

Beatrice Police Department



2019 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 pride that I present to you the 2019 Beatrice Police Departments Annual Report. This report contains a great deal of information put together by the various members of the Department. Once this information is developed, Traci Baehr puts it into the format you see here.

We work hard at decentralizing our operations and various Department employees are responsible for different parts of our operation. We believe this provides personnel with the opportunity to go beyond their normal duties and to keep the job interesting.

One of the greatest challenges faced by Law Enforcement across the Country is the recruitment and retention of qualified people. Where we once tested 50 people for an opening, we now may only test 10. Of those ten, we are finding few that can pass the appropriate background checks. The Department continues to recruit in different ways in an effort to attract people who come from very different backgrounds than those of just a few years ago.

As always, if you have any questions after reading this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce E. Lang". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "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 Secretary
Traci Baehr
2005



Victim Assistance Coordinator
Kerri McGrury
1998



Assistant Victim Coordinator
Marty Seymour
2016

Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart 2019



Changes in Staff 2019

Promotions

- None

Internal Transfers

- None

New Hires

- Michael Bolan – Police Officer
- Isaac Haley – Police Officer
- Callie Lamkin - Dispatcher
- Adam Turner – Dispatcher

Resignations

- Chandra Crooks – Dispatcher
- Brandie Kratz - Dispatcher

Retirements

- None

2019 Overtime Report

Over the past year I began collecting this data myself. During this time, I wanted a more precise accounting of specific areas. I began looking into the general area of Special Detail, collecting these hours as a whole but placing them into specific categories.

During the previous year we experienced nearly 39% increase in overtime hours for the Patrol and Investigation Divisions in the department. While four specific areas of collected data actually dropped, six other areas increased.

The most significant increase was Fill-in, which saw a 48% increase of overtime hours. A small portion (121.5) of these total hours was collected by the two School Resource Officers (SRO) who are required to monitor the lunch rooms, thus eliminating their own lunch period. The SRO's also received additional hours when they monitor the students after school activities, such as football or basketball games.

During the later portion of 2019 we added to our K-9 program with an additional K-9 and handler, who was already part of our Patrol Division. The training this new handler and his K-9 received, along with the hours the two handlers spend daily caring for their K-9 do add up but the ability that these specialized teams provide to our agency is invaluable. The percent of increase in the K-9 training, care and call-out increased five times that from last year of 53 hours.

Three more areas that saw an increase over 2018 were Investigation, Arrest and Court. Coincidentally these three areas go hand in hand. Investigation rose 117% to 237.25 hours, Arrest rose 180% to 48.5 hours and Court time rose 28%, stabilizing at 113 hours. With Court time being the lowest area of these three, this illustrates to me that better investigations lead to stronger cases and less time for the officers to be in court.

The categories of Meetings, whether with prosecutors on criminal cases, members of the public on community gatherings, or inner-agency on various committees; Training, either in-house or away for specialized skills; completion of required Reports; or in the area of SWAT, training or call-out; all saw a decrease in the overtime hours this past year from the previous year. Meetings dropped 41%, Training decreased by 35%; Reports went down 15% and SWAT decreased their OT hours by 14%.

The last category I collect data on is that of Special Detail. Over the past year I sought to expand the various individual types of duty that encompasses the category of special detail. I divided this out into fourteen subcategories.

When officers were called in to transport individuals to the Bridge or to the Crisis Center, this was earmarked as EPC. Officers assisting the SWAT team as they served search warrants had their hours marked as such, Warrants. Other police related duties were Crime Scene Team call-out; PD Related, which dealt with non-category work such as transporting vehicles for change-over or uniform upkeep;

Narcotics, when road patrol or investigations personnel assist the Narcotics officer on controlled buys. Personnel spend off duty hours on Alcohol Compliance checks which was marked simply as Alcohol and Evidence gathering or re-locating was marked as Evidence; K9 Demonstrations or Bike Patrol during special summer events had their own sub-category. Our Officers are called upon to assist full time instructors at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center using their own proficient skills to teach others across the state, under the heading NLETC training. In 2019, we kept specific track of the hours officers and civilian personnel concentrated on during the flood. This was extremely important when it came time to qualify the hours for federal dollars. The final two sub categories were under Community Relations and then specifically when the SROs were out of their buildings and in the gym or the football stadium after school, assisting in the High School Activities.

The largest area of collected data was that of Community Relations where 133.25 hours were logged. This is not counting the hours the dispatchers gave to community relation events.

The sub-categories logged the following hours:

EPC	33	PD Related	34	K9 Demo	2
Warrants	42	Flood	99.75	NLETC Training	17
Crime Scene	12.25	Alcohol	6	Bike Patrol	5
Narcotics	68	Evidence	23.75	BHS Activity	20.5

The total Special Detail increased by 106%. I feel this is attributed to the defined and specific sub-categories rather than grouping a lot of different tasks into a single category.

Finally, during the mid-year, I began to collect data on the records division. This showed that during the last five to six months our Administration Secretary spent an additional 167 hours on her duties as Records Clerk and software systems analysis for the Mobile, CAD, and Records computer software while also assisting other agencies in their software deployment and training.

As always, we shall continue to be mindful of our financial obligations to our community and good stewards of their tax dollars, while at the same time providing a strong service of protection and belonging.

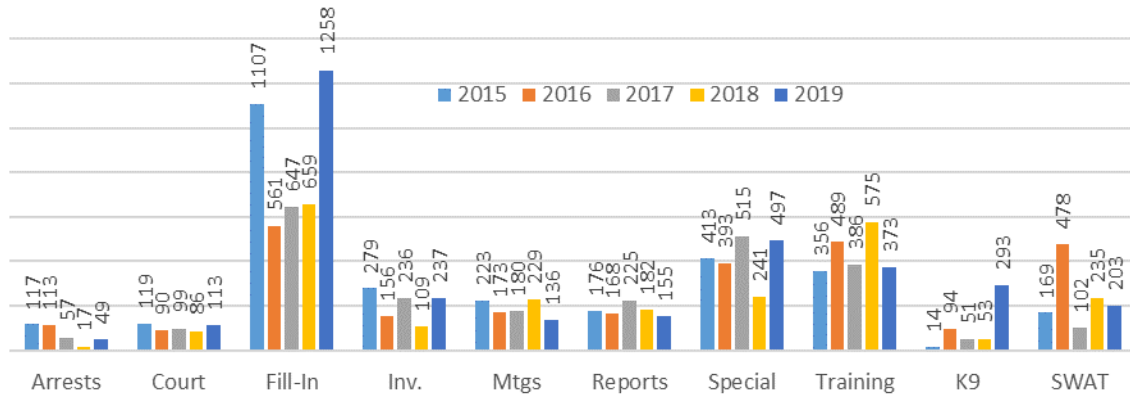
By the numbers:

Arrest	48.5	Reports	154.75
Court	113	Special Detail	496.5
Fill-in	1,258	Training	372.75
Investigations	237.25	SWAT	203
Mtgs	135.75	K-9	293

Total 3,312.5

Captain Jerry Lamkin, Operations

Overtime Hours



2019 Grants

During the past calendar year, we were offered two grants from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety; however, due to staffing limits we found ourselves not being able to manage either one of these. Both of these grants were for the Click It or Ticket campaign.

We did apply for and in fact received one grant in 2019, this being the Radar Mini-Grant. This allowed us to outfit our latest patrol vehicle with a new radar unit. We did previously budget for this radar unit but with the grant from the Nebraska Department of Transportation Office of Highway Safety we were able to save almost half the cost of the new radar unit.

Grant amount: \$900.00

Communications



Communications Director
Carla Jones
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



Adam Turner
2019

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 155,000 phone calls in 2019 between emergency and non-emergency calls.

2019 was an exciting year with the introduction and implementation of Text to 911. The text to 911 system is designed primarily for deaf, hard of hearing and speech impaired citizens. However, if making a voice call would directly endanger the person calling 911 then texting would be an option. It is important to note, calling 911 remains the fastest and most efficient way to request emergency assistance.

Text to 911 calls are handled similar to wireless 911 calls and TTY911 calls. The calls are received through the 911 system. Due to the lack of accurate and reliable location information with text calls, the priority will be to determine the caller's exact location. If it is determined the caller is not within the jurisdiction, the call cannot be transferred to the correct jurisdiction. The individual will then be instructed to call 911 so they can be transferred to the correct 911 center.

When the dispatcher disconnects the call, an automatic message will be sent advising the caller they have been disconnected and to call 911 by voice or originate a new text message if they need additional assistance.

Since this service is not currently supported by all cell phone carriers or all 911 centers in the region, when you attempt a text and it is not supported, you will receive a message advising you that you must make a voice call to 911. Currently our text capabilities are limited to English only.

2019 also brought us new radio technology as we made the transition over to the MotoTrbo Digital Radio System. Communications is key in providing Officer and Public safety. This radio system provides a much clearer enhanced voice which is critical in law enforcement operations.

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 register 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 Jones, 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.
- ✓ 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.

For non-emergencies, such as parking problems, non-injury car accidents, thefts or vandalism call 402-223-4080

2019 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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
911 Hang Up	80	128	153	290	306	317
Abandoned Vehicle	* did not record these separately before 2018				11	14
Accident/Fatality	1	7	5	2	3	4
Accident/H&R	91	135	154	181	176	146
Accident/Injuries	95	110	129	160	162	137
Accident/No Injuries	555	634	673	594	644	648
Adult Abuse	78	96	151	203	194	181
Alarm	77	75	79	99	84	149
ALS	17	21	7	17	12	12
Animal Bite	50	58	60	61	72	66
Animal Complaint	854	878	928	931	852	618
Animal Cruelty	76	82	67	107	126	116
Animal on Roadway	*did not record these separately before 2018				25	193
Arson	0	1	1	0	2	0
Assault	167	195	187	226	162	143
Assist Citizen	159	180	168	200	203	229
Assist Other Agency	259	310	503	407	460	645
Attempted Suicide	8	15	5	3	3	2
Bar Check	237	364	486	263	200	264
Barking Dog	84	84	84	81	104	77
Bicycle Theft	not separated	31	15	23	22	26
Board of Public Works	212	170	85	80	78	77
Bomb Threat	1	0	0	0	0	0
Burglar Alarm	224	201	261	258	260	252
Burglary	121	157	182	174	141	106
Child Abuse / Neglect	230	339	421	476	485	440
Civil	328	382	464	461	408	107
Civil Paper Service	634	666	653	731	549	501
Civil Standby	not separated	62	101	89	86	104
Complaint Against Officer	9	6	7	17	11	7
Compliance Check	0	21	70	43	22	7
Crimestoppers	14	16	7	17	10	8
Death	89	73	78	69	70	83
Disorderly Conduct	4	8	17	8	6	9
Disturbance	410	558	574	522	508	424
Domestic	*did not record these separately before 2018				12	51
Door Checks	not separated		20	15	8	22
Drowning	0	0	1	0	0	0

** Stats are for all agencies that Southeast Communications dispatches for **

CALL TYPE	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Drug Information	93	87	148	100	101	117
Drug Lab	1	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Violation	60	70	71	84	95	65
DUS	81	76	67	92	78	63
Driving While Intoxicated	110	88	87	56	88	116
Embezzlement	1	1	0	1	1	2
Emergency Protective Custody	12	16	9	11	14	19
Escort	90	123	91	116	116	113
Fail to Appear	7	12	19	22	20	16
False Reporting	6	2	7	3	3	0
Field Interview	114	144	174	63	102	67
Fire	247	216	210	256	237	121
Fire Alarm	106	123	152	132	139	145
Fireworks Complaint	*did not record these separately before 2019					5
Forgery	9	10	8	2	3	2
Found Animal	121	151	190	227	178	225
Found Bike	*did not record these separately before 2019					34
Found Property	151	261	254	243	294	250
Fraud	89	102	138	150	162	115
Gambling Violation	0	0	1	0	0	0
Game Violation	18	18	10	7	1	2
Gas Drive Off	77	58	55	57	82	100
General Information	298	266	298	293	332	334
Harassment	183	202	222	236	199	174
Harassment Text	not separated	21	15	10	14	23
Health Hazard	61	69	96	113	89	90
Hitch Hiker	4	6	8	6	10	4
ICAC <small>internet Crimes Against Children</small>	12	9	5	8	14	11
Identity Theft	12	19	22	23	30	20
Indecent Exposure	12	5	9	7	4	4
Injury	5	2	4	2	5	1
Jail Incident	5	5	10	12	8	6
Junked Motor Vehicle	185	24	43	25	9	16
Juvenile	286	371	390	417	452	424
K9 Public Relations	not separated		22	13	9	9
Rescue /Lift Assist	not separated	76	119	182	243	234
Liquor Laws	35	7	6	2	1	7
Livestock Complaint	*did not record these separately before 2018				1	2
Lost Animal	99	126	145	162	134	122
Lost Property	83	123	115	120	128	114
Mental Health	107	148	195	199	225	199
Minor in Possession	29	35	39	28	28	33
Missing Person	18	29	33	27	28	34

** Stats are for all agencies that Southeast Communications dispatches for **

CALL TYPE	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Motor Vehicle Theft	35	38	46	58	48	43
Motorist Assist	362	316	347	331	398	465
Mutual Aid	*did not record these separately before 2018				1	2
Noise	188	256	311	286	264	241
Nuisance	not separated		73	164	175	43
Open Container	*did not record these separately before 2018					5
Open Door	80	94	78	62	75	94
Out of Unit	341	383	669	566	709	714
Ordinance Violation	158	227	190	120	134	201
Parking 2 hr.	46	38	52	47	65	47
Parking 24 hrs.	111	96	135	159	153	314
Parking/other	319	317	621	599	781	627
Pivot /Traffic Hazzard	not separated	1	10	7	5	1
Possession of Stolen Property	0	0	0	0	0	6
Probation Violation	16	13	8	7	8	7
Procuring	not separated	12	0	0	2	0
Property Damage	40	64	75	64	66	68
Protection Order Violation	40	45	83	65	54	58
Prowler	5	24	26	3	11	5
Public Service&Speak	281	223	206	215	278	268
Pursuit	3	7	13	14	13	5
Remove Party	144	190	215	214	155	136
Repo	not separated	88	45	41	34	32
Rescue	1289	1477	1632	1701	1693	1638
Road Closed	not separated	44	44	44	37	26
Robbery	5	1	2	3	1	1
Runaway	73	87	92	103	69	44
Scam	not separated	48	49	76	142	170
Search Warrant	1	5	8	6	6	18
Sex Offender Registration	8	13	39	41	28	38
Sex Off. Complaince Check					11	35
Sexual Assault/Rape	38	47	52	45	53	47
Shoplifting	82	95	112	114	80	68
Smoking Ban			1	1	0	0
Solicitor	19	4	17	6	5	3
Special Detail	*did not record these separately before 2018				3	10
Suicide	1	3	5	7	4	3
Suspicious	618	790	910	969	1010	934
Test Call	*did not record these separately before 2018				15	15
Theft	434	515	487	432	417	303
Threats	142	194	195	182	182	161

**** Stats are for all agencies that Southeast Communications dispatches for ****

CALL TYPE	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Title Inspection	not separated		200	115	3	29
Traffic Hazard	219	289	284	299	337	332
Traffic Stops	4442	3938	5455	4201	4796	5538
Transfer	770	1011	1133	1169	1076	1197
Transport	202	276	372	386	378	369
Trash	55	51	70	87	54	51
Trespassing	84	72	79	78	83	81
Truancy	5	18	40	32	23	18
Unknown	7	14	15	3	10	20
Vacation Watch	106	97	98	106	86	66
Vandalism	206	240	290	240	204	238
Vehicle Comp/All Types	898	949	1130	1200	1078	1010
Warrants	285	273	307	350	378	368
Watch	118	126	104	137	104	76
Weapon Laws Violation	9	10	11	16	8	7
Weather	22	25	20	14	21	23
Welfare Check	618	778	825	778	706	626
Totals	20,937	23,086	27,564	26,278	26,684	26,568

**Emergency calls that were duplicate or cancelled	4,350	8,956	10,377	5,789	4,769	4,549
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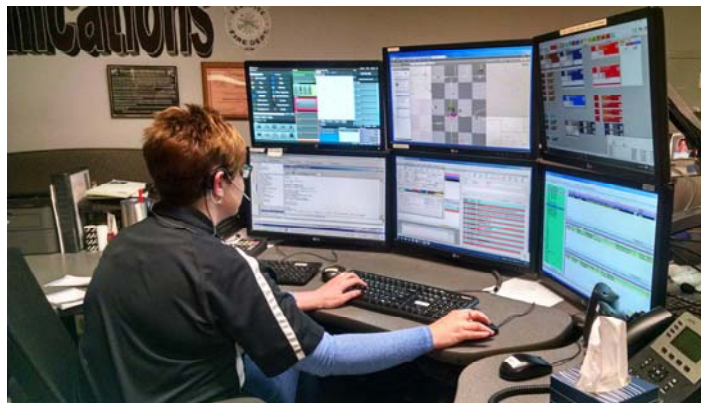
Total Calls for Service	25,287	32,042	37,941	32,067	31,453	31,117
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****We had not reported cancelled calls in previous years. We have now included them to give a true number of how many times Emergency calls are answered.**

Calls for Service by Agency

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



Patriot



Captain Gerald Lamkin
1991



Sgt Wes Henning
1997



Sgt Doug Coon
1997



Sgt Brian Carver
2000



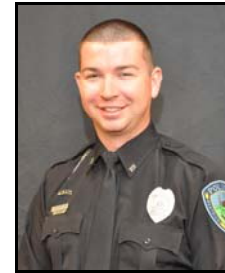
Sgt Daniel Moss
2009



Ofc Zac Lauenstein
2002



Ofc Kristine Gill
2006



Ofc Joseph McCormick
2007



Ofc Shane Maloley
2009



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

Vehicle Summary 2019

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 seven marked Patrol units average approximately 11,660 miles each during a year.

FLEET INFORMATION

Unit	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Projected Replacement	Use
1	2016	Ford	Taurus	62,905	76,081	Patrol
2	2016	Ford	Explorer	50,111	73,537	Patrol/K9
3	2020	Chevy	Tahoe	5876	75,000	Patrol
4	2016	Ford	Taurus	54,903	82,309	Patrol
5	2018	Ford	Taurus	33,791	75,000	Patrol
6	2017	Ford	Explorer	36,737	95,989	Patrol
<u>Mile 2019</u>						
7	2010	Ford	Crown Vic	>100,000	4,000 (Est)	Administration Broken Odometer
	2003	Ford	Expedition	113,306	2,558	Investigations
9	2016	Chevy	Tahoe	76,600	106,600	Patrol/K9
11	2013	Ford	Explorer	86,902	3,400	Chief's Car
12	2007	Ford	Explorer	122,759	1,496	Investigations
13	2011	Chevy	Tahoe	125,868	1,333	School Resource
Bus	1996	Chevy	Blue Bird	6,077	56	Mobile Command
VA	2018	Chevy	Cruz	3237	4,515	Victim Assistance
Rescue	2016	OSHKOSH	Armored Veh	3587	106	Special Operations



Training Summary 2019

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 2019. Members of the department logged over 1732 hours of continuing education courses. This number is significantly higher than last year due new officers at the training center and our second K-9 officer being trained. Some of the more notable training events of 2019 attended by Police Department personnel are listed below.

Recruiting for Law Enforcement	Child Death Investigation
School Resource Officer	NE Law Enforcement Manager
Detector Dog (Narcotics)	Operating System Triage Update
CJIS Security Training	Firearms/Patrol Rifle Recertification
A Focus on Special Victims	Livestock Emergency Response
Behavioral Health Threat Assessment	Nebraska Reciprocity
Use of Force/Deadly Force OIS	Police One Active Shooter/SRO/OIS

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

- Pursuits and Use of Force
- Ameritas Retirement
- CPR Recertification
- LOSS Team
- Autism and Development
- Firearms- Handgun and Rifle Qualification
- Defensive Tactics
- Trauma in Criminal Justice System Pt1 & Pt2
- Firearms Night Shoot
- SWAT Team Movements/Tactics/Sniper/Qualifications
- E-Ticket

Incidents / Cases 2019

Following is a list of the types of Incidents that the Beatrice Police Department responded to during 2019. 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	94	Found Animal	85	Remove Party	81
Abandoned Vehicle	3	Found Property	133	Repo	17
Accidents / All Types	374	Fraud	58	Rescue	32
Adult Abuse	118	Gambling Information	2	Road Closed	7
Alarm / Burglary Alarm	221	Game Violation	1	Robbery	1
Animal Bite	35	General Information	139	Runaway	30
Animal Complaint	371	Harassment	106	Scam	61
Animal Cruelty	50	Harassment - Text	14	Search Warrant	17
Assault	81	Health Hazard	17	Sex Off Reg Viol	6
Assist Citizen	85	ICAC	4	Sexual Assault	28
Assist Other Agency	270	Identity Theft	6	Shoplifting	42
Bar Check	31	Indecent Exposure	2	Solicitor	2
Barking Dog	61	Jail Incident	1	Special Detail	1
Board of Public Works	69	Junked Motor Vehicle	14	Suicide	3
Burglary	57	Juvenile	240	Suspicious	520
Child Neglect	250	K9 Public Relations	9	Test	7
Civil / Civil Standby	307	Liquor Laws Violation	6	Theft	215
Complaint Against Officer	4	Lost Animal	70	Threats	99
Compliance Check	1	Lost Property	60	Traffic Hazard	123
Crimestoppers	6	Mental Health	134	Traffic Stop	2588
Death	56	MIP	13	Transport	3
Disorderly Conduct	6	Missing Person	17	Trespassing	45
Disturbance	269	Motor Vehicle Theft	26	Vandalism	122
Domestic	21	Motorist Assist	95	Vehicle Complaint	448
Door Checks	1	Noise	141	Warrant	99
Drug Information	76	Out of Unit	270	Vacation Watch	87
Drug Violation	33	Open Door	48	Weapons Law Violation	4
DUS	37	Ordinance Violation	117	Welfare Check	385
DWI	72	Parking / All Types	338	Unknown/Not Classified	149
Embezzlement	1	Probation Violation	1		
EPC	6	Property Damage	31		
Escort Funeral	97	Protection Order Violation	36		
Fail to Appear	15	Prowler	3		
Field Interview	38	Public Service	121		
Forgery	2	Pursuit	3		

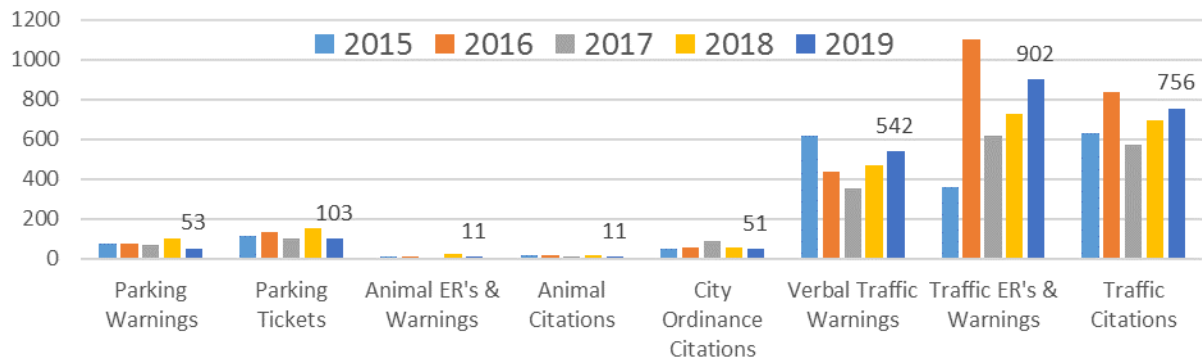
Cases Made

Below are the Case types that the Beatrice Police Department worked during 2019. 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	
Adult Abuse/ Neglect/ Vulnerable	113				82	31
Animal Bite	27	4			23	
Animal Cruelty	2	1			1	
Assault	75	43	4		26	2
Assist Other Agency	37	6			30	1
Bomb Threat	1					1
Burglary	36	6	2	1	24	3
Child Abuse/Neglect	158	9		1	144	4
Child Pornography	2				1	1
Civil	8				8	
Criminal Mischief	41	11	1	1	27	1
Criminal Trespass	3	2			1	
Death	26				26	
Disorderly Conduct	10	6			4	
Disturbance	26	9			17	
Driving Under Suspension	67	62	4		1	
DUI	74	69			5	
Drug Equipment Violation	5	3			2	
Drug Information	18				17	1
Drug Violation	94	73	7	4	10	
EPC	8	1			7	
Fail to Appear	13		4		9	
Forgery	5	1			3	1
Found Animal	3				2	1
Found Property	65	1			62	2
Fraud	38		1		34	3
General Information	8	1			7	
Harassment	21	6			13	2
ICAC	3				2	1
Impersonation	1				1	
Intimidation	1				1	
Juvenile Complaint	17	2			14	1
Liquor Law Violation	7	7				

			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
Mental Health	92					92	
Minor in Possession	12		12				
Missing Person	2						2
Motor Vehicle Theft	14		2	1		8	3
Moving Violation	7		7				
Ordinance Violation	14		13			1	
Parking Violation	2		1			1	
Possession of Stolen Property	11		6			5	
Probation Violation	4		1			3	
Property Damage	10		1			9	
Protection Order Violation	20		12	4		4	
Public Indecency	1					1	
Runaway	28		11			17	
Sex Off Reg Viol	3		1	1		1	
Sexual Assault	20					13	7
Suicide	3					3	
Suicide Attempt	2					2	
Suspicious	25		1			23	1
Theft	171		43	4	2	119	3
Threats	23		6	2		12	3
Trespassing	18		13	1		4	
Vandalism	36		6	1		28	1
Warrant Arrest	83		81			2	
Weapon Law Violation	9		5			4	
Welfare Check	35		1			33	1

Ticket Statistics for 2019



Parking Warnings and Citations

Description	Warnings	Citations
24 Hour Parking	22	30
Improper Parking	1	1
Left Side Parking	8	5
Obstructing Traffic	0	1
Parked on Snow Route	0	1
Parking - 2 hr	6	7
Parking in Restricted Area	8	4
Prohibited Parking	7	19
Red Zone Violation	0	2
Unregistered Vehicle Parked on Street	1	33
Totals	53	103

Animal Warnings, ER's and Citations

Description	Warnings or ER's	Citations
Animal Neglect	0	1
Dog and Cats must be licensed	5	1
Dog at Large	3	7
Noise, Fowl	1	0
Rabies Tag	2	2
Totals	11	11

City Ordinance Warnings and Citations

Type	Warnings	Citations
Disturbing the Peace/Stereo		9
Littering		5
Shoplifting		34
Use of Fireworks		2
Violate Park Hours		1
Totals		51

Traffic Warnings, Equipment Repairs and Citations

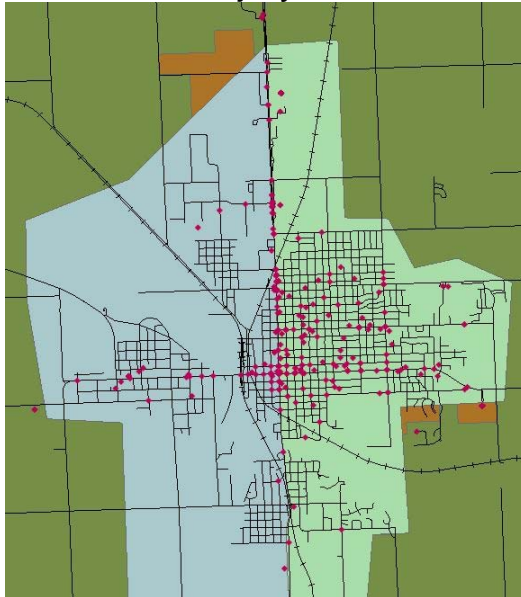
Description	Verbal Warning	Written Warning or ER's	Citations
Address Change		7	
Allowing Person to Cling to Vehicle		1	
Careless Driving			3
Drag Racing			1
Driving Left of Center		10	13
Driving too fast for Conditions			1
Driving Under Suspension			63
DUS Due to ALR/Fail to Comply			20
Duty to Carry License Permit		13	8
Exhibition of Acceleration		2	2
Failure to Maintain Lane		1	6
Failure to Signal		40	7
Failure to yield ROW to vehicle or Sign		8	29
Fictitious Plates			5
Follow too Close		1	2
Improper Lane Change		5	2
Improper Turn		18	10
Leaving Scene of Accident			7
Lights required on Vehicle or Violation		336	13
Motor Vehicle Restraint – Adult & Child		6	9
Mufflers/Noise		13	3
Negligent Driving		2	16
No License Plates or manner of display		54	4
One Way Violation		10	4
Operators must have valid license			44
Passing Violation		4	2
Proof of Financial Responsibility/Insurance		7	87
Proof of Ownership		1	11
Provisional Operator Permit Violation		1	1
Reckless Driving		1	4
Registration Required		19	241
Violate Learners or School Permit			5
School Bus Stop Violation		3	11
Screeching of Tires		1	
Speeding		243	85
Spilling Contents onto Roadway		1	
Stop Sign Violation		49	12
Tire Condition		1	
Traffic Signal Violation		43	25
Unlawful Operation of ATV		1	
Verbal Warning or Traffic Contacts	542		
Totals	542	902	756

Accident Tallies for 2019

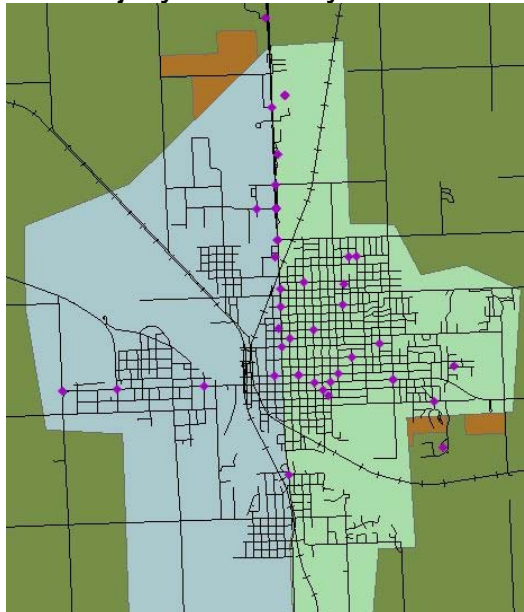
Types of Accidents

Officer Responded but no report taken	108
Property Damage	233
Injury	32
Fatality	1
Total	374

Locations of Non Injury Accidents for 2019

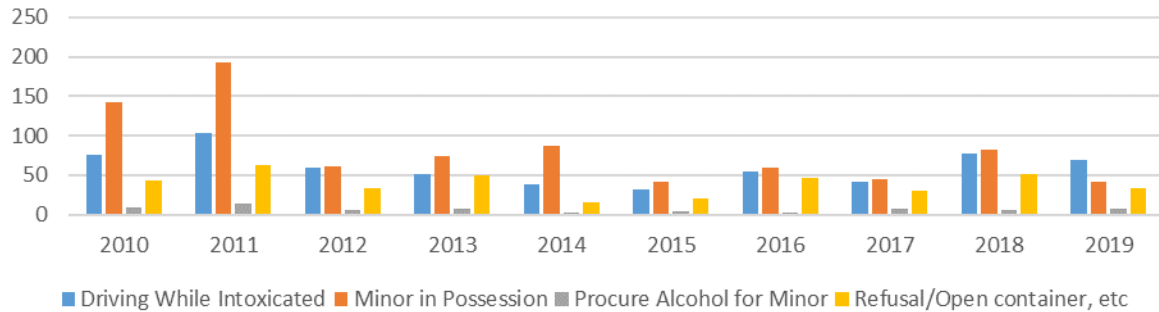


Locations of Injury & Fatality Accidents for 2019



Alcohol Related Arrests

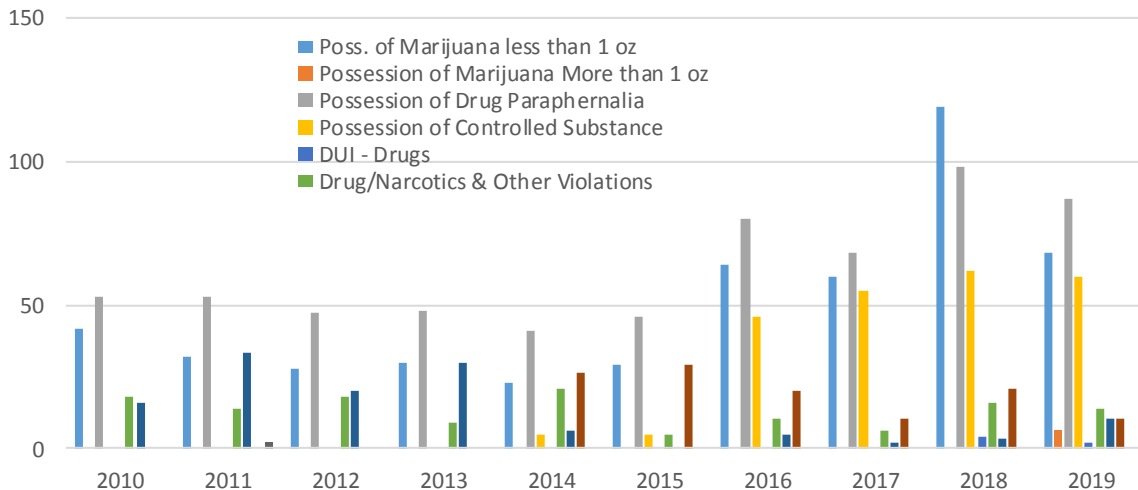
Type of Arrest	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Driving While Intoxicated	75	103	59	52	39	32	54	42	75	69
DUI w/Child under 16 in car									2	
Minor in Possession	143	193	61	74	87	41	59	45	83	42
Procure Alcohol for Minor	9	14	5	7	3	4	2	8	5	7
Refusal/Open container, etc	43	62	34	49	16	21	46	30	51	33
Total	270	372	159	182	145	98	161	125	216	151



Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Poss. of Marijuana less than 1 oz	42	32	28	30	23	29	64	60	119	68
Possession of Marijuana More than 1 oz										6
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	53	53	47	48	41	46	80	68	98	87
Possession of Controlled Substance	0	0	0	0	5	5	46	55	62	60
DUI - Drugs									4	2
Drug/Narcotics & Other Violations	18	14	18	9	21	5	10	6	16	14
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	16	33	20	30	6	0	5	2	3	10
Possess with Intent to Deliver	0	0	0	0	26	29	20	10	21	10
Poss. Of Precursor to Manufacture Meth	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	129	134	113	117	122	114	225	201	323	257

(2014 & 2015 some Possess with Intent to Deliver were listed as Manufacture)

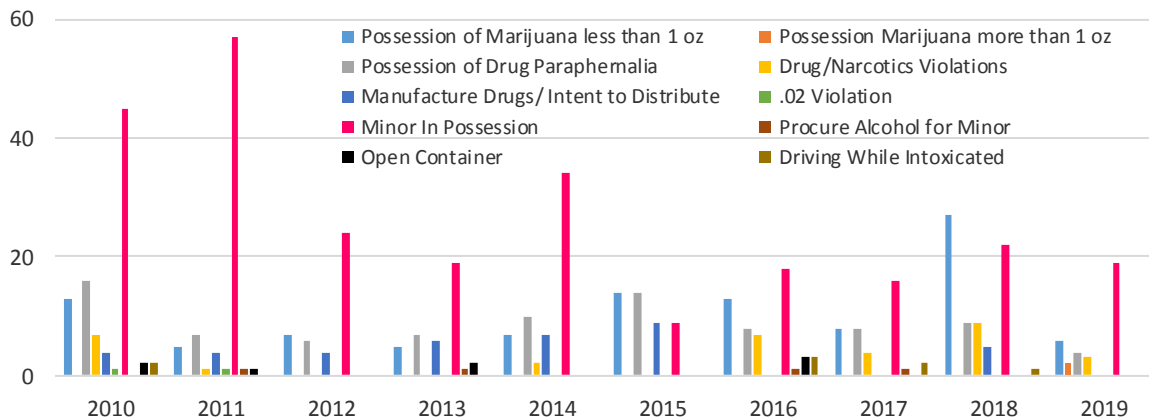


Juvenile Arrests and Citations

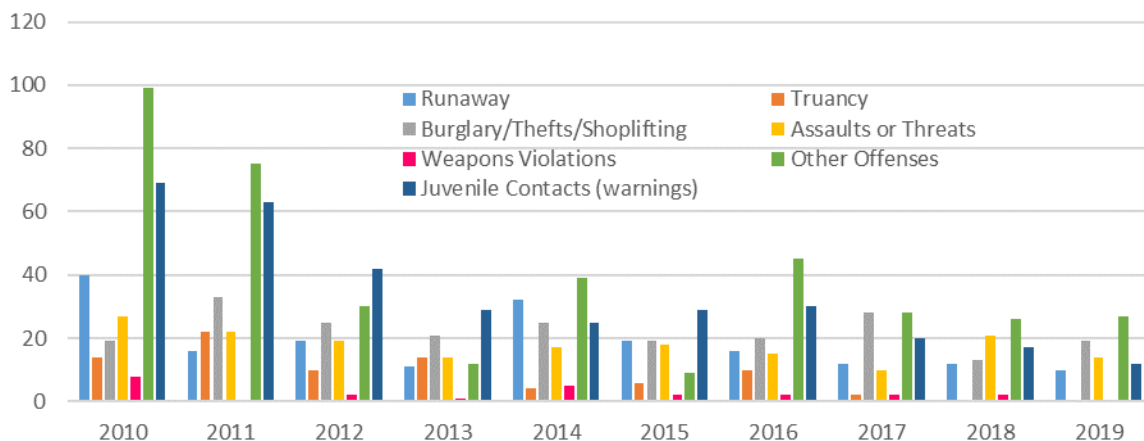
(under the age of 18)

Type of Arrest	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	13	5	7	5	7	14	13	8	27	6
Possession Marijuana more than 1 oz										2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	16	7	6	7	10	14	8	8	9	4
Drug/Narcotics Violations	7	1	0	0	2	0	7	4	9	3
Manufacture Drugs/ Intent to Distribute	4	4	4	6	7	9	0	0	5	0
.02 Violation	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minor In Possession	45	57	24	19	34	9	18	16	22	19
Procure Alcohol for Minor	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Open Container	2	1	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0
Driving While Intoxicated	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0
Runaway	40	16	19	11	32	19	16	12	12	10
Truancy	14	22	10	14	4	6	10	2	0	0
Burglary/Thefts/Shoplifting	19	33	25	21	25	19	20	28	13	19
Assaults or Threats	27	22	19	14	17	18	15	10	21	14
Weapons Violations	8	0	2	1	5	2	2	2	2	0
Other Offenses	99	75	30	12	39	9	45	28	26	27
Juvenile Contacts (warnings)	69	63	42	29	25	29	30	20	17	12
Total	366	308	188	142	207	148	191	141	164	116

Juvenile Drug & Alcohol Arrests



Other Juvenile Arrests



Major Crime Report 2019

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 2019 we had a total of 261 reported major crimes. We continue to use different means to assist us in an attempt to solve 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 continue to educate the public on proper ways of keeping themselves and their property safe.

Out of the 261 major crimes in 2019 The Beatrice Police Department made a total of 171 arrests. This is a whopping 66% arrest rate.

Besides these major crimes the department has continued to see an increase 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. Several public appearances have been held to help educate the public on the numerous scams that continue to grow.

Lt Jay Murphy

Felony Offenses and Arrests in 2019

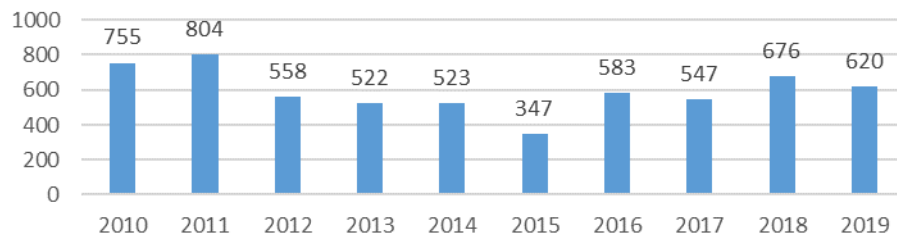
(misdemeanor offenses/arrests are NOT included)

<u>Felony Crime Code Classification</u>	<u>Offenses Reported</u>	<u>Arrests Made</u>
Fraud/Counterfeit/False Pretense	10	2
Felony Drug Offenses	101	97
Pornography	2	0
Forcible Rape/Sexual Assault	5	0
Aggravated Assault/Terroristic Threats	10	10
Burglary	34	9
Weapons Law Violations	26	26
Robbery	1	0
Arson	1	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	12	2
Family Offenses Nonviolent	39	14
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	7	3
Other Felony Offenses	13	7
	<hr/> 261	<hr/> 171

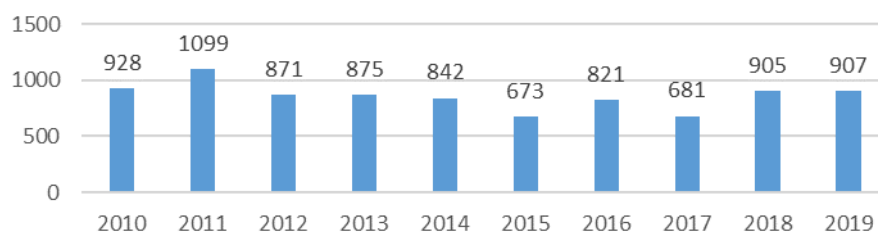
Arrest Charges

Type of Charges	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Assault 1 st /2 nd /3 rd	62	71	32	23	18	15	31	29	40	23
Assault on an Officer	2	3	2	2	2	5	4	1	5	1
Strangulation	6	9	6	7	10	8	6	5	1	4
Domestic Assault	47	48	35	41	35	32	41	33	27	24
Protection Order Violations	11	13	4	9	21	7	20	10	8	8
Sexual Assaults 1st/ 2nd/ 3rd & child	6	5	3	8	2	2	0	2	5	2
Terroristic Threats/ Threats	18	35	9	24	14	22	18	9	17	18
Drug Violations	129	137	113	117	122	114	225	201	323	257
Burglary	15	11	1	14	9	4	5	8	7	9
Theft	28	39	58	32	38	43	43	21	22	27
Robbery	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0
Motor Vehicle Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft/Unauth. Use	4	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	3	2
Criminal Mischief	96	53	31	22	23	17	31	16	27	34
Child Abuse/Neglect	20	23	20	28	24	19	35	22	34	40
Weapons Violations	26	24	12	14	18	14	20	20	26	30
Disorderly Conduct	23	29	14	20	10	10	16	21	10	10
Minor In Possession	143	193	61	74	87	41	59	45	83	42
Procuring	9	14	5	7	3	4	2	8	5	7
DWI	75	103	59	52	39	32	54	42	81	69
Refusal to Submit	14	21	12	18	9	13	12	9	19	20
Other Alcohol offenses	29	62	22	31	7	12	34	24	32	13
Runaway	47	17	19	11	32	19	16	12	12	10
Forgery 1st Degree	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Resisting Arrest	4	6	5	3	2	5	6	7	8	7
Flight to Avoid Arrest	5	4	6	2	2	1	4	2	2	0
Other Offenses & Citations	131	177	340	314	311	230	134	133	108	251
Total Arrests	928	1099	871	875	842	673	821	681	905	907

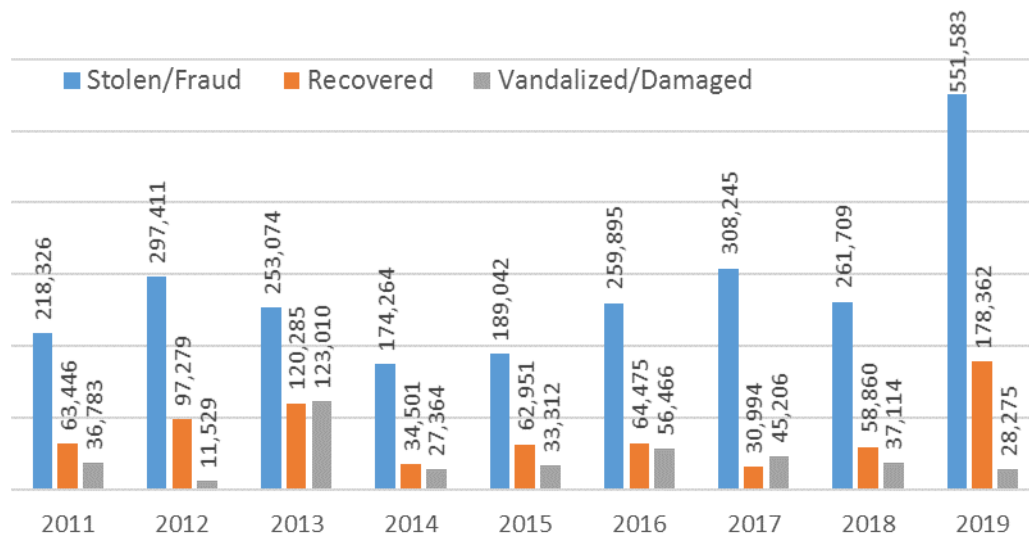
Number of People Cited or Arrested
(traffic offenses not included)



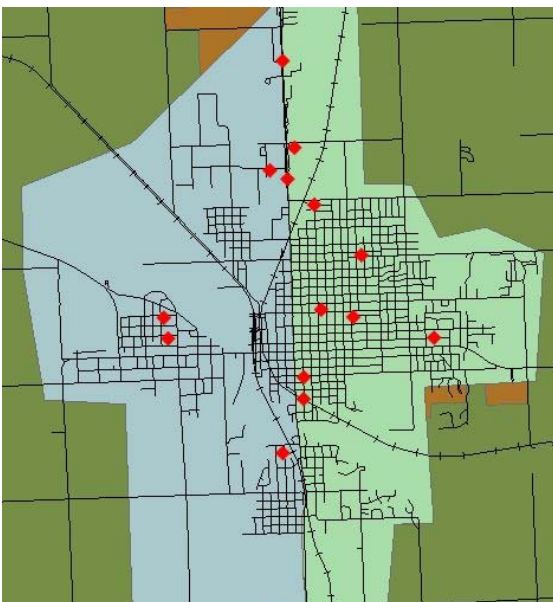
Number of Arrest Charges
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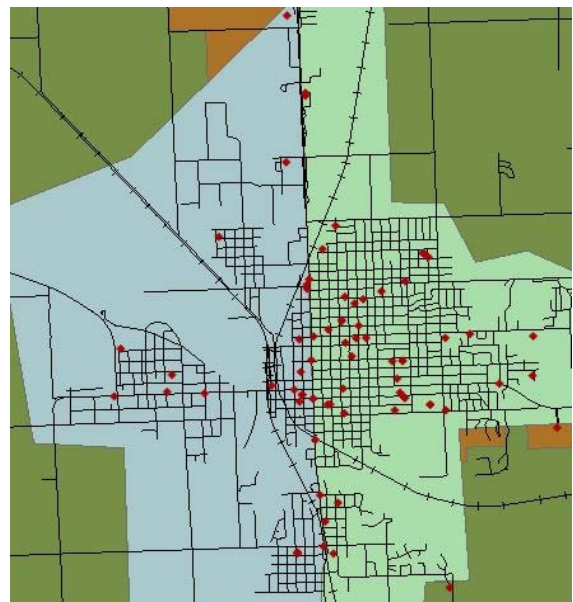
Property Crime Stats



**Motor Vehicle Theft
Locations for 2019**



**Vandalism/Criminal Mischief
Locations for 2019**





Lieutenant Jay Murphy
1990



Investigator Erin Byrne
1996



Officer Jennifer Klaus
1994

Investigative Services

Criminal Investigations Report 2019

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 2019, the Investigations Unit initially handled 680 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 2019, the Investigations Unit was also requested to install covert surveillance cameras in Beatrice businesses and home residences in order to solve theft issues.

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.

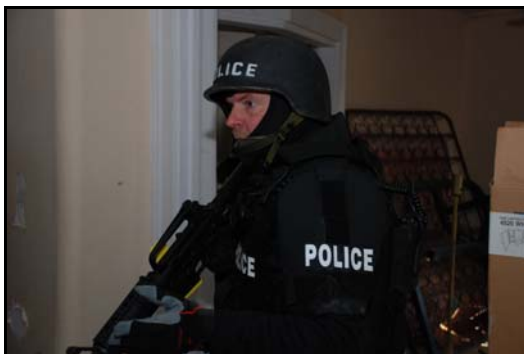
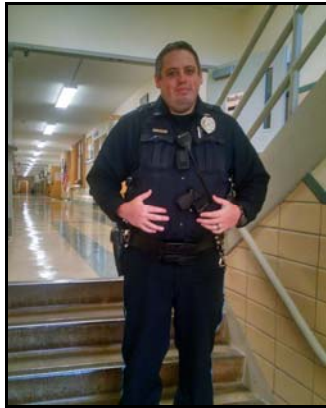
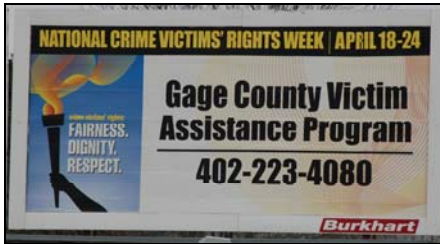
The Investigations Unit also serves as liaison officers to Crime Stoppers of Gage County. This assignment requires the investigators to attend meetings of the Crime Stoppers Board and to assist with recommendations of rewards to callers who provide information leading to arrests.

Crime Scene Team 2019

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 Gill, Derrick Hosick, Russ Jobman, Carla Jones, Jennifer Klaus, Zac Lauenstein, Keri 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 only one time in 2019. This activation was due to a questionable suicide call.



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

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 2019 to serve high risk Search Warrants; one was for BPD and the other was for GCSO at an address in the City Limits. SWAT also did two public service presentations.

The SWAT team has consolidated training with the Gage County Sheriff's Office SOG team in the hopes of creating a unified team in the future with the ability to deploy county wide. SWAT also acquired an armored emergency vehicle through the 1033 Federal Surplus Program.

Gage County Victim Assistance Program

- The Victim Assistance Program has been in existence since 1995. It is supported by VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) 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 director 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 2019 by displaying informational boards about the program services at the Gage County Courthouse and the Beatrice Public Library. KWBE/News Channel Nebraska 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
Criminal Justice Advocacy

Personal Advocacy
VINE Information/Registration
Victim Impact Statements
Property Release
Restitution Information/Assistance
911 Cellular Phones

- The director is a Board Member of the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime which meets bi-monthly.
- The director serves on the Community Justice Committee of Gage County MAPS.
- The director also serves on the (CJIS) Criminal Justice Information System Advisory committee for the Nebraska Crime Commission, as well as reviewing grants for this commission.

Victim Assistance Program Statistics 2019

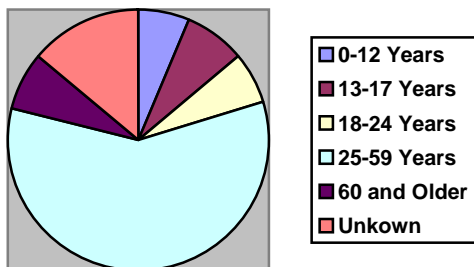
TYPE OF SERVICE	NUMBER OF TIMES PROVIDED
Emotional Support & Safety Services	2,090
Personal Advocacy & Accompaniment	189
Information about the Criminal Justice Process & Referral	2,571
Emergency Financial Assistance	5
Follow Up Contact	2,571
Criminal & Civil Justice System Advocacy	2,163
Compensation Assistance	17
Transportation	12
Protection order Assistance	384
Total Number of Services Provided	10,002
Total Number of Victims Served	900
Number of victims who reported the services provided to them was helpful.	772
Number of victims who reported the services provided to them was not helpful.	1

TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMIZATIONS	TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMIZATIONS
Adult Physical Assault	33	Domestic Violence	126
Adult Sexual Assault	7	DUI/DWI	6
Arson	5	Elder Abuse	2
Burglary	33	Identity Theft	16
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect	17	Homicide	2
Child Sexual Assault	16	Other Vehicle Victimization	19
Cyber Bullying	13	Robbery	3
		*Other	215

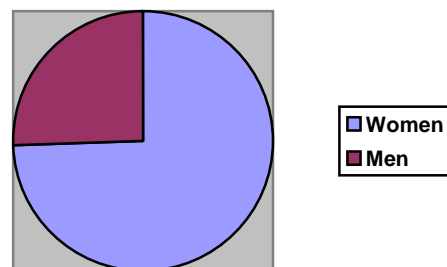
*Includes stalking/harassment, criminal mischief, theft, protection order violations
The number of victimizations includes the number of cases worked by the program during 2019. These cases may have occurred in previous years.

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K9 Unit 2019

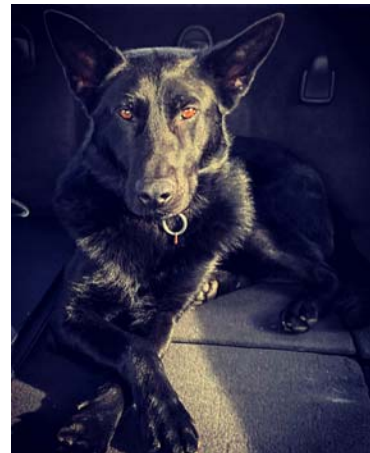
The Beatrice Police Department K9 Unit has had an exciting year with the addition of a new Police Service Dog in 2019. We welcomed K9 Thomas to our family in August due to a generous donation by the Margaret and Martha Thomas Foundation. Thomas' handler is Officer Hosick. Thomas is a black 1 ½ year old Shepard Mix that is considered a dual-purpose dog. Thomas is certified in narcotics and criminal apprehension. This means that Thomas can locate narcotics, track suspects or missing people, aid in evidence recovery, and aid in the apprehension of criminals. Officer Hosick and Thomas spent 3 ½ months at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy in order to earn their certifications. We also want to recognize the contribution by Orscheln's, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, and Blue Valley Vet.

Officer Chisano and K9 Toro continue to be an asset to the K9 Unit and to the community. Toro is a British Lab and is certified in narcotics location, tracking of suspects and missing people, and evidence recovery. Toro is a community favorite and enjoys visiting schools and community events. We would like to thank Ashley's HomeStore of Beatrice, Beatrice Ford Lincoln, Exmark, and Blue Valley Vet with their contributions and support of Toro.

If you have and questions regarding the Beatrice Police Department K9 Unit please feel free to contact either 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
Beatrice, Ne 68310



School Resource Officer Program (SRO) 2019

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. Starting in the 2019-2020 school year SROs are working more hours outside of the regular school day at school activities to continue building strong bonds with students and families. The trust is evident in the growing number of positive contacts SROs have with students, staff and families.

Both Officer Price and Lauenstein maintain certification as School Resource Officers through the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) which uses the “triad” approach with the responsibilities 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 4th year, and Lauenstein is in his 9th serving the schools. Both have logged a combined total of 586 calls for service in the police records system, and 434 logged school contacts. Of the 352 contacts at Beatrice High School thirteen (3.7%) resulted in citations, and only one of those was a special education student. We believe this shows that SROs work hard to identify creative ways to address situations to prevent students, and especially special education students from entering the criminal justice system when possible. Arrest numbers have increased this year with increased threats and harassment, but one student accounted for four (30.7%) of those.

Both 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 Officer Price has been making efforts to patrol those areas, and educate drivers in order to increase safety for our bussing students. Officer Lauenstein has been nominated and confirmed by the Nebraska Supreme Court to be on the Restorative Justice Advisory Council to help guide prevention efforts. At the Beatrice High School over 27% of all documented contacts are with students requiring some form of special education, while that number is in excess of 52% at Beatrice Middle School. These contacts show that SROs have more contact with that population of students, however they rarely result in a referral to the criminal justice system, and only in serious cases.

The SRO program continues in its 21st 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 prepare the presentations based on their area of expertise. The program added the topic of Active Shooter this past year based on community requests.

The program had 19 requests for speakers throughout 2019. An estimated 900 people attended the 19 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; Active Shooter Response/Standard Response Protocol, Identity Theft & Fraud, and informing people about the Police Department and Officer Duties.

Numerous groups continue to tour the Beatrice Police Department, including Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops and the Beatrice YMCA Preschool. Officers were also requested to assist with Juvenile Diversion.

Officers continue to assist Southeast Community College by giving numerous talks and presentations on the Beatrice and Lincoln campuses. Officers attended the Criminal Justice Career fair at the Southeast Community College Education Square campus in Lincoln.

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 of the Beatrice School system during teacher in service training. 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.

The Police Department had numerous requests for Active Shooter Training throughout the Community. Police department Active Shooter instructors along with the School Resource Officers conducted training at schools and a facility for the developmentally disabled staff.

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

Community Policing

- **LUNCH WITH A COP**

In 2019, 31 kids had Lunch with a Cop. This is more than double from 2018. This program allows us to have one-on-one time and build positive relationships with the youth in our community. Going into 2020 we have 49 kids on our waiting list. The program received two generous donations in 2019 from Exmark and Traubel's Popcorn for a total of \$750. We are fortunate to have continued donations from our community to keep this program going. There are times where a customer, business, or officer will pay for the lunch. This year we had six lunches paid for by either a customer or business.

With the permission of the parent, the lunch date gets shared on our Beatrice Police Department Facebook page. The best part is sharing how funny and inspiring these kids are. Our goal is to have lunch with at least two children a month. In order to take a child out for lunch we must be sufficiently staffed to allow the officer uninterrupted time with the child. In 2019 we hired our last officer, bringing us to full staffing for road patrol. With our last officer being fully trained in early 2020 we hope to see an increase in how many kids we get to take to take out to lunch.

- **STUFF THE CRUISER**

The Beatrice Police Department held their 4th annual Stuff the Cruiser event. This event was held over the weekend of November 29th -December 1st. The department partners with the YMCA and Walmart for this event. This weekend requires a lot of time and help. Officers, department officials, family members, and YCMA staff come out and help man the Mobile Command Bus, hand out flyers, and advertise to the community about the event. Stuff The Cruiser has been a donation based event that allows children in Beatrice and the surrounding area receive Christmas gifts.

In 2019, the community donated hundreds of toys and approximately \$900 in monetary donations. These toys and donations are then delivered by the Beatrice Police Department to the YMCA. The YMCA then put on a holiday party for these children and their family, allowing them to enjoy a special time as they receive their gift. This event allowed over 100 families in the area receive Christmas gifts over the holiday season.

- **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

Officers, dispatchers and support staff met the public in hosting the Community Connections event in September. At this event they met with the public and held an information gathering opportunity for those with special needs to assist with emergency response. Officers connected with the public by participating in relay games with the Special Olympics Teams and Beatrice High School students. We invited many community agencies where they promoted their services to the public. We estimate we served approximate 150 youth participants during the 2019 event.

- **SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

The Beatrice Police Department continues to partner with our Special Olympics Community to advocate for acceptance and inclusion. A few highlights from 2019: In March, the athletes again put up a great fight and won in our annual basketball scrimmage at The Beatrice High School. In May, officers and members of the community rallied around the athletes for The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR). The weather wasn't in our favor but that didn't prevent a proper send off for the athlete's summer games. In June, the community and Casey's General Stores in Beatrice participated in a fundraising campaign for the LETR program. Beatrice had two stores that remained in the top five stores throughout the entire state. The North Casey's General Store raised the most money out of all the stores in the entire state of Nebraska.

For the past two years, Officer Nesbitt and Officer Hosick have been members of the Nebraska LETR Executive Council Committee. In September, Officer Nesbitt was honored to attend the National LETR Conference in Denver, Co. Officer Nesbitt was taught ways of maintaining and growing the partnership with the Special Olympics Community.

The Beatrice Police Department would like to graciously thank the community for their partnership with us and the Special Olympics Community. This partnership, raising awareness, and fundraising helps provides opportunities for the athletes and support them in their everyday lives.