

Beatrice Police Department



2022 Annual Report

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A Word from Chief Hickman



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

I am excited to present to you my first annual report for the Beatrice Police Department. I was honored to take over this year after the retirement of long-time Chief of Police Bruce Lang. It has been wonderful getting to know our amazing city. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the officers, communications personnel, and civilian staff of the police department. Their commitment and hard work are truly an inspiration to all. We are excited about completing the first phase of the construction of our new range training facility. This investment in our officers will allow us to be better trained as well as assist in the training of surrounding agencies. This will not only make our city safer but contribute to the safety of the State.

This year we saw the formulation of a new unit in the police department. The drone unit was started and has already been utilized several times. Integrating new technology such as drones allows us to provide better response during tactical situations, missing persons, and crowd control during large events. We are excited about always finding new or innovative ways to make us more effective and efficient.

As the Chief of Police my goal is that the citizens and visitors to our town feel safe and enjoy their time here. I believe that our police department does an exemplary job of accomplishing this. This is most often viewed by the community events, during Homestead Days we hosted many visitors allowing for a safe, exciting community event. This year we added the Fishing with a Cop program as part of the Lunch with a Cop. Programs such as this would not be possible without the generous support from businesses and citizens in our community. Community involvement is the cornerstone of a strong agency and we will continue to find ways to be involved even more.

It is my privilege to represent this great city and lead the amazing men and women of the Beatrice Police Department and Southeast Communications Center. While this report looks at the past year we are already diving headlong into this year to provide the best service that we can.

Respectfully,

John Hickman

John Hickman
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
John Hickman
2022



Police Information &
Systems Coordinator
Traci Baehr
2005



Victim Assistance Coordinator
Chevis Krull
2021



Part time Records
Sue Sullivan
2021



Assistant Victim Coordinator
Marty Seymour
2016

Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart 2022



Changes in Staff and Recognitions 2022

Promotions

- Ethan Jordan – Sergeant

Internal Transfers

- None

New Hires

- John Hickman – Chief of Police
- Brittney Ruh – Officer
- Hallie Herring – Dispatcher
- Malissa Walton - Dispatcher

Transfer

- Debbie Burroughs – Dispatcher – Transferred to different department in City

Retirements

- Bruce Lang – Chief – 46 years of total law enforcement service

We would like to thank Chief Lang for 30 years of service to the citizens of Beatrice and wish him well in his next chapter of life.



Budget & Finances

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

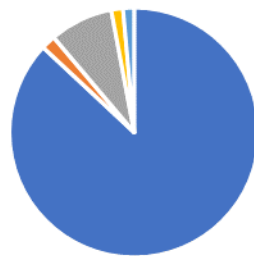
The Budget ending Sept 30, 2022 was \$4,161,123 which included:

Police Administration - \$360,270

Southeast 911 Communications \$1,249,504

Victim Assistance Program \$133,309,

Police Patrol - \$2,418,040



■ Wages & Benefits \$3,618,115

■ Supplies \$77,500

■ Other Services & Charges \$342,410

■ Capital Outlay \$63,098

■ Contract Labor - Animal Control \$60,000

Records

The Beatrice Police Department uses the New World System's Public Safety software. This software is regularly updated to stay current with our department needs. Our records management system is integrated with the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) and Mobile software which is used by Communications and Patrol. This allows a Call for Service, persons, or crimes to be easily tracked and searched for reference. This system also has the capability to create reports, charts, and maps of crimes, accidents, types of incidents, etc. This tool is very useful to Patrol to be proactive to help prevent crime.

Our department implemented an E Citation system in 2020. This allows officers to enter a citation directly into the mobile computer and print a citation in the car to be given to the driver. These citations are sent automatically to our records system and State court system where the County attorney can download them. This has streamlined the process, and saves time for both Patrol and Records.

This software is also used by the Gage County Sheriff's Office, the City of Crete, the City of Wymore and Richardson County Sheriff's Office. Traci Baehr is the Police Information and Systems Coordinator of the software and is tasked along with Norm McConnel (I.T. for City of Beatrice) to ensure that this Records/Mobile/CAD system functions properly for all agencies and provides training for users.

Communications



Communications Director
Carla Zarybnicky 2015



Shelena Maguire
2001



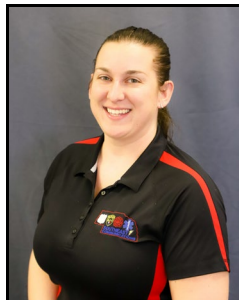
Russell Jobman
2003



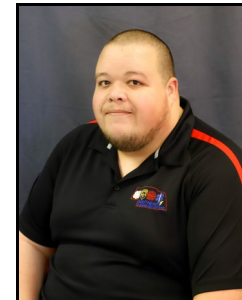
Fred Naumann III
2011



Kasey Barnard
2013



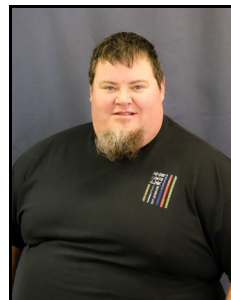
Kylee Schoen
2015



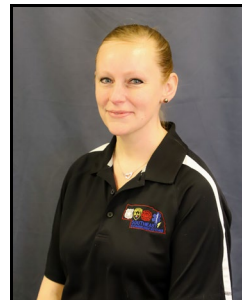
Fred Naumann IV
2015



Misty Higgins
2017



Aaron Benson
2020



Amanda Bigley
2021



Callie Smith
2021



Terri Eldridge
2021



Hallie Herring
2022



Malissa Walton
2022

Southeast 911 Communications Center

Southeast Communications Center dispatches for 23 agencies in Gage County, the City of Crete, Crete Fire and Crete Rescue and Richardson County Sheriff's Office. These dedicated people staff the communications center 24/7, 365 days a year. The communications center fields over 106,000 phone calls, on average per year, between emergency and administrative phone calls.

2023 was an eventful year, seeing the highest calls for service total yet! The 911 staff is the absolute first contact for the public on a really bad day. Dispatchers are seldom recognized as first responders but are the very first responder to a situation. Dispatchers need to be understanding and caring on one call, and maybe stern and direct on the next. After a 12-hour shift, the number of different scenarios that are dealt with during that time varies from life threatening, life altering or just as simple as a question or comfort for someone who may just need someone to talk to or do not know who else to call.

Mother nature was not on our side this year with the terrible storms and tornado damage. Extremely dry conditions kicked off multiple fires all over the areas we serve. We are so fortunate when these critical events occur, the dispatchers come in without even being called, knowing that the center will be extremely busy and will need an extra hand. Day off or on vacation, they just start coming in the door. True dedication to the job and their communities.

Next Generation 911 in Nebraska is becoming a reality. The Southeast region is the last to be added on the network. This should be completed by May 2023. Next Generation 911 is a secure Internet Protocol based system, utilizing high speed data connectivity capable of receiving information to include voice, text messages, picture and videos. This system across the state will allow seamless information sharing between citizens and 911 centers.

Along with NextGen 911, comes Geographic Information Systems, (GIS). GIS provides Precise location information which is an invaluable role in public safety communications. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is a computer-based method for gathering, storing, retrieving, analyzing, and presenting geographic and spatial data utilizing interactive mapping software. State 911 Department GIS Specialists have been working with Counties to ensure accurate GIS data that meets State and Federal standards for more specific location data. The completion of the statewide GIS database will play an integral role as Nebraska transitions to the Next Generation 911 System.

The Communications Center is overseen by Director Carla Zarybnicky. Carla started her dispatching career in Minnesota, November of 2000. Carla currently sits on the NRIN board. NRIN is the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network. Carla has been active on the board for 7 years now, as the network is nearing the end of the buildout across the state of Nebraska. This network connects all the dispatch centers in the state with a secure microwave/fiber network only used for public safety.

Carla also holds a seat on the 911 Service System Advisory Committee with other representatives across the state. This board was created and appointed by the Public

Service Commission. In this committee, Carla is also assigned to the Training Working Group. This group has developed the first ever Statewide Training Standards for PSAPs that went into effect on January 1, 2022. This Statewide Training Standard will ensure that service to the communities throughout Nebraska will be standardized in training and care.

When Should You Call 911?

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



2022 SE911 Calls for Service

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

CALL TYPE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
911 Hang Up	306	317	263	551	961
Abandoned Vehicle	11	14	14	16	26
Accident/Fatality	3	4	3	0	5
Accident/H&R	176	146	138	157	129
Accident/Injuries	162	137	124	161	139
Accident/No Injuries	644	648	555	631	669
Adult Abuse	194	181	201	205	232
Alarm	84	149	106	60	68
ALS	12	12	22	20	16
Animal Bite	72	66	80	64	83
Animal Complaint	852	618	642	639	643
Animal Cruelty	126	116	95	99	106
Animal on Roadway	25	193	147	271	296
Arson	2	0	2	1	2
Assault	162	143	127	126	140
Assist Citizen	203	229	279	311	287
Assist Other Agency	460	645	654	748	843
Attempted Suicide	3	2	0	1	0
Bar Check	200	264	235	122	90
Barking Dog	104	77	80	77	75
BCH Security	0	0	0	18	366
Bicycle Theft	22	26	9	27	19
BPW	78	77	75	96	85
Burglar Alarm	260	252	186	215	242
Burglary	141	106	63	59	71
Child Abuse/Neglect	485	440	402	474	464
Child Custody	0	9	12	18	42
Civil	408	396	375	390	385
Civil Process	549	501	508	607	829
Civil Standby	86	104	122	130	125
Complaint Against Officer	11	7	7	10	17
Compliance Check	22	7	50	2	3
Crimestoppers	10	8	2	4	7
Death	70	83	127	134	120
Disorderly Conduct	6	9	7	5	9
Disturbance	508	424	475	495	534

Stats are for All Agencies that SE911 Dispatches for

CALL TYPE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Domestic	12	51	65	47	59
Door Checks	8	22	9	72	330
Drowning	0	0	0	1	0
Drug Information	101	117	94	100	114
Drug Violation	95	65	64	66	86
DUS	78	63	81	97	141
DWI - DUI	88	116	140	145	184
Embezzlement	1	2	1	1	0
EPC	14	19	19	23	27
Escort	116	113	87	87	107
Fail to Appear	20	16	16	4	0
False Reporting	3	0	0	1	5
Field Interview	102	67	33	43	12
Fire	237	121	210	148	257
Fire Alarm	139	145	99	103	139
Fireworks Complaint	0	5	96	27	52
Forgery	3	2	0	3	5
Found Animal	178	225	188	212	220
Found Bike	4	34	34	59	37
Found Property	290	250	184	180	188
Fraud	162	115	110	109	131
Gage Co. Warrant	0	0	0	262	330
Game Violation	1	2	10	4	3
Gas Drive Off	82	100	40	49	50
General Information	332	334	306	426	572
Harassment	199	174	174	186	157
Harassment - Text	14	23	18	23	12
Health Hazard	89	90	94	100	84
Hitch Hiker	10	4	4	3	7
Homicide	0	0	1	1	0
ICAC	14	11	21	15	13
Identity Theft	30	20	27	34	38
Indecent Exposure	4	4	2	6	4
Injury	5	1	2	1	3
Jail Incident	8	6	17	23	32
Junked Motor Vehicle	9	16	9	3	4
Juvenile	452	424	406	503	463
K9 Public Relations	9	9	2	1	2
K9 Training	0	0	16	16	37
Lift Assist	243	234	253	203	203
Liquor Laws Violation	1	7	3	3	6

Stats are for All Agencies that SE911 Dispatches for

CALL TYPE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Livestock Complaint	1	2	0	2	3
Lost Animal	134	122	118	116	160
Lost Property	128	114	88	109	100
Medical Alarm			62	133	130
Mental Health	225	199	235	187	163
MIP	28	33	24	29	15
Missing Person	28	34	36	17	20
Motor Vehicle Theft	48	43	33	43	39
Motorist Assist	398	465	371	428	615
Mutual Aid	1	2	8	23	35
Noise	264	241	269	209	263
Nuisance	175	43	121	122	90
Open Container	0	5	1	1	1
Open Door	75	94	73	82	64
Out of Unit	709	714	752	940	1001
Ordinance Violation	134	201	145	149	162
Parking /2 HR	65	47	13	14	11
Parking/24 HR	153	314	210	184	94
Parking/Other	781	627	583	562	512
Pivot	5	1	6	7	10
Possession of Stolen Property	0	6	1	0	0
Probation Violation	8	7	8	1	0
Procuring	2	0	0	2	0
Property Damage	66	68	65	68	48
Protection Order Violation	54	58	67	74	82
Prowler	11	5	3	6	3
Public Service	278	268	172	216	338
Pursuit	13	5	16	10	18
Remove Party	155	136	152	159	145
Repo	34	32	31	24	47
Rescue	1693	1638	1737	1781	1863
Richardson Co. Warrant	0	0	0	332	344
Road Closed	37	26	53	17	8
Robbery	1	1	3	1	2
Runaway	69	44	85	89	67
Scam	142	170	165	171	129
Search Warrant	6	18	2	8	9
Sex Off Reg Viol	28	38	37	25	16
Sex Offender Compliance Check	11	35	71	44	27
Sexual Assault	53	47	61	57	64
Shoplifting	80	68	50	49	50

Stats are for All Agencies that SE911 Dispatches for

CALL TYPE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Solicitor	5	3	6	0	4
Special Detail	3	10	9	4	21
Suicide	4	3	1	3	1
Suspicious	1010	934	797	830	898
SWAT	0	0	0	1	1
Test Call	15	15	15	12	45
Theft	417	303	329	323	391
Threats	182	161	205	154	202
Title Inspection	3	29	19	124	372
Traffic Hazard	337	332	272	362	325
Traffic Stops	4796	5538	4920	6135	9581
Transfer	1076	1197	1060	1151	1010
Transport	378	369	177	130	212
Trash	54	51	55	50	60
Trespassing	83	81	89	86	117
Truancy	23	18	14	14	8
Unknown	10	20	18	55	3
Vacation Watch	86	66	33	41	44
Vandalism	204	238	236	228	228
Vehicle Complaint	1078	1010	864	931	1021
Warrant	378	368	267	276	217
Watch	104	76	52	59	52
Weapons Law Violation	8	7	11	7	20
Weather	21	23	19	22	23
Welfare Check	706	626	746	823	930
Grand Total	26684	26866	25263	28646	34847
Emergency calls that were duplicate or cancelled	4,769	4,549	4,851	4,633	3,870
Total including cancelled	31,453	*31,415	30,114	33,279	38,717

*Civil CFS number was incorrect for 2019 in previous annual reports. It is now corrected which increases calls for service for 2019 by 298

Calls for Service by Agency 2022

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.

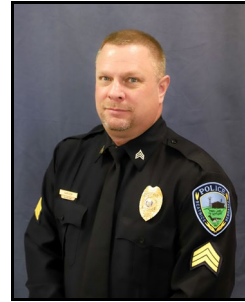
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Beatrice Police Department	11,576	10,801	10,110	10,108	11,500
Board of Public Works	78	77	64	96	87
Gage County Sheriff's Office	6,462	6,743	5,809	5,422	6,806
Wymore Police Department	775	1,056	1,112	1,077	669
Beatrice Fire&Rescue&Rural Fire	2,788	2,950	3,069	3,227	3,295
Adams Fire	48	28	22	26	48
Adams Rescue	52	70	66	88	120
Barneston Fire	14	6	16	7	26
Blue Springs Fire	47	24	24	35	51
Clatonia Fire	51	13	28	14	31
Clatonia Rescue	104	86	83	80	92
Cortland Fire	33	32	46	38	55
Cortland QRT's	119	91	106	99	104
Crete Police Department	5,719	5,929	5695	6,134	5629
Crete Fire and Rescue	971	913	827	900	942
Dewitt Rescue	0	2	7	1	3
Diller Fire/Rescue	0	2	0	1	2
Filley Fire	28	17	16	20	36
Firth Fire & QRT	11	8	8	15	14
Hallam Fire & Rescue	8	5	10	12	17
Odell Fire	50	9	19	21	46
Odell QRT's	0	40	26	19	32
Pickrell Fire/QRT's	52	26	20	26	40
Richardson County Sheriff's Office	*began dispatching RSCO Aug 2021			3,141	7208
Wymore Fire & Rescue	153	254	283	282	317



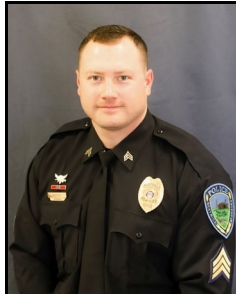
Captain Dan Moss
2009



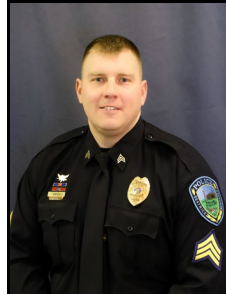
Sgt Wes Henning
1997



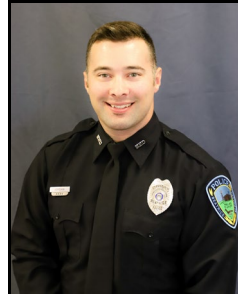
Sgt Brian Carver
2000



Sgt Derrick Hosick
2015



Sgt Zach Smith
2017



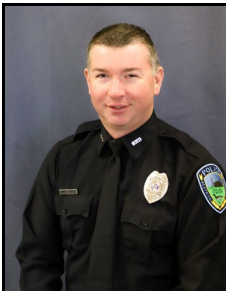
Sgt Ethan Jordan
2018



Ofc Zac Lauenstein
2002



Ofc Kristine Mangers
2006



Ofc Joseph McCormick
2007



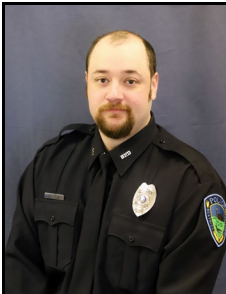
Ofc Timothy Price
2014



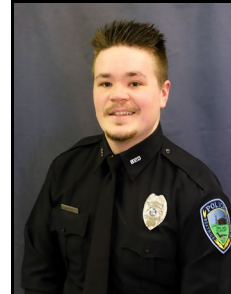
Ofc Natasha Nesbitt
2015



Ofc Kelly Byrne
2018



Ofc Michael Bolan
2019



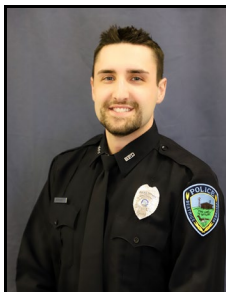
Ofc Isaac Haley
2019



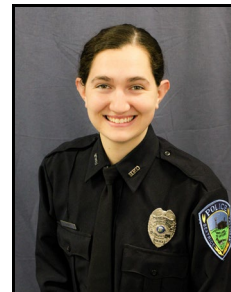
Ofc Brian Najera
2021



Ofc Courtney Brauch
2021



Ofc Benjamin Morrissey
2021



Ofc Brittney Ruh
2022

Patrol

Patrol

2022 saw a definitive increase in calls for service for the Beatrice Police Department. Officers responded to over 11,500 calls for service this year, compared to 10,000 in 2021. A majority of this difference is due to an increase in proactive work on the part of Officers, such as vehicle stops, business checks and vehicle/pedestrian checks. All of this was done while the department was short an Officer and two others completed training locally and at the NE Law Enforcement Training Center.

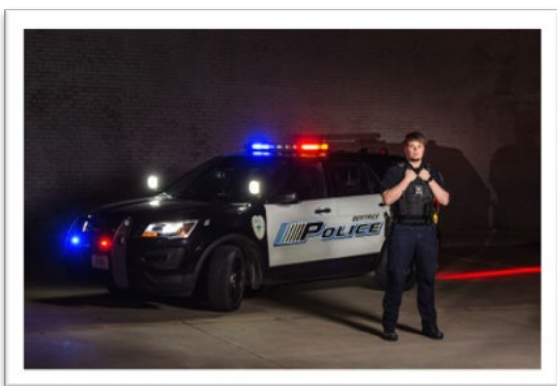
During calendar year 2022 Officers handled 368 accidents, 428 “disturbance” calls, and if you think you saw more cars “pulled over” as you drove around town last year, you would be right. Officers made 2,535 vehicle stops, nearly 700 more than in 2021. These additional vehicle stops directly led to an increase in the amount of drugs seized. Officers seized nearly 1.5 pounds, yes pounds, of methamphetamine in only five contacts using their training and experience to realize something out of the ordinary was in front of them.

Mental health issues continue to be a daily issue facing families, the community and our department. Officers responded to 486 welfare checks, 94 mental health calls, did 120 mental health assessments and placed 8 people on Emergency Protective Custody. Many of the decisions Officers make, with respect to mental health calls, are aided by outside resources. TASC (Targeted Adult Service Coordination), the Mental Health Alliance of NE, Blue Valley Mental Health, Beatrice Community Hospital and Bryan LGH West Hospital are our primary sources of expertise in these matters and their help is always appreciated.

Despite the availability of the Free Ride Home project and its frequent use, intoxicated drivers continue to menace the roadways. Officers made 83 Driving under the influence arrests last year, to include three for driving under the influence of drugs.

Outside of the great things Officers are doing on a daily basis, a few were individually recognized for their outstanding efforts. Officer Bolan and Officer Haley received Letters of Commendation from the Chief of Police for their help with evacuating a mother and her children from a house fire. Sergeant Jordan, through his team’s fundraising efforts, earned the title of Mr. Homesteader.

Captain Dan Moss



Vehicle Summary 2022

The Beatrice Police Department utilizes nine 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 seven units are rotated amongst the other Road Patrol Officers for Patrol duties.

FLEET INFORMATION

Unit	Year	Make	Model	Use
1	2021	Ford	Explorer	Patrol
2	2016	Ford	Explorer	Patrol/K9/SRO
3	2020	Chevy	Tahoe	Patrol/Supervisor
4	2021	Ford	Explorer	Patrol
5	2018	Ford	Taurus	Patrol/SRO
6	2017	Ford	Explorer	Patrol
7	2022	Ford	Explorer	Patrol
8	2022	Ford	Explorer	Patrol
9	2016	Chevy	Tahoe	Patrol/K9
11	2013	Ford	Explorer	Administration
12	2021	Ford	Explorer	Investigations
13	2011	Chevy	Tahoe	Patrol
15	2021	Dodge	Ram	Investigations
Bus	1996	Chevy	Blue Bird	Mobile Command
VA	2018	Chevy	Cruz	Victim Assistance
Rescue	2016	OSHKOSH	Armored Veh	Special Operations



Training Summary 2022

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

Every month our Department holds two in-house training. Officers who have completed any specialized training teach fellow officers what they have learned during these in-house trainings, saving the department money.

Training continues to be a hot button topic in law enforcement. The Nebraska Legislature has enacted training guidelines for law enforcement officers to include mandated annual training on specific topics to include: Firearms, Officer Wellness, Anti-Bias and Implicit Bias and Vehicular Pursuit police review.

New to 2023, Officers will need to complete a total of 32 hours of continuing education to remain certified with the state.

Some of the more notable training events of 2022 attended by Police Department personnel are listed below.

Red Dot Sight instructor

Mini BETA (Behavior Threat Assessment)

Radar Recertification

Defensive Tactics

CPR Recertification

Crime Scene Protocol

Sgt. Brian Carver

Incidents / Cases 2022

Following is a list of the types of Incidents that the Beatrice Police Department responded to during 2022. The incident type is entered by Dispatch when the call comes in. This “type” may actually change by the time it is made into a Case. Example: A call comes in as “suspicious” but after investigation an arrest was made for vandalism, then the case would be entered as a vandalism. ** Not all Incidents become cases

Incident Type	#	Incident Type	#	Incident Type	#
911 Hang Up	379	False Reporting	4	Parking/Other	208
Abandoned Vehicle	3	Field Interview	7	Property Damage	21
Accident/H&R	75	Fire	19	Protection Order Violation	43
Accident/Injuries	37	Fire Alarm	16	Prowler	1
Accident/No Injuries	256	Fireworks Complaint	27	Public Service	102
Adult Abuse	172	Forgery	1	Pursuit	10
Alarm	42	Found Animal	120	Remove Party	99
ALS	1	Found Bike	27	Repo	33
Animal Bite	49	Found Property	119	Rescue	99
Animal Complaint	345	Fraud	71	Road Closed	5
Animal Cruelty	51	Gage Co. Warrant	7	Robbery	2
Animal on Roadway	50	Game Violation	2	Runaway	33
Arson	1	Gas Drive Off	13	Scam	59
Assault	65	General Information	295	Sex Off Reg Viol	4
Assist Citizen	107	Harassment	93	Sex Offender Comp Check	1
Assist Other Agency	304	Harassment - Text	5	Sexual Assault	34
Bar Check	12	Health Hazard	11	Shoplifting	19
Barking Dog	51	ICAC	5	Solicitor	2
BCH Security	334	Identity Theft	26	Special Detail	6
Bicycle Theft	11	Indecent Exposure	2	Suicide	1
BPW	73	Injury	1	Suspicious	462
Burglar Alarm	106	Jail Incident	4	SWAT	1
Burglary	35	Junked Motor Vehicle	3	Test Call	9
Child Abuse	229	Juvenile	286	Theft	165
Child Custody	30	K9 Public Relations	2	Threats	123
Child Neglect	17	K9 Training	20	Title Inspection	5
Civil	220	Lift Assist	2	Traffic Hazard	106
Civil Process	8	Liquor Laws Viol	3	Transfer	8
Civil Standby	73	Lost Animal	109	Transport	3
Complaint Against Officer	8	Lost Property	65	Trash	16
Crimestoppers	3	Medical Alarm	2	Trespassing	61
Death	75	Mental Health	94	Truancy	1
Disorderly Conduct	7	MIP	10	Traffic Stops	2406
Disturbance	319	Missing Person	9	Unknown	2
Domestic	37	Motor Vehicle Theft	27	Vacation Watch	12
Door Checks	156	Motorist Assist	88	Vandalism	104
Drug Information	47	Noise	124	Vehicle Complaint	345
Drug Violation	58	Not Classified	19	Warrant	52
DUS	46	Open Door	29	Watch	31
DWI - DUI	83	Ordinance Violation	104	Weapons Law Violation	7
EPC	8	Out of Unit	286	Weather	14
Escort	101	Parking 2 or 24 HR	58	Welfare Check	486

Beatrice PD Total Incidents 11,500

Cases Made 2022

Below are the Case types that the Beatrice Police Department worked during 2022. A “Case” is made when there is a known victim or when an arrest is made, rather than just issuing a traffic ticket or having a conversation with parties involved, etc.

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

Case Type	Total Cases Worked	Case Status				
		Arrests or Citations Issued	Warrant Issued or Other Agency Arrest	Open	Closed, Inactive, or Referred to other Agency	Unfounded
Abandoned Vehicle	1				1	
Accident (in depth investigation)	21	8	1		12	
Adult Abuse/Neglect/ Vulnerable	96				44	52
Animal Bite or Complaint	46	7			39	
Animal Cruelty	1	1				
Arson	1				1	
Assault	86	52	7		25	2
Assist Other Agency	35	5	5	1	23	1
Burglary	17	4	1		12	
Child Abuse/Neglect	195	4		2	116	73
Child Pornography	1	1				
Civil	12				9	3
Criminal Mischief	17	7			10	
Death	34				34	
Disorderly Conduct	9	6			3	
Disturbance	43	10	4		27	2
Driving Under Suspension/ Revoked	31	28	1		2	
DUI	76	65			11	
Drug Equipment Violation	2	2				
Drug Information	9				8	1
Drug Violation	61	49	3		9	
EPC	11	1			10	
False Reporting	4	2	1		1	
Forgery	6	2	1		3	
Found Animal	4				4	
Found Property	61				60	1
Fraud	52	1	2	1	48	
General Information	19				19	
Harassment	15	2	1		11	1
ICAC	3	1	1		1	
Identity Theft	23				23	
Intimidation	1	1				
Juvenile Complaint	37	2			34	1
Liquor Law Violation	3	2			1	
Lost Property	16				15	1
Mental Health	42		1		41	

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
Minor in Possession	12	12				
Missing Person	2				2	
Motor Vehicle Theft	11	1			10	
Moving Violation	3	2			1	
Nuisance	1				1	
Obstruct Police Officer	1	1				
Ordinance Violation	33	18			15	
Parking Violation	3	2			1	
Poss. of Stolen Property	2				2	
Property Damage	9	1			8	
Protection Order Violation	28	15	5	2	3	3
Robbery	2				2	
Runaway	30	14			16	
Sex Offender Registry Viol.	2				2	
Sexual Assault	24	1	1	4	16	2
Suicide Attempt	1				1	
Suspicious	16				16	
Theft	122	17	8	1	95	1
Theft From Motor vehicle	3			1	2	
Threats	21	4			15	2
Traffic Hazard	1				1	
Trespassing	35	9		1	25	
Vandalism	49	5			42	2
Warrant Arrest	53	51	1		1	
Weapon Law Violation	11	10			1	
Welfare Check	22				19	3
Total Cases Worked	1,588	426	44	13	954	151

Total Incidents Initiated or Responded to	11,500	Arrests or Citations Issued	Warrant Issued or Other Agency Arrest	Open	Closed, Inactive, or Referred to other Agency	Unfounded
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Case Status at the end of the Year

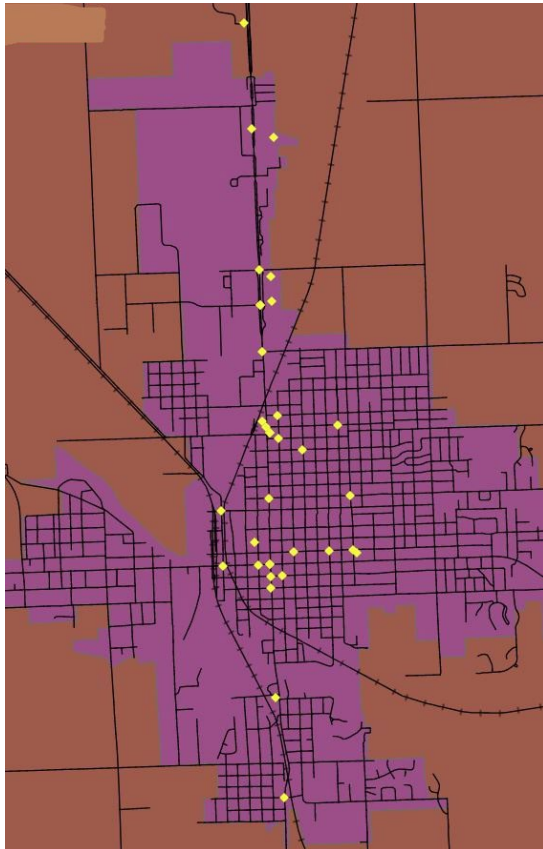
Mental Health Assessments made by officers

Call Type	Assessments	Call Type	Assessments	Call Type	Assessments
Dispatched to	by officers	Dispatched to	by officers	Dispatched to	by officers
Assist Citizen	1	Juvenile	6	Suspicious	2
Assist Other Agency	5	Mental Health	39	Transfer	1
Child Abuse	1	Noise	1	Trespassing	1
Civil	1	Out of Unit	1	TS	1
Civil Standby	1	Ordinance Violation	1	Warrant	1
Disturbance	8	Protection Order Violation	1	Welfare Check	34
EPC	3	Remove Party	1	Total	120
Health Hazard	1	Rescue	9		

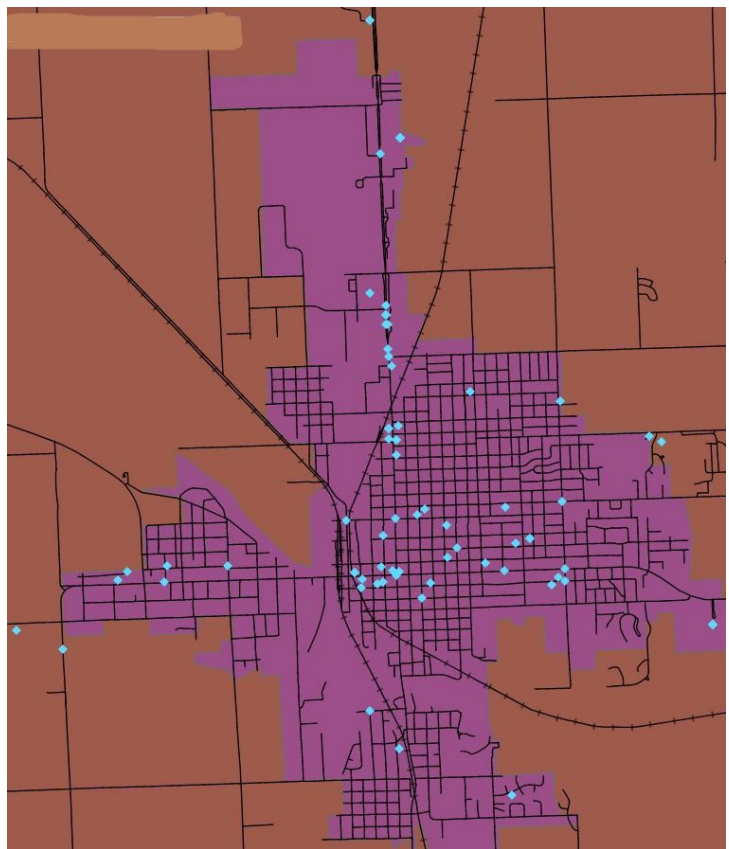
Accident Tallies for 2022

Types of Accidents

Officer Responded but no formal report taken	44
Property Damage	219
Hit and Run	68
Injury	37
Fatality	0
Total	368



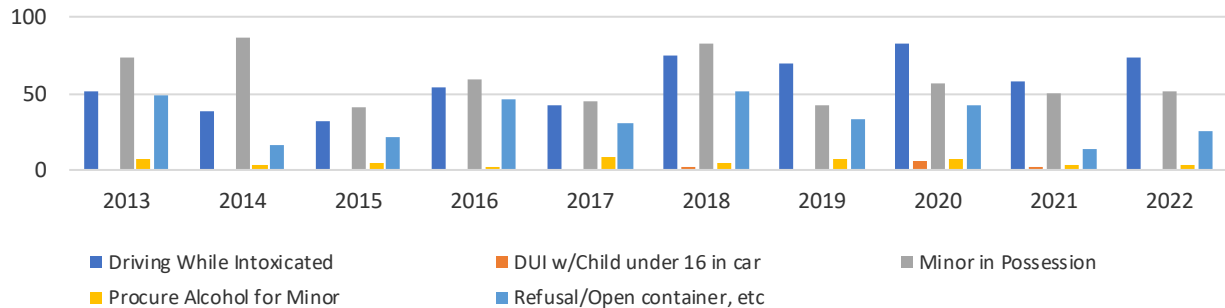
Injury Accidents



Hit and Run Accidents

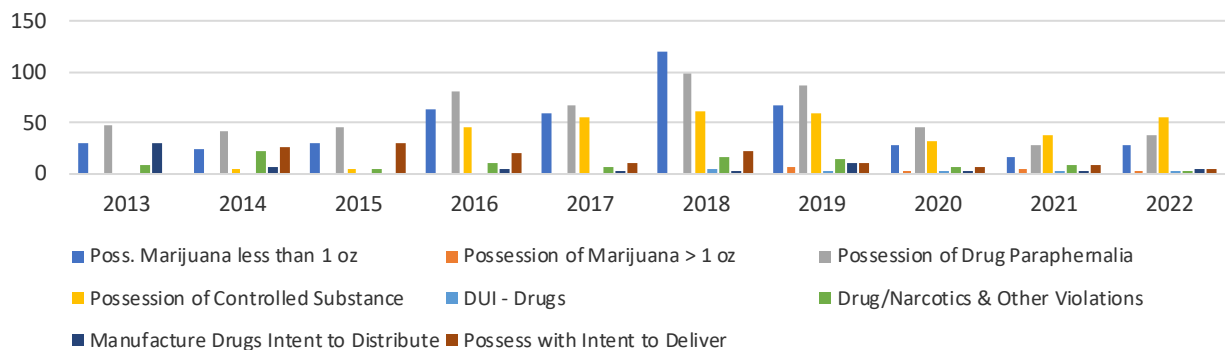
Alcohol Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Driving While Intoxicated	52	39	32	54	42	75	69	83	58	73
DUI w/Child under 16 in car						2		6	1	
Minor in Possession	74	87	41	59	45	83	42	56	50	51
Procure Alcohol for Minor	7	3	4	2	8	5	7	7	3	3
Refusal/Open cont.,02etc	49	16	21	46	30	51	33	42	14	26
Total	182	145	98	161	125	216	151	194	126	153



Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Poss. Marijuana less than 1 oz	30	23	29	64	60	119	68	28	17	27
Possession of Marijuana > 1 oz							6	2	4	3
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	48	41	46	80	68	98	87	46	27	37
Possession of Controlled Substance	0	5	5	46	55	62	60	32	37	55
DUI - Drugs						4	2	2	1	3
Drug/Narcotics & Other Violations	9	21	5	10	6	16	14	6	8	3
Manufacture Drugs Intent to Distribute	30	6	0	5	2	3	10	1	2	5
Possess with Intent to Deliver	0	26	29	20	10	21	10	6	9	4
Totals	117	122	114	225	201	323	257	123	105	137

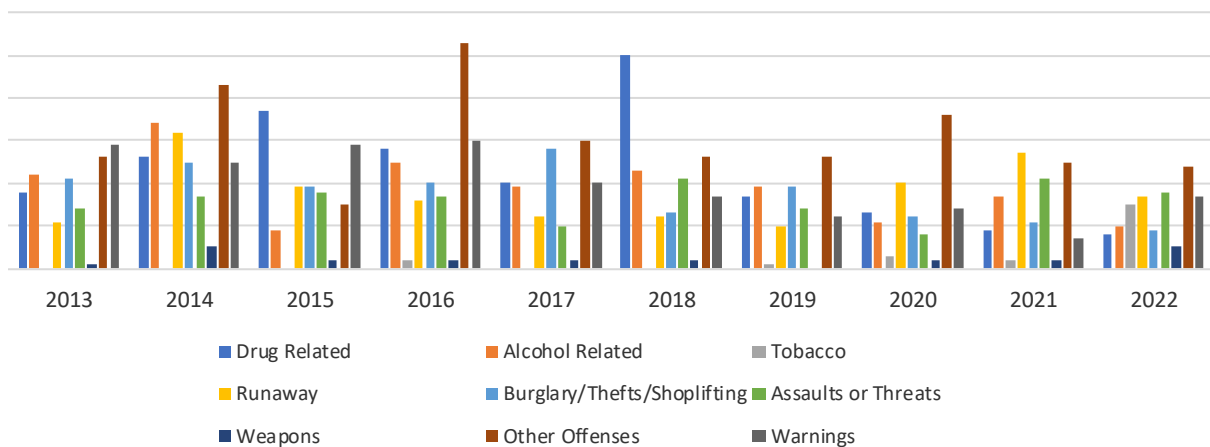


Juvenile Arrests and Citations

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

Type of Arrest	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	5	7	14	13	8	27	8	6	5	5
Possession Marijuana more than 1 oz	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	7	10	14	8	8	9	4	4	2	3
Drug/Narcotics Violations	0	2	0	7	4	9	3	2	2	0
Manufacture Drugs/Intent to Distribute	6	7	9	0	0	5	0	1	0	0
.02 Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Minor In Possession	19	34	9	18	16	22	19	7	16	9
Procure Alcohol for Minor	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Open Container	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0
Driving While Intoxicated	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	1	0	1
Use of Tobacco by a Minor	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	2	17
Runaway	11	32	19	16	12	12	10	20	27	17
Truancy	14	4	6	10	2	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary/Thefts/Shoplifting	21	25	19	20	28	13	19	12	11	9
Sexual Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Assaults or Threats	13	17	16	16	10	20	14	6	20	16
Assault on an Officer	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	2	1	1
Weapons Violations	1	5	2	2	2	2	0	2	2	5
Other Offenses	12	39	9	43	28	26	26	36	25	24
Juvenile Contacts(warnings)	29	25	29	30	20	17	12	14	7	17
Total	142	207	148	193	141	164	118	119	121	125

Juvenile Arrest Charges

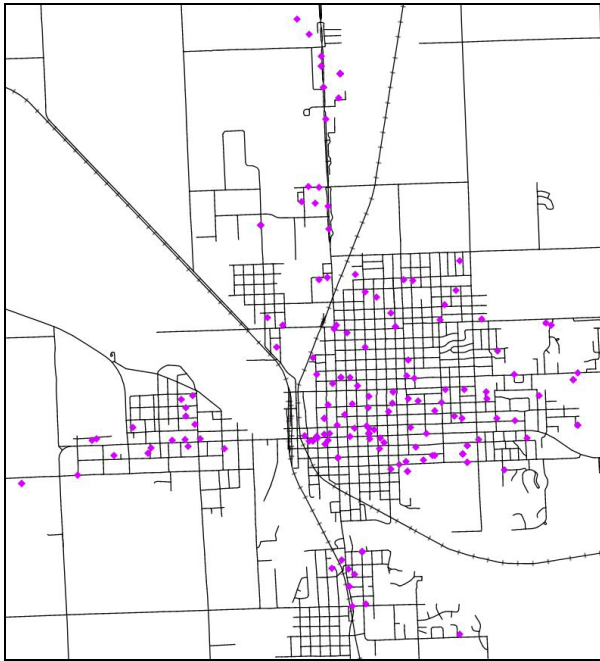
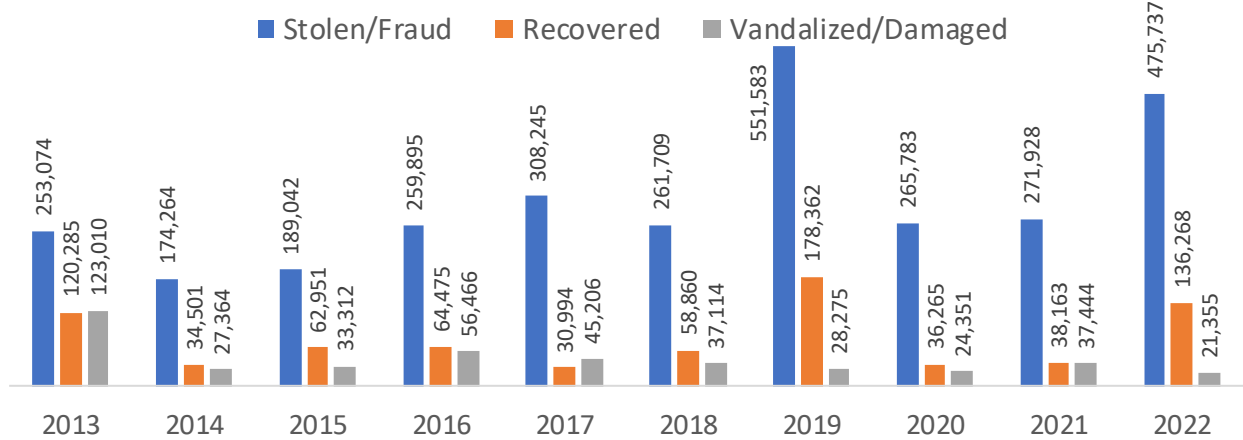


Arrest Charges

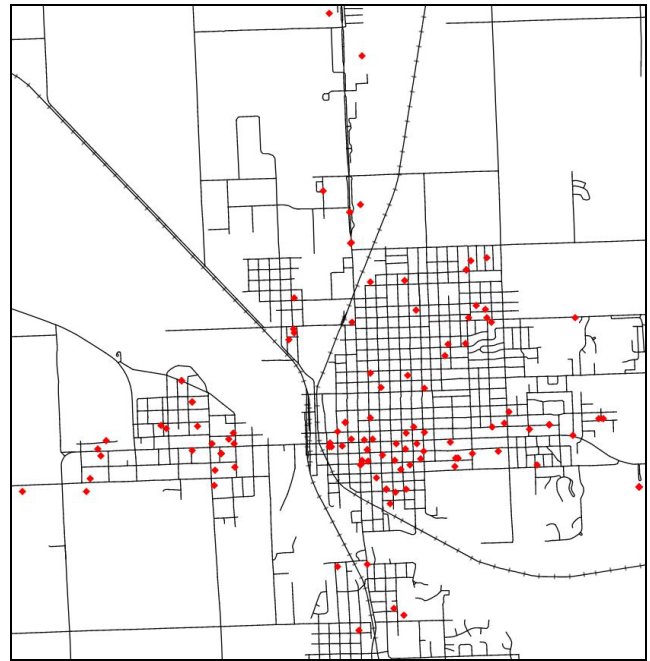
(Traffic Offenses not included)

Type of Charges	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Assault 1 st /2 nd /3 rd	23	18	15	31	29	40	23	32	36	30
Assault on an Officer	2	2	5	4	1	5	1	6	3	6
Strangulation	7	10	8	6	5	1	4	4	7	6
Domestic Assault	41	35	32	41	33	27	24	35	40	35
Protection Order Violations	9	21	7	20	10	8	8	28	11	13
Sexual Assaults 1st/ 2nd/ 3rd & child	8	2	2	0	2	5	2	4	0	1
Terroristic Threats/ Threats	24	14	22	18	9	17	18	5	11	9
Murder in the 2 nd Degree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Drug Violations	117	122	114	225	201	323	257	123	105	137
Burglary	14	9	4	5	8	7	9	3	4	6
Theft	32	38	43	43	21	22	27	25	16	19
Robbery	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1
Motor Vehicle Homicide	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft/Unauth Use	2	2	0	4	0	3	2	3	1	1
Criminal Mischief	22	23	17	31	16	27	34	33	20	16
Child Abuse/Neglect	28	24	19	35	22	34	40	34	14	19
Weapons Violations	14	18	14	20	20	26	30	14	15	31
Disorderly Conduct	20	10	10	16	21	10	10	5	8	9
Minor In Possession	74	87	41	59	45	83	42	56	50	51
Procuring	7	3	4	2	8	5	7	7	3	3
DWI	52	39	32	54	42	81	69	91	59	73
Other Alcohol offenses	49	16	25	46	33	51	33	42	14	26
Forgery 1st Degree	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Resisting Arrest	3	2	5	6	7	8	7	10	5	12
Flight to Avoid Arrest	2	2	1	4	2	2	0	7	1	4
Other Offenses & Citations	325	343	249	150	145	120	261	153	241	144
Total Arrests	875	842	673	821	681	905	907	723	664	653

Property Crime Stats



Thefts



Vandalisms

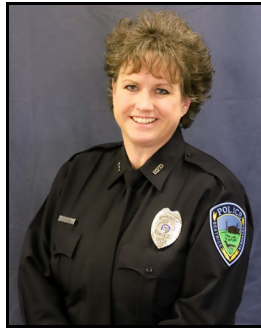
Investigative Services



Lieutenant Jay Murphy
1990



Investigator
Erin Byrne
1996



Juvenile Services Officer
Jennifer Klaus
1994



Narcotics Investigator
Shane Maloley
2009



Criminal Investigations Unit 2022

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

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

During 2022, the Investigations Unit was directly assigned 763 calls for service. In addition, the Investigations Unit assisted road patrol on 199 various cases and numerous outside agencies with investigations of crimes in their jurisdictions which had ties to Beatrice. The Investigations Unit continues to work with other agencies in regard to Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC). These cases involve crimes such as possession of child pornography, online enticement of a child, and any other cyber-crime involving a child. The Investigations Unit sometimes is requested to install covert surveillance cameras in Beatrice businesses and home residences in order to solve theft or other crime related issues.

The investigations unit also assisted in the searches of cell phones and computers for various Beatrice Police Department cases as well as outside surrounding agency cases. These searches are done with a software/hardware program called Cellebrite. These update costs are shared between Beatrice, Gage County Attorney's Office and Wymore Police Department. Total number of cell phone searches in 2022 totaled 38. These searches can take up to two hours per search. Cell phone searches are completed to obtain information on various types of cases in which a cell phone may have been somehow involved.

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 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.

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

Felony Crimes Reported in Beatrice	Offenses Reported	Arrests Made
Fraud/Counterfeit/False Pretense	8	4
Felony Drug Offenses	65	62
Pornography	1	0
Forcible Rape/Sexual Assault	13	1
Aggravated Assault/Terroristic Threats	25	25
Burglary	18	5
Robbery	1	1
Weapons Law Violations	26	17
Arson	2	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	0
Family Offenses Nonviolent	11	5
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	4	3
Other Felony Offenses	71	35
	252	158

• Crime Scene Team

The Beatrice Police Department Crime Scene Team consists of sworn officers and civilians of the Beatrice Police Department. The team is activated to investigate large or complicated crime scenes. The duties of the team include collecting and preserving evidence, such as fingerprints, shoeprints, tool impressions, DNA, photographs, diagrams, video recording and all physical evidence at the scene. Members of the team have specialized training in all areas of crime scene investigations. The team is commanded by Lt Jay Murphy.

Generally, we have training at least once a year to stay up on the knowledge and skills needed for this unit. Training is already set for 2023. The crime scene team was not activated in 2022.

• Illegal Drug/Major Case Investigator

On 2022 the Narcotics office responded to 147 calls. These calls ranged from information on cases for other officers, indictments, warrants, or the daily calls assisted with road patrol.

During 2022, our Narcotics Officer, Officer Maloley, prepared 9 different affidavits for arrests. Also, during 2022, 3 indictments were prepared to hand over to the Nebraska State Patrol for federal charges. Officer Maloley also made 6 arrests on active warrants during the year. All of these warrants included multiple felonies from several different counties in Nebraska.

Fentanyl has been more prevalent in 2022 and a seizure of fentanyl, with a positive result by the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Lab, was made in Beatrice. An arrest warrant was drawn up for this seizure.

This office also assisted in several different cases, in conjunction with the Investigations Division. One of these cases was a sexual assault, investigated by the Narcotics/Major Crimes Office. This investigation led to an arrest which was made on December 31, 2022.

During 2022, Officer Maloley attended a drug interdiction training. He has been more active in working traffic in the city, in hopes of taking more narcotics off of the street. During some of this interdiction enforcement, Officer Maloley was involved in 2 pursuits. One pursuit was self-initiated, and the other was a Nebraska State Patrol pursuit that he assisted with.

• Juvenile Services

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

The role of law enforcement in child abuse cases is to investigate to determine if a violation of criminal law occurred, and if so, to gather and preserve physical and testimonial evidence. Only Law Enforcement officers are authorized to take children into temporary custody when there are reasonable grounds to believe a child is seriously endangered in his or her surroundings and immediate removal appears necessary to protect the child. The decision to place a child into protective custody rests solely with law enforcement.

In 2022 Beatrice Police Department received 246 child abuse/neglect reports. These reports consist of reports received from direct calls from school personnel, other concerned parties that contact the police directly or situational responses. This number does not reflect reports of welfare checks, which often times involve juveniles. The breakdown of these calls are as follows:

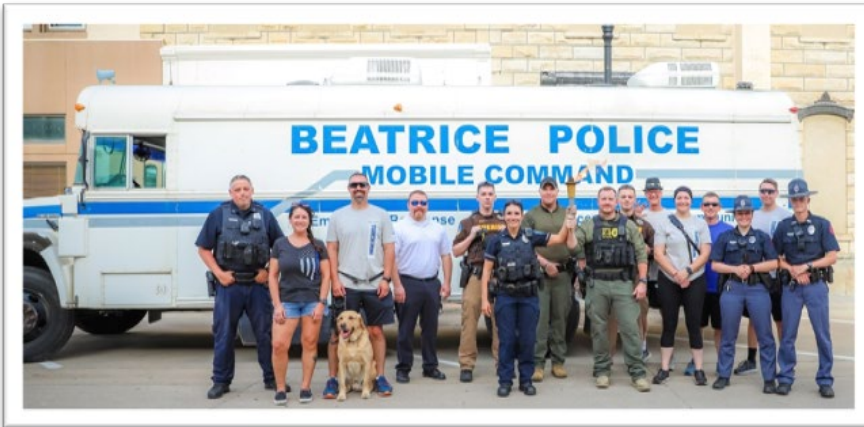
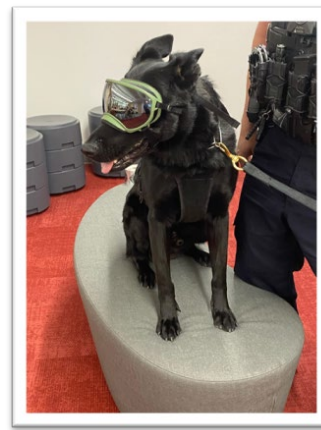
Child Abuse/Neglect incidents – 246
Child Custody - 30
Welfare Check incidents – 486

Other types of juvenile reports include reports of sexual assaults; 34 sexual assaults were investigated in 2022. This call type does not differentiate between juvenile and adult but the majority involve juvenile victims. Of these 34 reports, 29 became actual cases, 3 arrests were made, 3 were unfounded and the other 23 were either marked inactive, referred to other agencies or sent to the Gage County Attorney's Office for consideration of charges.

Juvenile victims, in a majority of cases, are required to be taken to the Child Advocacy Center in Lincoln as part of the investigation and require coordination and officer presence. In 2022, 29 interviews were completed at the Child Advocacy Center. Each of these interviews can take up to four hours, or even longer, depending on how talkative the child can be.

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

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



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Beatrice SRT

The Beatrice SRT team is a unit that was formed in the mid 1980's to respond to high-risk incidents. The team is made up of Beatrice Police Department personnel and Beatrice Fire and Rescue personnel. In 2022 the Beatrice Police Department SWAT team made the decision to change its name to the Beatrice Special Response Team (SRT). The update reflects a more modern Police Department. Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) is an old outdated term that was originally used by Police Departments in the 1980's. The name change to Special Response Team (SRT) reflects more of what the team is used for in emergency situations.

TRAINING:

SRT trains and works with the Gage County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Group. SRT is tasked with handling high risk situations such as hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, high-risk warrant service, and any situation that would require specialized tactics and equipment and would be out of the normal scope of a road patrol officer.

Beatrice SRT conducts training in the following areas:

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

In 2022, the change was made to have SRT members train 8 hours per month starting in 2023. This change helps the SRT to be more in-line with training recommendations made from the National Tactical Officers Association. SRT completed 48 hours of training in 2022 and snipers completed an additional 48 hours. A new member also attended and passed the Nebraska State Patrol SWAT School to be certified as a member.

SWAT CALL OUTS:

In 2022 the Special Response Team had three call outs. One was to assist the Gage County Sheriff's Office with a search warrant, one was to execute a search warrant on behalf of the Gage County Sheriff's Office as they executed another search warrant. The last one was a call out for a mentally unstable person. Members also assisted the Gage County Sheriff's Office with a search warrant in Pickrell.

The Beatrice Emergency Armored Service Truck (BEAST) was deployed twice in 2022. One was to assist the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in searching for suspects of a pursuit that came to Beatrice. The BEAST was deployed to search in fields for the individual that had ran on foot from the pursuit. The BEAST was also used during the mental health call. The BEAST was used in the Holiday lighted parade and several community events.

SUCCESSES:

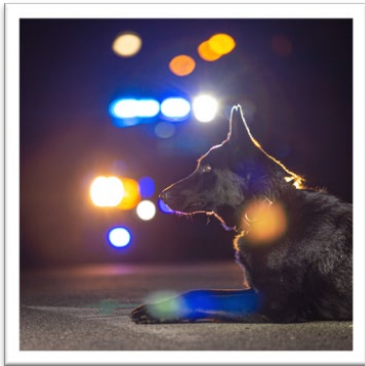
The success of the operations performed by the SRT in 2022 should be noted. SRT executed search warrants that lead to the collection of evidence and arrest with no issues. The most notable call out was with a mentally ill individual. After the individual set fire to his residence members of the SRT went into the house, as it was on fire, and successfully extracted the individual. The actions of the SRT members saved this individuals life. Every member of this team is a dedicated, self-motivated, highly trained individual that exemplifies what it means to be a Beatrice Police Officer.

K9 Unit 2022

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

Sergeant Hosick and K9 Thomas are a Certified Narcotics Detection Team and a Certified Patrol Dog Team in the State of Nebraska. K9 Thomas, a black Shepard, is utilized for narcotics detection, and also utilized for criminal apprehension, building searches, and assists the Beatrice SWAT Team on operations. K9 Thomas has the ability to track missing persons.

K9 Toro was reassigned to Officer Lauenstein in 2021. Officer Lauenstein, one of two School Resource Officers, and K9 Toro are a Certified Narcotics Detection Team in the State of Nebraska. Toro, a yellow British Labrador, not only serves as a narcotics detection dog, but also serves as a community-based service dog, utilized for educational functions, public service events and events with local youth. Officer Lauenstein and K9 Toro work primarily at Beatrice High School, but are also an assistance to Beatrice Road Patrol Officers



Drone Program

New in July 2022, the Beatrice Police Department established a drone program. This program was made possible by generous donations from the community.

Currently the department has one (1) DJI Drone at their disposal with one certified pilot. The department continues to receive donations for the program with a goal to acquire additional drones for different operations. The current drone was utilized 4 times during the year.



Gage County Victim Assistance Program

- The Gage County Victim Assistance Program has been in existence since 1995. It is supported by Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) federal grant funds, in-kind and cash match by the City of Beatrice and Gage County.
- Mission: The Gage County Victim Assistance Program is a free public service offering information, practical assistance and crisis intervention to victims of crime in Gage County. Victims endure physical suffering, as well as, emotional distress. Crime imposes financial hardship on the victim, such as loss of wages, medical bills, and property damages. Anger, guilt, and confusion occur as a result of the crime and are naturally followed with feelings of anxiety, fear and frustration towards the criminal justice system. The Gage County Victim Assistance Program ensures the victims' rights are upheld in the criminal justice system. Our purpose is to assist the victim with information concerning the case, possible compensation and provide support. We personally encourage and support the victim and their family throughout the process, while treating the victim with dignity and empowering them, as well as, showing compassion during this traumatic time. The criminal justice system is meant to bring justice and relief to victims and their families. The process, however, is long and complex. Time is needed for the correct information to be acquired and for information to be filtered through the different levels of the justice system. Our office will help guide victims through the legal steps.
- The Victim Assistance Coordinator and Victim Assistant Advocate as part of their daily duties, the Victim Assistance Coordinator and Victim Assistant Advocate make initial contact with victims, provide case update, assist with State Crime Victims' Compensation paperwork, assist with the Victim Impact Statement (VIS), communicate for prosecutors, attend pre-trial meetings, provide court/law enforcement accompaniment, make referrals to community partners and services, assistance with protection orders, follow up contact and address all questions/concerns about the criminal justice process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator is also responsible for coordination with partnering agencies, grant writing and quarterly reporting of financial and statistical reports required for VOCA funding.
- The Gage County Victim Assistance Program was awarded additional funding from the Nebraska Crime Commission to hire two-part time advocates in November 2015 through September 2016. We were awarded funding to hire one full time advocate beginning October 1, 2016. The full-time advocate began working with the program on December 1, 2016. The full-time advocate is an assistant to the coordinator and is responsible for daily operations of the program to include direct contact, either face-to-face or via phone with crime victims, assistance with protection orders, criminal justice advocacy, follow up contact, and enters statistical data.
- The Beatrice Police Department hired a new Victim Assistance Coordinator in April 2021, after the last coordinator retired after 20 years of serving Gage County crime victims. The new coordinator has over 10 years of victim advocacy experience, mainly working with survivors of domestic violence, rape/sexual assault, human sex/labor trafficking, as well as, child welfare, juvenile justice, diversity/equity work, child abuse prevention and is a certificated Mental Health First Aid trainer. The coordinator has a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology and an emphasis in Counseling.

- The Assistant Victim Advocate has been with the Gage County Victim Assistance Program since December 1, 2016. The Assistant Victim Advocate has a Master's in Counseling and has worked in the fields of developmental disabilities, intensive family preservation, drug and alcohol counseling, with incarcerated populations, sexual perpetrator rehabilitation, as well as, working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and within the adult and juvenile justice systems.
- The Gage County Victim Assistance Program is available 24/7 to assist crime victims and law enforcement if called upon by the shift supervisor. The victim assistance program works closely with the Beatrice Police Department, Gage County Sheriff's Department, Wymore Police Department & NE State Patrol, as well as, the Gage County Attorney's Office.
- This program provides services to all victims of crime in Gage County. Some services are:

Crisis Intervention	Personal Advocacy
Criminal Justice Advocacy	Protection Order Assistance
Property Release	Restitution
General Information/Assistance	Safety Planning
911 Cellular Phones	Transportation
Court Proceedings	Parole Information
NE Crime Victim's Reparations Program	Victim's Impact Statement
NE Victim's of Crime Alert Portal Registration	
- The Victim Assistance Coordinator services on the:
 - **Gage County Child Abuse and Neglect Treatment Team**
 - The mission of the Gage County Child Abuse and Neglect Treatment Team is to ensure a comprehensive multi-disciplinary approach to assist children who are abused and/or neglected, who are suspected of or at risk of abuse and/or neglect, and who are exhibiting multi-problem delinquent behavior to include cases where the Juvenile Court is not involved, where their needs are not being met by the current systems.
 - **Nebraska Partnership Against the Trafficking of Humans (NE PATH)**
 - Nebraska PATH facilitates connection between those involved in the anti-trafficking movement to build a competent, trauma-responsive, and survivor-centered response to human trafficking in Nebraska.
 - **Community Justice Committee of Gage County MAPS**
 - Multiple Agencies Partnering for Success (MAPS) Coalition is a collaboration of over 50 individuals, agencies, and organizations that work to improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities in Gage County.

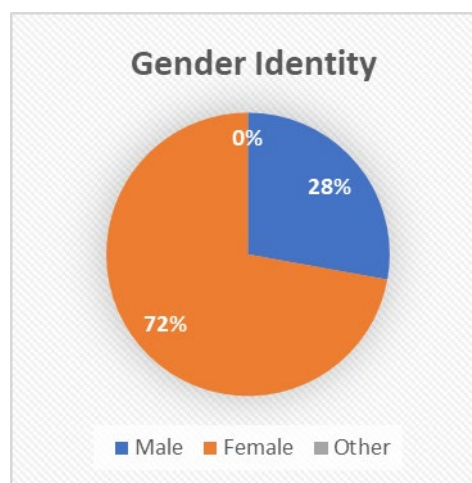
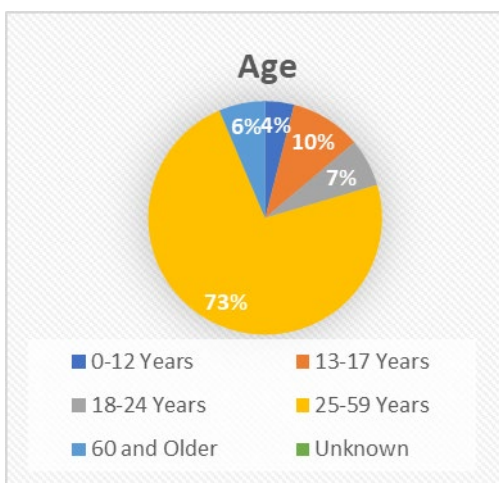
Chevis Krull
Victim Assistance Coordinator

Marty Seymour
Victim Assistant

Victim Assistance Program Statistics 2022

TYPE OF SERVICE	# OF TIMES PROVIDED	
	2022	2021
Emotional Support & Safety Services	1956	2,079
Personal Advocacy & Accompaniment	362	271
Information about the Criminal Justice Process & Referral	4190	4,582
Emergency Financial Assistance	10	5
Law Enforcement Interview/Accompaniment	305	231
Criminal & Civil Justice System Advocacy	4950	5,108
Compensation Assistance	20	18
Transportation	9	4
Protection Order Assistance	445	500
Total # of Services Provided	11,458	12,040
Total # of Victims Served	782	776

Demographics- 2022



Types of Victimizations & Number of Crime Victims Who Received Services

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

Types of Victimization	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Adult Physical Assault	94	94	193	150	154	202
Adult Sexual Assault	34	44	53	36	9	37
Adults Sexual Abused as Children	2	1	24	7	5	0
Arson	4	3	1	64	16	0
Bullying (verbal, cyber or physical)	10	27	24	0	1	1
Burglary	101	68	39	124	97	95
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect	167	144	420	113	62	97
Child Pornography	0	0	0	4	2	5
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	101	161	209	237	108	77
Domestic and/or Family Violence	793	749	808	1080	813	875
DUI/DWI Incidents	26	10	14	9	33	25
Elder Abuse/Neglect	4	5	0	2	1	0
Hate Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking Labor/Sex	0	1	1	0	0	0
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	157	57	11	5	8	3
Kidnapping (custodial/non-custodial)	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mass Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Victimization (hit & run etc.)	94	49	33	16	18	13
Robbery	2	8	20	28	22	3
Stalking/Harassment	256	354	355	372	355	3
Survivors of Homicide Victims	44	40	5	0	5	0
Teen Dating Victimization	18	0	0	0	0	0
Terrorism (domestic/international)	0	0	1	1	0	0
Other (PO violations, criminal mischief etc.)	196	131	232	133	256	273
Total	2104	1946	2443	2381	1956	2050



Testimony

Law Enforcement Perspective:

- “They VAU is a great asset that mends the gap between Law Enforcement & the citizens we serve.” -Ofc. Tim Price, Road Patrol
- “I am so thankful for the ability to refer the victims I come into contact with to the VAU, knowing they will be taken care of!” – Zac Lauenstein,

Victim/Survivor Perspective:

- "The emotional support from both ladies is top notch. They both were there for me in court, Chevis especially was a rock for me during the sentencing hearing!" **-Victim of Domestic Violence**
- "The confidentiality, encouragement, and support in general." **-Victim of DUI Accident**
- "You helped lead me on a journey to remember that I am worthy, I am enough, I am strong, I am brave. I'll never be able to thank you!" **-Victim of Domestic Violence**
- "Everything I have learned through this process was all new information to me, I would have been so lost. They were helpful & informative." **-Victim of Theft**
- “They make you feel okay, not like you are stupid for being in a dumb bad place in life. That was very nice and helpful.” **-Victim of Domestic Violence**
- “Emotionally available, willing to understand my severe PTSD, anxiety, panic attacks, and knowing how to properly help.” **-Victim of SA**
- “I couldn’t have gone through this without Chevis or Marty, the system is not very user friendly to victims.” **-Victim of Domestic Violence**
- “Emotionally available whenever I needed additional support and feeling overwhelmed. They assisted me through the process of filing for a protection order.” **-Victim of Stalking**
- “” I am so truly thankful for you and your program, thank you again for just being there to chat with.” **-Victim of Domestic Violence**
- “I never felt alone, she stayed with me through the whole process. Thank you!” **-Victim of Sexual Assault**

School Resource Officer Program (SRO)

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. SRO's are working to build relationships with the students they serve in a variety of ways. Officer Lauenstein continues in the SRO role for his 12th year, out of his 20 years with Beatrice PD, Officer Nesbitt is continuing her SRO role for her first full school year, bringing 8 years of law enforcement experience.

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

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

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

SRO's work with Beatrice Public Schools to fit the needs and support students and their families. Examples of this is utilizing K9 Toro as a social support for students as long as it does not interfere with his duties as a Police Service Dog. Working with community organizations the SRO at the high school added the BHS Mini Market, which is designed to increase access to food for those families facing food insecurities. It has been a successful program that has been supported well by the school and community. Having a single purpose narcotics detection K9 (Toro) in the high school is designed to deter students from engaging in drug crimes, specifically at the school. If the prevention efforts fail, SRO Lauenstein and Toro are a Nebraska certified Drug Detector Team who can be utilized both inside and outside of the school. The prevention seems to be working, which is supported by the times that school administrators have requested a sweep of the parking lot and locker rooms for drug odor and it has resulted in no drugs found, even with Toro's superior abilities. Toro has also helped grow even more relationships since dogs are often a great unifying factor.

Officer Lauenstein worked 67 cases during the school year (an almost 100% increase), including drug cases, weapons violations, sexual assaults, mental health, child abuses and assaults just to name a few. The reason for the increase of cases, as well as the later reported arrests/tickets is vaping violations. Officer Nesbitt worked 47 similar cases during the same time, also an increase of almost 100% from last year. However official case reports account for a very small percentage of what a SRO does, but having a sworn officer in the schools is beneficial to both the police department and the school when situations arise. The overwhelming majority of contacts with SRO do not even result in a case report being generated, BPS has an internal logging system to track documented contacts. While it is impossible to log every contact, efforts are made to accurately document important interactions between students and SRO's. During 2022 there were a total of 210 law enforcement contacts logged in the school data system. Of those 179 were logged on

high school students, 3 on Stoddard Elementary students, 1 at the Community Preschool and the remaining 27 logged contacts at Beatrice Middle School. Of the 179 high school contacts logged, 13 students accounted for 16 arrests, a roughly 50% increase, but the majority of these were from vaping/tobacco violations. Only 1 arrest was logged from the 27 contacts at the middle school, for criminal mischief. It is nearly impossible for a SRO to log all contacts with students and it should be noted that several of the 210 contacts are for positive reasons, but contacts are still vastly underreported.

BPD records show that Officer Nesbitt issued 8 citations and Officer Lauenstein issued 26 citations. Continued efforts will be done to ensure accurate documentation in the school records system. Not all of those citations were BHS students, for example one was a student from a visiting school for an athletic event using drugs in a bathroom. BPS recently installed air quality and sound monitoring devices in areas around some buildings that also can detect the use of vaping devices and Marijuana/THC. While it is a deterrent for most, it is also helpful in the detection for those who continue to use these items in school. This is the primary reason for the increase in cases and arrests.

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

Zac Lauenstein - SRO - Beatrice High School
Natasha Nesbitt - SRO - Beatrice Middle School



Speaker Service and Community Policing

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

Beatrice Public Schools, various church groups, service clubs, businesses and other community groups and classes requesting the service. The most requested topics are: fraud, drug use in our community, K-9 presentations along with the SRO's speaking to classes in the schools. Officers also spent time informing people about the Police Department and Officer Duties.

Numerous groups continue to tour the Beatrice Police Department including Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.

- **Holiday Events**

Officers participated in the Downtown Night of the Great Pumpkin and the Trick or Treat event, speaking to Children and family members. The Police Department hosted the public in a Community Connections Carnival event in Charles Park where they were able to meet the public, host games and held an information gathering opportunity to assist with emergency response. An outdoor movie was also scheduled but was cancelled due to rain and cold weather. The armored vehicle was decorated and officers drove it in the Downtown Lighted Parade during the Christmas Holiday.

- **Lunch with a Cop**

In 2022 Lunch with a Cop received two donations, one came all the way from Texas, for a total of \$700. Due to staffing levels we were not able to have as many one on one lunches as we normally do. But, this year we added some new lunch experiences to our traditional one on one lunch dates. In March several officers and about a dozen students had a catered lunch get together at the high school. The group of students were those interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement or had taken criminal justice classes in the past. In May we threw a pizza party at the middle school for The House of Tapatahi. There are about 50 students in each house, and throughout the year students earn points for being responsible, doing kind acts, and having good grades. 50 kids and a bunch of cops eating pizza, what else can you ask for? Officer McCormick added a new exciting lunch date option. Fishing with a Cop. Unfortunately, we were only able to do one fishing trip due to staffing. Officer McCormick and Officer Jordan went fishing and lunching with two well deserving brothers. It was a great experience for everyone. We hope to have more exaggerated fishing stories to come in 2023. Officer Kristine Mangers

- **Special Olympics**

The Beatrice Police Department continued their partnership with our Special Olympics community. We strive to spread awareness and advocate for inclusion for our athletes. We were able to finally resume our annual Law Enforcement Torch Run. The outcome of community support and participants was humbling even with the few years of having to halt the run. I continued my role as a council member on the Special Olympics Nebraska Executive Council. I was invited to attend the LETR National Conference in Round Rock, Tx and was able to bring back home some fresh motivation and new ideas for involvement and fundraising. We continue to thank the community for their support and involvement and our athletes thank you even more! Officer Natasha Nesbitt

- **Free Ride Home Program**

The Beatrice Police Department has partnered with Yellow Cab and Gage County MAPS since 2019 allowing officers, bars and restaurants in Beatrice to give vouchers for a free ride home to impaired drivers. A total of 234 vouchers were given out in 2022. Sgt Ethan Jordan

- **Citizen's Academy**

In 2022 the Citizen's Academy only had 4 people attend the course. There were several applications for the program however, only 4 ended up attending. The course was still put on and people that attended the course still enjoyed it and stated they learned a lot. The course will again be held in 2023 with a date yet to be determined. Sgt Zac Smith

- **Stuff the Cruiser**

The Beatrice Police Department FOP Lodge 84 held the annual Stuff the Cruiser Program this year, with outstanding results. This toy drive was halted last year due to unforeseen circumstances, and the FOP was excited to implement it again. Some changes to the program this year include a partnership with not only the YMCA as in years past, but also partnerships with non-profits from around the Southeast Nebraska region, to include Blue Valley Community Action, Blue Valley Behavioral Health, Sheepgate, the Legion Riders, Court Appointed Special Advocates, the Willow Center, Central Plains Center for Services, the Beatrice Public Preschool, and Hope Crisis. These non-profits provided needed families for services from the toy drive, and were allowed to provide several toys to those in need thanks to our outstanding community and their belief in this program. The mobile command bus was filled with toys during the one day out at Walmart, and nearly \$3,000 in monetary donations were collected. The FOP cannot thank you all enough for your support in a program we believe so much in. Sergeant Derrick Hosick

