

A Word from Chief Lang...



Dear Mayor Schuster and Members of the Beatrice City Council,

I am pleased to present the Department's 2011 Annual Report. As I have stated in previous years much of the changes in crime statistics are a result of random cycles and normally do not vary greatly from year to year. Some statistics are however, reflective of definite causal factors and are worth mentioning. I am grateful for the dedicated staff we have and never take this for granted. When I overhear a training officer talking to a new recruit about the high level of expectations we have in the department and the community or when we establish our Department goals for 2012, I am struck by the quality of our employees.

A section of note in this report is the reduction in thefts. This can be attributed to arrests and subsequent jail sentences of several people involved in car break-ins. While this problem continues to plague our community and others across the country we have seen a significant reduction in these reports.

A rise in overtime due to court was seen this year. We have little control over the scheduling of court cases, however it is our hope that in 2012 we will see a reduction in this area. Staffing has been relatively stable and this has resulted in a reduction in overtime required to maintain minimum staffing levels.

As always if after reading this report fell free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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.”

Administration



Chief of Police
Bruce Lang
1992



Police Secretary
Traci Baehr
2005



Victim Assistance Coordinator
Kerri McGrury
1998

Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart



Changes in Staff 2011

Promotions

- Doug Coon – Police Sergeant

Internal Transfers

- Zac Lauenstein – School Resource Officer

New Hires

- Anthony Chisano – Police Officer
- Fred Naumann – Dispatcher

Resignations

- Gary Cullison – Dispatcher
- Stephanie Wallman – Community Service Coordinator

Retirements

- None

In Memory of Sergeant Tony Lenners

August 28, 1962 – June 24, 2011

Sgt. Tony L. Lenners was born in Beatrice, Nebraska in 1962, his family later moved to Grand Island, Nebraska where he graduated from Grand Island Northwest High School in 1980, he then attended Dana College in Blair, Nebraska. Sgt. Lenners graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in 1985 and was appointed to be a Beatrice Police Officer in January of 1986. He became a full-time investigator in October of 1996 and was promoted to sergeant in June of 2002.

In March of 2010 Sgt. Lenners was diagnosed with stage four colon cancer and spent the next 15-months battling for his life. In June 2011 Sgt. Lenners lost his battle with cancer and the Beatrice Police Department lost an irreplaceable brother.

In addition to Sgt. Lenners' day-to-day responsibilities as a police officer and police sergeant, he accepted numerous secondary duties that included: training coordinator, SWAT team leader, firearms instructor, active shooter instructor, patrol rifle instructor, use of force instructor, field training officer, vehicle maintenance coordinator, and many others.

Sgt. Lenners played a major role in the training and development of almost every officer that was hired by the Beatrice Police Department during his tenure. Sgt. Lenners always made it a priority, on and off duty, to improve training and the training facilities at the Beatrice Police Department.

Because of Sgt. Lenners' dedication to the Beatrice Police Department and his commitment to training his fellow officers, in December 2011 Sgt. Lenners' badge number, 308, was retired and the room formerly known as "The training room" was dedicated to memorialize Sgt. Lenners' career and is now known as "Tony's Room".



2011 Grants

This year we were able to secure three selective enforcement grants from the Office of Highway Safety, through the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles. We were also very fortunate to have been awarded a grant for \$2,100.00 that provided our agency with six (6) new Preliminary Breath Testing devices. The total amount of grant funds awarded our department in 2011 were over \$ 8,662.00 The funding for these selective enforcement 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.

From August 19 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: \$4,199
Officer Dan Moss

From November 21 through 27, we ran a week long campaign designed to encourage compliance with the state's occupant protective system (seatbelt) law. The post enforcement survey showed an increase of 4% in seat belt usage after the week long selective enforcement. The percentage of compliance in 2011 was up 15% during the same time the campaign was run in 2010. This increase in compliance showed that 77% of drivers are trying to protect themselves and others by buckling up.

Grant Award: \$1,079
Officer Joe McCormick

From December 2, 2011 through Jan 1, 2012 our department once again participated in a selective alcohol enforcement grant. The state wide You Drink & Drive, You Lose Crackdown took place over the weekends during this month long period.

Grant Award; \$ 1,284.00
Officer Colleen Morabito

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

We are in year three 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. 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. This grant focuses on Community Oriented Policing Services which mirrors our mission statement.

For detailed information on this grant, please turn to the section of Community Oriented Policing, in this report.

Grant Award: \$158,607
Director Kerri McGrury

2011 Overtime

This year we had a 42% decrease, let me repeat that, decrease in the area of Fill In. This covers where an officer or civilian, in the Communication Center, covers for another usually as a result of an immediate need. I believe the decrease is due largely in part with some flexibility in scheduling and having staff being as healthy as possible.

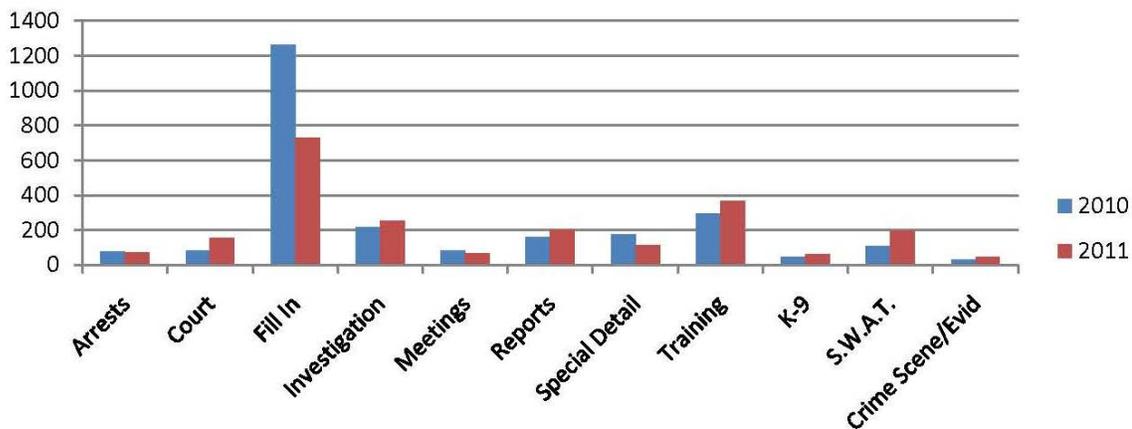
The largest increase we experienced was in the area of Court. The increase was 85% over last year. An individual's right to have their case, whether it be criminal or traffic to be heard before a judge or jury is just that, their right and this is completely out of our control. The majority of cases that are heard in court are usually based on an arrest of an officer from the 'night shift'. There is no night court in our jurisdiction which causes the overtime hours to accumulate for these officers.

The category of Training, Reports and Investigation showed a slight increase. The increase in the areas of Reports and Investigation would correspond with the increase in Court time.

The area of K-9 and S.W.A.T. are combined totals of training and call for duty.

Overtime Totals

Arrests	72.5
Court	155.0
Fill In	728.0
Investigation	252.0
Meetings	69.0
Reports	203.0
Special Detail	111.0
Training	366.0
K-9	62.5
S.W.A.T.	198.0
Crime Scene/Evidence	<u>46.0</u>
Total Overtime Hours	2263.0



COMMUNICATIONS



Dispatch Supervisor
Desiree Fritch
1985



Sue Sullivan
1992



Chris Henrichs
1993



Ed White
1994



Shelena Maguire
2001



Russell Jobman
2003



Jay Munstermann
2008



Fred Naumann
2011

Part time Dispatchers



Kasey Barnard
2009

Chandra Crooks
2010

Communications Center 2011

The Beatrice Communications Center is still operating with seven full time dispatchers, one full time “floater”, who fills in for a dispatcher who is on vacation, attending training or ill and two part time dispatchers. Approximately 85% of week is covered by two dispatchers at one time. The other 15% is covered by one dispatcher. This 15% is between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. five days of the week.

The dispatchers did have extensive training on the training simulator. Sgt. Lenners set up scenarios where there was a call taker and a radio dispatcher. The intention is to train all dispatchers to dispatch the same way. We also practiced vehicle/foot pursuits. It is very important that dispatchers “take control of the radio” in these situations.

We did lose one full time dispatcher, Gary Cullison, in October who went to work in another field of dispatching. We advertised for a full time dispatcher and ended up with roughly fifty applications. We hired Fred Naumann to fill Gary’s position. Fred is also a Blue Springs Volunteer fireman and already has proven to be a great asset to our department.

Other full time dispatchers are myself, Ed White, Sue Sullivan, Shelena Maguire, Jay Munstermann, and Russ Jobman. Chris Henrichs is our “floater” working in both dispatch and records. Our part timers are Kasey Barnard and Chandra Carnes.

Dee Fritch
Communications Supervisor



2011 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 Control and all Gage County Rural Fire/Rescue Agencies.

CALL TYPE	2009	2010	2011
911 Hang Up	145	113	72
Accident/Fatality	3	7	3
Accident/Injuries	147	141	129
Accident/No Injuries	932	882	835
Adult Abuse	24	34	59
Alarm	42	43	25
ALS	12	17	23
Animal Bite	35	44	49
Animal Complaint	1036	1138	1153
Animal Cruelty	99	106	113
Arson	4	1	8
Assault	145	171	206
Assist Citizen	266	265	221
Assist Other Agency	195	233	222
Attempted Suicide	13	21	13
Bar Check	274	375	536
Barking Dog	190	178	127
Board of Public Works	228	213	207
Bomb Threat	0	0	1
Burglar Alarm	261	250	276
Burglary	166	187	172
Child Abuse	175	201	202
Civil	323	334	323
Complaint Against Officer	9	4	2
Compliance Check	0	56	29
Crimestoppers	23	16	27
Death	65	93	70
Disorderly Conduct	6	15	14
Disturbance	481	521	508
Drowning	0	1	0
Drug Information	96	135	101
Drug Lab	15	11	3
Drug Violation	51	63	74
DUS	55	53	59
Driving While Intoxicated	158	141	167
Embezzlement	1	1	1

CALL TYPE	2009	2010	2011
Emergency Protective Custody	17	13	5
Escort	132	124	119
Fail to Appear	18	15	12
False Reporting	1	4	4
Field Interview	189	116	105
Fire	249	191	250
Fire Alarm	122	133	127
Forgery	7	8	1
Found Animal	242	220	219
Found Property	250	258	257
Fraud	82	105	88
Gambling Violation	0	1	2
Game Violation	26	16	19
Gas Drive Off	67	69	101
General Information	258	284	282
Harassment	295	270	316
Health Hazard	67	72	76
Hitch Hiker	22	22	20
Homicide	0	0	0
ICAC	0	3	15
Identity Theft	12	5	10
Indecent Exposure	15	9	17
Injury	3	7	5
Jail Incident	7	4	7
Junked Motor Vehicle	127	62	53
Juvenile	401	437	440
Liquor Laws	52	66	90
Lost Animal	126	149	161
Lost Property	64	69	69
Mental	39	54	66
Minor in Possession	43	31	40
Missing Person	31	26	43
Motor Vehicle Theft	20	20	37
Motorist Assist	472	445	508
Noise	280	295	241
Open Door	174	136	132
Out of Unit	265	390	352
Ordinance Violation	174	165	164
Paper Service	540	581	897
Parking 2 hr.	104	42	47
Parking 24 hrs.	312	156	119
Parking/other	407	387	314
Probation Violation	12	14	6
Property Damage	47	46	48

CALL TYPE	2009	2010	2011
Protection Order Violation	27	63	51
Prowler	19	29	19
Public Service	249	166	223
Pursuit	3	3	12
Rape	6	2	5
Remove Party	88	140	182
Rescue	1175	1175	1228
Robbery	1	1	1
Runaway	95	96	59
SEADE	0	1	10
Search Warrant	0	4	1
Sex Offender Registration	13	24	29
Sexual Assault	47	45	64
Shoplifting	37	40	53
Smoking Ban	2	0	0
Solicitor	20	20	17
Suicide	5	3	3
Suspicious	802	605	676
Terrorism	1	0	0
Theft	660	614	554
Threats	108	136	113
Traffic Hazard	241	225	235
Traffic Stops	3122	2733	3300
Transfer	1041	850	862
Transport	240	171	222
Trash	74	70	72
Trespassing	49	80	52
Truancy	14	44	39
Unknown	2	4	4
Vacation Watch	79	74	73
Vandalism	465	398	448
Vehicle Comp/DUI	254	280	298
Vehicle Comp/Noise	35	38	37
Vehicle Comp/Other	501	481	422
Vehicle Comp/Bus Arm	8	6	9
Vehicle Comp/Speeding	202	180	161
Vehicle Comp/Stop Sign	2	1	4
Warrants	314	311	324
Watch	113	145	124
Weapon Laws Violation	7	16	17
Weather	30	30	25
Welfare Check	520	584	635
Totals	26135	25492	26599

2011 Calls for Service by Agency

Beatrice Police Department	16712
Game and Parks	19
Board of Public Works	207
Gage County Sheriff's Office	8353
Wymore Police Department	976
Beatrice Fire and Rescue and Beatrice Rural Fire	3581
Adams Fire	28
Adams Rescue	69
Barneston Fire/QRT's	11
Blue Springs Fire	46
Cortland Fire	35
Clatonia Fire	22
Clatonia Rescue	79
Cortland QRT's	48
Dewitt Fire	1
Filley Fire	34
Odell Fire	19
Odell QRT's	16
Pickrell Fire/QRT's	51
Wymore Fire	41
Wymore Rescue	205

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 Brian Carver
2000



Sgt Wes Henning
1997



Sgt Doug Coon
1997



Officer Cheryl Honea
1984



Officer Ernie Reiss
1989



Officer Jennifer Klaus
1994



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



Officer Anthony Chisano
2011

P a t t r o i

Vehicle Summary 2011

In March 2011 the Beatrice Police Department traded in a 1995 Ford Mustang and purchased a 2011 Chevy Tahoe which is used for the supervisors patrol vehicle. Our 2007 Ford Explorer, which was the supervisors' vehicle, was transferred to the Investigations Unit.

The Beatrice Police Department maintains a fleet of six marked patrol vehicles. We also utilize five unmarked vehicles that are used for Administration, Investigations, and our school/training vehicle, in addition to two multipurpose vehicles. Besides the common up keep and repairs usually done on vehicles we have had some additional expenses. This includes: a new engine, tires on several vehicles (which includes tires on our Mobile Command Vehicle), and replacement of several wiper motors. During 2011, the Department spent \$35,199 on vehicle repairs compared to \$28,576 in 2010.

During 2011, our patrol vehicles were driven an average of 19,583 miles. Our six patrol units drove a combined 117,501 miles compared to 122,764 in 2010.

FLEET INFORMATION

Unit	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Miles Driven in 2011	Use
1	2010	Ford	Crown Vic	26,058	19,062	Patrol
2	2008	Ford	Crown Vic	84,587	21,801	Patrol
3	2011	Chevy	Tahoe	18,504	18,504	Patrol/Supervisor
4	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	144,826	15,729	Patrol/K9
5	2009	Ford	Crown Vic	50,845	23,333	Patrol
6	2006	Ford	Crown Vic	117,231	19,072	Patrol
7	2000	Chevy	Impala	100,686	5,023	Administration
8	2001	GMC	Jimmy	126,024	14,260	Investigations
9	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	100,522	1,890	School Resource
11	2002	Chevy	Impala	73,159	5,638	Administration
12	2007	Ford	Explorer	86,595	8,809	Investigations
14	2001	Ford	Crown Vic	125,474	6,525	School/Training
Bus	1996	Chevy	Blue Bird	5,801	120	Mobile Command
SWAT	1996	Dodge	Ram Van	175,037	138	Tactical Deployment

VEHICLE EXPENSE

	2011	2010	2009	2008
Parts/Supplies	\$20,559	\$17,581	\$14,895	\$10,403
Labor	\$14,640	\$10,995	\$12,100	\$7,662
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Maintenance/Repair Total	\$35,199	\$28,576	\$26,995	\$18,066
Gas and Oil Total	\$40,559	\$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.

Members of the department logged over 1,215 hours of continuing education courses. Some of the more notable training events of 2011 attended by Police Department personnel are listed below.

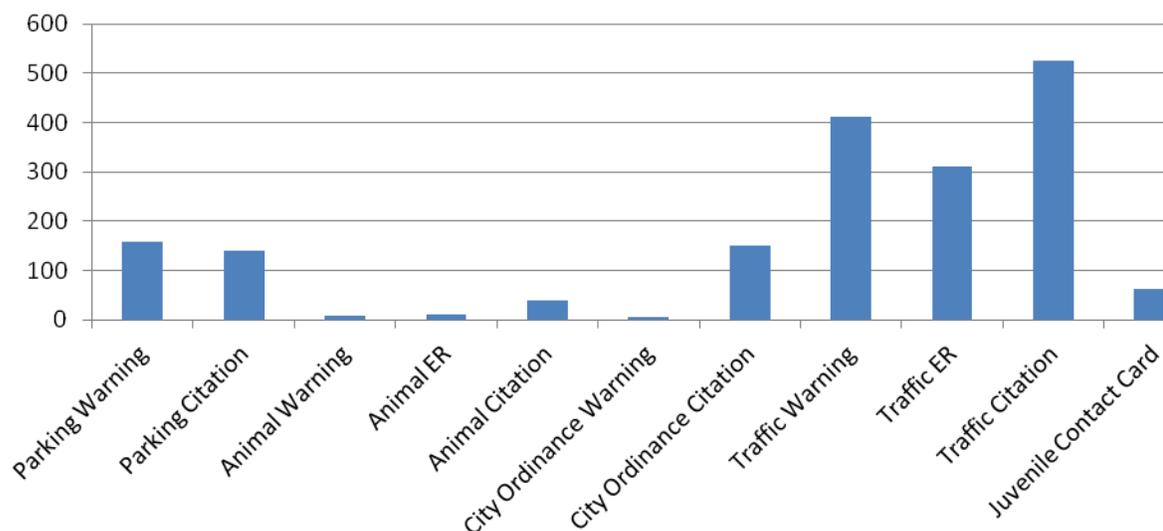
- Basic Law Enforcement Officer Certification
- K9 Drug Detection Enhancement Course
- Clandestine Lab Recertification
- Child Abuse Injury Reconstruction Techniques
- Lifelock Identity Theft Summit
- Investigation and Prosecution of the Stalker
- Kinesic Interview and Interrogation
- Work Zone Safety Awareness
- Supervision School
- Storm Spotter Training
- Party Prevention and Controlled Party Dispersal
- Response to Active Shooter Instructor
- Protect our Children Conference
- Enhancing Investigative Skills in Later Life Cases
- Qualifying & Testifying as Expert Witness in Domestic Violence Cases
- Child Protection Seat Technician Update
- Field Training Officer
- Street Survival
- Taser Certification
- Child Death & Homicide Investigation
- Association of Oklahoma Narcotics Enforcers Annual Training
- Basic Life Saving Update
- Heartsaver Instructor Update

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.

- Crime Scene Scenario
- Pursuits and Use of Force, Policy and Real World Issues
- Firearms – Handgun Qualification and Less Lethal Shotgun
- Defensive Tactics – Ground Fighting
- Meth Lab Refresher
- CPR
- Active Shooter, Technical
- Dispatch Simulator Training Phase 1 and 2
- Dispatch Debriefing, In-Progress, Call/Radio
- 40 Developmental Assests
- Firearms Night Shoot
- Tour of remodeled Courthouse



Ticket Statistics for 2011



Juvenile Contact Cards

Type of Contact	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Arson	2	6			
Assault	17	9	14	7	17
Assault in the 3rd Degree	7			3	
Credit Card/ATM Fraud		1			
Criminal Mischief	9	20	8	14	8
Criminal Mischief, \$100-\$300 damage		3			
Criminal Trespass	6	8		2	
Criminal Trespass 2nd Degree		2	1	1	2
Discharge Weapon within City Limits	1	1		2	2
Disorderly Conduct	2	2	2		1
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	20
Shoplifting	4	3	2	5	2
Terroristic Threats	1				
Theft	2	2	6	4	2
Theft by Receiving Stolen Property		1			
Theft by Unlawful Taking	2	9	4	8	3
Threatens in Menacing Manner	1	8	6	12	4
Tobacco Use by Minor	10	2	1	7	1
Unlawful Operation of an ATV					1
Urinating In Public	1				
Totals	114	117	71	99	63

Parking Warnings and Citations

Description	Warnings	Citations
24 Hour Parking	67	15
Alley Parking Prohibited	3	3
Handicapped Parking Violation	1	1
Improper Parking	5	1
Left Side Parking	25	3
Obstruct Alley Entrance	2	
Obstructing Traffic	3	1
Parking - 2 hr	24	5
Parking in Restricted Area	3	11
Prohibited Parking	4	3
Red Zone Violation	21	37
Tow In Zone Parking		2
Truck Route Violation		3
Unregistered Vehicle Parked on Street		55
Totals	158	140

Animal Warnings, ER's and Citations

Description	Warnings	ER	Citations
Animal Enclosures		1	
Animals Running Loose			1
Cruelty to Animals			4
Dangerous/Vicious Dog			4
Dog and Cats must be licensed	2	8	7
Dog at Large	3		14
Noise/Animal, Fowl	1		4
Nuisance Dogs	1		3
Rabies Tag			1
Unusual Animals Prohibited		2	
Totals	7	11	38

City Ordinance Warnings and Citations

Type	Warnings	Citations
Compulsory Education Violation		22
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor		9
Discharge of Firearm in City Limits		4
Disturbing the Peace/Stereo	4	15
False Reporting		8
Junked Motor Vehicle		46
Littering		4
Shoplifting		41
Soliciting without a permit	1	1
Unnecessary Noise	1	
Urinating in Public		1
Totals	6	151

Traffic Warnings, Equipment Repairs and Citations

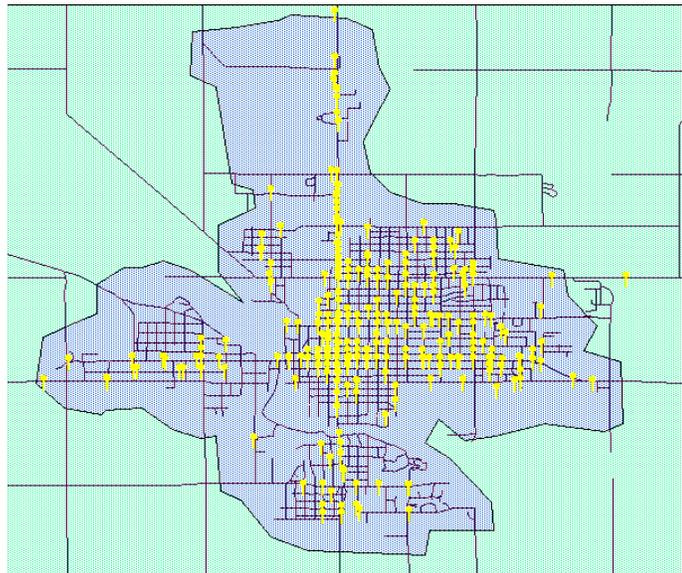
Description	Warnings	ER's	Citations
Address Change	14	17	1
Careless Driving	1		1
Clinging to a Vehicle	1		
Driving Left of Center	11		2
Driving Under Suspension			33
Driving without Headlights			2
DUS Due to ALR/Fail to Comply			17
Duty to Carry License Permit	6	6	6
Exhibition of Acceleration	2		
Failure to Maintain Lane			1
Failure to Use Seatbelt			11
Failure to yield ROW to vehicle or Yield Sign	6		8
Failure to Yield to Pedestrian			1
Fictitious Plates		2	4
Improper Lane Change	2		2
Improper Passing			3
Improper Turn	7		5
Leaving Scene of Accident			11
Lights required on Vehicle	23	214	9
Manner of Riding in a Vehicle	1		
Motor Vehicle Restraint – Children	26		11
Mufflers	1	7	1
Negligent Driving	4		22
No Headlight	8		1
No Helmet	2		
No License Plates or manner of display	8	28	7
No Mud Flaps	2		
No Valid Operator's License			1
No Valid Registration			5
One Way Violation	3		6
Operating Vehicle w/o Safety Glass Requirement			2
Operators must be licensed	2		25
Passing Violation			1
Proof of Financial Responsibility	2	11	74
Proof of Ownership		7	7
Provisional Operators Permit Violation			3
Reckless Driving			2
Red Flag Violation	2	1	
Registration Required	1	17	115
Violate Learners or School Permit			4
Screeching of Tires	5		
Speeding	189		73
Stop Sign Violation	42		30
Texting While Driving			1
Traffic Signal Violation	27		13
Turn Signal Required	11	1	
Unlawful Operation of ATV			2
Unsafe Backing			2
Totals	411	311	525

Accident Tallies for 2011

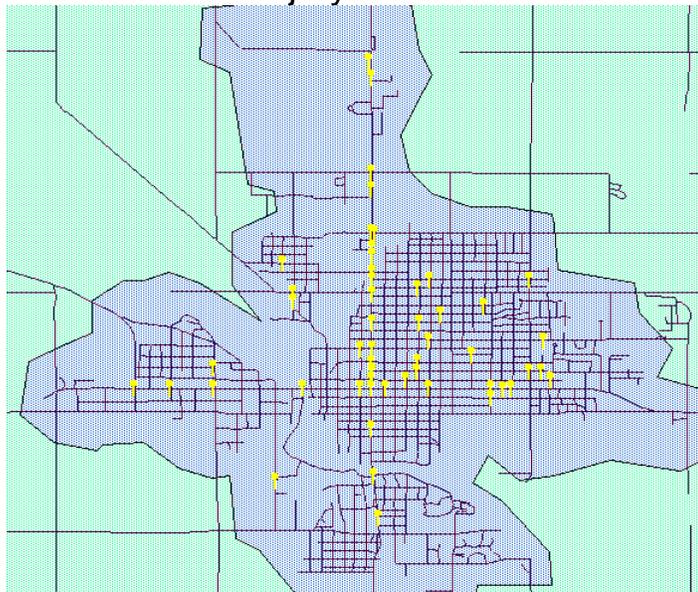
Types of Accidents

Property Damage	450
Injury	61
Fatality	0
Total	511

Locations of Accidents for 2011

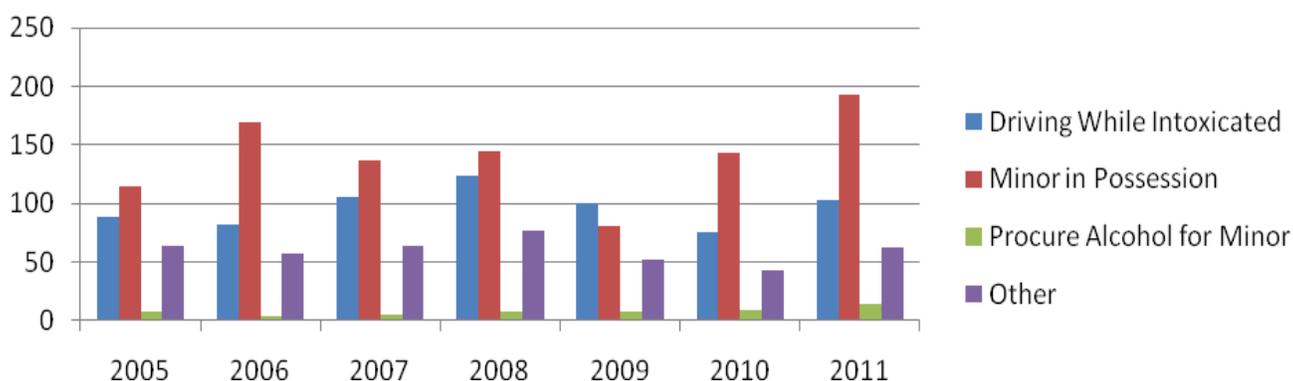


Locations of Injury Accidents for 2011



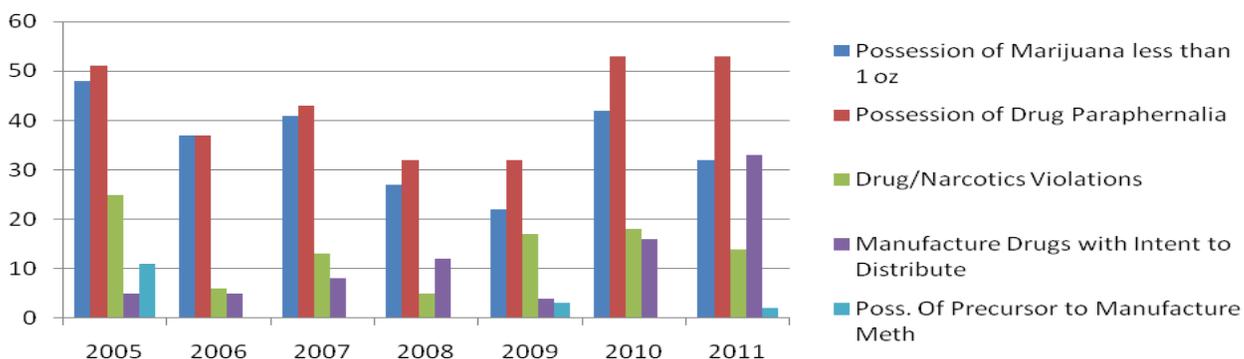
Alcohol Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Driving While Intoxicated	89	82	105	124	100	75	103
Minor in Possession	115	169	137	144	81	143	193
Procure Alcohol for Minor	8	4	5	7	7	9	14
Other	63	57	63	77	52	43	62
Total	275	312	310	352	240	270	372



Drug Related Arrests

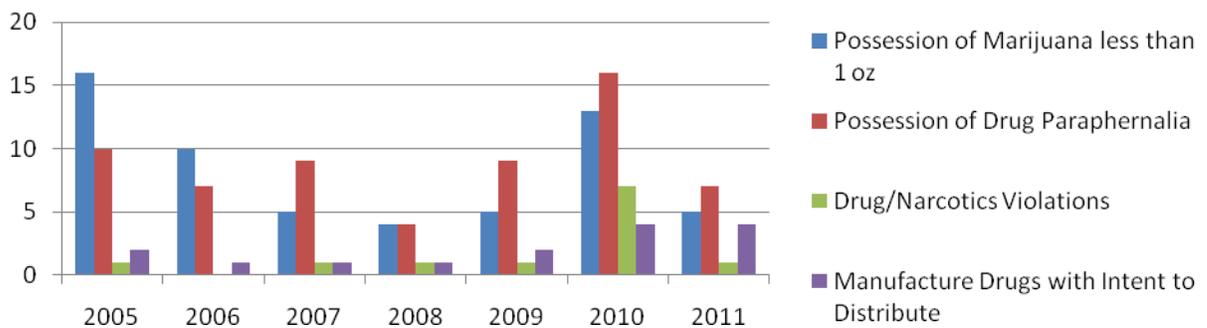
Type of Arrest	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Poss. of Marijuana less than 1 oz	48	37	41	27	22	42	32
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	51	37	43	32	32	53	53
Drug/Narcotics Violations	25	6	13	5	17	18	14
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	5	5	8	12	4	16	33
Poss. Of Precursor to Manufacture Meth	11	0	0	0	3	0	2
Totals	140	85	105	76	78	129	134



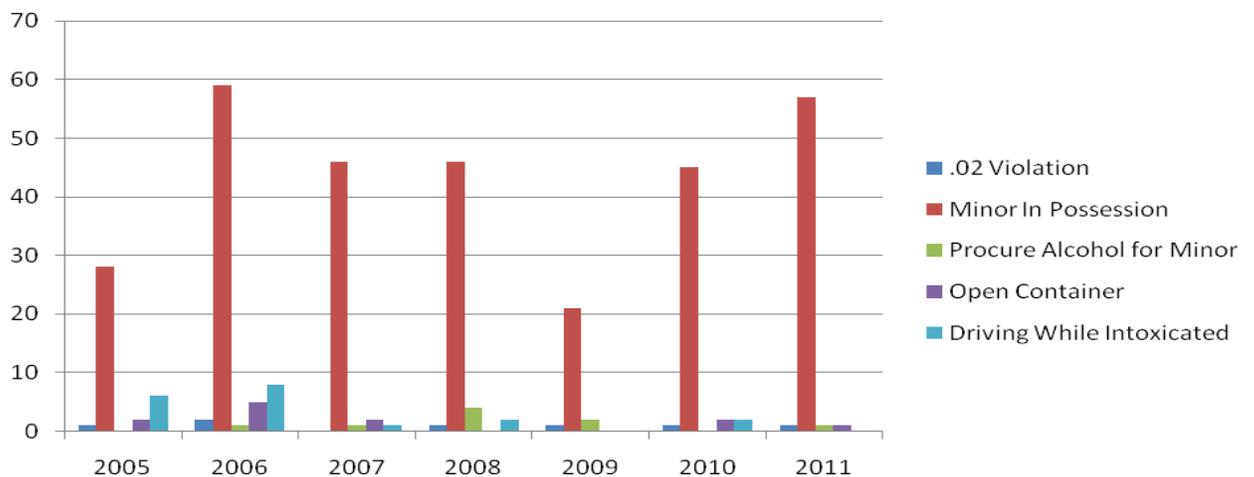
Juvenile Alcohol and Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	16	10	5	4	5	13	5
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	10	7	9	4	9	16	7
Drug/Narcotics Violations	1	0	1	1	1	7	1
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	2	1	1	1	2	4	4
.02 Violation	1	2	0	1	1	1	1
Minor In Possession	28	59	46	46	21	45	57
Procure Alcohol for Minor	0	1	1	4	2	0	1
Open Container	2	5	2	0	0	2	1
Driving While Intoxicated	6	8	1	2	0	2	0
Total	66	92	65	63	41	90	77

Juvenile Drug Arrests



Juvenile Alcohol Arrests



Major Crime Report

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

Looking at the statistics from 2011 we had a total of 646 reported major crimes which is a decrease by 139 over the 2010 total of 785. The biggest decrease was the reported larceny/theft cases which dropped by 129. They went from 477 in 2010 to 348 in 2011. This can be contributed to a combination of arrests and a more proactive approach to patrolling the residential areas. I'm very pleased to report that we made it through 2011 without a homicide.

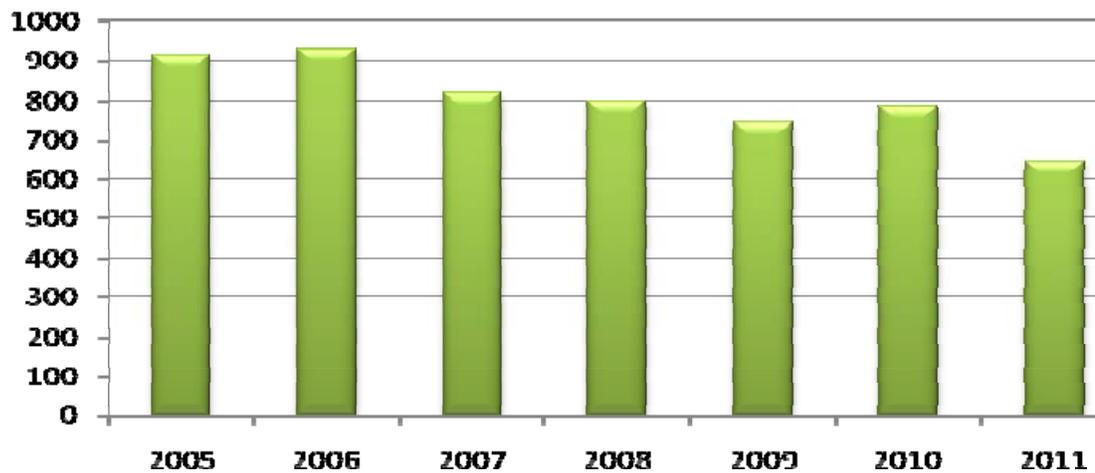
We are very concerned with the increase in sexual assaults. They almost doubled in 2011 going from 28 in 2010 to 47 in 2011. Some of these can be contributed to the internet and social networking web sites. This happens when an adult over 19 years of age and a juvenile under 16 years of age start a relationship on a social networking web site and carry the relationship over to a physical relationship.

Lt. Mike Oliver

Major Crimes Reported in Beatrice

Offense	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Homicide	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Sexual Assault	27	25	34	31	33	28	47
Robbery	2	1	2	2	2	1	1
Assault	154	183	171	135*	101	153	156
Burglary	102	122	106	101	107	112	87
Larceny/Theft	591	584	477	499	486	477	348
Motor Veh.theft	39	17	29	30	15	14	7
Totals	915	932	820	798	745	785	646

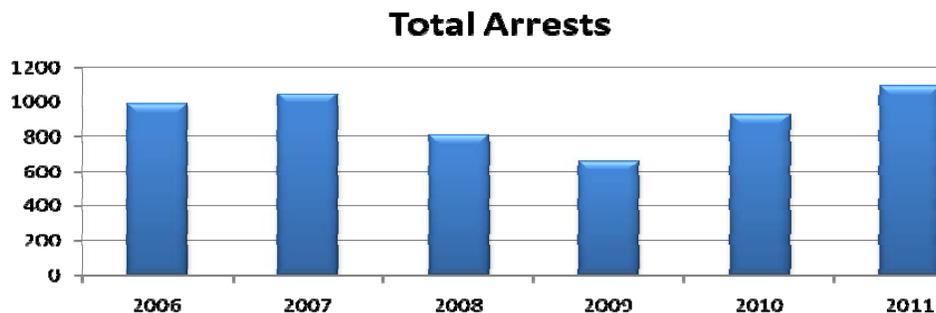
Total Major Crimes Reported



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

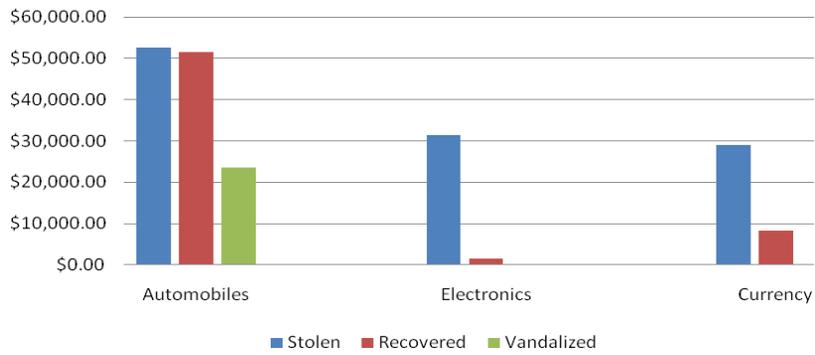
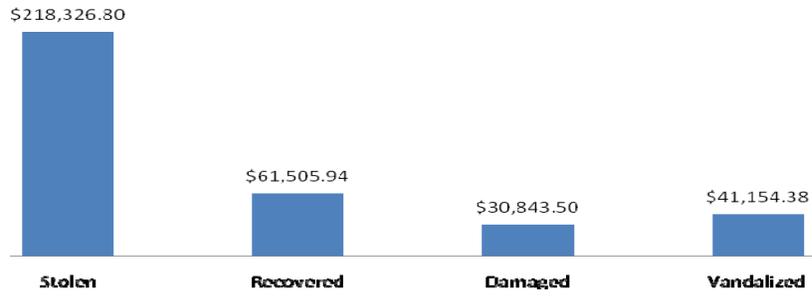
Arrest Charges

Type of Charges	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Assault 1 st /2 nd /3 rd	50	58	35	24	62	71
Assault on an Officer	2	7	2	3	2	3
Strangulation	2	3	2	3	6	9
Domestic Assault	51	32	38	26	47	48
Protection Order Violations	23	11	7	6	11	13
Sexual Assaults 1st/ 2nd/ 3rd and child	12	5	4	5	6	5
Drug Violations	85	105	76	80	129	137
Burglary	9	11	15	18	15	11
Theft	48	55	57	52	28	39
Robbery	0	0	0	0	1	0
Criminal Mischief	66	72	36	34	96	53
Child Abuse/Neglect	27	22	13	13	20	23
Weapons Violations	7	17	12	11	26	24
Disorderly Conduct	20	12	12	19	23	29
Minor In Possession	169	137	144	81	143	193
Procuring	12	5	7	7	9	14
DWI	82	105	124	100	75	103
Refusal to Submit	14	24	29	22	14	21
Open Container & other Alcohol offenses	35	44	77	30	29	62
Runaway	37	49	28	29	47	17
Terroristic Threats/ Threats	10	15	11	2	18	35
Forgery 1st Degree	1	1	0	0	0	0
Resisting Arrest	6	6	7	4	4	6
Flight to Avoid Arrest	2	2	5	0	5	4
Other Offenses	238	262	79	114	135	179
Total Arrests	988	1048	808	662	928	1099

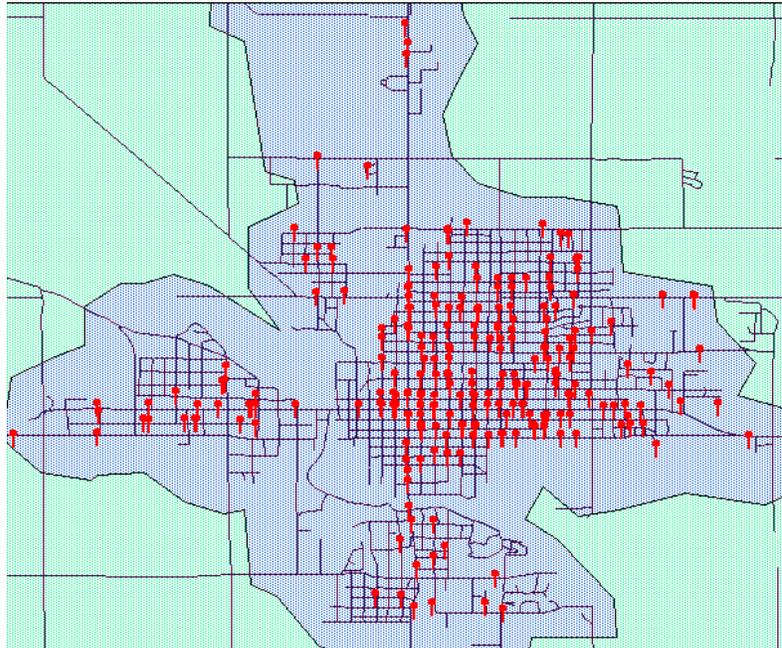


Property Crime Stats for 2011

Dollar Amounts for Crimes Committed



Vandalism Locations For 2011





Lieutenant Mike Oliver
1991



Investigator Erin Byrne
1997

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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 is entering his second year in this position.

During 2011, the Investigations Unit was busy with a variety of cases, including burglaries, thefts, suicides, sexual assaults, fraud, and forgery cases. One particular case of interest was a sexual assault, domestic violence, and strangulation case from the summer of 2011 which resulted in a lengthy investigation and ended in the arrest of the suspect. Another significant case involved the embezzlement of a large amount of money from a local business by an employee, which also ended in an arrest of the suspect. The Investigations Unit also assisted road patrol in investigating numerous thefts from vehicles and assisting in calls which required a significant investment in time and resources. 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. During 2011, several investigations were performed by the Investigations Unit installing covert surveillance cameras in Beatrice businesses at their request in order to eliminate internal theft issues.

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, county-wide, 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 School Resource Officer, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Child Advocacy Center in investigating cases of possible child abuse or neglect occurring within the City of Beatrice. In 2011, the Juvenile Services Officer investigated over 175 reported child abuse/child neglect cases in Beatrice, NE.

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 Crime Scene Team was activated ten times 2011. Complete breakdowns of the calls listed below.

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| January 3 | The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed this death was caused from natural causes. |
| January 16 | The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed this death was from natural causes. |
| March 3 | The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed this death was caused from natural causes. |
| April 21 | The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed that this death was from natural causes. |
| May 6 | The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed that this death was from natural causes. |
| May 13 | The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed this death was a suicide. |
| June 24 | The team was called to a Hotel to investigate a death. Investigation revealed that this death was from alcohol poisoning. |
| July 16 | The team was called to a residence to investigate a sexual assault. |
| August 29 | The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed that this death was from a drug overdose. |
| December 16 | The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed that this death was a suicide. |

Beatrice SWAT

The Beatrice S.W.A.T. (Special Weapons and Tactics) Team is a unit formed in the mid 1980's to respond to high-risk incidents. The unit is made up of Beatrice Police Department personnel and Beatrice Fire and Rescue personnel. The S.W.A.T. Team 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. S.W.A.T. 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.

The S.W.A.T. conducted training monthly in the following areas;

- Chemical Munitions
- Firearms Training
- Low Light Searches
- Firearms – Live Fire Shoot
- Weapon Retention and Active Countermeasures
- Linear Clearing and Vehicle Assaults
- Dynamic Entry Drills
- Search Exercise with Simunitions
- Slow Deliberate Searches
- Containment, Open Air Assaults

Throughout 2011, the unit was activated two times for tactical incidents, resulting in three arrests.

Team Member Information

Team Commander	Sergeant Jay Murphy
Team Leader	Sergeant Wesley Henning
Team Leader	Sergeant Brian Carver

Team Members

Sergeant Doug Coon	Officer Zac Lauenstein
Officer Colleen Morabito	Officer Joe McCormick
Officer Robert Soldo	Officer Robert Mierau
Officer Shane Maloley	Officer Daniel Moss
Officer Thomas Oelschlager	

Negotiations Team Commander Captain Jerry Lamkin
Negotiations Team Leader Officer Zac Lauenstein
Negotiations Team Member Officer Erin Byrne
Officer Colleen Morabito

Paramedic Jim Young
Captain Craig Fisher
Paramedic Jeremy Seggerman

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.
- The Victim Assistance Program utilized ARRA funding from February 2010 to January 2011 to employ a part time victim advocate.
- The Victim Assistance Program utilized one intern and two volunteers during 2011. The total number of volunteer hours performed to assist the program was approximately 440 hours.
- 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

- 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 6th Annual National Night out this year. It was hosted at the YMCA.

TYPE OF SERVICE

NUMBER OF TIMES PROVIDED

Crisis Counseling	24
Personal Advocacy	1,171
Information/Referral (In Person)	81
Information/Referral (Phone Contact)	742
Emergency Financial Assistance	0
Follow Up Contact	1,096
Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy	625
Compensation Assistance	27
Transportation	0
Protection order Assistance	121
Cellular Phone Program	0
Other	0
Total Number of Services Provided	3,887
Total Number of Victims Served	853

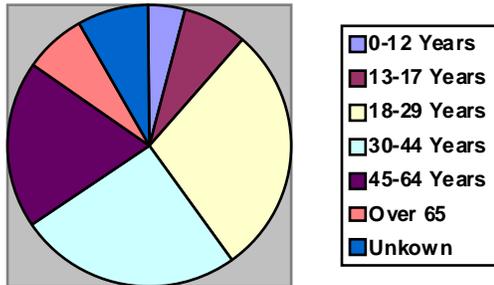
TYPE OF CRIME SERVED	# OF VICTIMS SERVED	TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS
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Homicide	7	Sexual Assault (Adult)	20
Child Abuse/Physical	13	Domestic Violence	203
Child Abuse/Sexual	55	Incest Survivor	0
DWI/DUI	1	Assault	59
Robbery	4	Elder Abuse	1
Burglary	56	Business	0
Arson	0	Other *	255

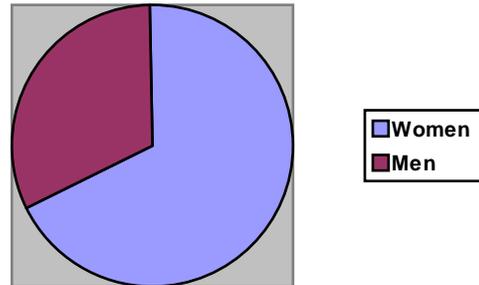
*Includes criminal mischief, theft, identity theft, etc.

DEMOGRAPICS

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School Resource Officer Program (SRO)

The goal of the School Resource Officer (SRO) position is to bridge the gap between students, schools and police by becoming a liaison when problems arise. In addition, crime prevention and law enforcement both in and out of the schools are prime ingredients in making our schools a safer place to be. With students feeling safe at school it harbors a better learning environment for all who want to learn and teach.

I, Officer Zac Lauenstein began my first year as the SRO in the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year, and am the SRO for the Beatrice High School and the Beatrice Middle School. I have been with the Beatrice Police Department since 2002 and volunteered for this assignment looking forward to working with staff and students of the Beatrice Public School system.

Coming from road patrol, narcotics and undercover investigations to working in the school was a change to say the least. I have found that there is less time to complete certain assignments as most of my day is spent talking with students and staff about questions they might have, or as part of an investigation, or them reporting a wrong doing done to them, which may or may not be a law violation. I enjoy working closely with the Counselors and Principals at both the high school and middle school to help solve, reduce and prevent problems involving students and/or staff.

When I am not working on investigations, reading new laws or policies, or counseling students I enjoy being able to sit in classes with students during instructional times or participating in classes, as well as speaking to classes on topics that are related to my field.

The most common crimes reported at BHS and BMS are Truancy, Assaults and Thefts, with Truancy being the biggest number of them all. Truancy is not age specific and affects both BHS and BMS, along with the SKILLS program, and Compass Learning Community, (alternative high school).

Thefts have been on the decline for several years, and there were only 5 reported thefts in the schools in 2011, about half of years past. Although a small amount of drugs have been recovered from the high school, it does not appear prevalent, and two alcohol incidents have been reported.

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

Officer Zac Lauenstein #305 (School Resource Officer)

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 along with the Victim Assistance Coordinator 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 400 people attended the 17 speaker presentations given to those church groups, service clubs, businesses and other community groups requesting the service. The most requested topics were: Scams and Frauds, Responsible Beverages Servers, and assisting with Juvenile Diversion.

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
- Shoplifting Prevention and Apprehension
- Dangerous Drugs Awareness and Effects
- Regulations for Employees of Liquor Establishments
- Meth 360
- POP and Vehicular Restraints Discussion
- "Your Police Department"
- Domestic Violence

Community Policing

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

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

Chief Lang writes a weekly column, "Ask the Chief", in the Beatrice Daily Sun. His column has generated phone calls and questions regarding the subject matter written in the articles. We had a parent comment on a column stating it was helpful to her and her husband because of a similar experience they were going through with their daughter. Hearing this story from a mother and how it made a difference was evident that the column is making a difference in our community.

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

The Beatrice Police Department's utilizes their Facebook page to list crime reports and invite citizens to participate in making reports. We post current articles from our local newspaper in order to connect with our community.

In conjunction with the MAPS coalition (Community Justice Task Force), members of the department help with the planning of the event, and the Beatrice FOP donates their resources to the National Night Out event that is held each year. This year was our fifth year to participate in the National Night Out event. It was hosted at the Beatrice YMCA in 2011. There were a number of family oriented activities and safety information available.

Another activity held in conjunction with the MAPS coalition is the alcohol compliance checks. The MAPS coalition provides grant funds to the Beatrice Police Department which pays for overtime wages for officers while conducting the alcohol compliance checks. These checks are done at retail stores selling or serving alcoholic beverages. There were two sets of compliance checks completed in 2011.

The Beatrice Police Department has two trained Responsible Beverage (RBS) Trainers. This program is a community based approach to reducing risks associated with retail alcohol environments. RBS has three essential elements: Alcohol policy for the alcoholic beverage licensed establishment; Server education and oversight; and Partnerships with law enforcement, local agencies and community groups. There were three sessions held in 2011 with 19 retailers participating.

The department has two officers who are certified to check and install child restraints or car seats. Upon request, anyone can have their child restraint checked, to make sure that it has been properly installed in a vehicle and it is not expired. In April 2011, we co hosted a Child Restraint Safety Check with the Gage County Sheriff's Office.

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