

A Word from Chief Lang...



Dear Mayor Schuster and Members of the Beatrice City Council,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you our 2010 Beatrice Police Department Annual Report. A combined effort by numerous members of the Department allows this information to be put together and Traci Baehr assembles the final product. Beatrice reflects the National trend of a slight decrease in serious crime. We were fortunate to not have a homicide this year both from the personal tragedy involved and also from the financial burden a major case places on our budget.

Property crime remains a problem in the community with nearly 600 reported cases. Anytime you have this many reports in a community our size you don't have to go far before you talk to someone who has been a victim. We continue to make arrests in these cases, but it seems like someone is quick to take their place. Car break-ins and random burglaries of people looking for prescription drugs remain a significant problem.

As of the writing of this report we are technically fully staffed. Sgt Tony Lenners is recovering from Cancer treatment and should return to duty soon and Officer Tom Oelschlager is currently attending the Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island. We look forward to these individuals being assigned to a shift and to contribute to the overall effectiveness of the Department.

We have modified some of our dispatch procedures and are conducting simulator training to insure our communications center is functioning as effectively as possible. Change is not easy and we are working to improve the abilities of each of our dispatchers to insure we are utilizing the very limited resources of the center to the best way possible.

As you read through this report, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce E. Lang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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.”



Chief of Police
Bruce Lang
1992



Police Secretary
Traci Baehr
2005



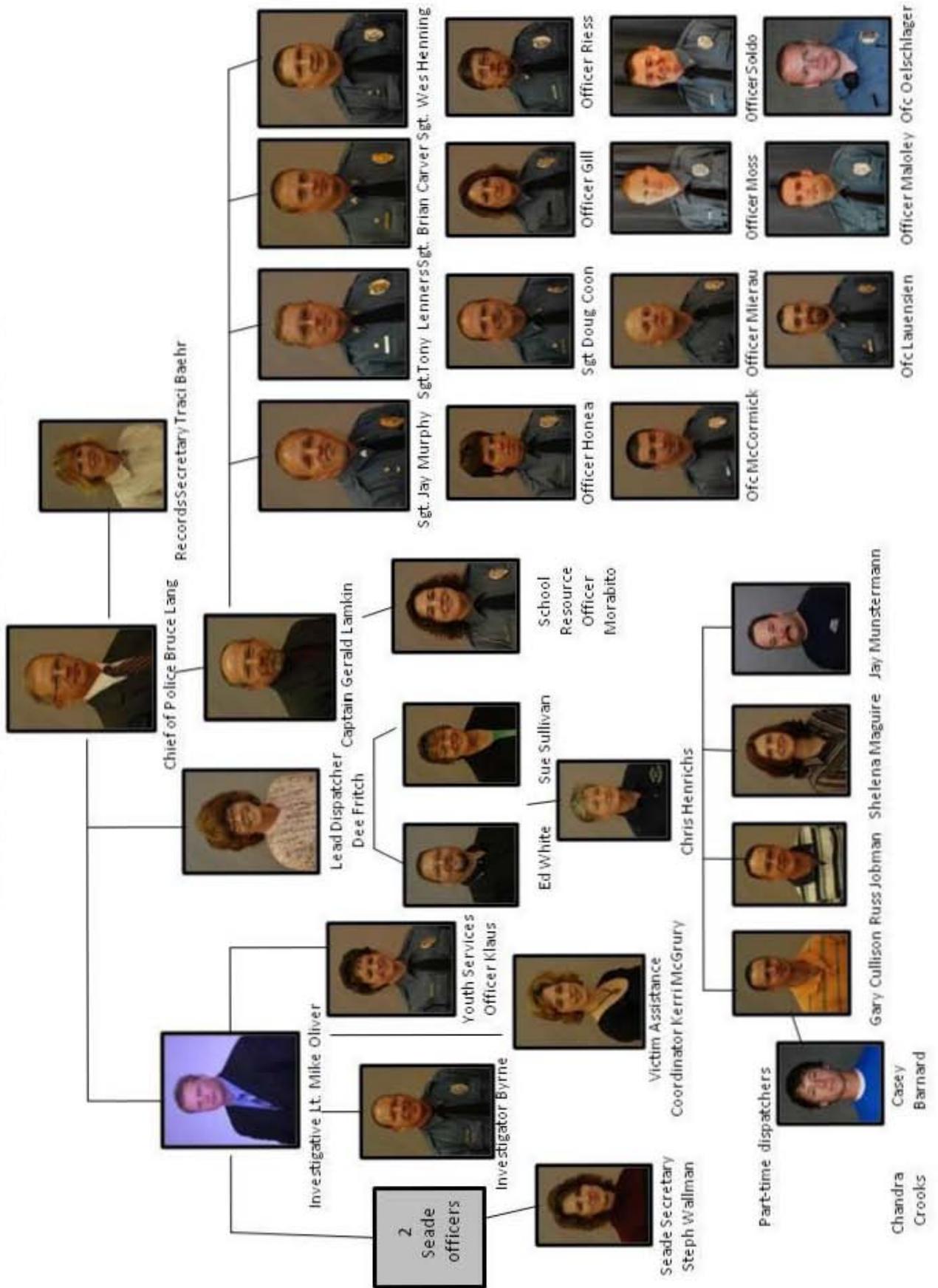
Victim Assistance Coordinator
Kerri McGrury
1998



SEADE Task Force Secretary/Juvenile Services Coordinator
Stephanie Wallman
2000

Administration

Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart



Changes in Staff 2010

Promotions

- None

Internal Transfers

- Erin Byrne – Investigator
- Doug Coon – Temporary Sergeant
- Colleen Morabito – School Resource Officer
- Robert Soldo – K9 Officer

New Hires

- Thomas Oelschlager – Police Officer – October 4, 2010
- Chandra Crooks – Part Time Dispatcher – August 12, 2010

Resignations

- Tina Vath – Investigator
- Cecilia Rosentreader - Part Time Dispatcher
- Judy Braun – Part Time Dispatcher

Retirements

- None

2010 Grants

This year, as it has been in past years, most of our grant funding was provided by the Office of Highway Safety, through the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles. We were very fortunate to have been awarded five grants through highway safety in 2010 that totaled over \$ 11,132. The funding for three of these grants allowed us to concentrate our traffic enforcement efforts to specific areas of drinking and driving as well as seat belt enforcement. The name of the officer assigned to oversee the specific grant is listed below.

In May, for a two week period, we conducted a Click it or Ticket mini grant. This program is designed to encourage compliance with our State's law on the motor vehicle occupant protection system (seatbelt) usage. From the pre-enforcement to the post enforcement survey we were delighted to see a 20% compliance increase.

Grant Award: \$922
Officer Joe McCormick

From August 20 to September 5 we took part in the Nationwide "You Drink & Drive You Lose" campaign, which complements our zero tolerance on Driving Under the Influence violations.

Grant Award: \$3,750
Officer Kristine Gill

Our third grant was a repeat of the Click It or Ticket mini grant. This grant period ran from November 22 – 28. The post enforcement survey showed an increase of only 1% in seat belt usage; however the overall use by motorist visually surveyed was 62%, a number we can live with.

Grant Award: \$1,218
Officer Shane Maloley

In December our department was notified that we had been awarded two additional grants in the total amount of \$5,242.50. The grants were equipment specific and provided partial funding towards the total cost.

The first grant request was completed by Sgt Wes Henning. The grant was utilized to replace two dual antenna Stalker brand speed measuring devices (radars). This grant provided \$1,800.00 leaving us to fund only \$1,990.00.

The second grant request was completed by Sgt Lenner. This grant allowed us to purchase an additional digital in-car camera system, permitting us to place an in-car camera in all marked units. The grant totaled \$3,442.50 with our balance remaining at \$1,147.50.

Although these supplemental cash match grants require us to budget for the total cost of the equipment, the funding provided by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety allows the city to place these amounts back into the general fund.

The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice awarded a grant for the continued operation of the Victim Assistance Program. The program is geared specifically for individuals but is a valuable complement to all law enforcement agencies in our county.

Grant Award: \$37,611
Program Director Kerri McGrury

The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice awarded an ARRA grant to offer support to the continued operation of the Victim Assistance Program. This position was to provide funding for a part time Victim Advocate. The Victim Assistance Program is geared specifically for individuals but is a valuable complement to all law enforcement agencies in our county.

Grant Award: \$11,196
Program Director Kerri McGrury

We are in year two of a four year grant in which our agency was one of only a handful in the State of Nebraska, to be selected to receive a grant from the U. S. Department of Justice. This grant focuses on Community Oriented Policing Services which mirrors our mission statement. Full funding is provided for the first three years, enabling us to retain an entry level officer while we face a stringent economic crisis. We have been utilizing the COPS Hiring Recovery Program funds to maintain our involvement and commitment to community policing by continuing to be active with other governmental agencies, community members, nonprofit and service providers, private business, and the media to continue focusing on the safety of the community.

In addition to our routine community policing activities, we have continued to present monthly programs to the community. These programs included a presentation on avoiding being a distracted driver, internet crimes against children, dangerous drugs and many more. We also met with banks in the community to review bank security procedures. The Chief of Police has continued to write a weekly Saturday column in our local newspaper called "Ask the Chief", which has been well received by the citizens of the community.

We hosted a poster contest during the month of October in recognition of National Crime Prevention Month. Elementary schools in Beatrice participated in the event by designing over 300 posters on what they thought a safe community is. This event was held in conjunction with elementary schools and businesses on Main Street Beatrice and our local media promoted the event.

Grant Award: \$158,607
Director Kerri McGrury

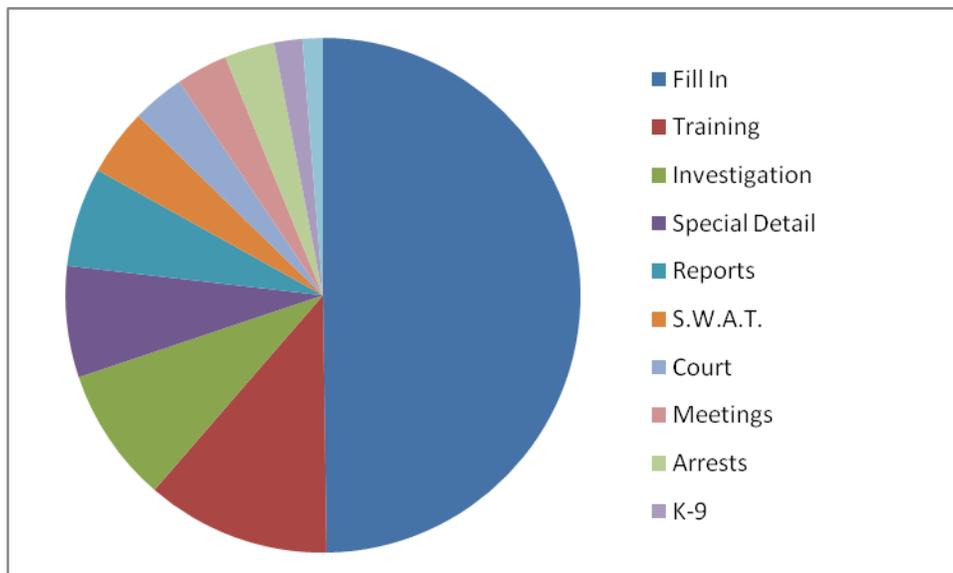
2010 Overtime

This year we had an increase in our overtime hours by slightly more than 58% over last year. The good news is that this increase was only 22% over two years ago. The largest increase came in the area of Fill In, with overtime in Arrests and Investigations showing slight increases. The Fill In overtime was caused by the temporary loss of two staff officers. We doubled the duties of two command officers; assigning each to specific shifts which allowed us to maintain minimum staffing for our Patrol Division and hold the Fill in overtime to an essential amount.

The category of training shows a 32% decrease, although training has increased in the Communications Center with the advancement of the dispatch simulator equipment. This general decrease is also due to separating specialized training categories from the general training group. The specialized training includes Crime Scene/Evidence, K-9, and Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.)

Overtime Totals

Arrests	79.5
Court	83.5
Fill In	1260.0
Investigation	215.0
Meetings	82.0
Reports	158.0
Special Detail	177.0
Training	293.0
K-9	44.5
S.W.A.T.	106.25
Crime Scene/Evidence	32.5
Total Overtime Hours	25321.25



COMMUNICATIONS



Dispatch Supervisor
Desiree Fritch
1985



Sue Sullivan
1992



Chris Henrichs
1993



Ed White
1994



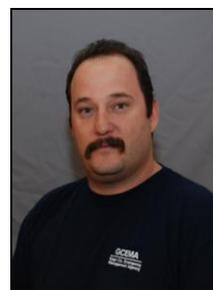
Shelena Maguire
2001



Russell Jobman
2003



Gary Cullison
2004



Jay Munstermann
2008

Part time Dispatchers



Kasey Barnard
2009

Chandra Crooks
2010

Communications Center 2010

The Beatrice Communications Center has operated the year of 2010 with seven full time dispatchers, three during the day hours and four during night shift hours. We still have the full time “floater” which covers dispatcher’s time off such as vacation or sickness and also assists in the Records Division. We have two part time dispatchers that help cover the weekend hours. Due to them having other jobs and attending school, it is difficult for them to cover weekday or evening hours.

A total of 21472 calls for service were taken in 2010. Several of the call types include numerous locations however a single call was not made for each and every location, for example, a Board of Public Works call involving power outages, one call is made with a list of numerous addresses entered into the remarks. We use this procedure on parking complaints when it snows. We make one location and add all the violators to that one call for service. A separate call for service is generated only when a vehicle is cited and towed.

Our major achievement for 2010 was getting the “dispatch simulator” up and running. This equipment was purchased by Gage County Emergency Management using Homeland Security funds. This allows the dispatchers to receive training using different scenarios set up and instructed by Sgt. Lenners and Chief Lang. Each dispatcher will have numerous phases to go through and this training eventually will also involve the uniformed officers/deputies along with fire and rescue personnel.

With well over 21000 calls coming into the Communication Center our activity ranges from very low to extremely hectic in a mere matter of heartbeats. During 2010 the Communication Center saw the number of traffic fatality accidents nearly double; we handled one drowning call on the Big Blue River and coordinated the communications on a major methamphetamine lab being uncovered in the City of Beatrice. All three of these specific calls require a lot of concentration which can add to the stress levels of the dispatchers but they all were handled professionally and without incident.

Dee Fritch



2010 Calls for Service

This list is a total for the entire county of Gage including the Beatrice Police Department, Gage County Sheriff's Office, Wymore Police Department, Nebraska Game and Parks, Board of Public Works, Animal Warden and all Gage County Rural Fire/Rescue Agencies.

CALL TYPE	2008	2009	2010
911 Hang Up	191	145	113
Accident/Fatality	7	3	7
Accident/Injuries	155	147	141
Accident/No Injuries	911	932	882
Adult Abuse	9	24	34
Alarm	70	42	43
ALS	14	12	17
Animal Bite	45	35	44
Animal Complaint	878	1036	1138
Animal Cruelty	124	99	106
Arson	6	4	1
Assault	169	145	171
Assist Citizen	201	266	265
Assist Other Agency	201	195	233
Attempted Suicide	11	13	21
Bar Check	303	274	375
Barking Dog	203	190	178
Board Of Public Works	244	228	213
Bomb Threat	1	0	0
Burglar Alarm	216	261	250
Burglary	133	166	187
Child Abuse	93	175	201
Civil	268	323	334
Complaint Against Officer	5	9	4
Compliance Check	1	0	56
Crimestoppers	25	23	16
Death	67	65	93
Disorderly Conduct	12	6	15
Disturbance	496	481	521
Drowning	0	0	1
Drug Information	78	96	135
Drug Lab	1	15	11
Drug Violation	39	51	63
DUS	55	55	53
Driving While Intoxicated	211	158	141
Embezzlement	2	1	1
Emergency Protective Custody	17	17	13

CALL TYPE	2008	2009	2010
Escort	137	132	124
Fail to Appear	23	18	15
False Reporting	5	1	4
Field Interview	232	189	116
Fire	194	249	191
Fire Alarm	141	122	133
Forgery	6	7	8
Found Animal	253	242	220
Found Property	235	250	258
Fraud	60	82	105
Gambling Violation	0	0	1
Game Violation	30	26	16
Gas Drive Off	93	67	69
General Information	975	258	284
Harassment	244	295	270
Health Hazard	63	67	72
Hitch Hiker	17	22	22
Homicide	0	0	0
ICAC	0	0	3
Identity Theft	6	12	5
Indecent Exposure	11	15	9
Injury	4	3	7
Jail Incident	0	7	4
Junked Motor Vehicle	136	127	62
Juvenile	362	401	437
Liquor Laws	93	52	66
Lost Animal	130	126	149
Lost Property	76	64	69
Mental	40	39	54
Minor in Possession	41	43	31
Missing Person	25	31	26
Motor Vehicle Theft	41	20	20
Motorist Assist	422	472	445
Noise	214	280	295
Open Door	62	174	136
Out of Unit	233	265	390
Ordinance Violation	207	174	165
Paper Service	538	540	581
Parking 2 hr.	130	104	42
Parking 24 hrs.	184	312	156
Parking/other	230	407	387
Probation Violation	23	12	14
Property Damage	43	47	46
Protection Order Violation	39	27	63

CALL TYPE	2008	2009	2010
Prowler	25	19	29
Public Service	101	249	166
Pursuit	8	3	3
Rape	7	6	2
Remove Party	121	88	140
Rescue	1135	1175	1175
Robbery	2	1	1
Runaway	100	95	96
SEADE	0	0	1
Search Warrant	0	0	4
Sex Offender Registration	2	13	24
Sexual Assault	51	47	45
Shoplifting	25	37	40
Smoking Ban	0	2	0
Solicitor	29	20	20
Suicide	3	5	3
Suspicious	617	802	605
Terrorism	4	1	0
Theft	644	660	614
Threats	112	108	136
Traffic Hazard	179	241	225
Traffic Stops	3589	3122	2733
Transfer	1030	1041	850
Transport	321	240	171
Trash	88	74	70
Trespassing	56	49	80
Truancy	20	14	44
Unknown	7	2	4
Vacation Watch	67	79	74
Vandalism	465	465	398
Vehicle Comp/DUI	239	254	280
Vehicle Comp/Noise	35	35	38
Vehicle Comp/Other	441	501	481
Vehicle Comp/Bus Arm	15	8	6
Vehicle Comp/Speeding	151	202	180
Vehicle Comp/Stop Sign	1	2	1
Warrants	31	314	311
Watch	111	113	145
Weapon Laws Violation	4	7	16
Weather	41	30	30
Welfare Check	608	520	584
Totals	22230	22118	21472

2010 Calls for Service by Agency

Beatrice Police Department	16040
Game and Parks	16
Board of Public Works	213
Gage County Sheriff's Office	7456
Wymore Police Department	871
Beatrice Fire and Rescue and Beatrice Rural Fire	3438
Adams Fire	17
Adams Rescue	61
Barneston Fire/QRT's	12
Blue Springs Fire	15
Cortland Fire	24
Clatonia Fire	15
Clatonia Rescue	54
Cortland QRT's	29
Dewitt Fire	0
Filley Fire	19
Odell Fire	14
Odell QRT's	16
Pickrell Fire/QRT's	27
Wymore Fire	33
Wymore Rescue	153

A total for all would not be accurate as on an injury accident 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.

The Beatrice Communications Center does not dispatch State Patrol officers to calls however, there are times when all deputies are busy on other calls and a State Patrolman is asked to handle a call in the county therefore, they will be dispatched on the call for future reference.

The Beatrice Communications Center answers the Board of Public Works phones on evenings, weekends and holidays and calls out the appropriate department to handle the emergency call. During a major power outage, one call for service is entered and every callers address is added to that call rather than making a call for service per caller. The Communications Center also receives calls for Board of Public Works during normal business hours however in that case, the call is simply transferred out to the Service Center.



Captain Gerald Lamkin
1991



Sgt. Jay Murphy
1990



Sgt. Tony Lenner
1986



Sgt. Brian Carver
2000



Sgt. Wes Henning
1997



Officer Cheryl Honea
1984



Officer Ernie Reiss
1989



Officer Jennifer Klaus
1994



Officer Doug Coon
1997



Officer Robert Mierau
2002



Officer Zac Lauenstein
2002



Officer Colleen Morabito
2005



Officer Kristine Gill
2006



Officer Joseph McCormick
2007



Officer Robert Soldo
2008



Officer Shane Maloley
2009



Officer Daniel Moss
2009



Officer Thomas Oelschlager
2010

P a t r o l

Vehicle Summary 2010

In March 2010 the Beatrice Police Department took possession of a new patrol vehicle. The new Unit #1, a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria, was purchased to replace a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria which is now our School Resource Officer vehicle. The old school resource vehicle was sold at the city auction.

The Beatrice Police Department maintains a fleet of six marked patrol cars, as well as six unmarked vehicles used for Administration, Investigations, School Resource, Training, and two multipurpose vehicles. Several of our vehicles are near or exceeding 100,000 city miles. The necessity to hold on to our patrol vehicles longer can be seen through vehicle repairs associated with high mileage vehicles. Some of the repairs not normally seen in the past include; repairing a hole in the driver side floor board, tie rods on multiple vehicles, wiper motors, fluid leaks, radiators, and intake manifolds. During 2010, the department spent \$28,576 for necessary vehicle repairs, compared with the \$26,995 spent during 2009.

During 2010, our patrol vehicles were driven an average of 20,460 miles annually or 1705 miles monthly. With a six marked unit fleet, that translates into 122,764 cumulative miles during 2010, compared with 105,054 during 2009.

FLEET INFORMATION

Unit	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Miles Driven In 2010	Use
1	2010	Ford	Crown Vic	6,996	6,996	Patrol
2	2008	Ford	Crown Vic	62,786	24,075	Patrol
3	2007	Ford	Explorer	77,786	22,138	Patrol/Supervisor
4	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	129,097	16,406	Patrol
5	2009	Ford	Crown Vic	27,512	20,693	Patrol
6	2006	Ford	Crown Vic	98,159	21,889	Patrol
7	2000	Chev	Impala	95,663	3,868	Administration
8	2001	GMC	Jimmy	111,764	9,600	Investigations
9	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	98,632	11,067	School Resource
11	2002	Chev	Impala	67,521	5,146	Administration
14	2001	Ford	Crown Vic	118,949	7,130	School/Training
DARE	1995	Ford	Mustang	67,735	2,812	Administration
Bus	1996	Chev	Blue Bird	5,837	170	Mobile Command
ERT	1996	Dodge	Ram Van	174,899	65	Tactical Deployment

VEHICLE EXPENSE

	2010	2009	2008
Parts/Supplies	\$17,581	\$14,895	\$10,403
Labor	\$10,995	\$ 12,100	\$ 7,662
	=====	=====	=====
Maintenance/Repairs Total	\$28,576	\$26,995	\$18,066
Gas and Oil Total	\$36,587	\$22,401	\$33,985

Training Summary

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.

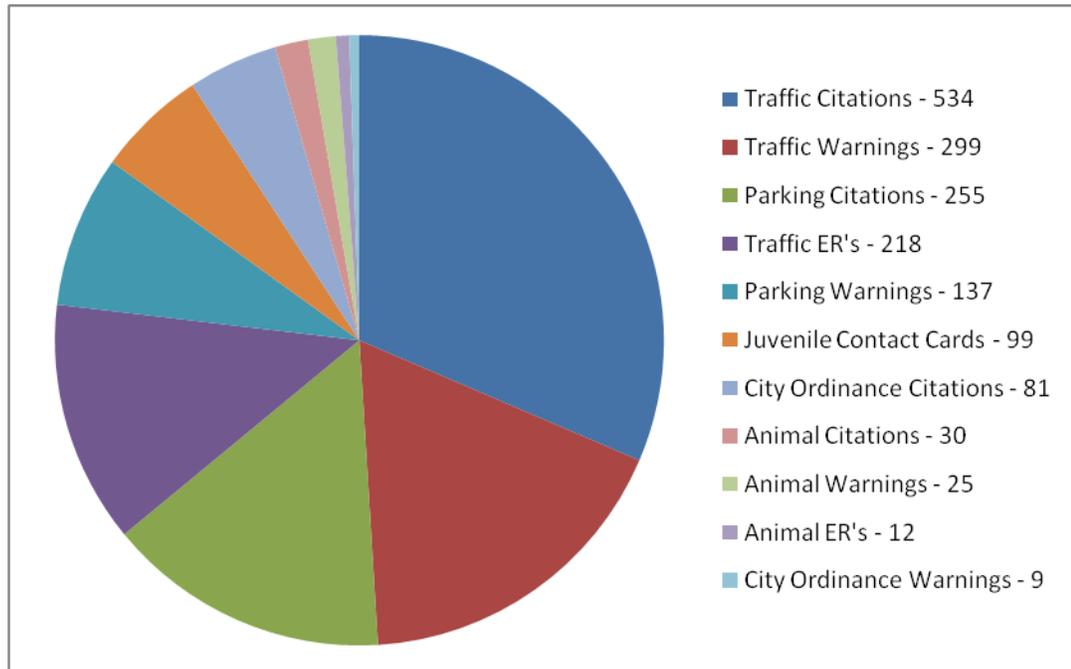
Some of the more notable training events of 2010 attended by Police Department personnel are listed below.

- Basic Law Enforcement Officer Certification
- Medicolegal Death Investigator Course
- K9 Training
- “Speaking of Children” Seminar
- National Symposium on Child Abuse
- Certified Personal Restraints Technician Update
- Firearms Instructor
- Victim’s Rights Conference
- Protecting Children Online
- W-Z Interview and Interrogation
- Heartland Juvenile Services Conference
- Motivational Interviewing
- Media Relations Seminar
- Pipeline Disaster Awareness
- Radiological Training
- Clandestine Lab Recertification

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.

- New Laws Overview
- Domestic Violence Resources
- Victim Assistance Coordinator Duties/Protection Orders
- ALR Hearings w/Moot Court
- Geo-Comm training
- Firearms Qualification
- Pursuit Policy
- Use of Force
- Domestic Abuse
- Responding to an Active Shooter
- Dispatch Radio Procedures
- Defensive Tactics – Ground Fighting
- Dispatch Radio Simulator Scenarios – Phase I

Ticket Statistics for 2010



Parking Warnings and Citations

Description	Warnings	Citations
24 Hour Parking	83	48
Alley Parking Prohibited	1	
Handicapped Parking Violation	1	2
Improper Parking	1	1
Left Side Parking	19	18
Obstruct Alley Entrance	1	
Obstructing Traffic		1
Parking - 2 hr	15	12
Parking in Restricted Area	8	51
Prohibited Parking	5	3
Red Zone Violation	2	44
Tow In Zone Parking		3
Truck Route Violation	1	3
Unregistered Vehicle Parked on Street		69
Totals	137	255

Traffic Warnings, Equipment Repairs and Citations

Description	Warnings	ER's	Citations
Address Change	20	1	1
Brakes in Working Order		1	
Careless Driving	1		6
Clining to a Vehicle	1		
Driving Left of Center	3		1
Driving on a Closed Road			1
Driving Under Suspension			42
DUS Due to ALR/Fail to Comply			9
Duty to Carry License Permit	12	7	4
Exhibition of Acceleration	5		4
Fail to Yield ROW/Unmarked	2		1
Failure to Maintain Lane			2
Failure to Report Accident			1
Failure to Use Seatbelt			4
Failure to yield From a Yield Sign	1		3
Failure to Yield to Pedestrian	1		1
Failure to Yield to Vehicle	3		12
Fictitious Plates		1	5
Follow too Close			4
Improper Lane Change	1		3
Improper Passing			3
Improper Turn	1		3
Leaving Scene of Accident			10
Lights required on Vehicle	13	159	9
Manner of Riding in a Vehicle	1		
Motor Vehicle Restraint – Children	13		25
Mufflers	3	8	1
Negligent Driving	3		20
No Headlight	3	9	3
No Helmet			3
No License Plates	4	20	
No Mud Flaps	1		
No Operators License on Person	1		
No Proof of Insurance	4	1	13

Continued

Description	Warnings	ER's	Citations
No Valid Operator's License	1		7
No Valid Registration			11
One Way Violation	1		
Operators must be licensed	10		23
Passing Violation			4
Plates/Manner of Display	1	1	
Proof of Financial Responsibility		1	58
Proof of Ownership			5
Provisional Operators Permit Violation			3
Reckless Driving			10
Red Flag Violation	6		1
Registration Required	14	5	63
School Permit Violation			1
Screeching of Tires	2		2
Speeding	118		72
Stop Sign Violation	5		47
Traffic Signal Violation	35		22
Truck Route Violation	1		
Turn Signal Required	5	3	3
Unsafe Backing			5
U Turn Prohibited	1		
Violate Learner's Permit Provisions			3
Vision Obstruction	2	1	
Totals	299	218	534

Juvenile Contact Cards

Type of Contact	2007	2008	2009	2010
Arson	2	6		
Assault	17	9	14	7
Assault in the 3rd Degree	7			3
Credit Card/ATM Fraud		1		
Criminal Mischief	9	20	8	14
Criminal Mischief, \$100-\$300 damage		3		
Criminal Trespass	6	8		2
Criminal Trespass 2nd Degree		2	1	1
Discharge Weapon within City Limits	1	1		2
Disorderly Conduct	2	2	2	
Disturbing the Peace		2	1	
False Reporting	2	3	1	1
Intimidation by phone call		2		
Littering	5			1
No Skateboard Helmet		1		
Possession of Stolen Property	1			1
Possession/Discharge Fireworks	4			1
Provoking An Assault	2			
Runaway	38	32	25	30
Shoplifting	4	3	2	5
Terroristic Threats	1			
Theft	2	2	6	4
Theft by Receiving Stolen Property		1		
Theft by Unlawful Taking	2	9	4	8
Threatens in Menacing Manner	1	8	6	12
Tobacco Use by Minor	10	2	1	7
Urinating In Public	1			
Totals	114	117	71	99

Animal Warnings, ER's and Citations

Description	Warnings	ER	Citations
Cruelty to Animals	1		8
Dangerous/Vicious Dog			4
Dog and Cats must be licensed	1	12	4
Dog at Large	18		7
Noise/Animal, Fowl	4		4
Nuisance Dogs	1		3
Totals	25	12	30

City Ordinance Warnings and Citations

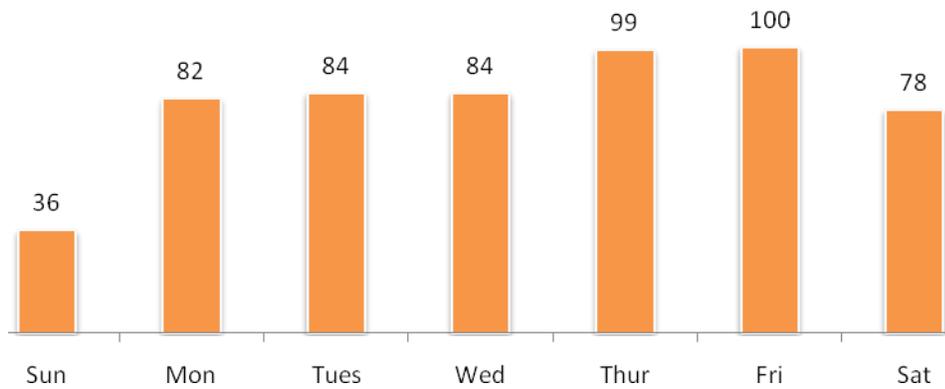
Type	Warnings	Citations
Compulsory Education Violation		14
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor		7
Discharge of Firearm in City Limits		1
Disturbing the Peace/Stereo	7	4
False Reporting		2
Littering	1	1
Shoplifting		40
Soliciting without a permit		1
Theft by Taking or Disposition		2
Unnecessary Noise	1	2
Urinating in Public		7
Totals	9	81

Accident Tallies for 2010

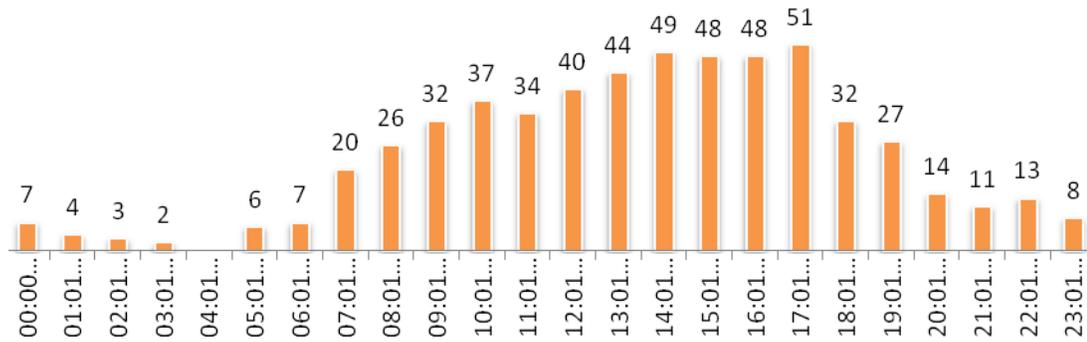
Types of Accidents

Property Damage	511
Injury	51
Fatality	1
Total	563

Accident Numbers by the Days of the Week



Accident Numbers by Time of Day



Alcohol Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Driving While Intoxicated	89	82	105	124	100	75
Minor in Possession	115	169	137	144	81	143
Procure Alcohol for Minor	8	4	5	7	7	9
Other	63	57	63	77	52	43
Total	275	312	310	352	240	270

Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	48	37	41	27	22	42
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	51	37	43	32	32	53
Drug/Narcotics Violations	25	6	13	5	17	18
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	5	5	8	12	4	16
Poss. Of Precursor to Manufacture Meth	11	0	0	0	3	0
Total	140	85	105	76	78	129

Juvenile Alcohol and Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	16	10	5	4	5	13
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	10	7	9	4	9	16
Drug/Narcotics Violations	1	0	1	1	1	7
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	2	1	1	1	2	4
.02 Violation	1	2	0	1	1	1
Minor In Possession	28	59	46	46	21	45
Procure Alcohol for Minor	0	1	1	4	2	0
Open Container	2	5	2	0	0	2
Driving While Intoxicated	6	8	1	2	0	2
Total	66	92	65	63	41	90



Major Crime

Major Crime Report

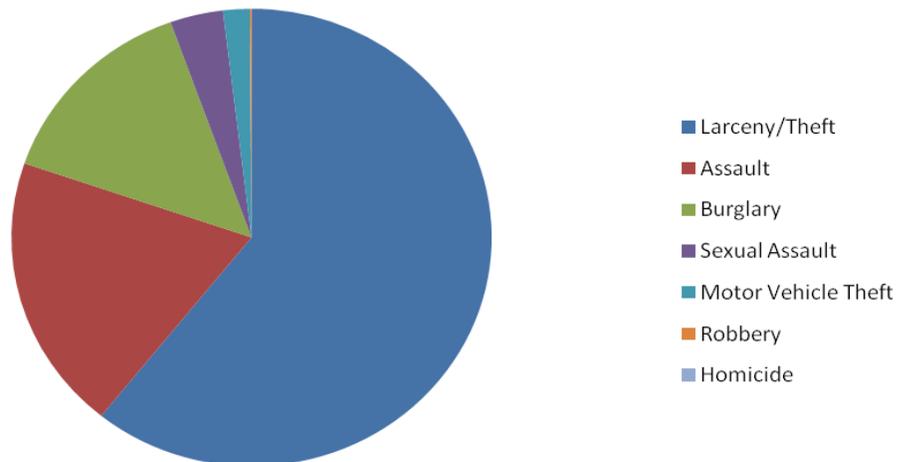
The Major Crime Report consists of the following crimes: Homicide, Sexual Assault, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Larceny/Theft and Motor Vehicle Theft.

Did 2010 fly by or what? Looking at the statistics from 2010 we had a total of 785 reported major crimes which is an increase by 40 over the 2009 total of 745. I'm very pleased to report that we made it through 2010 without a homicide.

I'm very concerned with the increase in reported assaults. There was a 5 year low of 101 assaults reported in 2009, with 153 assaults reported in 2010. The other numbers stayed consistent from 2009, there was a slight increase in burglaries and a slight decrease in the remaining categories. Lt. Mike Oliver

Major Crimes Reported in Beatrice

Offense	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Homicide	0	0	1	0	1	0
Sexual Assault	27	25	34	31	33	28
Robbery	2	1	2	2	2	1
Assault	154	183	171	135**	101	153
Burglary	102	122	106	101	107	112
Larceny/Theft	591	584	477	499	486	477
Motor Vehicle Theft	39	17	29	30	15	14
Totals	915	932	820	798	745	785



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

Criminal Investigations Report

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 full time investigator, Erin Byrne, who replaced former investigator Christina Vath when she became an investigator for the Nebraska Attorney General's Office in early 2010.

During 2010, the Investigations Unit was busy with a variety of cases, including burglaries, thefts, sexual assaults, fraud, and several extensive forgery cases. The Investigations Unit also assisted road patrol in investigating numerous thefts from vehicles and burglaries, as well as additional investigation into the death of an infant that occurred in 2009 and that is being ruled a homicide. In addition to these investigations, the Investigations Unit continues to stay vigilant with regard to Internet Crimes against Children. These cases involve possession of child pornography, online enticement of a child, and any other cyber crime involving a child. The Beatrice Police Department remains an affiliate member of the Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) program. The ICAC program is a national network of fifty-nine coordinated local task forces and their 1,800 local and regional affiliated agencies engaged in both proactive and reactive investigations, forensic examinations, effective prosecutions, and community education.

In addition to criminal investigations, the Criminal Investigations Unit conducts background investigations for department personnel, and background investigations for liquor license applications within the City of Beatrice. The Criminal Investigations Unit is also assigned to the state-mandated, countywide, Child Abuse/Neglect Investigative and Treatment Teams. Officer Jennifer Klaus, Juvenile Services Officer, is 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 Department of Health and Human Services, and the Child Advocacy Center in investigating cases of possible child abuse or neglect occurring within the City of Beatrice.

The Investigations Unit also serves as liaison officers to Crimestoppers of Gage County, Inc. 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

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, Stephanie Wallman, Officer Colleen Morabito, Dispatcher Gary Cullison, and retired officers William Fitzgerald and Joe Hawkins. The team is commanded by Lt. Mike Oliver.

06-16-2010: The team was called to the Big Blue River to investigate a death. The death was determined to be the result of an accidental drowning.

06-19-2010: The team was called out to a residence to investigate a death. The death was determined to be the result of a suicide.

09-20-2010: The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. The death was determined to be the result of a suicide.

09-29-2010: The team was called out to a residence to investigate an unexpected death. The death was determined to have been the result of natural causes.

10-16-2010: The team was called out to a residence to investigate an unexpected death. The death was determined to have been the result of natural causes.

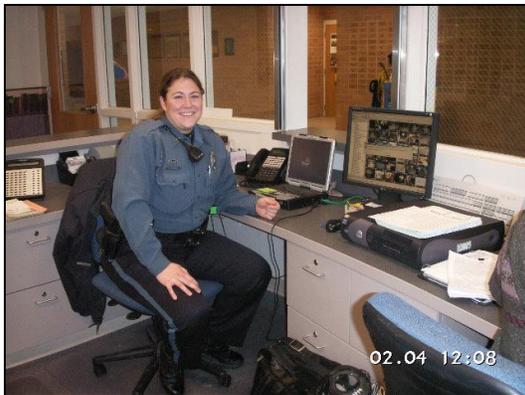
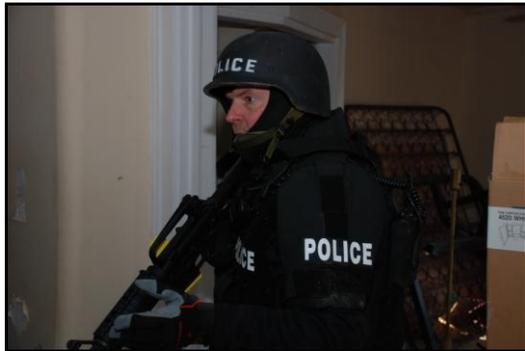
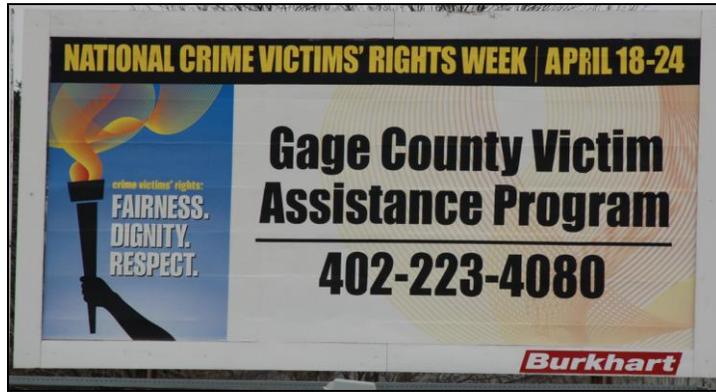
10-27-2010: The team was called out to a residence to investigate an unexpected death. The death was determined to have been the result of natural causes.

11-05-2010: The team was called out to a three car motor vehicle accident to both assist with the accident investigation and to investigate a fatality that was part of the accident. The death was determined to have been the result of physical trauma from the traffic accident.

11-13-2010: The team was called out to a residence to investigate a death. The death was determined to be the result of a suicide.

Arrest Charges

Type of Charges	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Assault 1 st /2 nd /3 rd	50	58	35	24	62
Assault on an Officer	2	7	2	3	2
Strangulation	2	3	2	3	6
Domestic Assault	51	32	38	26	47
Protection Order Violations	23	11	7	6	11
Sexual Assaults 1st/ 2nd/ 3rd and child	12	5	4	5	6
Drug Violations	85	105	76	80	129
Burglary	9	11	15	18	15
Theft	48	55	57	52	28
Robbery	0	0	0	0	1
Criminal Mischief	66	72	36	34	96
Child Abuse/Neglect	27	22	13	13	20
Weapons Violations	7	17	12	11	26
Disturbing the Peace	26	11	13	2	1
Disorderly Conduct	20	12	12	19	23
Minor In Possession	169	137	144	81	143
Procuring	12	5	7	7	9
DWI	82	105	124	100	75
Refusal to Submit	14	24	29	22	14
Open Container & other Alcohol offenses	35	44	77	30	29
Runaway	37	49	28	29	47
Terroristic Threats/ Threats	10	15	11	2	18
Forgery 1st Degree	1	1	0	0	0
Resisting Arrest	6	6	7	4	4
Flight to Avoid Arrest	2	2	5	0	5
Other Offenses	192	239	54	93	111
Total Arrests	988	1048	808	662	928



Service - a - victims

Beatrice SWAT

The Beatrice SWAT team was originally formed in the early 1980's to respond to high-risk incidents. That goal has remained the same over the past three decades. Beatrice SWAT is tasked with resolving hostage situations, barricaded subjects, the service of high-risk search and arrest warrants, or any incident requiring high-risk police tactics. SWAT is also available to assist the S.E.A.D.E. drug task force with the service of their high-risk search and arrest warrants

This past year has been a year of reorganizing the tactical team. The Beatrice Police Department and the Gage County Sheriff's Office decided to split the combined team. Each department now supports their own team making management of the teams more uniform. Along with the division, new command and team leadership appointments were made. Command of an incident falls with the department head or their designee, with the Tactical Team Commander having operational command over the unit. Appointed as SWAT Commander was Sergeant Tony Lenners. Appointed as SWAT Team Leaders are Sergeant Brian Carver and Sergeant Wes Henning. During 2010, Two additional members were assigned to the team – Officer Shane Maloley and Officer Dan Moss. Additional restructuring of the team lead to the appointment of an A Team and B Team. A Team members train monthly and respond to all calls requiring tactical support. B Team members train quarterly and respond to tactical calls as needed. The SWAT Team Receives medical support from Tactical Paramedics from Beatrice Fire and Rescue.

During 2010, Beatrice SWAT conducted monthly training in the following areas; Movements and Tactics, Low Light Simulations, Long Gun Weapons Retention and Active Countermeasures, Dynamic Entry Tactics, K-9 Tactics, Firearms, and Slow Search Techniques.

No members attended advanced or specialized training during 2010.

Team Member Information

Tactical Commander
Tactical Team Leader
Tactical Team Leader
A Team Members

Sergeant Tony Lenners
Sergeant Wes Henning
Sergeant Brian Carver
Officer Zac Lauenstein
Officer Colleen Morabito
Officer Joe McCormick
Officer Robert Soldo
Officer Shane Maloley
Officer Dan Moss
Sergeant Jay Murphy
Sergeant Doug Coon
Officer Erin Byrne
Officer Rob Mierau

B Team Members

Negotiations Team Leader
Negotiations Team Member

Officer Zac Lauenstein
Officer Erin Byrne
Officer Colleen Morabito
Paramedic Mike Massey
Paramedic Jim Young
Captain Craig Fisher
Paramedic Jeremy Seggerman

Tactical Medics

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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 grant writing and keeping track of all statistics for VOCA funding.
- During 2010, the Victim Assistance Program utilized ARRA funding to employ a part time victim advocate. This significantly increased the number of services provided and victims served during this year.
- This program provides services to all victims of crime in Gage County. Some of the services provided are listed below:

Crisis Intervention	Personal Advocacy
Compensation Assistance	Jail Release Information
VINE Information/Registration	Parole Information
Victim Impact Statements	Transportation
Property Release	Protection Order Assistance
Restitution Information/Assistance	Criminal Justice Advocacy
911 Cellular Phones	

- The Victim Assistance Program received a grant in the amount of \$4,989 for a National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Project. The project included four billboards throughout Gage County, distribution of gift bags which included brochures, business cards, notepads and pens to the public and community agencies.
- I am a Board Member of the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime which meets bi-monthly.
- I serve on the Coordinating Council of the Gage County MAPS (Multiple Agencies Partnering for Success) and on the Community Justice Committee of the Gage County MAPS. The Community Justice Committee organized the 5th Annual National Night out this year. It was hosted at Chautauqua Park.

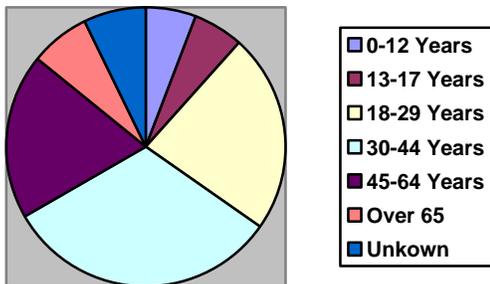
Gage County Victim Assistance Program

TYPE OF SERVICE	NUMBER OF TIMES PROVIDED
Crisis Counseling	35
Personal Advocacy	1,195
Information/Referral (In Person)	109
Information/Referral (Phone Contact)	452
Emergency Financial Assistance	1
Follow Up Contact	1,001
Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy	558
Compensation Assistance	44
Transportation	0
Protection order Assistance	183
Cellular Phone Program	0
Other	0
Total Number of Services Provided	3,578
Total Number of Victims Served	853

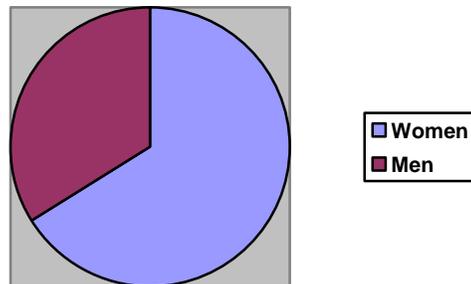
TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED	TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED
Homicide	10	Sexual Assault (Adult)	10
Child Abuse/Physical	19	Domestic Violence	199
Child Abuse/Sexual	39	Incest Survivor	0
DWI/DUI	2	Assault	69
Robbery	2	Elder Abuse	3
Burglary	141	Business	0
Arson	0	Other	176

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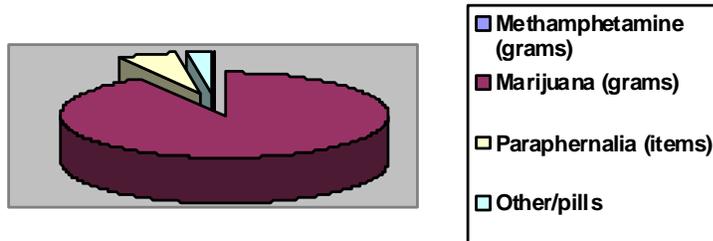


SEADE REPORT

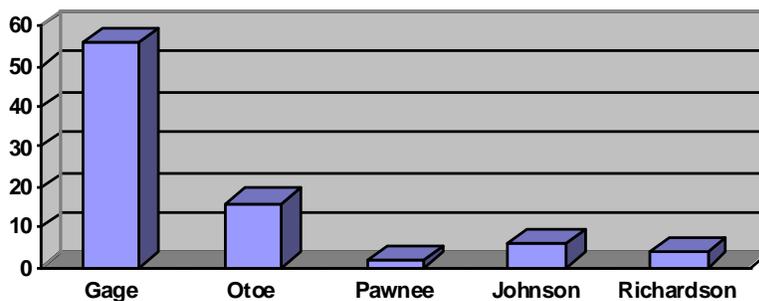
SEADE is a drug task force that operates off of a federal grant administered by the Nebraska Crime Commission. SEADE also receives funding from the five counties that it serves: Gage, Johnson, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson. SEADE has two full time investigators and a part-time secretary. The following are statistics for the year 2010.

<u>Cases Initiated</u>	84
<u>Confidential Informants</u>	4
<u>Intelligence Reports</u>	101
<u>Arrests</u>	35
<u>Drug Buys Initiated</u>	3
<u>Search Warrants</u>	8

Drugs Seized



The SEADE Task Force serves a five county area. Below is a graph demonstrating cases per county.



As a result of SEADE's efforts, eight Federal Indictments were served in 2010.

SEADE continues to proactively combat the drug problem by presenting information to local groups concerning the dangers of drug use. The SEADE Secretary strives to educate people about the dangers of drug abuse and the resulting consequences. Stephanie is a speaker for the Beatrice Police Department's Speaker Services and presents information on Dangerous Drugs Awareness and Effects.

School Resource Officer Program (SRO)

The School Resource Officer Program completed its twelfth year of existence in 2010-2011 school year. As in previous years, the SRO program continues to thrive and be beneficial to the Beatrice High School and the Beatrice Middle School, as well as the Beatrice Police Department. In addition, occasional SRO duties at the Beatrice Alternative High School and the Beatrice Skills program have enjoyed a high success rate.

The goal of the SRO program is to bridge the gap between students, schools and the 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. The SRO program enjoys an excellent working relationship that many crimes in school are prevented from happening or solved after they do.

Reported crime in the Beatrice Public Schools continues to be on the decline, with the two most common crimes being theft and assault. Theft crimes continue to decline from last year, and can be attributed to some changes made with the assistance of the BHS administration as well as the assistance of student aides placed in areas of frequent theft. Presentations in the classroom continue to be an integral part of the SRO program, and are done on various subjects. Meditation between students also continues to be an excellent tool in preventing crime, particularly assault, weapon and drug violations.

Reported crimes in the Beatrice Middle School are down as well since the inception of the SRO program in 1999, with very few serious crimes. Many problems are solved with the assistance of BMS administration prior to the issues rising to the level of violence. However in this year there has been a rise in the bullying between students at school and as well as using the internet to continue the bullying at home. Several of the students involved were counseled when an incident would occur as well as staff notifying parents of the incident. As a result when an incident has started many of the students have now contacted the SRO or school staff.

Truancy arrests still appear to be a somewhat steady crime between both BHS and BMS; truancy does not appear to be age specific. Continued education and enforcement will be performed with regarding Truancy in order to effectively try and combat it as well as working with the County Attorney's office with successful prosecution of those issued a citation.

Overall, the SRO program continues to be a beneficial program to both the Beatrice Public School District and the Beatrice Police Department. I believe the SRO program will continue to provide quality results for many years to come, and will foster better relationships between the children and staff at the public schools and the police department.

Officer Colleen Morabito #318 (School Resource Officer)

K9 Program

In March 2010 the Beatrice Police Department was able to restart the K9, Police Service Dog division, of its department with the generous donations from the public. Officer Robert Soldo, the Police Service Dog handler traveled to New Market, Alabama where he was able to select the right dog for the department. Officer Soldo selected a two year old Dutch Sheppard. Officer Soldo selected the name of "Soter" for the dog. The name Soter comes from Greek mythology, Soter refers to the spirit of safety, preservation and deliverance from harm.

Donations were received from the public sector, along with some equipment donated from the Bellevue Police Department. These donations were used for the purchase of Soter, along with the equipment and will continue to be used in the upkeep of the Police Service Dog and future equipment needed. The K9 Unit is continuously seeking donations from the public to sustain the program.

Officer Soldo and Soter attended a three month long training academy at the Nebraska State Patrol Service Dog Camp. Officer Soldo and Soter successfully completed the Police Service Dog training and were certified as a Police Service Dog Team by the Nebraska State Patrol in May 2010.

Soter is trained in the areas of tracking, evidence recovery, drug searches, handler protection and suspect apprehension. Soter is trained to detect four different odors of drugs including marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin.

Officer Soldo and Soter are currently assigned to the overnight shift working from 6pm to 6am, but are available for call outs any time. They have responded to a variety of calls including: open doors, suspect tracking, evidence recover, building searches, drug searches and area searches for suspects.

Since being assigned to street patrol the K9 Unit has assisted the Beatrice Police Department, the Nebraska State Patrol and the Gage County Sheriff's Office with numerous drug searches and suspect tracking. They have also completed seven public presentations including patrol demonstrations, school presentations and private social clubs. The K9 unit has also been assigned to the Beatrice Police Department SWAT team and have been working with the team on current uses of Soter.



Gage County Community Service Coordinator Report

The Gage County Community Service Coordinator position was created from grant funds in May of 2003. The program was instituted to assist juveniles and adults who need to complete community service work as required for probation, Juvenile Diversion, or other mandated sentencing. This program adds the accountability factor to community service, since the hours are tracked and verified by the Coordinator it can be confirmed that the individual is indeed completing the necessary hours. Society can therefore accept the assignment of community service as a viable means of 'compensation' for whichever law/laws have been violated.

An orientation is held every other Thursday evening at the Beatrice Police Department. The orientation is designed to prepare the individual for his/her community service work by filling out the appropriate paperwork and discussing the Six Pillars of Character - Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. A 'Test Your Knowledge' quiz is also completed by the juvenile and his/her parent/guardian. The quiz generates discussion and provides information to the orientation participants regarding drugs and alcohol. Once the required paperwork has been reviewed and completed the person receives a copy of the list of area non-profit organizations that are willing to allow the offenders to do community service at their agency. Currently there are 41 agencies participating in the Community Service Program. Individuals attending orientation receive additional handouts in an effort to educate them about the dangers of drug abuse. Parents/guardians attending with their child/children also receive drug education material that is designed specifically for parents.

In 2010, 63 juveniles participated in the Gage County Community Service Program. The total number of community service hours completed for the year was 1,197. The Community Service Coordinator Program continues to grow as more people become aware of and depend on this service.



Police Speaker Service

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

The program continues to be well received as demonstrated by the number of requests for speakers throughout the year. An estimated 325 people attended the 7 speaker presentations given to those church groups, service clubs, businesses and other community groups requesting the service. The most requested topics were; Effects of Distracted Driving, Internet Safety, and Protecting your Identity.

Topics include;

- Personal Safety for Women
- Safety on the Internet
- Safety on the Internet for Parents
- Safety on the Internet for Elementary Age Youth
- Safety on the Internet for Teen Age Youth
- Wheel Safety
- Effects of Distracted Driving
- Personal Safety for Adults
- Traveling Safely
- College Campus Safety
- Survival Knowledge Quiz and Discussion
- Protecting Your Identity
- Crime Prevention thru Environmental Design
- Shoplifter Prevention and Apprehension
- Dangerous Drugs Awareness and Effects
- Regulations for Employees of Liquor Establishments
- Meth 360
- P.O.P. and Vehicular Restraints Discussion
- "Your Police Department"
- Domestic Violence

Gage County M.A.P.S. – Community Justice Task Force

In the fall of 2005, a number of people and agencies committed to serving youth, families, and individuals in Gage County came together to discuss forming the Gage County Coalition. Several of the leaders involved in forming this coalition are from the Beatrice Police Department. These leaders are committed to unifying their approaches under one body, which they later named M.A.P.S., or Multiple Agencies Partnering for Success.

The mission of Gage County MAPS is to coordinate, enhance, and broaden countywide services that promote healthy attitudes and behaviors for individuals, families, and communities.

Within the MAPS Coalition there are four task force committees. One of the committees is actively represented by two member of the Beatrice Police Department. These individuals include Captain Gerald Lamkin and Kerri McGrury.

The focus areas of the Community Justice Task Force includes:

- Promote healthy attitudes toward alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) among our youth & community members
- Engage community interest surrounding positive law enforcement relationships and ATOD issues
- Improve communication among programs and agencies working toward common goals.

The activities and projects of the Community Justice Task force in 2010 include:

- **Alcohol Compliance Checks**—January and December 2010
MAPS provides grant funds to the Beatrice Police to conduct alcohol compliance checks to help prevent sale of alcohol to underage persons.
- **Must Be 21 Campaign** - This is a hotline that accepts anonymous reporting of a underage drinking party or adults procuring alcohol for minors.
- **Letters to parents of Junior & Senior Gage County students** Spring 2010
A letter was sent to all the parents of Junior and Senior High School students in Gage County during prom and graduation. We included an information sheet on the Nebraska state statutes relating to under aged drinking (MIP, DUI, procuring and contributing).
- **Gage County Fair Booth** – July 2010
Information was distributed regarding MAPS and National Night Out to the public in attendance at the fair.
- **National Night Out** – August 2010
- **Responsible Beverage Training (RBS)**- October 2010
MAPS paid for the training of two BPD officers to become Responsible Beverage Service Trainers in the community. Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) is a community-based approach to reducing risks associated with retail alcohol environments. Eleven people attended the training.
- **MADD Victim Impact Panel** –Spring and Fall 2010
Volunteers from this committee assisted MADD (Mother’s Against Drunk Driving) with registration at the Holiday Inn, in Beatrice. The victim impact panel is a requirement for offenders who are arrested for DUI and placed on probation.

National Night Out 2010

The Beatrice Police Department participated in National Night Out on August 3, 2010. We had a great turn out of approximately 500 people and the weather was beautiful. This event is designed to:

- Heighten drug and crime prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back



K9 Unit



Frozen T-Shirt Contest

National Night Out was a coordinated effort involving the Gage County Community Justice Task Force, the Beatrice Police & Fire Departments, Gage County Sheriff's Office, and Nebraska State Patrol. Highlights of this year's National Night Out included, the tug of war between the Beatrice Police Department and Beatrice High School Football team, the frozen t-shirt contest, the pudding toss and the Beatrice K9 Unit demonstration. This year's National Night Out featured cotton candy, snow cone, and popcorn machines as well as a bounce house sponsored by our local Fraternal Order of Police Lodge. There were many free activities for families to take part in. Other special features at this year's National Night Out were Officer Reiss's race car, the Beatrice Police Department crime scene/mobile command vehicle, the vehicles from the Beatrice Fire and Rescue Department.

Many community agencies contributed to the overall success of the event. The agencies had information and resources available to distribute or a fun, interactive activity for families. Valentino's provided the pizza and drinks for purchase.

The following agencies provided displays and/or support at the event:

Beatrice Fire and Rescue
Beatrice Police Department
Beatrice Daily Sun
Beatrice High School Marching Band
Beatrice High School Football Team
Boy Scouts
429 Factory
Fraternal Order of Police
State Farm Insurance
Teammates
University of NE Cooperative Extension Office – Gage County

Gage County MAPS
Gage County Sheriff's Office
Gage County United Way
Gage County Victim Assistance
KUTT/KWBE
Family Resource Center Coalition/Buckle Bear
Nebraska State Patrol
Southwick Chiropractic
United States Army
Valentino's