

Annual Report



2017

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A Word from Chief Lang...



Dear Mayor Wirth and Members of the Beatrice City Council,

I am pleased to present to you our 2017 Beatrice Police Department annual report. As you read through this report, you will see that some crime areas have increased while others have decreased. This is fairly common from year to year and can reflect many different things. Changes to the demographics of your community, changes to what crimes receive more emphasis, as well as the officers themselves, can all affect these numbers.

A case in point is our drug arrests, with a greater emphasis placed on illegal drug cases, the numbers will reflect this activity. 2017 saw the Beatrice Police Department assign one officer to focus primarily on drug enforcement. With the help of the Gage County Attorney's Office, Gage County Sheriff and Nebraska State Patrol we were able to arrest, charge and convict many of the illegal drug dealers in Gage County.

While enforcement efforts are important, we also did several events and activities in the community which were received very well. Life is a balance and police work is no different, as we strive to provide good service to everyone in our community. If in this effort we find that we have fallen short, it is my hope that we learn from the experience and insure we do a better job in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce E. Lang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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

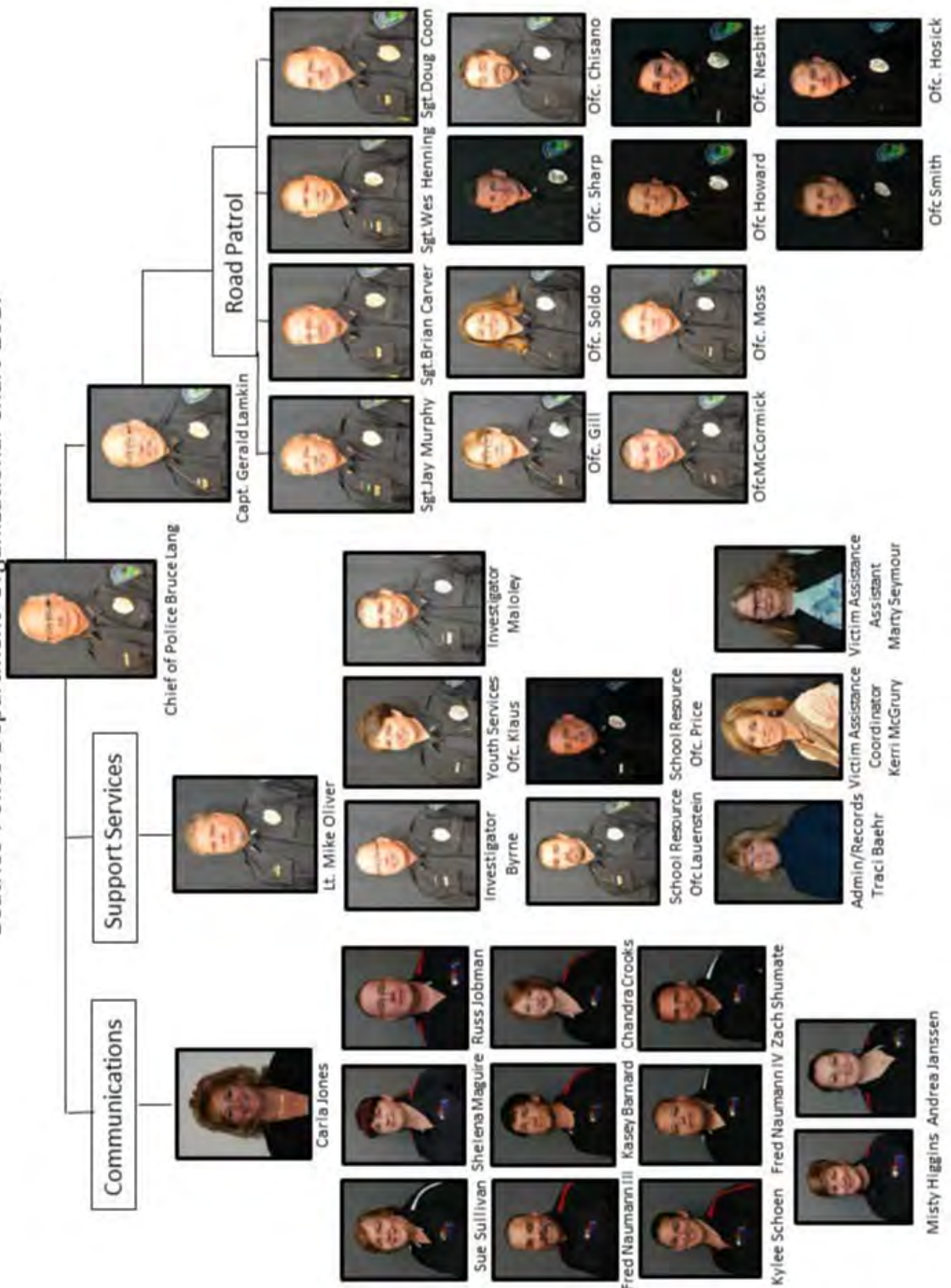


Victim Assistance Coordinator
Kerri McGrury
1998



Assistant Victim Coordinator
Marty Seymour
2016

Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart 2017



Changes in Staff 2017

Promotions

- None

Internal Transfers

- None

New Hires

- Zachary Smith – Police Officer
- Seth Howard – Police Officer
- Misty Higgins - Dispatcher
- Andrea Janssen – Part time Dispatcher

Resignations

- Jay Munstermann - Dispatcher
- Douglas Heminger – Police Officer
- Christopher Whitfield – Police Officer

Retirements

- None

2017 Grants

Over the past year our department received four (4) mini-grants. One was through the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, one was through the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and two mini-grants from the MAPS program. We are extremely pleased to have been awarded the grant from the Nebraska Crime Commission (Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice). The four mini-grants totaled \$30,509.42.

The first mini-grant, awarded on February 06, was provided by the Multiple Agency Participating for Success (MAPS) program. On January 26, three officers, supervising under-age minors conducted alcohol compliance checks on all businesses that sell alcohol products, either on or off sale. MAPS provided the reimbursement for the officer's overtime as well as providing the "under cover" young adults. As a result of this special detail, three (3) businesses were found in violation; two grocery stores and one convenience store. Officer Derrick Hosick supervised this detail.

Grant Award: \$523.61

The second mini-grant, awarded on April 26, focused on selective traffic enforcement for the Click It or Ticket Mobilization campaign. The campaign began on May 22 and ran through June 4 but excluded the Memorial Day holiday. The grant was to reimburse the city on funds spent to cover the overtime worked by the patrol division. The grant was over seen by Officer Natasha Nesbitt.

Grant Award: \$ 1,000.85

Our third mini-grant was again provided by the Multiple Agency Participating for Success (MAPS) program. On October 21, three officers, supervising under-age minors once again conducted alcohol compliance checks on all businesses within our community. MAPS provided the reimbursement for the officer's overtime as well as providing new "under cover" young adults. As a result of this special detail, five businesses were found in violation; two restaurants, two convenience stores and one off-sale liquor store. Officer Derrick Hosick once again, supervised this detail.

Grant Award: \$533.76

The fourth and final min-grant was awarded on November 2. This grant was a request for funds to implement an eCitation program. The Electronic Citation will be used in place of the standard citation process. Currently there is a move by state authorities to have Electronic Citations with every agency. Trying to get a step ahead of the curve, this taxing grant process was the diligent work of Records Manager/Administrative Secretary Traci Baehr and Sgt Brian Carver. This grant pushes our agency further into the 21st Century.

Grant Award: \$28,451.20

Jerry Lamkin
Captain

2017 Overtime

The three year trend of decrease in the amount of overtime hours needed to staff the Patrol Division came to a tolerable end this past year. With an increase of only 13% we were able to provide our citizens with the amount of service and protection they have come to expect.

With the K9 unit settling into its own, we saw a decrease of 46% in their hours of overtime. One significant adjustment was to allow them to move their training days to when they are on duty.

The most significant decrease at 79% was in SWAT. While the team was utilized for a few high risk details we had no events that went on for hours at a time. The team continues to train to keep their skill sets sharp, while I in a command status hope they are not needed, for that means only bad things are happening.

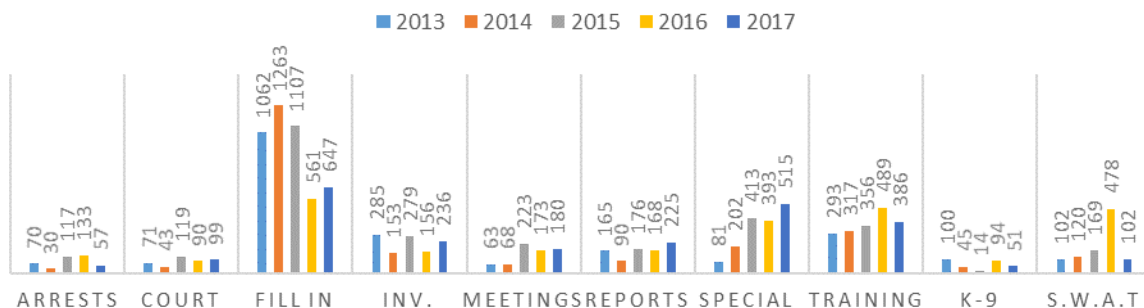
While another area of decrease came in the category of Arrests I feel this is reflective of our enforcement efforts and getting the messages out of zero tolerance on alcohol violations or domestic assaults. A decrease of 57% in overtime hours tells me that other officers and supervisors are carrying the load allowing the arresting officer's time to complete the volumes of paperwork involved.

The decrease in arrest overtime hours, does not correlate with the increase of Court time and Investigations, nor should it need to. Court time only rose 10% over last year, moving from 90 hours to 99.5 hours for the year. Property and Evidence saw a decrease of 46%, attributing this mainly to scheduling. Investigation overtime increased by 34% with 236 hours of overtime. While the majority of investigations occur over a period of days or weeks some require us to strike while the iron is hot, such as child abuse or domestic violence, to protect those individuals as soon as humanly possible.

The area of Training saw a decrease of 21% while Meetings with prosecutors or civic groups increased by only 4%. The surge in overtime hours in the area of Special Detail I feel can be attributed to the amount of work officers are putting toward our narcotic investigations. Much like a DNA strand, the effects of illegal narcotics goes well beyond the user or dealer, as it reaches people that are oblivious to the drug world, through thefts or personal assault.

This overtime report reads much like the stock market in its highs and lows, where one area may show an increase the hope is that this is offset in another. Taking the whole overtime picture into account our areas that increased, "expenditures", did so by a combined total of 76%, while our "savings" categories show a combined decrease of 249%. If we flipped the decrease & increase percentages (gains and losses), I would love my portfolio to show an increase of 249%.

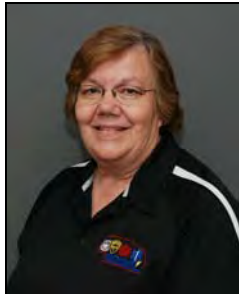
Jerry Lamkin Captain



Communications



Communications Director
Carla Jones
2015



Sue Sullivan
1992



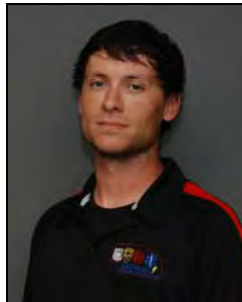
Shelena Maguire
2001



Russell Jobman
2003



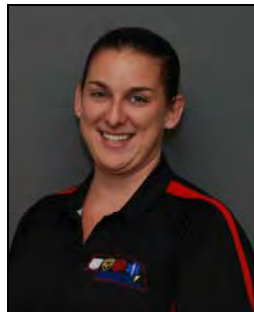
Fred Naumann III
2011



Kasey Barnard
2013



Chandra Crooks
2015



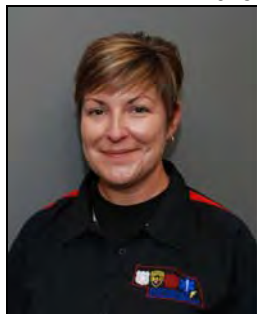
Kylee Schoen
2015



Fred Naumann IV
2015



Zach Shumate
2016



Misty Higgins
2017



Andrea Janssen
2017

Southeast Nebraska 911 Center

Southeast Communications Center dispatches for 22 agencies in Gage County, the City of Crete Police Department, and the Crete Fire and Rescue Department. The Communications Center has a manager, 10 full time and 1 part time dispatcher staffing the center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The communications center answered over 99,000 phone calls in 2017 resulting in 26,278 calls for service. A call for service is an event which requires at least one first responder.

On June 16, 2017, the Communications Center weathered yet another devastating storm. All dispatchers that were not on duty and could get to Beatrice safely came together to assist. There were over 460 calls into the dispatch center within a two hour period. Everyone worked together to make sure calls were prioritized and placed on a white board for response. Teamwork and diligence between everyone involved was overwhelming to see. There were no serious injuries reported but plenty of property damage.

Remember to go online and sign yourself up for AlertSense. Gage, Jefferson and Saline Counties utilize AlertSense to serve the communities we live in with the ability to notify you with Public Safety Alerts, Severe Weather and Community notifications such as road closures, power outages, missing children, etc. Please do not call 911 when receiving a notification. If a community notification is sent out, it means dispatch is probably pretty busy. Remember it is important that you sign up your cell phone as landlines are already part of the system. Sign up at <http://public.alertsense.com>



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
- ✓ Remain calm, speak clearly & 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.

2017 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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
911 Hang Up	72	71	70	80	128	153	290
Accident/Fatality	3	2	6	1	7	5	2
Accident/H&R	* did not record these separately before 2013		126	91	135	154	181
Accident/Injuries	129	122	107	95	110	129	160
Accident/No Injuries	835	704	623	555	634	673	594
Adult Abuse	59	67	77	78	96	151	203
Alarm	25	32	47	77	75	79	99
ALS	23	23	20	17	21	7	17
Animal Bite	49	30	43	50	58	60	61
Animal Complaint	1153	1115	848	854	878	928	931
Animal Cruelty	113	94	80	76	82	67	107
Arson	8	2	1	0	1	1	0
Assault	206	168	157	167	195	187	226
Assist Citizen	221	198	179	159	180	168	200
Assist Other Agency	222	254	254	259	310	503	407
Attempted Suicide	13	19	10	8	15	5	3
Bar Check	536	473	419	237	364	486	263
Barking Dog	127	128	116	84	84	84	81
Bicycle Theft	* did not record these separately before 2015				31	15	23
Board of Public Works	207	210	203	212	170	85	80
Bomb Threat	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Burglar Alarm	276	291	235	224	201	261	258
Burglary	172	171	160	121	157	182	174
Child Abuse / Neglect	202	224	249	230	339	421	476
Civil	323	309	382	328	382	464	461
Civil Standby	* did not record these separately before 2015				62	101	89
Complaint Against Officer	2	3	12	9	6	7	17
Compliance Check	29	0	59	0	21	70	43
Crimestoppers	27	29	14	14	16	7	17
Death	70	92	87	89	73	78	69
Disorderly Conduct	14	10	12	4	8	17	8
Disturbance	508	470	446	410	558	574	522
Door Checks	* did not record these separately before 2016					20	15
Drowning	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Drug Information	101	105	80	93	87	148	100
Drug Lab	3	1	0	1	0	0	0

CALL TYPE	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Drug Violation	74	37	46	60	70	71	84
DUS	59	48	36	81	76	67	92
Driving While Intoxicated	167	82	84	110	88	87	56
Embezzlement	1	2	1	1	1	0	1
Emergency Protective Custody	5	7	6	12	16	9	11
Escort	119	106	98	90	123	91	116
Fail to Appear	12	14	15	7	12	19	22
False Reporting	4	6	3	6	2	7	3
Field Interview	105	114	85	114	144	174	63
Fire	250	258	203	247	216	210	256
Fire Alarm	127	135	121	106	123	152	132
Forgery	1	3	7	9	10	8	2
Found Animal	219	164	156	121	151	190	227
Found Property	257	248	190	151	261	254	243
Fraud	88	94	95	89	102	138	150
Gambling Violation	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Game Violation	19	8	16	18	18	10	7
Gas Drive Off	101	112	75	77	58	55	57
General Information	282	310	321	298	266	298	293
Harassment	316	279	222	183	202	222	236
Harassment Text	* did not record these separately before 2015				21	15	10
Health Hazard	76	82	63	61	69	96	113
Hitch Hiker	20	15	11	4	6	8	6
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ICAC <small>internet Crimes Against Children</small>	15	6	5	12	9	5	8
Identity Theft	10	13	11	12	19	22	23
Indecent Exposure	17	10	6	12	5	9	7
Injury	5	3	1	5	2	4	2
Jail Incident	7	8	3	5	5	10	12
Junked Motor Vehicle	53	32	107	185	24	43	25
Juvenile	440	391	302	286	371	390	417
K9	* did not record these separately before 2016					22	13
Liquor Laws	90	41	32	35	**Broke out Separately Now		
Lost Animal	161	148	148	99	126	145	162
Lost Property	69	59	75	83	123	115	120
Mental	66	74	81	107	148	195	199
Minor in Possession	40	35	17	29	35	39	28
Missing Person	43	20	20	18	29	33	27
Motor Vehicle Theft	37	50	22	35	38	46	58
Motorist Assist	508	317	219	362	316	347	331
Noise	241	204	318	188	256	311	286
Nuisance	* did not record these separately before 2016					73	164
Open Container	* did not record these separately before 2015				7	6	2

CALL TYPE	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Open Door	132	137	75	80	94	78	62
Out of Unit	352	317	305	341	383	669	566
Ordinance Violation	164	149	167	158	227	190	120
Paper Service	897	787	672	634	666	653	731
Parking 2 hr.	47	63	56	46	38	52	47
Parking 24 hrs.	119	97	98	111	96	135	159
Parking/other	314	228	249	319	317	621	599
Pivot /Traffic Hazzard	* did not record these separately before 2015				1	10	7
Probation Violation	6	16	7	16	13	8	7
Procuring	* did not record these separately before 2015				12	0	0
Property Damage	48	25	31	40	64	75	64
Protection Order Violation	51	31	55	40	45	83	65
Prowler	19	16	8	5	24	26	3
Public Service	223	233	248	281	218	192	214
Public Speaking	* did not record these separately before 2015				5	14	1
Pursuit	12	4	4	3	7	13	14
Remove Party	182	168	134	144	190	215	214
Repo	* did not record these separately before 2015				88	45	41
Rescue	1228	1309	1387	1289	1477	1632	1701
Rescue /Lift Assist	* did not record these separately before 2015				76	119	182
Road Closed	* did not record these separately before 2015				44	44	44
Robbery	1	1	1	5	1	2	3
Runaway	59	66	45	73	87	92	103
Scam	* did not record these separately before 2015				48	49	76
SEADE	10	21	29	0	0	0	0
Search Warrant	1	1	6	1	5	8	6
Sex Offender Registration	29	10	9	8	13	39	41
Sexual Assault/Rape	69	38	47	38	47	52	45
Shoplifting	53	66	62	82	95	112	114
Smoking Ban	* did not record these separately before 2016					1	1
Solicitor	17	13	35	19	4	17	6
Suicide	3	10	1	1	3	5	7
Suspicious	676	731	670	618	790	910	969
Terrorism	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Theft	554	546	409	434	515	487	432
Threats	113	169	148	142	194	195	182
Title Inspection	* did not record these separately before 2016					200	115
Traffic Hazard	235	198	228	219	289	284	299
Traffic Stops	3300	3305	3506	4442	3938	5455	4201
Transfer	862	766	773	770	1011	1133	1169
Transport	222	222	227	202	276	372	386
Trash	72	52	59	55	51	70	87
Trespassing	52	78	71	84	72	79	78

CALL TYPE	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Truancy	39	21	21	5	18	40	32
Unknown	4	7	3	7	14	15	3
Vacation Watch	73	78	91	106	97	98	106
Vandalism	448	356	271	206	240	290	240
Vehicle Comp/All Types	931	924	929	898	949	1130	1200
Warrants	324	279	209	285	273	307	350
Watch	124	132	183	118	126	104	137
Weapon Laws Violation	17	13	29	9	10	11	16
Weather	25	16	22	22	25	20	14
Welfare Check	635	628	601	618	778	825	778
Totals	22,577	21,280	20,529	20,937	23,086	27,564	26,278

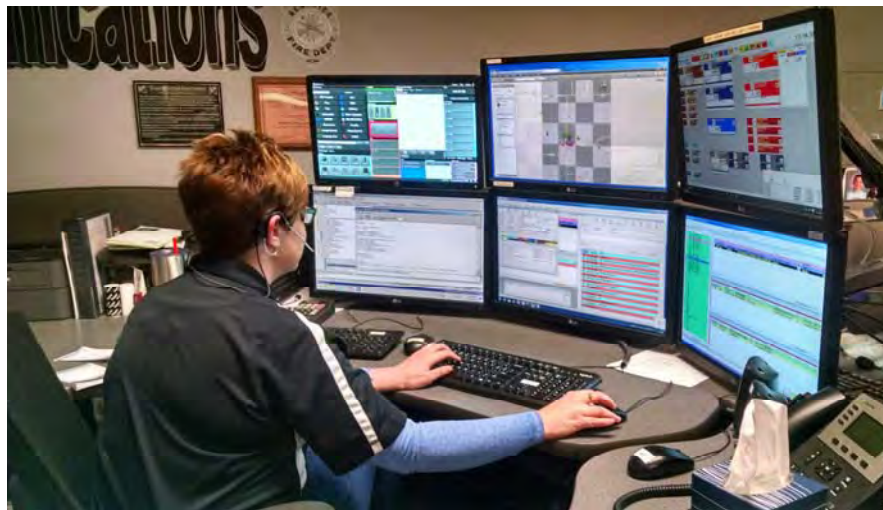
**Emergency calls that were duplicate or cancelled

4,306	4,036	3,949	4,350	8,956	10,377	5,789
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Total 911 Calls Answered

26,883	25,316	24,478	25,287	32,042	37,941	32,067
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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 therefore this would generate four different calls for service for one actual call.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Beatrice Police Department	14370	11135	11225	12607	11176
Homestead National Monument	71	82	28	0	0
Board of Public Works	203	196	163	85	69
Gage County Sheriff's Office	7745	7016	6304	6986	7063
Wymore Police Department	867	1016	1050	1009	1158
Beatrice Fire & Rescue & Rural Fire	3640	3341	2628	2586	2849
Adams Fire	25	15	15	49	66
Adams Rescue	51	36	56	61	68
Barneston Fire	9	9	13	20	22
Blue Springs Fire	19	26	28	36	63
Clatonia Fire	13	21	19	30	33
Clatonia Rescue	57	59	55	63	64
Cortland Fire	21	33	37	34	33
Cortland QRT's	40	31	45	62	63
Crete Police Department	started dispatching for Crete on July 7, 2015		2231	4663	4811
Crete Fire and Rescue			479	935	1004
Dewitt Rescue	0	1	3	1	2
Diller Fire/Rescue	0	0	1	2	10
Filley Fire	20	15	18	22	33
Firth Fire	0	0	0	5	13
Hallam Fire	0	1	0	0	2
Odell Fire	18	17	22	40	45
Odell QRT's	13	20	32	28	31
Pickrell Fire/QRT's	29	15	25	29	40
Wymore Fire	40	32	39	123	175 } Combined Now
Wymore Rescue	160	94	125	139	

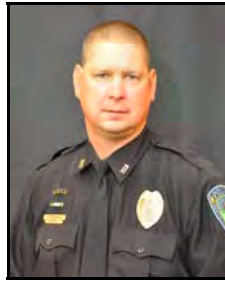
Patriot



Captain Gerald Lamkin
1991



Sgt Jay Murphy
1990



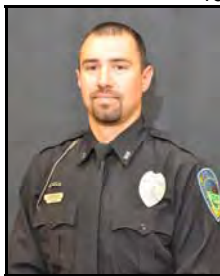
Sgt Wes Henning
1997



Sgt Doug Coon
1997



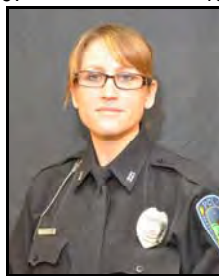
Sgt Brian Carver
2000



Ofc Zac Lauenstein
2002



Ofc Colleen Soldo
2005



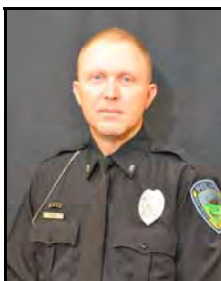
Ofc Kristine Gill
2006



Ofc Joseph McCormick
2007



Ofc Shane Maloley
2009



Ofc Daniel Moss
2009



Ofc Anthony Chisano
2011



Ofc Timothy Price
2014



Ofc Natasha Nesbitt
2015



Ofc Derrick Hosick
2015



Ofc Jason Sharp
2015



Ofc Seth Howard
2017



Ofc Zach Smith
2017

Vehicle Summary 2017

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

During 2017, our road patrol vehicles were driven an average of 17,788 miles per vehicle. The six patrol units drove a combined miles of 106,728 compared to 102,329 in 2016.

FLEET INFORMATION

Unit	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Miles Driven in 2017	Use
1	2016	Ford	Taurus	35,387	19,754	Patrol
2	2016	Ford	Explorer	22,176	13,176	Patrol/K9
3	2016	Chevy	Tahoe	34,845	25,151	Patrol
4	2016	Ford	Taurus	22,959	14,606	Patrol
5			Out of Service	(Accident)	15,000 (Est)	Patrol
6	2013	Ford	Explorer	96,602	19,041	Patrol
7	2010	Ford	Crown Vic	>100,000	4,000	Administration
8	2003	Ford	Expedition	109,268	4,563	Investigations
9	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	113,445		School Car
11	2013	Ford	Explorer	77,116	5,456	Chief's Car
12	2007	Ford	Explorer	119,258	2,031	Investigations
13	2011	Chevy	Tahoe	119,735	5,118	School Resource
Bus	1996	Chevy	Blue Bird	5,973	55	Mobile Command
SWAT	1997	Ford	Armored Veh	309,051	248	Tactical Deployment

VEHICLE EXPENSE

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Parts/Supplies	\$20,659	\$15,699	\$11,371	\$9,339	\$8,410	\$8,519	\$8,757
Labor	\$14,640	\$12,443	\$9,800	\$4,374	\$4,719	\$7,659	\$9,107
Total	\$35,199	\$28,142	\$21,171	\$13,713	\$13,129	\$16,178	\$17,864

Training Summary 2017

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.

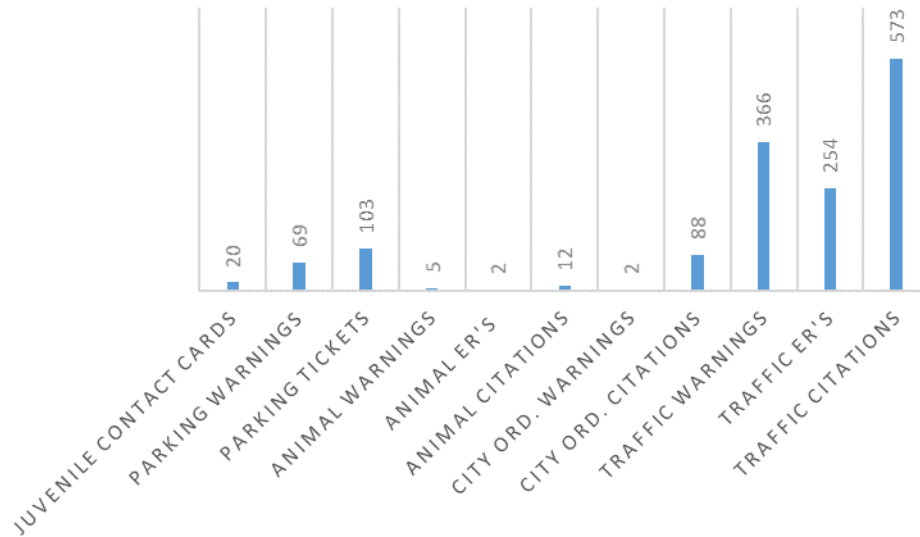
Since 2013 Officers are required to complete 20 hours of continuing education. Continuing Education hours are earned on an hour for hour ratio. All Officers were able to achieve this requirement for the year 2017. Members of the department logged over 2,326 hours of continuing education courses. Some of the more notable training events of 2017 attended by Police Department personnel are listed below.

Labor Trafficking in NE	Child Sexual Abuse
Crimes of Power and Control	Field Training Officer
Supporting Youth in Schools	Embracing Our Differences
National Interdiction Conference	ALICE Instructor Training
Service Dog Recertification	Valor, Officer Safety/Resiliency
Behavioral Health Threat Assessment	Desert Snow
Body Camera, Drones Legal Trends	1 st Responder Crisis Negotiation

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
- CPR Recertification
- Firearms- Handgun Qualification and Rifle
- Defensive Tactics
- Firearms Stress Shoot
- Active Shooter, Technical
- Firearms Night Shoot
- Domestic Violence Update
- Child Abuse & Neglect
- SWAT Team Movements/Tactics/Sniper/Qualifications
- Internet for Investigations
- Field Training Program

Ticket Statistics for 2017



Juvenile Contact Cards

Type of Contact	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Assault	14	10	17	8	1	1	2	1	4
Clinging to a Vehicle					2				
Criminal Mischief	8	14	8	3	5		1	4	1
Criminal Trespass	1	3	2				3	6	
Discharge Weapon in City Limits		2	2			1			
Disorderly Conduct	2		1				4	2	1
Disturbing the Peace	1								
False Reporting	1	1							
Littering		1		1					
Possession of Stolen Property		1				1		1	
Possession/Discharge Fireworks		1							
Provoking an Assault							1		
Runaway	25	30	20	21	13	11	11	8	6
Shoplifting	2	5	2	2	2	5			1
Theft	10	12	5	5	5	3	2	2	2
Threatens in Menacing Manner	6	12	4	1	1	3	5	5	4
Tobacco Use by Minor	1	7	1	1				1	1
Unlawful Operation of an ATV			1						
Totals	71	99	63	42	29	25	29	30	20

Parking Warnings and Citations

Description	Warnings	Citations
24 Hour Parking	40	28
Alley Parking Prohibited	1	2
Handicap Parking Violation	0	2
Improper Parking	1	4
Left Side Parking	5	3
Parking - 2 hr	5	3
Parking in Restricted Area	3	2
Prohibited Parking	1	10
Red Zone Violation	9	7
Unregistered Vehicle Parked on Street	4	42
Totals	69	103

Animal Warnings, ER's and Citations

Description	Warnings	ER	Citations
Barking/Nuisance Dog	2		
Dog and Cats must be licensed	1	2	2
Dog at Large	1		9
Noise, Fowl	1		
Rabies Tag			1
Reckless Owner			
Totals	5	2	12

City Ordinance Warnings and Citations

Type	Warnings	Citations
Burn without a permit	1	
Disturbing the Peace/Stereo	1	13
Littering		1
Shoplifting		74
Totals	2	88

Traffic Warnings, Equipment Repairs and Citations

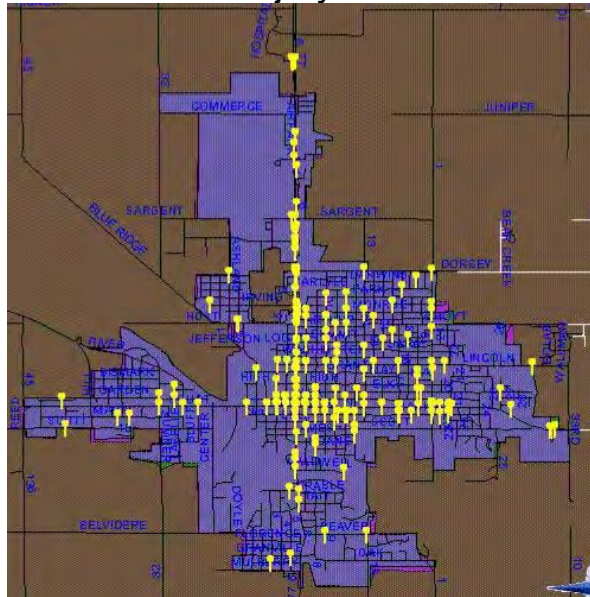
Description	Warnings	ER's	Citations
Address Change	11	19	
Careless Driving			4
Disturbing the Peace / Stereo			2
Driving Left of Center	5		4
Driving too fast Road Conditions			2
Driving Under Suspension			59
DUS Due to ALR/Fail to Comply			9
Duty to Carry License Permit	16	6	4
Exhibition of Acceleration	2		4
Expired Plates	3		
Failure to yield ROW to vehicle or Sign	5		20
Fictitious Plates	1	1	6
Follow too Close	2		
Improper Lane Change	1		3
Improper Turn	8		3
Leaving Scene of Accident			7
Lights required on Vehicle	27	181	1
Motor Vehicle Restraint – Adult & Child	13		8
Mufflers	1	13	
Negligent Driving			8
No License Plates or manner of display	5	22	
One Way Violation	3		1
Operators must have valid license	1		58
Passing Violation			2
Proof of Financial Responsibility/Insurance	7	4	60
Proof of Ownership		1	16
Provisional Operator Permit Violation			2
Reckless Driving	9		6
Registration Required	10	7	158
Violate Learners or School Permit			5
School Bus Stop Violation	1		
Screeching of Tires	2		1
Speeding	173		81
Stop Sign Violation	38		16
Traffic Signal Violation	19		22
Turn Signal Required or Violation	3		1
Totals	366	254	573

Accident Tallies for 2017

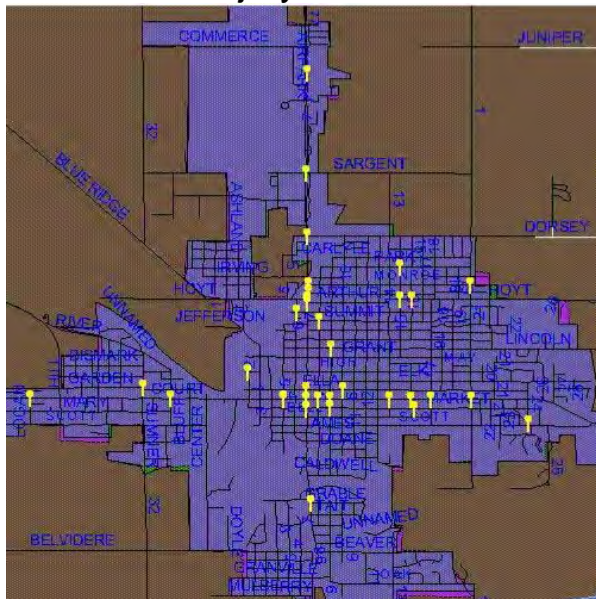
Types of Accidents

Property Damage	284
Injury	41
Fatality	0
Total	325

Locations of Non Injury Accidents for 2017

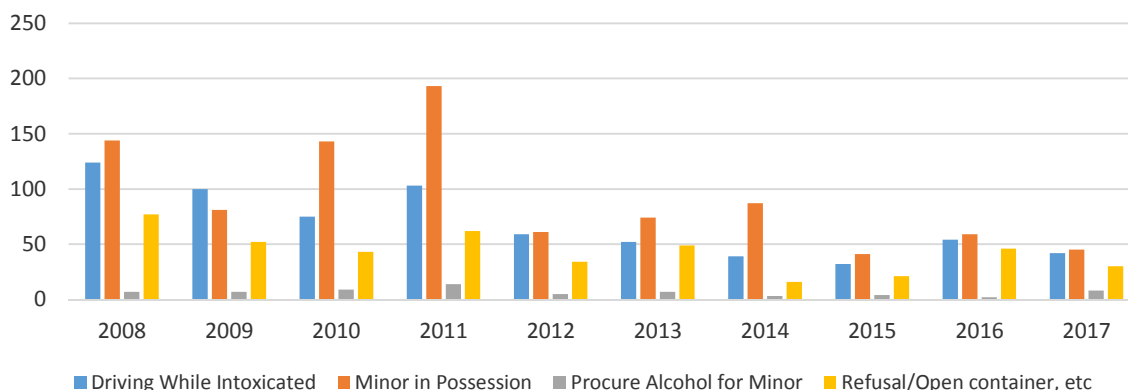


Locations of Injury Accidents for 2017



Alcohol Related Arrests

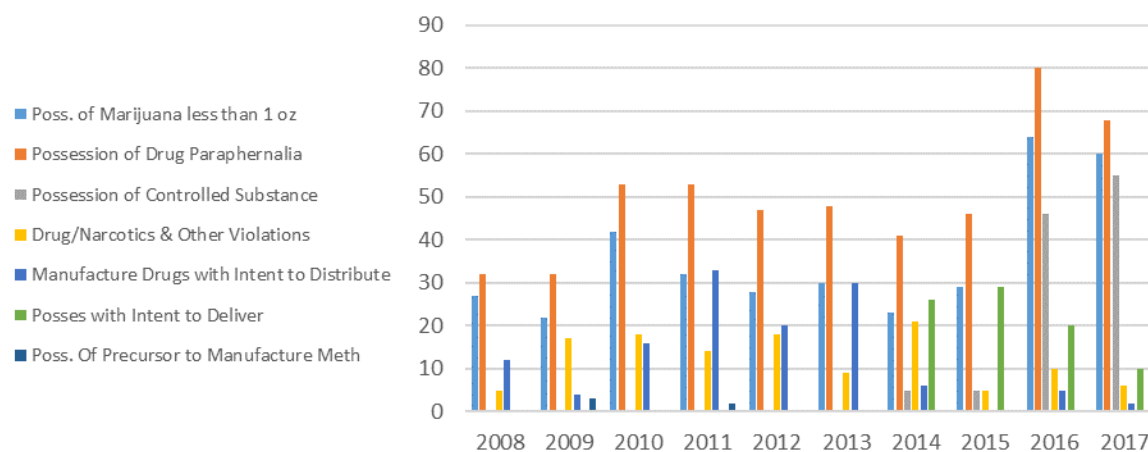
Type of Arrest	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Driving While Intoxicated	124	100	75	103	59	52	39	32	54	42
Minor in Possession	144	81	143	193	61	74	87	41	59	45
Procure Alcohol for Minor	7	7	9	14	5	7	3	4	2	8
Refusal/Open container, etc	77	52	43	62	34	49	16	21	46	30
Total	352	240	270	372	159	182	145	98	161	125



Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Poss. of Marijuana less than 1 oz	27	22	42	32	28	30	23	29	64	60
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	32	32	53	53	47	48	41	46	80	68
Possession of Controlled Substance	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	46	55
Drug/Narcotics & Other Violations	5	17	18	14	18	9	21	5	10	6
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	12	4	16	33	20	30	6	0	5	2
Possess with Intent to Deliver	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	29	20	10
Poss. Of Precursor to Manufacture Meth	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	76	78	129	134	113	117	122	114	225	201

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

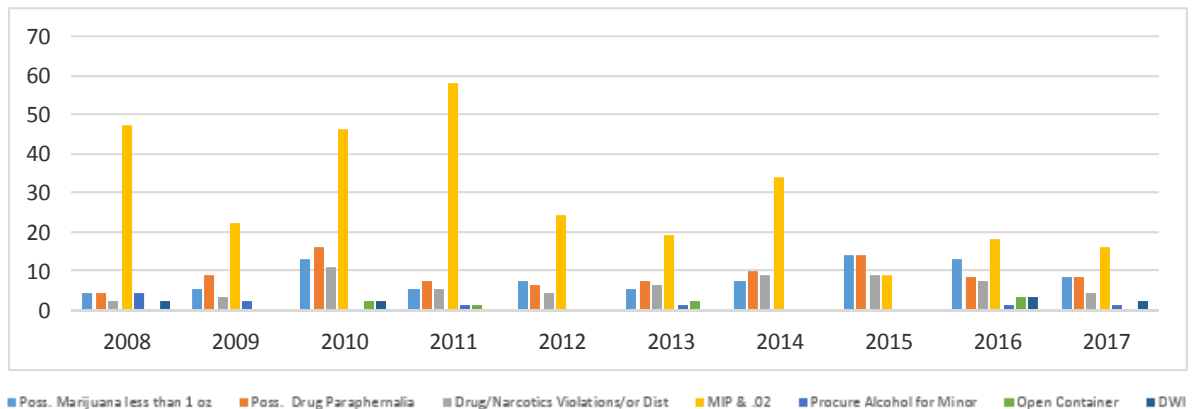


Juvenile Arrests and Citations

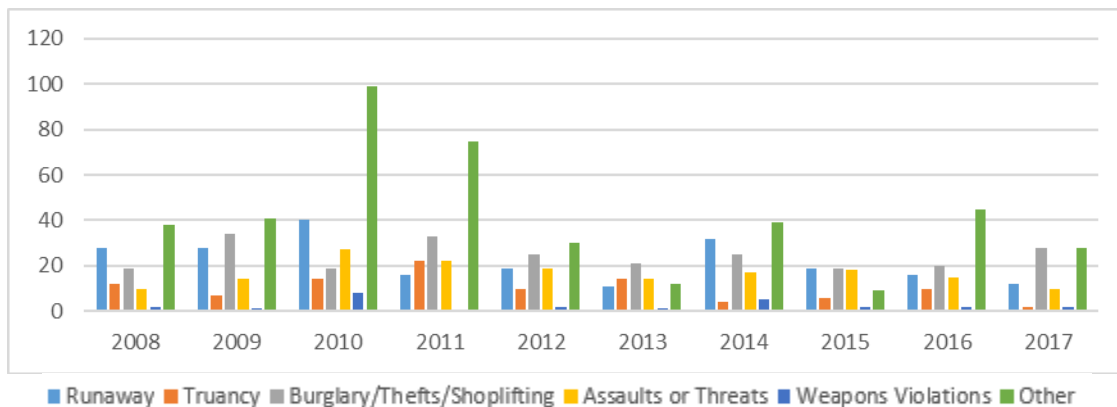
(under the age of 18)

Type of Arrest	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	4	5	13	5	7	5	7	14	13	8
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	4	9	16	7	6	7	10	14	8	8
Drug/Narcotics Violations	1	1	7	1	0	0	2	0	7	4
Manufacture Drugs/ Intent to Distribute	1	2	4	4	4	6	7	9	0	0
.02 Violation	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minor In Possession	46	21	45	57	24	19	34	9	18	16
Procure Alcohol for Minor	4	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Open Container	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	3	0
Driving While Intoxicated	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
Runaway	28	28	40	16	19	11	32	19	16	12
Truancy	12	7	14	22	10	14	4	6	10	2
Burglary/Thefts/Shoplifting	19	34	19	33	25	21	25	19	20	28
Assaults or Threats	10	14	27	22	19	14	17	18	15	10
Weapons Violations	2	1	8	0	2	1	5	2	2	2
Other	38	41	99	75	30	12	39	9	45	28
Total	172	166	297	245	146	113	182	119	161	121

Juvenile Drug & Alcohol Arrests



Other Juvenile Arrests



Major Crime Report 2017

The major crime report consists of the following crimes: Homicide, Sexual Assault, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Larceny/Theft and Motor Vehicle Theft.

In 2017 we had a total of 396 reported major crimes. This is a decrease of 17% from last year's total of 477. The biggest decrease was the reported larceny/theft cases which dropped again, for the second year in a row, to 194. We would like to contribute this decrease to preventive measures taken, by potential victims, which have been taught and stressed by the Beatrice Police Department. The remaining total of most of the other major crimes reported have remained fairly steady over the past two years. Our only increase this year was the reports of assaults. This year we had a total of 118 reported assaults which is up 22% from last year's total of 97. Once again, we made it through another year without a homicide.

Out of the 396 reported major crimes in 2017 The Beatrice Police Department made a total of 100 arrests. This is approximately one arrest out of every 4 reports made. Also in 2017 we have had just over \$300,000 in property reported stolen, either by theft or by fraud. Of this amount, so far, nearly \$61,000 has been recovered.

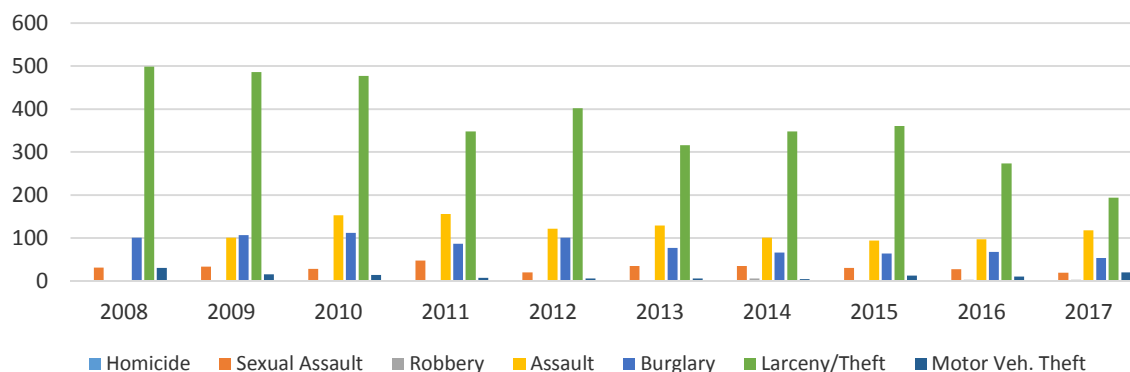
Besides these major crimes the department has continued to see an increase in reports of scam via telephone, mail and email. We continue to investigate these crimes and educate the public on ways to avoid falling victim to these types of crimes.

Sgt. Jay Murphy

Major Crimes Reported in Beatrice

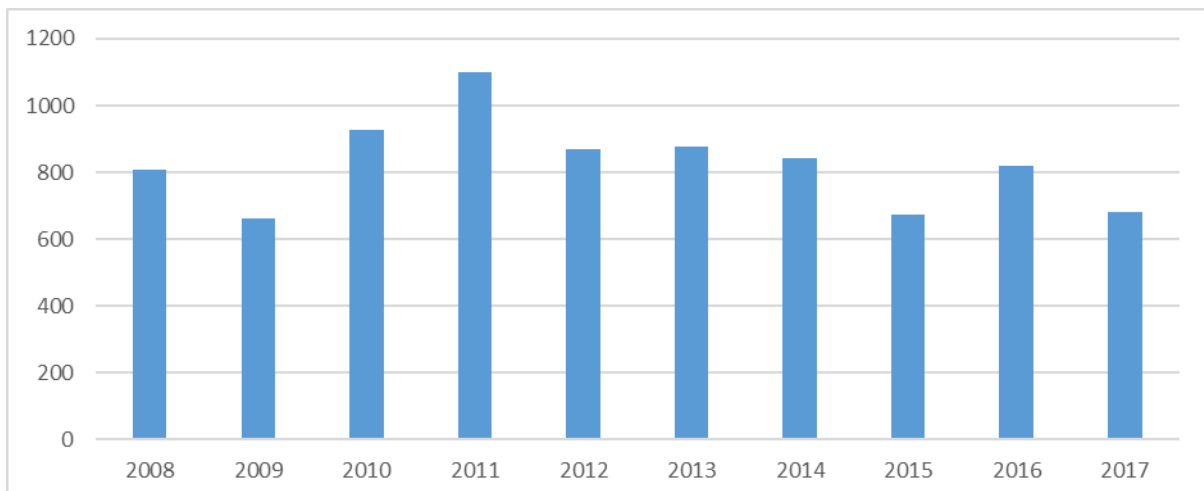
Offense	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Homicide	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	31	33	28	47	20	35	35	30	27	19
Robbery	2	2	1	1	2	2	6	1	3	3
Assault	135*	101	153	156	122	129	101	94	97	118
Burglary	101	107	112	87	101	77	66	64	67	53
Larceny/Theft	499	486	477	348	402	316	348	360	273	194
Motor Veh. Theft	30	15	14	7	6	6	4	12	10	20
Totals	798	745	785	646	653	565	560	561	477	407

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

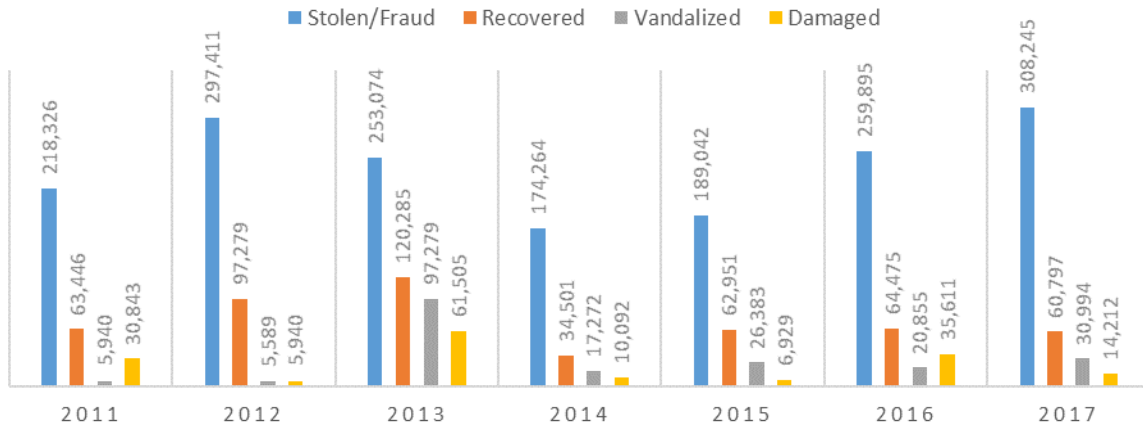


Arrest Charges

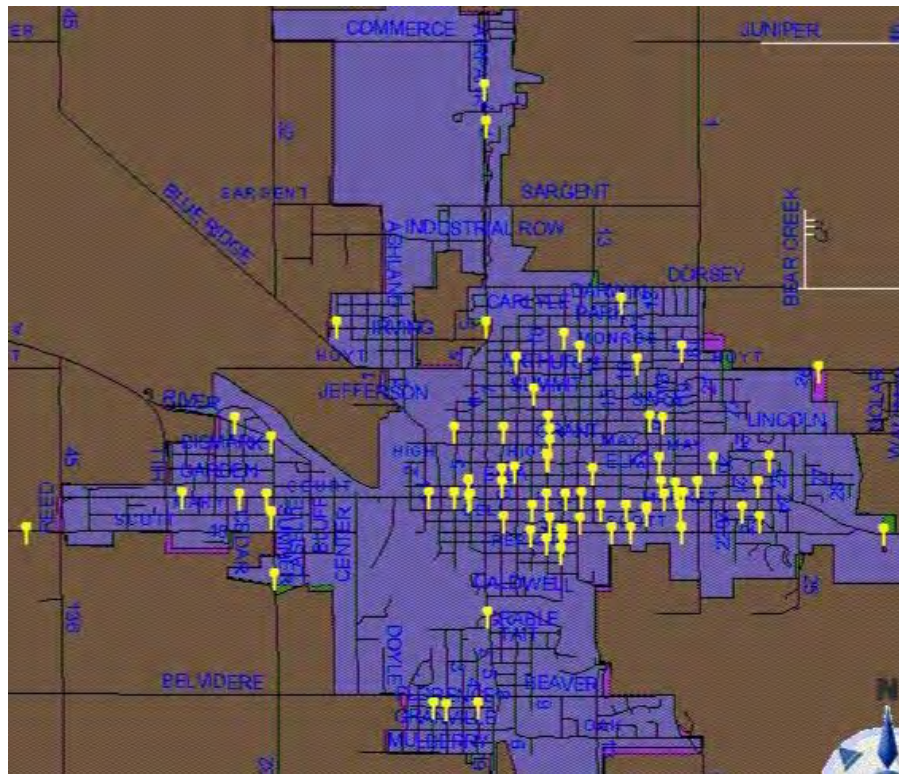
Type of Charges	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Assault 1 st /2 nd /3 rd	35	24	62	71	32	23	18	15	31	29
Assault on an Officer	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	5	4	1
Strangulation	2	3	6	9	6	7	10	8	6	5
Domestic Assault	38	26	47	48	35	41	35	32	41	33
Protection Order Violations	7	6	11	13	4	9	21	7	20	10
Sexual Assaults 1st/ 2nd/ 3rd & child	4	5	6	5	3	8	2	2	0	2
Terroristic Threats/ Threats	11	2	18	35	9	24	14	22	18	9
Drug Violations	76	80	129	137	113	117	122	114	225	201
Burglary	15	18	15	11	1	14	9	4	5	8
Theft	57	52	28	39	58	32	38	43	43	21
Robbery	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1
Motor Vehicle Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Motor Vehicle Theft/Unauth. Use	3	3	4	2	2	2	2	0	4	0
Criminal Mischief	36	34	96	53	31	22	23	17	31	16
Child Abuse/Neglect	13	13	20	23	20	28	24	19	35	22
Weapons Violations	12	11	26	24	12	14	18	14	20	20
Disorderly Conduct	12	19	23	29	14	20	10	10	16	21
Minor In Possession	144	81	143	193	61	74	87	41	59	45
Procuring	7	7	9	14	5	7	3	4	2	8
DWI	124	100	75	103	59	52	39	32	54	42
Refusal to Submit	29	22	14	21	12	18	9	13	12	9
Open Cont.&other Alcohol offenses	77	30	29	62	22	31	7	12	34	24
Runaway	28	29	47	17	19	11	32	19	16	12
Forgery 1st Degree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Resisting Arrest	7	4	4	6	5	3	2	5	6	7
Flight to Avoid Arrest	5	0	5	4	6	2	2	1	4	2
Other Offenses & Citations	76	111	131	177	340	314	311	230	134	133
Total Arrests	808	662	928	1099	871	875	842	673	821	681



Property Crime Stats



Vandalism/Criminal Mischief Locations For 2017



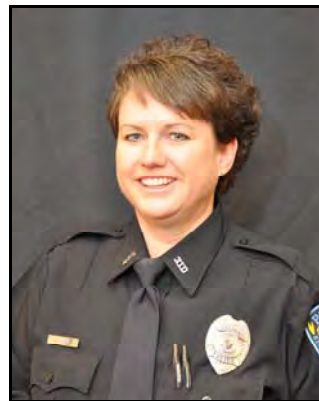
Investigative Services



Lieutenant Mike Oliver
1991



Investigator Erin Byrne
1996



Officer Jennifer Klaus
1994

Criminal Investigations Report 2017

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

The Criminal Investigations Unit is commanded by Mike Oliver, Investigative Lieutenant. The investigations unit is staffed with one Investigator and one Juvenile Services officer. The investigator is Officer Erin Byrne, who is entering his eighth year as the department's investigator.

During 2017, the Investigations Unit was tasked with a variety of cases, including motor vehicle homicide, attempted murders, burglaries, thefts, suicides, sexual assaults, fraud, and forgery cases. The Investigations Unit assisted numerous outside agencies with investigations of crimes in their jurisdictions which had ties to Beatrice. The Investigations Unit also assisted the road patrol officers in investigating several felony thefts and assisting on calls which required a significant investment in time and resources. In addition to these investigations, the Investigations Unit continues to work with other agencies in regard to Internet Crimes against Children. These cases involve crimes such as possession of child pornography, online enticement of a child, and any other cyber-crime involving a child. During 2017, several investigations were performed by the Investigations Unit installing covert surveillance cameras in Beatrice businesses and home residences at their request in order to solve theft issues.

Aside from criminal investigations, the Criminal Investigations Unit conducts background investigations for department personnel, backgrounds for handgun permit applications, and background investigations for liquor license applications within the City of Beatrice. The Criminal Investigations Unit is also assigned to the state-mandated, county-wide, Child Abuse/Neglect Investigative and Treatment Teams. Officer Jennifer Klaus, Juvenile Services Officer, is also assigned to the Investigations Unit and is instrumental in coordinating with the many various agencies on child abuse/neglect cases. This would include working with all of the Beatrice Public Schools, the School Resource 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. In 2017, the Juvenile Services Officer investigated numerous reported child abuse/child neglect cases in Beatrice, NE.

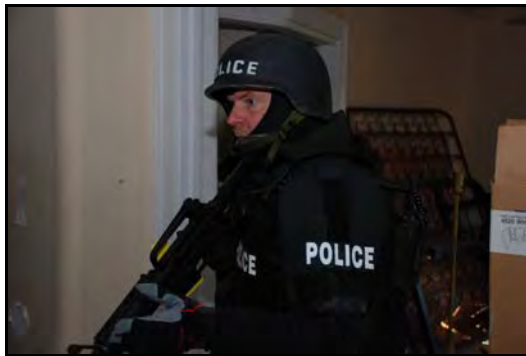
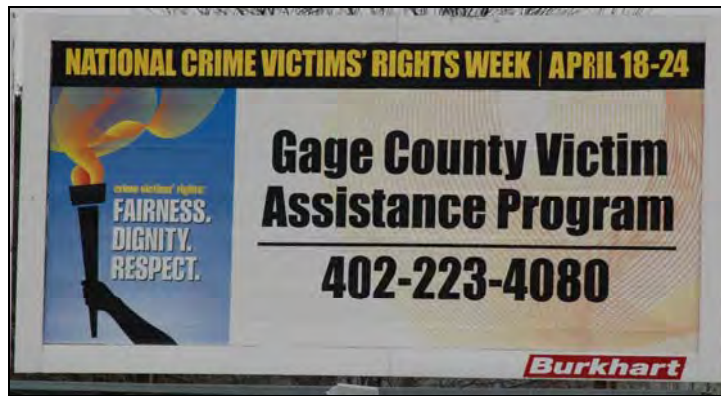
The Investigations Unit also serves as liaison officers to Crimestoppers of Gage County. This assignment requires the investigators to attend meetings of the Crimestoppers Board. The investigators are also responsible for the maintenance of the statistical reports, writing of the year-end report, and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

Crime Scene Team 2017

The Beatrice Police Department Crime Scene Team consists of sworn officers, civilians, and retired officers of the 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 a scene. Members of the team have specialized training in all areas of crime scene investigations. Members of the team include: Investigator Erin Byrne, Kerri McGrury, Ofc. Dan Moss, Ofc. Colleen Soldo, Ofc. Derrick Hosick, Ofc. Kris Gill, Carla Jones, and Investigator Tina Oliver from the Nebraska Attorney General's Office. The team is commanded by Lt. Mike Oliver.

The Crime Scene Team (or portions thereof) was activated 10 times in 2017. Complete breakdowns of the calls listed below.

- Jan 22 Death investigation of 29 year old male. Determined to be a medical cause.
- Jan 30 Death investigation of 48 year old male. Determined to be medical cause.
- Apr 1 Death investigation of 20 year old male. Determined to be suicide.
- Apr 1 Death investigation of one month old infant. Determined to be medical cause.
- May 2 Death investigation of 77 year old male. Determined to be suicide.
- Aug 16 Death investigation of 39 year old male. Determined to be overdose.
- Sept 27 Death investigation of 20 year old male. Determined to be suicide.
- Oct 30 Robbery investigation of local bank. Suspect apprehended.
- Dec 5 Death investigation of 45 year old female. Determined to be suicide.
- Dec 31 Investigation of attempted murder. Suspect arrested.



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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	Barricade shooting	Pre-raid planning
Distraction devices	Less Lethal Weapons	Low-light techniques
Team movements	Vehicle Assaults	Quarterly 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: Officer Daniel Moss

Assistant Commander: Officer Shane Maloley

Team Liaison: Sergeant Jay Murphy

Team Members

Officer Anthony Chisano	Officer Derrick Hosick	Officer Natasha Nesbitt
Officer Jason Sharp	Officer Zac Smith	Officer Colleen Soldo
BFR Jim Young	BFR Kitrik Ahl	BFR Mike Massey

Negotiations Team

Team Commander: Officer 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 2017 to serve high risk Search Warrants. Officers Derrick Hosick, Natasha Nesbitt and Zac Smith were added as new members. Two members moved to jobs outside the BPD and two other members retired from the team.

The members of the Beatrice SWAT team continually strive to develop new and improved tactics, techniques and procedures (TTP's) to enhance performance and refine the knowledge and skills necessary to serve the community they are sworn to protect.

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, etc.
- The Victim Assistance Program promoted National Crime Victims' Rights Week in April 2017 by displaying informational boards about the program at the Gage County Courthouse and the Beatrice Public Library.
- During the month of April, we attended and hosted booths at the Beatrice Community Hospital Health Fair and the Million March Against Child Abuse – Beatrice near the Gage County Courthouse.
- The Victim Assistance Program utilized one volunteer during 2017.
- 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.

Victim Assistance Program Statistics 2017

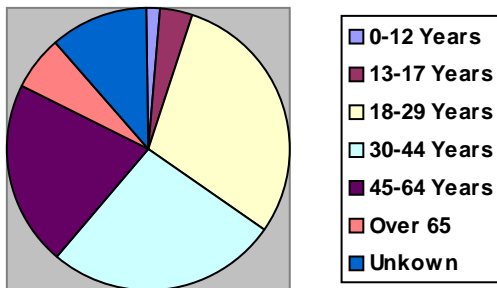
TYPE OF SERVICE	NUMBER OF TIMES PROVIDED
Crisis Counseling	37
Personal Advocacy	1,871
Information/Referral (In Person)	337
Information/Referral (Phone Contact)	1,543
Emergency Financial Assistance	1
Follow Up Contact	1,877
Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy	1,484
Compensation Assistance	13
Transportation	6
Protection order Assistance	326
Cellular Phone Program	5
Total Number of Services Provided	7,500
Total Number of Victims Served	799
Number of victims who reported the services provided to them was helpful.	606
Number of victims who reported the services provided to them was not helpful.	0

TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED	TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED
Homicide	3	Sexual Assault (Adult)	11
Child Abuse/Physical	11	Domestic Violence	145
Child Abuse/Sexual	10	Incest Survivor	0
DWI/DUI	9	Assault	49
Robbery	3	Elder Abuse	1
Burglary	34	Business	0
Arson	0	Other *	258

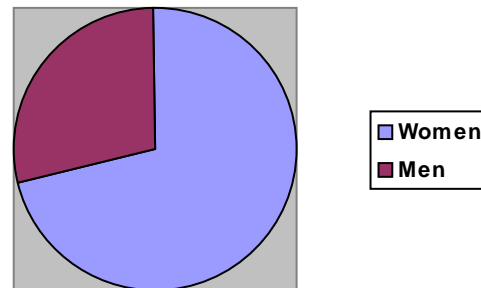
*Includes criminal mischief, theft, identity theft, etc.

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Community Based K9 2017

2017 was another great year for the Community Based K9 program at the Beatrice Police Department. K9 Toro is a British Lab and is currently serving as Beatrice Police certified narcotic K9. Toro and his handler Officer Chisano #304 were certified when Toro was only 6 months old and to this date is the youngest dog to ever be certified in the State of Nebraska. Toro is able to perform all primary tasks, as other K9s, including locating narcotics, locating suspects who are hiding, evidence recovery, suspect/lost persons tracking, as well as search and rescue. On top of all Toro's duties he is also a great friend and mentor for the children and community. When not actively chasing criminals Toro is in the community interacting with the schools, businesses, community events, even getting dressed up for community events, cheering on sporting events, getting his face painted by the cheerleaders, or visiting his good friends at Mosaic.

During the year Officer Chisano and K9 Toro had over 30 proactive drug related arrest/enforcements. Without Officer Chisano and K9 Toro sniffing out these drug violators they would have escaped enforcement. Through the year Officer Chisano and K9 Toro have searched over 780 separate areas including 340 vehicles, 400 lockers, 40 rooms in structures, and several different shipping companies hunting down criminals.

Officer Chisano, Toro, and the Beatrice Police Department would like to thank all of our donors and partners for their help in the success of the program. Major donations included the cost of Toro; which was provided by Ashley's HomeStore, Beatrice Ford Lincoln splitting the cost of a new K9 squad car, Exmark, and many more helped make our program successful. We continue to seek donors and partners to help with our needs both current and future.

If you have questions regarding the Community Based K9 program, are interested in scheduling an appearance by Toro, or would like to schedule a presentation on drug awareness please contact Officer Chisano at the Beatrice Police Department.

If you would like to make a donation to the Community Based K9 Program, donations may be made payable and sent to:

City of Beatrice
ATTN: Beatrice Police Department K9 Fund
201 N. 5th Street
Beatrice, NE 68310

School Resource Officer Program (SRO) 2017

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.

In addition, crime prevention and law enforcement both in and out of the schools are prime ingredients in making our schools a safer place to be. With students feeling safe at school it harbors a better learning environment for all who want to learn and teach.

The Beatrice Police Department and Beatrice Public Schools have entered into an agreement to employ two SRO's in the schools. Officer Zac Lauenstein is assigned to the Beatrice High School and this is his seventh year as a SRO. Officer Tim Price, in his second year is assigned to the Beatrice Middle School where his office is located, but also works with all public elementary schools in the Beatrice Public School System.

Both Officer Price and Lauenstein are certified 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. 2018 marks the first year where both SRO's will attend the national conference to receive the most up to date training available.

In order to maintain maximum coverage of road patrol when school is not in session, the School Resource Officers are placed on opposite shifts of the 12 hour road patrol schedule. This allows for there to be one extra officer on duty per day, but also there is one officer with specific training in working with juveniles on duty each day, excluding vacation schedules. To maximize coverage in the schools SRO's limit their vacations to non-school days, and the summer months.

One of the functions of the SRO is to make the school environment as safe as possible. Officer Price and Lauenstein work hard to keep up with an ever changing society to do so. A Threat Assessment Team is being developed and both Lauenstein and Price became certified instructors in Standard Response Protocol (SRP) and A.L.I.C.E. These are both methods of response in the event of an emergency. Some district staff have been trained in SRP, and the goal is that all staff and students will receive the training by the end of the 2017-2018 school year. SRO's maintain relationships with other community members, and entities to improve collaboration on a variety of issues.

BPD and BPS are currently in the second third of the four year grant for the newly added SRO position. The grant money is reimbursed to the program from the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) division of the federal government.

During the 2017 school year, Officer Price has acted as an advisor and he has worked with the Beatrice Middle School in developing a HOPE Squad. A HOPE Squad is a school-based peer support program that empowers students to take action to prevent suicide through a partnership with their local mental health agency. Nominated by classmates as trustworthy peers, HOPE Squad members serve as the eyes and ears of the school and report to adults any student who seems to be

struggling or at-risk for suicide. Advisors train HOPE Squad members on how to identify at-risk students, provide friendship, and seek help from an adult.

This evidence-based program contains curriculum that utilizes Question Persuade Refer (QPR) techniques, emphasizes suicide prevention fundamentals, self care, and anti-bullying practices. The purpose of the curriculum is to create a common knowledge and understanding within the school community and does not replace the role of the school counselors.

The Middle School's HOPE Squad is up and running with the students attending monthly trainings. The High School is in the planning stages with hopes to be up and running soon. There has been great support from the students, staff and community in regards to HOPE Squad.

The SRO program continues, in its nineteenth 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

Police Speaker Service 2017

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 had 22 requests for speakers throughout the 2017. An estimated 450 people attended the 22 speaker presentations given to various church groups, service clubs, businesses and other community groups and classes requesting the service. The most requested topics were, Police Service Dog, Social Media, and informing people about the Police Department and Officer Duties. Numerous Groups continue to tour the Beatrice Police Department including Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. Officers were also requested to assist with Juvenile Diversion. Officers assisted the Beatrice Police Departments Police Explorer program by providing instructors in the different disciplines of Police work.

Officers continue to assist Southeast Community College by giving numerous talks and presentations on the Beatrice and Lincoln campuses. Officers also spoke at Doane College's Lincoln campus giving a presentation to graduate students about types of people encountered by law enforcement. Officers attended the Criminal Justice Career fair at the Southeast Community College Education Square campus in Lincoln. In addition the Police Department had a booth at the Southeast Community College Career fair on the Beatrice Campus.

The School Resource Officers in Beatrice High School and Beatrice Middle School continues 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.

Officers in the Department met the public in hosting 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. Officers also had equipment on hand for the public to see the equipment used by Officers in the performance of their duties.

The Police Department's Color Guard participated in the Relay for Life by bringing in the colors for this community event.

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

Law Enforcement Explorer's Program

Officer Jennifer Klaus is the advisor for the Law Enforcement Explorers. Law Enforcement Explorers is a career oriented program that gives high school students the opportunity to explore possible careers in law enforcement or related fields in the criminal justice system.

The Explorers group meets twice a month. A short business meeting is conducted, providing participants with leadership roles and responsibilities followed by classroom instruction/training provided by certified Law Enforcement Officers. The Explorers are each assigned a month that they are responsible for determining what skill or training that they would like to bring to the group. Advisors assist the Explorer in connecting them with Officers or individuals specializing in specific training areas to set up the training. Classroom training is provided at the first meeting and scenario or hands on training applied at the second meeting. The group receives a wide array of training from building searching, hand cuffing, disturbance calls, to report writing. The Explorers also participate in community events and volunteer work

Membership is held to 12 Explorers and there are currently 7 participants.



Community Policing

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

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

Community partnerships are an important component to Community Policing. Members of the department participate on a number of community committees. To name a few, the Community Justice Committee which is a taskforce of the MAPS community coalition, and the Crime Stoppers Committee.

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

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

The Beatrice Police Department continues to utilize the ever popular humorous facebook posts. In 2017 we started two new topics on our Facebook page. Selfie Sunday, which helps highlight officers interacting with people and even animals in our community in a positive way. Also, Free Ride Friday, which highlights suspects with active warrants. This has helped get the community involved with law enforcement to locate these subjects and get them in custody. We continue post/share information on our Facebook page to keep the public aware of scams and other topics of public safety and interest. We have garnered followers from all over the world over the last year.

In 2017 Lunch with a Cop received two large donations for a total of \$750 to keep the program going strong. We have also encouraged officers from every shift, including nights to pick a child and spend some quality one-on-one time building positive relationships. Every lunch gets posted on our page, with the permission of the child's parent. Spending one-on-one time with the kids has been a positive experience for the community, the children, and even the officers.

The Beatrice Police Department has continued its efforts to support and raise funds for Beatrice Special Olympics. BPD Officers, non-sworn employees, their families and other members of the community and law enforcement agencies participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run. During this torch run, officers carry the Flame of Hope while running along-side Special Olympic athletes as they head to their Summer Games. Officer Hosick heads these events and has been able to establish a special friendship with the athletes allowing officers and special needs people to create a unique bond. Other events include the Beatrice Special Olympics vs. Beatrice Police Department Basketball Scrimmage and a friendly barbeque in honor of the athletes.

In April the Gage County Victim Assistance Program attended the Beatrice Community Hospital Health Fair and hosted a booth containing information about the Gage County Victim Assistance Program and the Beatrice Police Department.

Also in April, officers from Beatrice Police Department, and the Gage County Victim Assistance Program attended and the Million March Against Child Abuse (MACA) Beatrice. The walk was held near the Gage County Courthouse and attended by many. The Gage County Victim Assistance Program also hosted an informational booth.

In May, officers and K9 Toro, attended the Paddock Lane Elementary carnival. There was a police vehicle and equipment on display, Toro was welcomed and interacted with the children and families.

In September, the Beatrice Police Department along with the Beatrice Fire and Rescue Department, hosted Beatrice's 4th Annual Community Connections. We sponsor this event as a way to bring our citizens together and help identify people in our community who may have special needs. We collected information about special needs people in Gage County and then entered it into the 911 center computer system. With this information we can alert emergency responders and make them aware of any potential issues if they require emergency services. This could include Alzheimer patients, people on a ventilator, those with autism or any other issues citizens think we need to know about was welcomed. The information provided to us is kept confidential and is not subject to public information disclosures. This event included a pep rally for the Special Olympics Football team, the Beatrice High School Football team and Beatrice Cheerleaders. Games were played and a great time was had by all.

Beatrice Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 84 continued the highly successful "Stuff the Cruiser" program this year. Officer Hosick implemented this program last year, and after such success, it was continued this year. This year the Beatrice Police Mobile Command Bus was utilized for toy collection at Walmart. Through the FOP and with the assistance of the Beatrice Mary YMCA, the entire bus was completely filled with toys. On top of overwhelming amounts of donated toys, approximately \$1,800 in monetary donations were collected. FOP Lodge 84 cannot thank our amazing community enough. We plan to continue this event annually, as so many children have the opportunity to benefit from this program.

We had a great year with lots of participation from officers, non-sworn personnel and the community. Thank you for your continued support.