Violation	27	17	7	1	2	
Prostitution	1				1	
Robbery	3	1	1		1	
Runaway	43	25			18	
Sexual Assault	22	4	1	1	12	3
Suicide Attempt	1				1	
Suspicious	19			1	17	1
Theft	156	36	5		109	6
Threats	13	3	1	2	7	
Trespassing	16	2	1		12	1
Truancy	1			1		
Vandalism	39	8	1	1	29	
Warrant Arrest	58	57			1	
Weapon Law Violation	5	3			2	
Welfare Check	32			1	28	3
Total Cases Worked	1,601					
Total Incidents Responded to	10,019					

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
Animal Bite	1	EPC	4	Runaway	2
Assist Citizen	4	Harassment	1	Suspicious	1
Assist Other Agency	4	Juvenile	2	Threats	1
Civil	4	Mental Health	92	Vehicle Complaint	1
Disturbance	6	Out of Unit	1	Warrant	1
Domestic	2	Protection Order Violation	1	Welfare Check	48
DWI	1	Remove Party	3	Total	180

Ticket Statistics for 2020



Parking Warnings and Citations

Description	Warnings	Citations
24 Hour Parking	16	14
Left Side Parking	6	6
Obstructing Traffic	1	1
Parking - 2 hr	3	4
Parking in Restricted Area	2	5
Prohibited Parking	13	16
Unregistered Vehicle Parked on Street	4	16
Totals	45	62

Animal Warnings, ER's and Citations

Description	Warnings or ER's	Citations
Animal Neglect	0	3
Animal Waste on Property	1	0
Dog and Cats must be licensed	6	3
Dog at Large	2	17
Nuisance Dogs	0	3
Rabies Tag	1	3
Totals	10	29

City Ordinance Warnings and Citations

Description	Warnings	Citations
Disturbing the Peace/Stereo	1	5
Littering	1	1
Shoplifting		19
Use of Fireworks		6
Totals	2	31

Traffic Warnings, Equipment Repairs and Citations

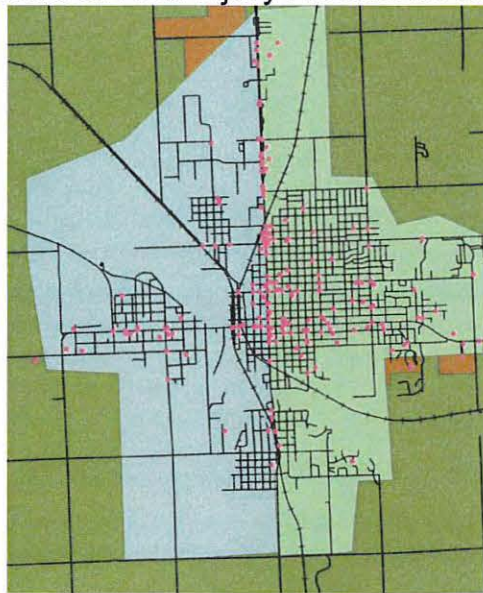
Description	Verbal Warning	Written Warning or ER's	Citations
Address Change		8	2
Careless Driving		2	8
Drag Racing			2
Driving Left of Center		3	7
Driving Under Suspension			60
DUS Due to ALR/Fail to Comply			18
Duty to Carry License Permit		3	1
Engine Braking Prohibited		1	
Exhibition of Acceleration		1	
Failure to Maintain Lane		3	3
Failure to Signal		48	6
Failure to yield ROW to vehicle or Sign		13	12
Fictitious Plates			5
Follow too Close			4
Improper Lane Change		11	3
Improper Turn		23	8
Leaving Scene of Accident			15
Lights required on Vehicle or Violation		284	12
Motor Vehicle Restraint – Adult & Child		6	14
Mufflers/Noise		7	1
Negligent Driving		2	18
No License Plates or manner of display		23	1
Obstruct Operator's View		1	
One Way Violation		8	4
Operation of Minibikes		1	
Operators must have valid license		3	53
Passing Violation		4	1
Proof of Financial Responsibility/Insurance		2	66
Proof of Ownership		2	1
Provisional Operator Permit Violation		2	2
Reckless Driving			11
Registration Required		13	181
Violate Learners or School Permit			1
School Bus Stop Violation		1	6
Screeching of Tires			1
Speeding		210	95
Stop Sign Violation		28	19
Traffic Signal Violation		22	19
Unlawful Operation of ATV			2
Verbal Warning or Traffic Contacts	437		
Totals	437	735	662

Accident Tallies for 2020

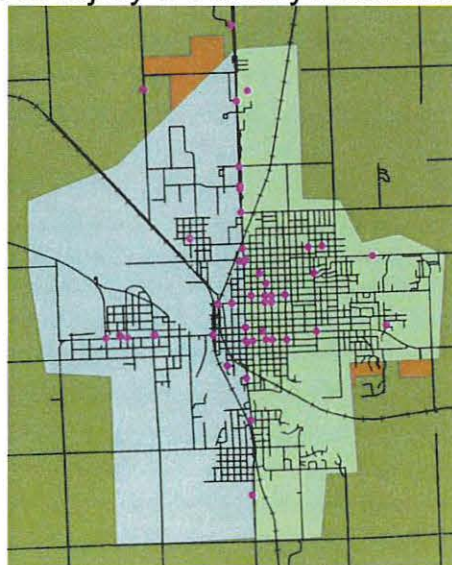
Types of Accidents

Officer Responded but no report taken	104
Property Damage	255
Injury	33
Fatality	1
Total	393

Locations of Non Injury Accidents for 2020

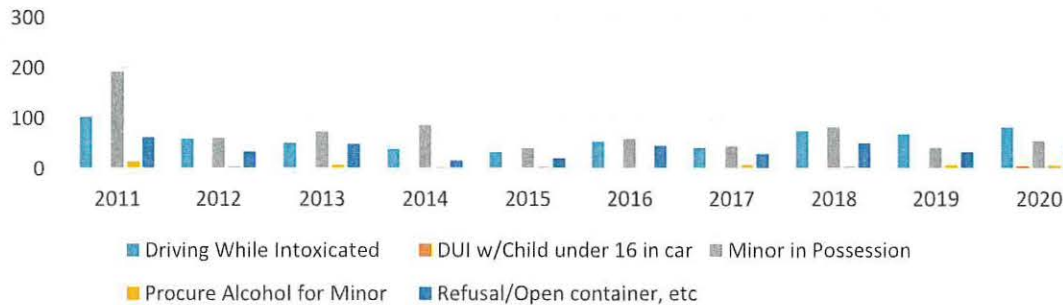


Locations of Injury & Fatality Accidents for 2020



Alcohol Related Arrests

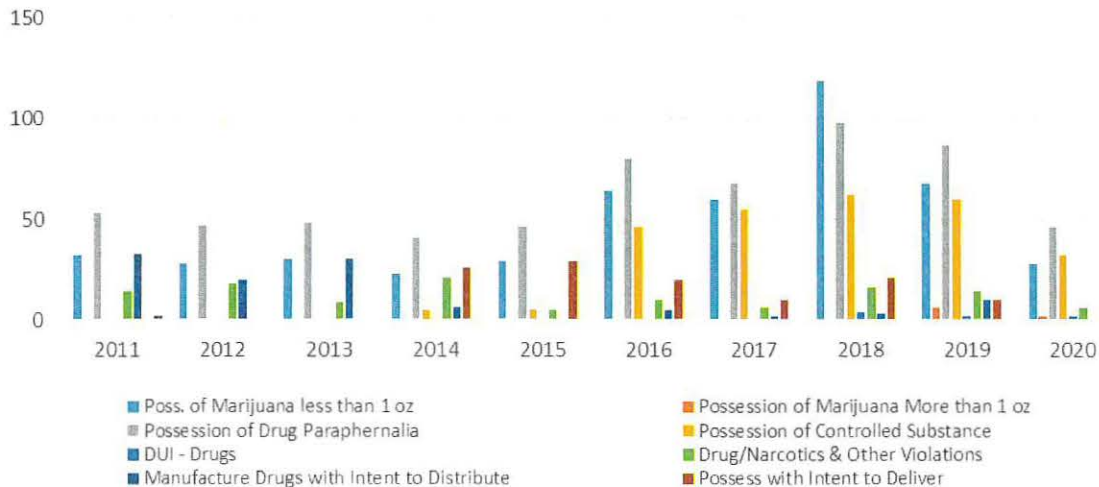
Type of Arrest	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Driving While Intoxicated	103	59	52	39	32	54	42	75	69	83
DUI w/Child under 16 in car								2		6
Minor in Possession	193	61	74	87	41	59	45	83	42	56
Procure Alcohol for Minor	14	5	7	3	4	2	8	5	7	7
Refusal/Open container, etc	62	34	49	16	21	46	30	51	33	42
Total	372	159	182	145	98	161	125	216	151	194



Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Poss. of Marijuana less than 1 oz	32	28	30	23	29	64	60	119	68	28
Possession of Marijuana More than 1 oz									6	2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	53	47	48	41	46	80	68	98	87	46
Possession of Controlled Substance	0	0	0	5	5	46	55	62	60	32
DUI - Drugs								4	2	2
Drug/Narcotics & Other Violations	14	18	9	21	5	10	6	16	14	6
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	33	20	30	6	0	5	2	3	10	1
Possess with Intent to Deliver	0	0	0	26	29	20	10	21	10	6
Poss. Of Precursor to Manufacture Meth	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	134	113	117	122	114	225	201	323	257	123

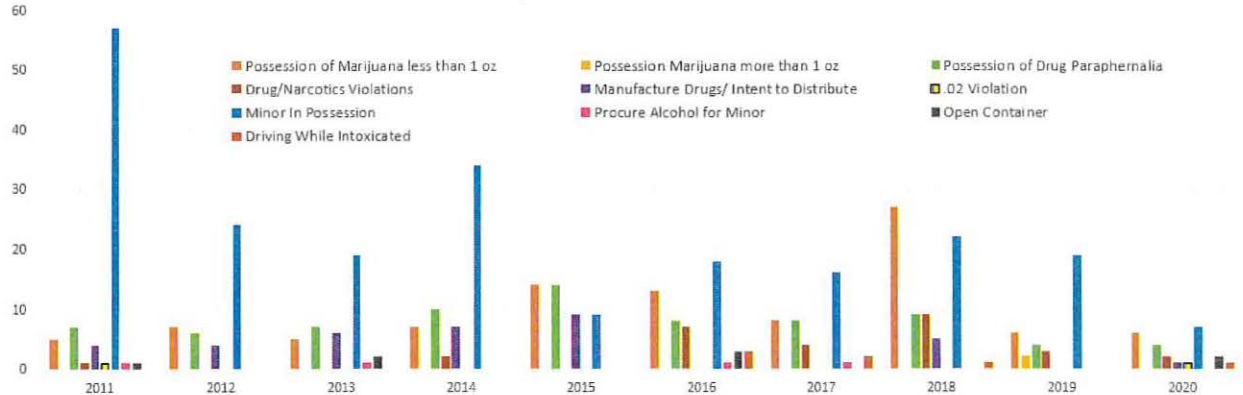
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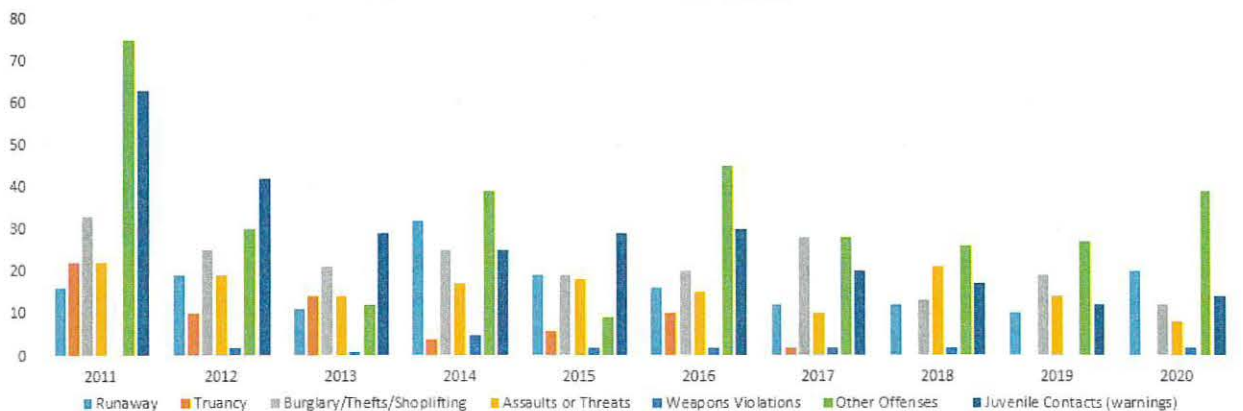
Juvenile Arrests and Citations (under the age of 18)

Type of Arrest	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	5	7	5	7	14	13	8	27	6	6
Possession Marijuana more than 1 oz									2	0
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	7	6	7	10	14	8	8	9	4	4
Drug/Narcotics Violations	1	0	0	2	0	7	4	9	3	2
Manufacture Drugs/ Intent to Distribute	4	4	6	7	9	0	0	5	0	1
.02 Violation	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Minor In Possession	57	24	19	34	9	18	16	22	19	7
Procure Alcohol for Minor	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Open Container	1	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	2
Driving While Intoxicated	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	1
Runaway	16	19	11	32	19	16	12	12	10	20
Truancy	22	10	14	4	6	10	2	0	0	0
Burglary/Thefts/Shoplifting	33	25	21	25	19	20	28	13	19	12
Assaults or Threats	22	19	14	17	18	15	10	21	14	8
Weapons Violations	0	2	1	5	2	2	2	2	0	2
Other Offenses	75	30	12	39	9	45	28	26	27	39
Juvenile Contacts (warnings)	63	42	29	25	29	30	20	17	12	14
Total	308	188	142	207	148	191	141	164	116	119

Juvenile Drug & Alcohol Arrests



Other Juvenile Arrests



Major Crime Report 2020

The major crime report consists of those crimes which result in felony charges. These crimes include, but are not limited to homicide, burglary, sexual assault, robbery, motor vehicle thefts, major thefts, terroristic threats, etc.

In 2020 we had a total of 219 reported major crimes. We continue to use different means to help assist solving these crimes. Social media has made a big impact on identifying possible suspects and witnesses in these crimes and have resulted in a number of arrests. We also utilize confidential informants to help on many major drug arrests.

Out of the 219 major crimes in 2020 The Beatrice Police Department made a total of 107 arrests. This results in a 49% arrest rate.

Besides these major crimes the department has continued to see a steady flow in reports of scam via telephone, mail and email. We continue to investigate these crimes and educate the public on ways to avoid falling victim to these types of crimes. Due to COVID-19, public appearances, to help educate the public on the numerous scams, were down this year.

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Felony Offenses and Arrests in 2020

(misdemeanor offenses/arrests are NOT included)

Felony Crime Code Classification	Offenses Reported	Arrests Made
Fraud/Counterfeit/False Pretense	7	3
Felony Drug Offenses	52	45
Pornography	3	0
Forcible Rape/Sexual Assault	15	2
Aggravated Assault/Terroristic Threats	15	7
Murder in the Second Degree	1	1
Burglary	27	3
Weapons Law Violations	13	8
Robbery	3	2
Arson	1	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	1
Family Offenses Nonviolent	32	9
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	8	4
Other Felony Offenses	38	22
	219	107

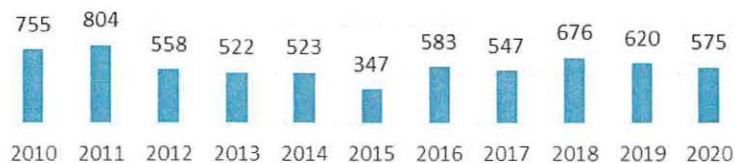
Arrest Charges

(Traffic Offenses not included)

Type of Charges	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Assault 1 st /2 nd /3 rd	71	32	23	18	15	31	29	40	23	32
Assault on an Officer	3	2	2	2	5	4	1	5	1	6
Strangulation	9	6	7	10	8	6	5	1	4	4
Domestic Assault	48	35	41	35	32	41	33	27	24	35
Protection Order Violations	13	4	9	21	7	20	10	8	8	28
Sexual Assaults 1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd & child	5	3	8	2	2	0	2	5	2	4
Terroristic Threats/ Threats	35	9	24	14	22	18	9	17	18	5
Murder in the 2 nd Degree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Drug Violations	137	113	117	122	114	225	201	323	257	123
Burglary	11	1	14	9	4	5	8	7	9	3
Theft	39	58	32	38	43	43	21	22	27	25
Robbery	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	2
Motor Vehicle Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft/Unauth. Use	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	3	2	3
Criminal Mischief	53	31	22	23	17	31	16	27	34	33
Child Abuse/Neglect	23	20	28	24	19	35	22	34	40	34
Weapons Violations	24	12	14	18	14	20	20	26	30	14
Disorderly Conduct	29	14	20	10	10	16	21	10	10	5
Minor In Possession	193	61	74	87	41	59	45	83	42	56
Procuring	14	5	7	3	4	2	8	5	7	7
DWI	103	59	52	39	32	54	42	81	69	91
Refusal to Submit	21	12	18	9	13	12	9	19	20	20
Other Alcohol offenses	62	22	31	7	12	34	24	32	13	22
Runaway	17	19	11	32	19	16	12	12	10	20
Forgery 1 st Degree	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Resisting Arrest	6	5	3	2	5	6	7	8	7	10
Flight to Avoid Arrest	4	6	2	2	1	4	2	2	0	7
Other Offenses & Citations	177	340	314	311	230	134	133	108	251	133
Total Arrests	1099	871	875	842	673	821	681	905	907	723

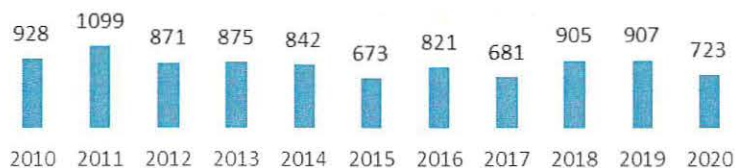
Number of People Cited or Arrested

(traffic offenses not included)

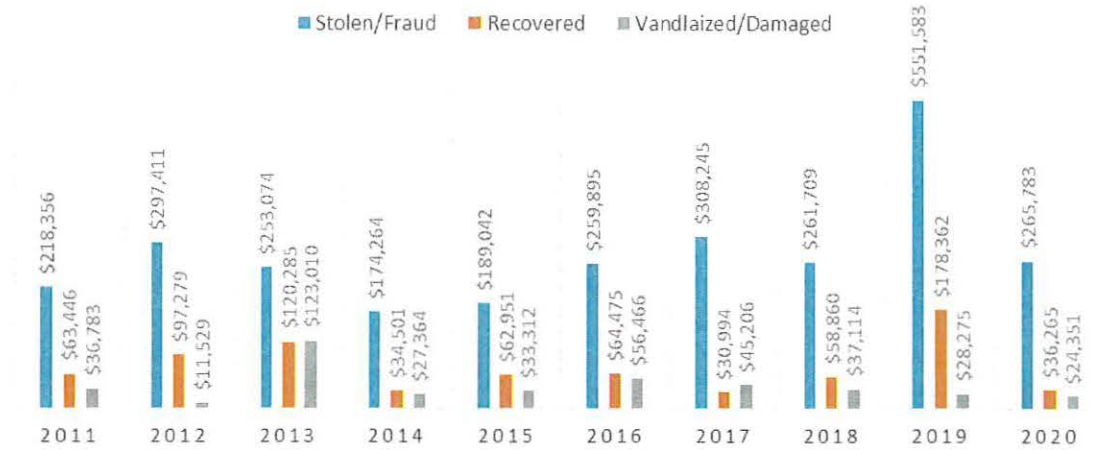


Number of Arrest Charges

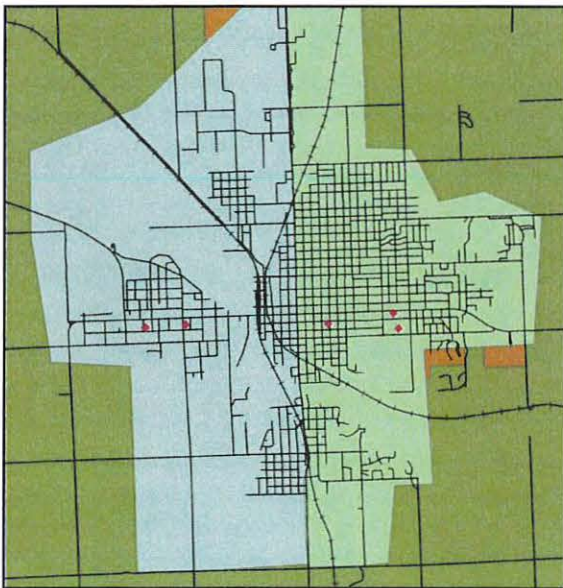
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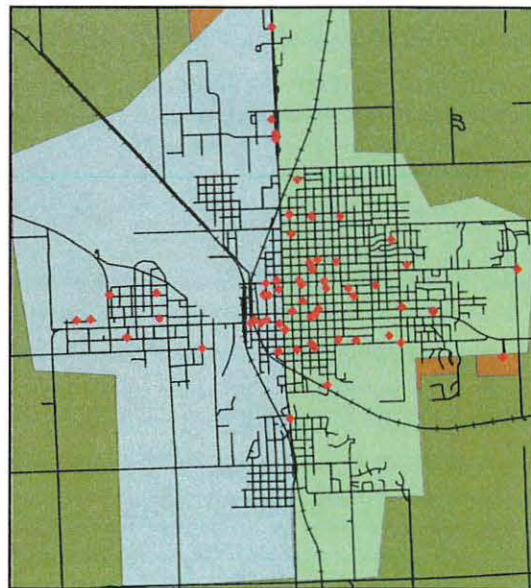
Property Crime Stats



**Motor Vehicle Theft
Locations for 2020**



**Vandalism/Criminal Mischief
Locations for 2020**



Investigative Services



Lieutenant Jay Murphy
1990



Investigator Erin Byrne
1996



Juvenile Services Officer
Jennifer Klaus
1994



Narcotics Investigator
Shane Maloley
2009

Criminal Investigations Report 2020

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 criminal Investigator Erin Byrne, Juvenile Services Officer Jennifer Klaus, and Narcotics Investigator Shane Maloley.

During 2020, the Investigations Unit initially handled 616 calls for service. In addition to these calls, several hundred other calls passed on from road patrol, were followed up on by the investigation's unit. These calls included calls such as missing person cases, burglaries, thefts, suicides, sexual assaults, fraud, adult and child abuse cases, narcotics cases, and forgery cases. In addition, 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. 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 2020, the Investigations Unit was also requested to install covert surveillance cameras in Beatrice businesses and home residences in order to solve theft issues. They also assisted in the searches of cell phones and computers for various Beatrice Police Department cases as well as outside agency cases.

Aside from criminal investigations, the Investigations Unit conducts background investigations for new department personnel, backgrounds for handgun permit applications, vendor background investigations, and background investigations for liquor license applications within the City of Beatrice. The Investigations Unit is also assigned to the state-mandated, county-wide, Child Abuse/Neglect Investigative and Treatment Teams. Officer Jennifer Klaus, who specializes as a Juvenile Services Officer, 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.

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.

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Crime Scene Team 2020

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. Members of the team include: Erin Byrne, Kris Mangers, Derrick Hosick, Russ Jobman, Carla Zarybnicky, Ethan Jordan, Jennifer Klaus, Zac Lauenstein, Kerri McGrury, Dan Moss, Natasha Nesbitt, Tim Price, Kylee Schoen, and Zac Smith. The team is commanded by Lt Jay Murphy.

The crime scene team (or portions thereof) was activated two times in 2020. The first activation, which took place in March of 2020, was due to a sexual assault of a child. The team aided in the search warrant that was served on the house of the suspect. The second activation took place in December of 2020. This activation was due to a homicide and the team aided in the search of the suspect's house and surrounding areas.

Lt. Jay Murphy



Special Services

Beatrice SWAT

The Beatrice SWAT 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 SWAT team is tasked with resolving hostage situations, barricaded subjects, the service of high-risk search and arrest warrants, or any incident requiring specialized equipment or tactics.

The SWAT team conducted training in the following areas:

Building clearing	Tactical medical	Pre-raid planning
Distraction devices	Less Lethal Weapons	Low-light techniques
Team movements	Vehicle assaults	Weapons qualifications
Live fire movements	Breaching techniques	Sniper training/deployment

* The team is allotted one four hour training per month. Snipers are allotted an additional four hour training per month.

Team Leader Information

Team Commander: Sergeant Daniel Moss

Assistant Commander: Officer Shane Maloley

Team Liaison: Lieutenant Jay Murphy

Team Members

Officer Derrick Hosick

Officer Ethan Jordan

Officer Natasha Nesbitt

Officer Zac Smith

Officer Kelly Byrne

FF Jim Young

FF Jay Beavers

Negotiations Team

Team Commander: Sergeant Daniel Moss

Team Liaison: Captain Gerald Lamkin

Negotiators: Officer Erin Byrne, Officer Zac Lauenstein

The Beatrice SWAT team was deployed two times in calendar year 2020 to serve high risk Search Warrants; one was for BPD and the other was for GCSO at an address outside the City Limits. Illegally possessed firearms were located at both locations.

SWAT Team members completed 171 hours of training during the calendar year. Sniper team members completed 56 additional hours of training in 2020. Ofc Smith attended an Armored Tactical Vehicle Course, hosted by the Lincoln Police Department and a 5-day Tactical Officer Course in Illinois. Four members attended a **Safariland** Less lethal munitions course hosted by BPD.

Sgt. Dan Moss

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 coordination with partnering agencies, grant writing and quarterly reporting of financial and statistical reports required for VOCA funding.
- The 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 phone contact with crime victims, assistance with protection orders, criminal justice advocacy, follow up contact, and enters statistical data.
- The Victim Assistance Program promoted National Crime Victims' Rights Week in April 2020 with grant funds awarded in the amount of \$4,630. The funding allowed us to lease four billboards, purchase pens, two vinyl signs that were displayed in front of the Beatrice Police Department and the Gage County Sheriff's Office, and promote National Crime Victims' Rights Week and the Gage County Victim Assistance Program to our community. KWBE also sponsored public service announcements on their station.
- The Gage County Victim Assistance Program is available 24/7 to assist crime victims if called upon by the shift supervisor.
- This program provides services to all victims of crime in Gage County. Some of the services provided are listed below:

Crisis Intervention
Compensation Assistance
Parole Information
Transportation
Protection Order Assistance
Information/Assistance
911 Cellular Phones

Personal Advocacy
VINE Information/Registration
Victim Impact Statements
Property Release
Restitution
Criminal Justice Advocacy

- 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.

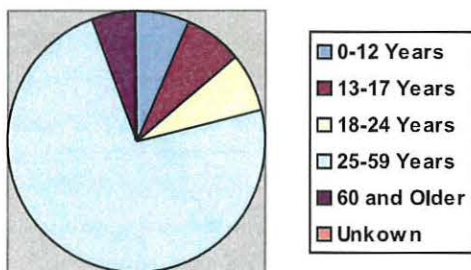
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Victim Assistance Program Statistics 2020

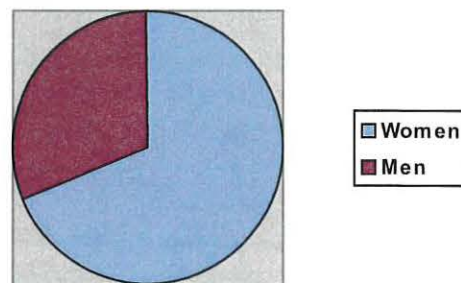
TYPE OF SERVICE	NUMBER OF TIMES PROVIDED
Emotional Support & Safety Services	2,068
Personal Advocacy & Accompaniment	207
Information about the Criminal Justice Process & Referral	4,403
Emergency Financial Assistance	8
Law Enforcement Interview/Accompaniment	182
Criminal & Civil Justice System Advocacy	4,674
Compensation Assistance	11
Transportation	1
Protection order Assistance	455
Total Number of Services Provided	12,009
Total Number of Victims Served	704
Number of victims who reported the services provided to them was helpful.	674
Number of victims who reported the services provided to them was not helpful.	1

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K9 Unit 2020

The Beatrice Police Department's K9 Units have been busy in 2020. The 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 Coon, who facilitates K9 operations, ensures K9 training standards are met, and ensures these valuable assets to our police officers are effective and efficient.

Officer Chiasno and K9 Toro are a Certified Narcotics Detection Team with 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. K9 Toro has the ability to track missing persons. Officer Chisano 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.

Officer Hosick and K9 Thomas are a Certified Narcotics Detection Team and a Certified Patrol Dog Team in 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. Officer Hosick and K9 Thomas 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.

If you have any questions regarding the Beatrice Police K9 Unit, please feel free to contact Officer Hosick or Officer Chisano.

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) 2020

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.

Both Officer Price and Lauenstein 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, training staff and students in Standard Response Protocol, as well as making it available to the public.

Beatrice Police Department has renewed its agreement with Beatrice Public Schools to keep two SROs in the schools. Officer Price is in his 5th year, and Lauenstein is in his 10th serving the schools. With Covid-19 affecting the school year and BPS switching to remote learning at the end of the 19-20 school year SROs had to adjust the way they approached their duties. An increase of home visits were completed due to lack of contact between students and the school. SROs were assigned to opposite day shifts (6am-6pm) to provide the most coverage to have a SRO available to assist students, staff and families during unprecedented times. In addition to SRO duties, Lauenstein and Price also respond to road patrol calls for service.

SRO's statistics are an anomaly from previous years and future years so it is difficult to compare and contrast with other years. Of the 314 recorded school contacts in 2020, 13 incidents (4.1%) resulted in a criminal referral, approximately ½ of those involved repeat offenders. A spike was observed in the criminal referrals for students with a special education identification, from 7.7% to 69.2%. While this can be concerning, each case was reviewed on its own merits, and criminal referrals were only used in cases where it was determined to be necessary. SROs continue to use their training and experience and find creative ways to address student's behaviors while avoiding the school to prison pipeline when possible.

Both Officer Lauenstein and Officer Price are members of their respective school's Hope Squad and various other duties that help with prevention. The public has noted concerns with bus stop arm violations, and both Officers have been making efforts to patrol those areas, and educate drivers in order to increase safety for our bussing students.

The SRO program continues in its 22nd year to be a great benefit to the Beatrice Public School District, as well as the Beatrice Police Department. It is our goal to continue to be a great resource for all staff, students and families at the Beatrice Public Schools, and continue to further develop the program to its full potential.

Officer Zac Lauenstein #305 SRO- Beatrice High School

Officer Tim Price #325 SRO- Beatrice Middle School & Elementary Schools

Speaker Service

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

The numbers were down for 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Groups were not meeting and Officers were not speaking in front of large groups.

The Department had 7 requests for speakers throughout 2020. An estimated 350 people attended the 7 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. Officers participated in the YMCA's Family fun night and the Trick or Treat event, speaking to Children and family members at these events.

The School Resource Officers in Beatrice High School and Beatrice Middle School continue to assist in educating the students in the Beatrice Public Schools by going into the classroom and speaking to students at all the elementary schools, middle school and high school. The SRO's also provide training to the teachers during in service training hours. The SRO's educated all Students in the Middle School and High School with the Standard Response Protocol, which is how schools react to a Potential Emergency situations.

Officers in the Department annually host the public in a Community Connections event where they were able to meet the public and held an information gathering opportunity for those with disabilities to assist with emergency response, unfortunately the event was cancelled this past year due to the Pandemic.

Officers continue their involvement with Special Olympics, however the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run was also cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Officers were also unable to play against the Special Olympic Athletes in the annual Basketball game held in the OZONE at Beatrice High School.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic Officers participated in numerous "drive by" Birthday Parties giving the special day some lights and sirens, along with one drive by for a citizen getting ready to go in for Cancer Surgery.

Officers continue to be involved in many community events throughout the year where they greet and speak to the public.

Sgt. Wes Henning

Community Policing

- **LUNCH WITH A COP**

As with almost everything this past year, The Lunch with a Cop program took a big hit when it came to spending one-on-one time with our community's youth. However, we were still fortunate to receive two donations from Exmark and Traubels Popcorn who donated a total of \$750 to keep our program running into 2021. We were still able to have lunch with 8 kids this year. One of the best parts of our lunches is sharing funny and inspiring stories, with the permission of the parent, on our Beatrice Police Department Facebook page. The best part is sharing how funny and inspiring these kids are. We have an extensive list of kids we want to sit down with in the coming year. We look forward to many lunches in 2021 as life gets back to normal.

Officer Kristine Mangers

- **STUFF THE CRUISER**

The Beatrice Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 84 held their 5th annual Stuff the Cruiser event at the Beatrice Walmart. The event was successful again, despite a year with a pandemic and social distancing regulations. The department partnered with the Beatrice Mary YMCA again this year, and members from the YMCA and Beatrice Police Department stood out at Walmart over the Black Friday weekend to collect toys and monetary donations. The Beatrice Police Mobile Command Bus was utilized and filled with toys. Along with the generous amounts of toys donated, there was also nearly \$4,000.00 dollars donated. These funds were agreed by the donators to be spread out over the course of the next couple years, as we continue to look at ways to better this program with hopes to benefit the maximum amount of people in the greatest way.

After the toys and money are collected, they are turned over the YMCA for the process of distributing them out to families in need. This year, also due to social distancing guidelines, the toys were given to families who were then given a map of lighted houses through town to go and see. This donation based event, which allows children in the Beatrice and surrounding communities to have toys for Christmas, remains successful and will proceed next year.

Officer Derrick Hosick

- **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS - 2020**

Community Connection is an annual event that is sponsored during the month of September each year. In the past, officers, dispatchers, and civilian employees have connected with the public by participating in relay games with the Special Olympics Teams and the Beatrice Public School students. We invite many community agencies who promote their services to the public as well. At this event we meet with the public to gather information regarding any special needs they may have so we can assist them more effectively during an emergency response. Due to COVID-19, this event was not held in 2020.

Kerri McGrury

- **SPECIAL OLYMPICS - 2020**

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