

A Word from Chief Lang...



Dear Mayor Schuster and Members of the Beatrice City Council,

I am pleased to present to you the 2012 Beatrice Police Department Annual Report. 2012 was a memorable year for many reasons not the least of which was completing my 20th year as your Chief of Police. The Department has made great strides throughout those years all of which would not have been possible without the support of the various Mayors and City Council Members.

The Department saw our workforce stabilize with only one Police Officer position changing. With a stable work force, we can focus our efforts on training and preparing our officers and dispatchers for the variety of challenges we face every day. We experienced our first inter department Officer to Officer marriage this year and subsequently experienced our first ever pregnant police Officer. This required us to review our policies and adjust work assignments in addition to the uniform challenges this presented, while it was a learning experience for all of us it has seemed to go smoothly for everyone involved.

The majority of crime and arrest categories saw a decline this year and I attribute this mainly to the natural variations we see from year to year rather than any other outside influences. We have been fortunate to not have a homicide for several years and other crimes against people were lower this year as well. Property crime remains a problem and although we have made numerous arrests in these crimes the problem persists. As always, if after reading this you have questions please do not hesitate to call or stop in.

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



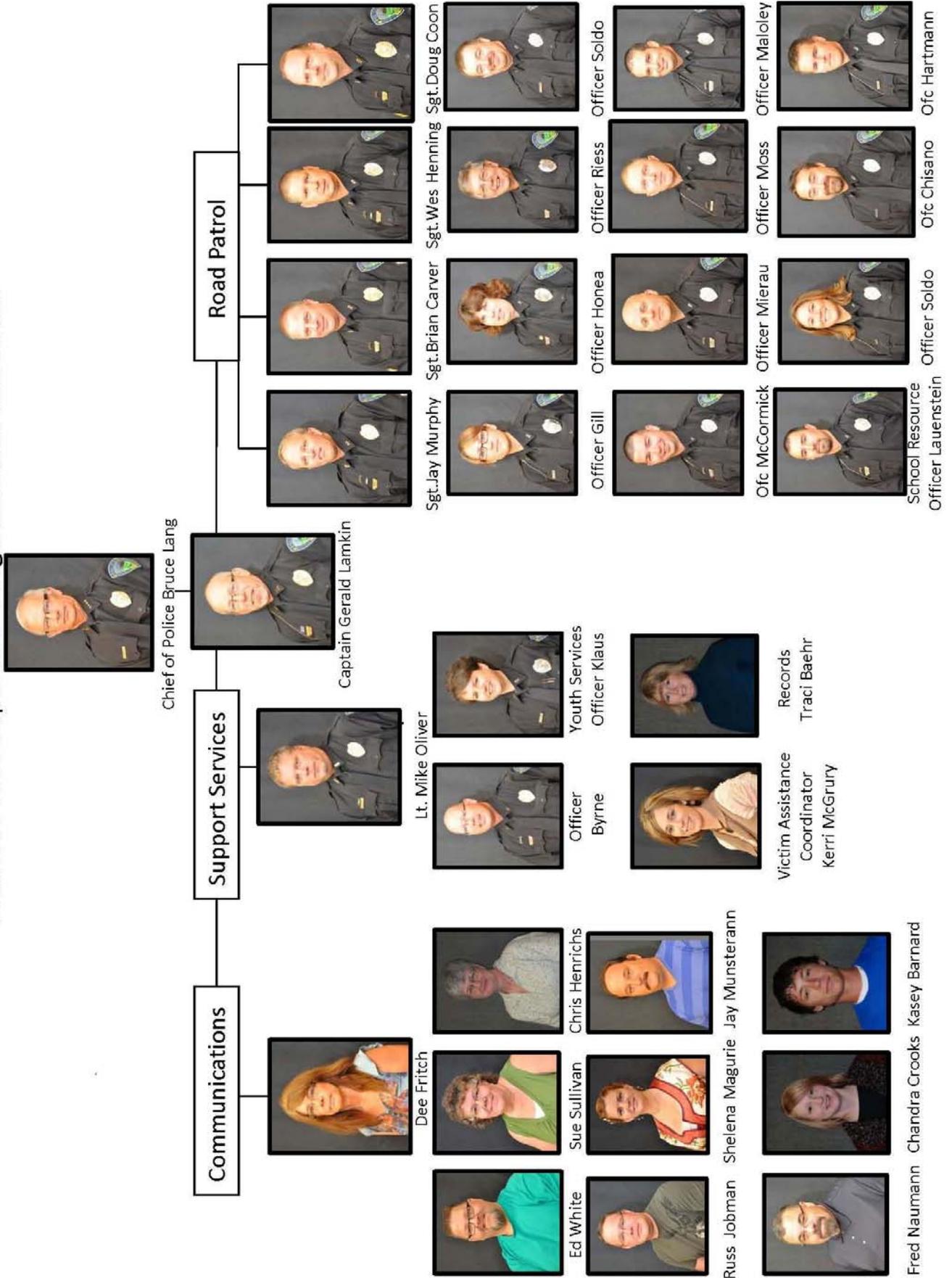
Police Secretary
Traci Baehr
2005



Victim Assistance Coordinator
Kerri McGrury
1998

Administration

Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart 2012



Changes in Staff 2012

Promotions

- None

Internal Transfers

- None

New Hires

- Ben Hartmann – Police Officer

Resignations

- None

Retirements

- None

2012 Grants

This year we were able to secure four 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 \$1,710.00 that provided our agency with six (6) new Preliminary Breath Testing devices. The total amount of grant funds awarded our department in 2012 were over \$ 45,688.74. 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 May 21 through June 3 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 20% in seat belt usage after the week long selective enforcement. This is a dramatic increase. I would like to attribute this to the time of year; end of the school year with both high school and college graduations at hand and more families are trying to protect themselves and others by buckling up.

Grant Award: \$1,535.31
Grand Coordinator Officer Ernie Reiss

From August 17 to September 3 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: \$2,725.25
Grand Coordinator Officer Anthony Chisano

From November 19 to November 25 our department once again participated in a selective enforcement targeting compliance of the state's occupant protective system (seatbelt) law. The post enforcement survey showed an increase of 1% in seat belt usage after the week long selective enforcement. One percent may not seem significant unless you or a family member is one of the four lives saved due to becoming compliant with seat belt usage.

Grant Award: \$ 1,157.18
Grand Coordinator Officer Zac Lauenstein

From December 14, 2012 through January 1, 2013 our department participated in the selective traffic enforcement targeting impaired drivers. The campaign was entitled "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" was part of the nationwide "You Drink & Drive. You Lose" program to help in reducing the increase in alcohol related crashes.

Grant Award: \$ 950.67
Grand Coordinator Officer Colleen Soldo

The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice once again 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. During the past year the Victim Assistance program assisted over one hundred eighty-seven victims of assault or domestic violence.

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

This past year was our final year 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 / full four years: \$158,607
Director Kerri McGrury

2012 Overtime

This year our department had a 15% increase in the area of Fill In. This correlates with increases in the areas of Investigation and Crime Scene/Evidence as they all seem to go hand-in-hand when it comes to more lengthy investigations. This could also account for increases in the areas of K-9, which is being utilized more as well as meetings, which can be attributed to the prosecutor's office.

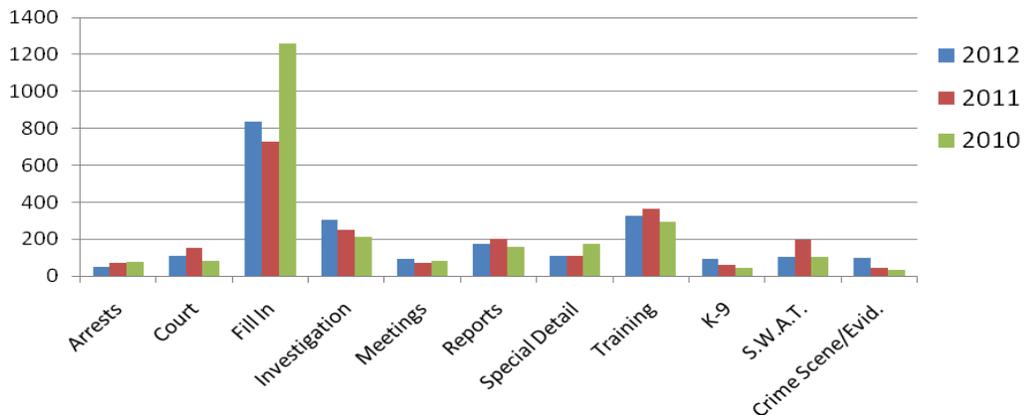
Our department did experience several areas in which we saw a decrease. Hours needed to complete arrests were down 34% from last year as well as required court appearance time being down 31%.

The category of Training, Reports and S.W.A.T. all saw a decrease in time spent conducting those specific functions, totaling One Hundred Sixty-Two hours less than in 2011. The decrease in Training can be accredited to the number of officers present during in-house training sessions scheduled during the vacation months.

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

Overtime Totals

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Arrests	48.00	72.5	79.5
Court	107.50	155	83.5
Fill In	837.55	728	1260
Investigation	304.05	252	215
Meetings	93.00	69	82
Reports	175.50	203	158
Special Detail	109.00	111	177
Training	326.00	366	293
K-9	92.00	62.5	44.5
S.W.A.T.	104.50	198	106.25
Crime Scene/Evidence	98.25	46	32.5
Total Overtime Hours	2295.35	2263.00	2531.25





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 Calls for Service

Communications receives thousands of calls in a year. When a call is received that will require action from an officer or a call that we need to keep record of we put it in the computer as a Call for Service (CFS).

A call for service (CFS) can be initiated different ways.
The call can be initiated by:

1. A person walking into the station
2. A telephone call
3. 911 call
4. Officer initiated.

A CFS requires gathering all pertinent information to initiate a report in order to dispatch an officer/agency. The following things need to be gathered.

1. Type of call
2. Reporting parties name and phone number
3. Location of the call which can be different than where the caller is at the time
4. Details or narrative that the caller advises so the officer has a heads up prior to arriving at the scene.

Depending on the nature of the call, it is important that the dispatcher remain calm in order to calm the caller if needed. If this is a “hot” call, the dispatcher will keep the caller on the phone and relay all information to the officer that is en-route to the call.



2012 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	2010	2011	2012
911 Hang Up	113	72	71
Accident/Fatality	7	3	2
Accident/Injuries	141	129	122
Accident/No Injuries	882	835	704
Adult Abuse	34	59	67
Alarm	43	25	32
ALS	17	23	23
Animal Bite	44	49	30
Animal Complaint	1138	1153	1115
Animal Cruelty	106	113	94
Arson	1	8	2
Assault	171	206	168
Assist Citizen	265	221	198
Assist Other Agency	233	222	254
Attempted Suicide	21	13	19
Bar Check	375	536	473
Barking Dog	178	127	128
Board of Public Works	213	207	210
Bomb Threat	0	1	1
Burglar Alarm	250	276	291
Burglary	187	172	171
Child Abuse	201	202	224
Civil	334	323	309
Complaint Against Officer	4	2	3
Compliance Check	56	29	0
Crimestoppers	16	27	29
Death	93	70	92
Disorderly Conduct	15	14	10
Disturbance	521	508	470
Drowning	1	0	0
Drug Information	135	101	105
Drug Lab	11	3	1
Drug Violation	63	74	37
DUS	53	59	48
Driving While Intoxicated	141	167	82

CALL TYPE	2010	2011	2012
Embezzlement	1	1	2
Emergency Protective Custody	13	5	7
Escort	124	119	106
Fail to Appear	15	12	14
False Reporting	4	4	6
Field Interview	116	105	114
Fire	191	250	258
Fire Alarm	133	127	135
Forgery	8	1	3
Found Animal	220	219	164
Found Property	258	257	248
Fraud	105	88	94
Gambling Violation	1	2	0
Game Violation	16	19	8
Gas Drive Off	69	101	112
General Information	284	282	310
Harassment	270	316	279
Health Hazard	72	76	82
Hitch Hiker	22	20	15
Homicide	0	0	0
ICAC	3	15	6
Identity Theft	5	10	13
Indecent Exposure	9	17	10
Injury	7	5	3
Jail Incident	4	7	8
Junked Motor Vehicle	62	53	32
Juvenile	437	440	391
Liquor Laws	66	90	41
Lost Animal	149	161	148
Lost Property	69	69	59
Mental	54	66	74
Minor in Possession	31	40	35
Missing Person	26	43	20
Motor Vehicle Theft	20	37	50
Motorist Assist	445	508	317
Noise	295	241	204
Open Door	136	132	137
Out of Unit	390	352	317
Ordinance Violation	165	164	149
Paper Service	581	897	787
Parking 2 hr.	42	47	63
Parking 24 hrs.	156	119	97
Parking/other	387	314	228
Probation Violation	14	6	16

CALL TYPE	2010	2011	2012
Property Damage	46	48	25
Protection Order Violation	63	51	31
Prowler	29	19	16
Public Service	166	223	233
Pursuit	3	12	4
Rape	2	5	2
Remove Party	140	182	168
Rescue	1175	1228	1309
Robbery	1	1	1
Runaway	96	59	66
SEADE	1	10	21
Search Warrant	4	1	1
Sex Offender Registration	24	29	10
Sexual Assault	45	64	36
Shoplifting	40	53	66
Solicitor	20	17	13
Suicide	3	3	10
Suspicious	605	676	731
Terrorism	0	0	0
Theft	614	554	546
Threats	136	113	169
Traffic Hazard	225	235	198
Traffic Stops	2733	3300	3305
Transfer	850	862	766
Transport	171	222	222
Trash	70	72	52
Trespassing	80	52	78
Truancy	44	39	21
Unknown	4	4	7
Vacation Watch	74	73	78
Vandalism	398	448	356
Vehicle Comp/DUI	280	298	255
Vehicle Comp/Noise	38	37	15
Vehicle Comp/Other	481	422	468
Vehicle Comp/Bus Arm	6	9	8
Vehicle Comp/Speeding	180	161	171
Vehicle Comp/Stop Sign	1	4	7
Warrants	311	324	279
Watch	145	124	132
Weapon Laws Violation	16	17	13
Weather	30	25	16
Welfare Check	584	635	628
Totals	21472	22577	21280

2012 Calls for Service by Agency

Beatrice Police Department	11882
Game and Parks	8
Board of Public Works	210
Gage County Sheriff's Office	6561
Wymore Police Department	933
Beatrice Fire and Rescue and Beatrice Rural Fire	2609
Adams Fire	42
Adams Rescue	56
Barneston Fire	16
Blue Springs Fire	43
Cortland Fire	30
Clatonia Fire	12
Clatonia Rescue	43
Cortland QRT's	37
Dewitt Fire	1
Filley Fire	30
Odell Fire	24
Odell QRT's	21
Pickrell Fire/QRT's	33
SEADE	21
Wymore Fire	63
Wymore Rescue	198

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 calls for service is entered and every callers address is added to that call rather than making a calls 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 Wes Henning
1997



Sgt Doug Coon
1997



Sgt Brian Carver
2000



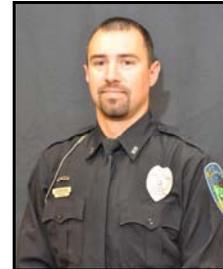
Officer Cheryl Honea
1984



Officer Ernie Reiss
1989



Officer Robert Mierau
2002



Officer Zac Lauenstein
2002



Officer Colleen Soldo
2005



Officer Kristine Gill
2006



Officer Joseph McCormick
2007



Officer Robert Soldo
2008



Officer Shane Maloley
2009



Officer Daniel Moss
2009



Officer Anthony Chisano
2011



Officer Ben Hartmann
2012

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Vehicle Summary 2012

In March 2012 the Beatrice Police Department purchased a new 2013 Police Interceptor Utility. The K9 unit, which was a 2003 Ford Crown Vic with a 150,000 plus miles, was rotated out of service. Unit #2 was then converted into a K9 patrol unit. The police department plans on adding another 2013 Police Interceptor SUV to the fleet and rotating Unit #6 out of service. The police department also added a 1997 Ford Super Armored Vehicle to assist in our SWAT tactical deployments.

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. During 2012, the Department spent \$28,142 on vehicle repairs compared to \$35,199 in 2010. Unit 6, our oldest patrol vehicle with the highest mileage, took up almost 25% of our repair cost.

During 2012, our road patrol vehicles were driven an average of 19, 950 miles per vehicle. Our six patrol units drove a combined 119, 702 miles compared to 117, 501 in 2011.

FLEET INFORMATION						
Unit	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Miles Driven in 2012	Use
1	2010	Ford	Crown Vic	51,756	25, 698	Patrol
2	2008	Ford	Crown Vic	97, 547	12, 960	Patrol/K9
3	2011	Chevy	Tahoe	42, 151	23, 647	Patrol/Supervisor
4	2013	Ford	P.I. SUV	14, 174	14, 174	Patrol
5	2009	Ford	Crown Vic	75, 141	24, 296	Patrol
6	2006	Ford	Crown Vic	136, 158	18, 927	Patrol
7	2000	Chevy	Impala	103, 511	2, 825	Administration
8	2001	GMC	Jimmy	129, 943	3, 919	Investigations
9	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	102, 505	1,983	School Resource
11	2002	Chevy	Impala	77,200	4,441	Administration
12	2007	Ford	Explorer	94, 803	8,208	Investigations
14	2001	Ford	Crown Vic	128, 815	3, 341	School/Training
Bus	1996	Chevy	Blue Bird	5,842	41	Mobile Command
SWAT	1997	Ford	Armored Veh	308,474	138	Tactical Deployment

VEHICLE EXPENSE				
	2012	2011	2010	2009
Parts/Supplies	\$15,699	\$20,559	\$17,581	\$14,895
Labor	\$12,443	\$14,640	\$10,995	\$12,100
Maintenance/Repair Total	=====	=====	=====	=====
	\$28,142	\$35,199	\$28,576	\$26,995
Gas and Oil Total	\$42,958	\$40,559	\$36,587	\$22,401

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.

New to 2013 the State of Nebraska is mandating law enforcement officers receive a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education annually. For 2012 Officers averaged 38 hours of continuing education.

Members of the department logged over 893 hours of continuing education courses. Some of the more notable training events of 2012 attended by Police Department personnel are listed below.

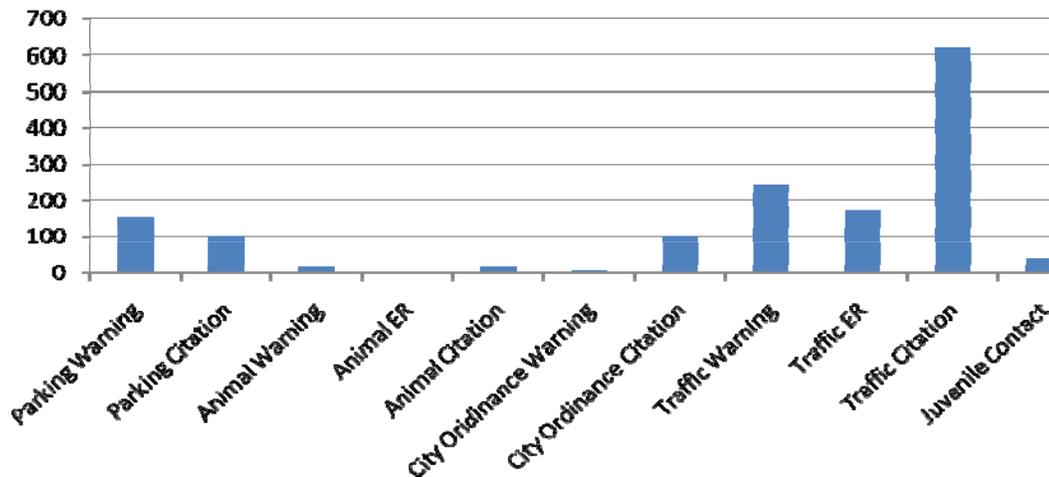
- Search and Seizure Seminar
- K9 Drug Detection Enhancement Course
- Clandestine Lab Recertification
- GPS Interrogation
- Basic Cell Phone Investigation
- Response to Active Shooter Instructor
- Protect our Children Conference
- Child Protection Seat Technician Update
- Association of Oklahoma Narcotics Enforcers Annual Training
- Basic Life Saving Update
- Basic Computer Skills
- Firearms Instructor Recertification
- HazMat One Pot Meth Cooks
- Active Shooter Workshop
- Crimes of Power and Control
- School Resource Officer Conference
- Glock Armorer's Course
- Advance Crash Investigation
- ICAC Training on Child Exploitation
- NeLEIN Conference

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.

- Explosives Update
- Pursuits and Use of Force, Policy and Real World Issues
- Firearms – Handgun Qualification and Less Lethal Shotgun
- Defensive Tactics
- Spike Training
- CPR
- Active Shooter, Technical
- Firearms Night Shoot
- Domestic Violence Update
- SWAT Distraction Devices
- SWAT Less Lethal
- SWAT Team Movements
- GeoLynx Server Training



Ticket Statistics for 2012



Juvenile Contact Cards

Type of Contact	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Arson	2	6				
Assault	24	9	14	10	17	8
Credit Card/ATM Fraud		1				
Criminal Mischief	9	23	8	14	8	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		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	21
Shoplifting	4	3	2	5	2	2
Terroristic Threats	1					
Theft	2	3	6	4	2	5
Theft by Unlawful Taking	2	9	4	8	3	
Threatens in Menacing Manner	1	8	6	12	4	1
Tobacco Use by Minor	10	2	1	7	1	1
Unlawful Operation of an ATV					1	
Urinating In Public	1					
Totals	114	117	71	99	63	42

Parking Warnings and Citations

Description	Warnings	Citations
24 Hour Parking	57	22
Alley Parking Prohibited	2	2
Handicapped Parking Violation	1	1
Improper Parking	3	
Left Side Parking	4	4
Parking - 2 hr	36	13
Parking 2 am to 6 am	7	
Parking in Restricted Area	5	6
Prohibited Parking	7	4
Red Zone Violation	18	8
Snow Emergency Parking		1
Tow In Zone Parking	7	
Unregistered Vehicle Parked on Street	9	39
Totals	156	100

Animal Warnings, ER's and Citations

Description	Warnings	ER	Citations
Cruelty to Animals			1
Dog and Cats must be licensed	4	1	
Dog at Large	7		5
Noise/Animal, Fowl	4		1
Nuisance Dogs	2		7
Rabies Tag	1		
Reckless Animal Owner			1
Totals	18	1	14

City Ordinance Warnings and Citations

Type	Warnings	Citations
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor		19
Disturbing the Peace/Stereo	3	11
False Reporting		6
Illegally Connecting to Electricity		
Littering		1
Sidewalk not Scooped	2	
Shoplifting		50
Unnecessary Noise	2	3
Totals	7	90

Traffic Warnings, Equipment Repairs and Citations

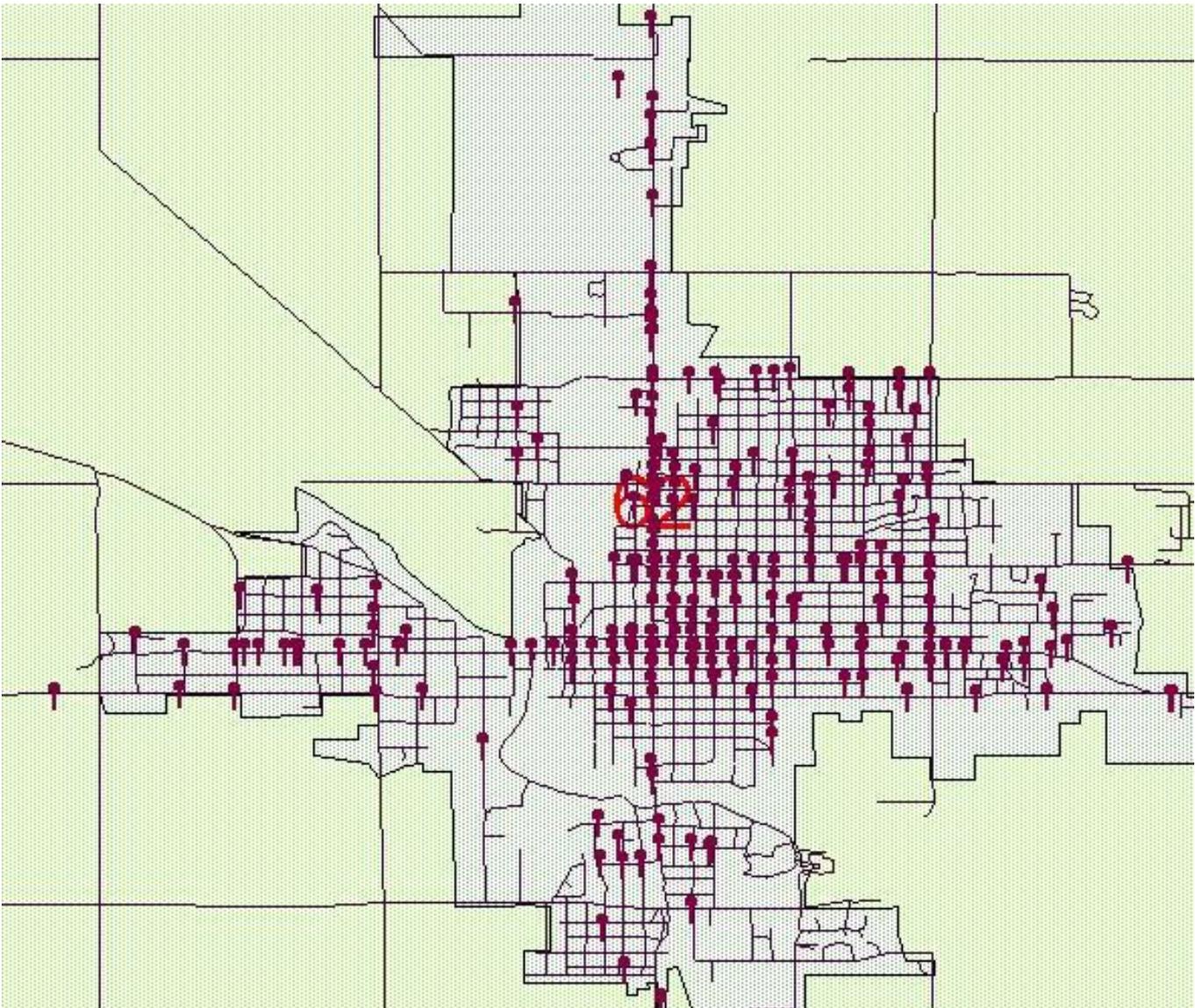
Description	Warnings	ER's	Citations
Address Change	4	6	1
Careless Driving			7
Driving Left of Center	4		1
Driving too fast for Conditions			1
Driving Under Suspension			46
Driving without Headlights			2
DUS Due to ALR/Fail to Comply			27
Duty to Carry License Permit	9		7
Engine Braking	1		
Exhibition of Acceleration	3		2
Failure to Maintain Lane			3
Failure to Use Seatbelt			3
Failure to yield ROW to vehicle or Yield Sign	7		11
Failure to Yield to Pedestrian			1
Fictitious Plates			5
Follow too Close	3		2
Improper Lane Change	1		2
Improper Passing			1
Improper Turn	1		12
Leaving Scene of Accident			18
Lights required on Vehicle	10	130	15
Manner of Riding in a Vehicle			2
Motor Vehicle Restraint – Children	14		13
Mufflers	2	3	1
Negligent Driving	5		18
No Headlight	1		1
No Helmet	1		2
No License Plates or manner of display	3	22	1
No Mud Flaps		5	
No Valid Operator's License			9
No Valid Registration			11
One Way Violation	8		3
Operators must be licensed	4	1	22
Passing Violation	3		1
Proof of Financial Responsibility			73
Proof of Ownership		2	13
Provisional Operators Permit Violation			5
Reckless Driving			4
Red Flag Violation	3	1	
Registration Required		1	139
Violate Learners or School Permit			1
Speeding	99		81
Spilling Contents of Road	1		
Stop Sign Violation	37		33
Tint		2	
Traffic Signal Violation	13		19
Turn Signal Required	7		2
Totals	244	173	621

Accident Tallies for 2012

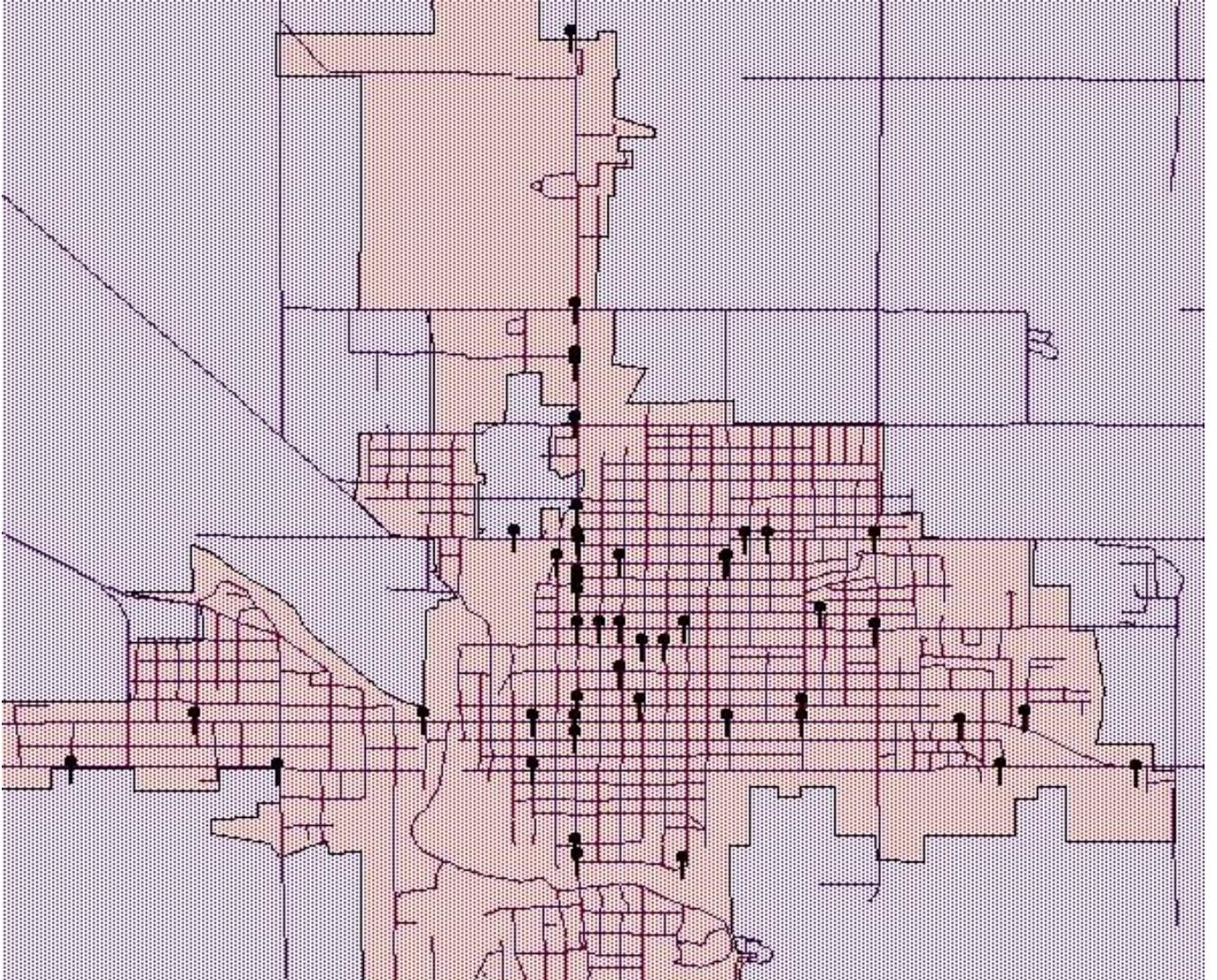
Types of Accidents

Property Damage	365
Injury	53
Fatality	0
Total	418

Locations of Accidents for 2012

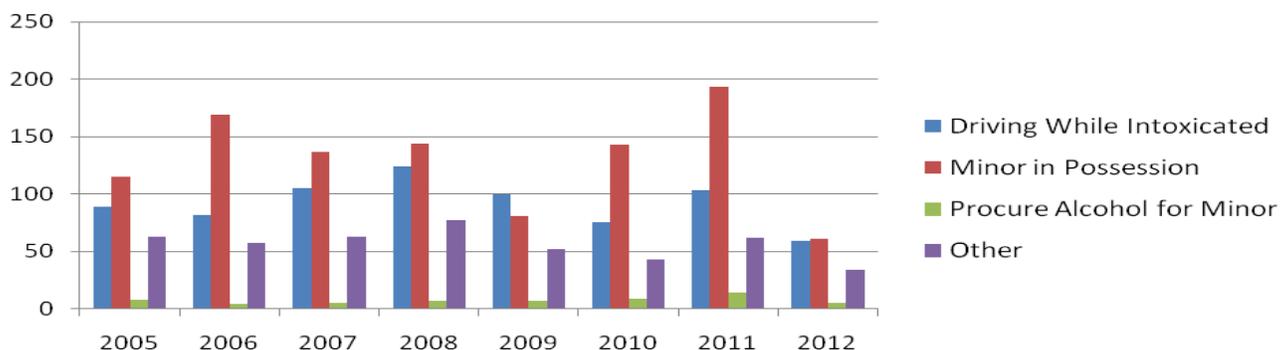


Locations of Injury Accidents for 2012



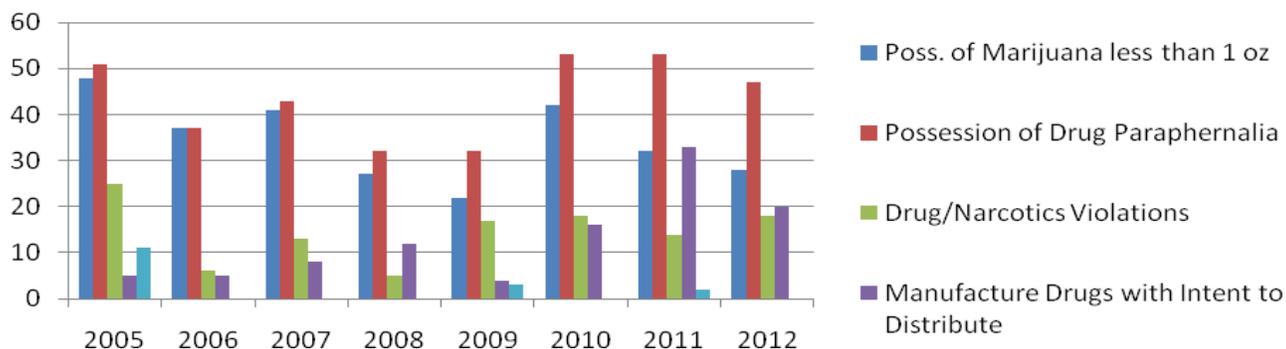
Alcohol Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Driving While Intoxicated	89	82	105	124	100	75	103	59
Minor in Possession	115	169	137	144	81	143	193	61
Procure Alcohol for Minor	8	4	5	7	7	9	14	5
Other	63	57	63	77	52	43	62	34
Total	275	312	310	352	240	270	372	159



Drug Related Arrests

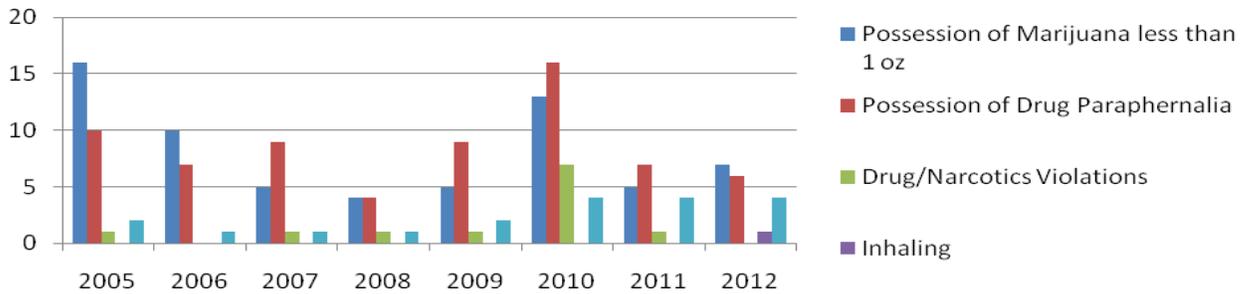
Type of Arrest	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Poss. of Marijuana less than 1 oz	48	37	41	27	22	42	32	28
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	51	37	43	32	32	53	53	47
Drug/Narcotics Violations	25	6	13	5	17	18	14	18
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	5	5	8	12	4	16	33	20
Poss. Of Precursor to Manufacture Meth	11	0	0	0	3	0	2	0
Totals	140	85	105	76	78	129	134	113



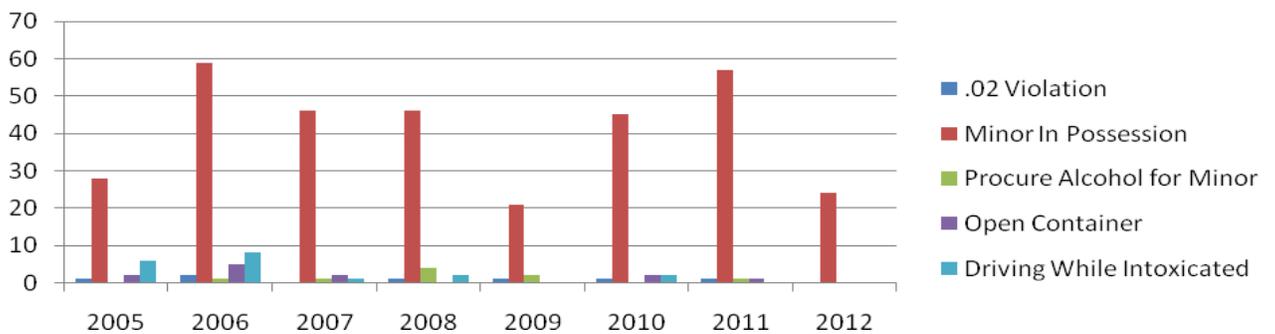
Juvenile Alcohol and Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	16	10	5	4	5	13	5	7
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	10	7	9	4	9	16	7	6
Drug/Narcotics Violations	1	0	1	1	1	7	1	0
Inhaling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Manufacture Drugs/ Intent to Distribute	2	1	1	1	2	4	4	4
.02 Violation	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	0
Minor In Possession	28	59	46	46	21	45	57	24
Procure Alcohol for Minor	0	1	1	4	2	0	1	0
Open Container	2	5	2	0	0	2	1	0
Driving While Intoxicated	6	8	1	2	0	2	0	0
Total	66	92	65	63	41	90	77	42

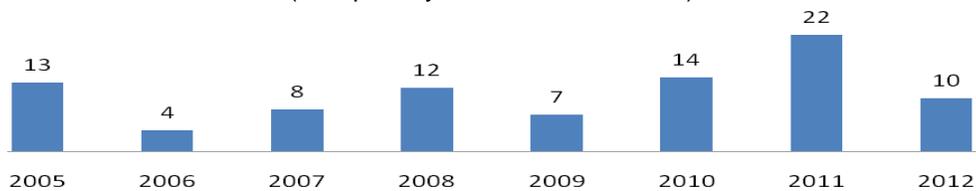
Juvenile Drug Arrests



Juvenile Alcohol Arrests



Truancy Citations (Compulsory Education Violations)



Major Crime Report 2012

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 2012 we had a total of 653 reported major crimes which is an increase by only 7 over the 2011 total of 646. The biggest increase was the reported larceny/theft cases with 402 reported in 2012 which was an increase of 54. They are still way below the 591 reported in 2005. I'm very pleased to report that we made it through 2012 without a homicide.

We did see a drop in assaults and sexual assaults in 2012. Assaults dropped by 34 and sexual assaults dropped by 27. The 20 sexual assaults reported is the lowest reported in the last 5 years and the assaults are the 2nd reported lowest in the last 5 years. We certainly hope this trend continues.

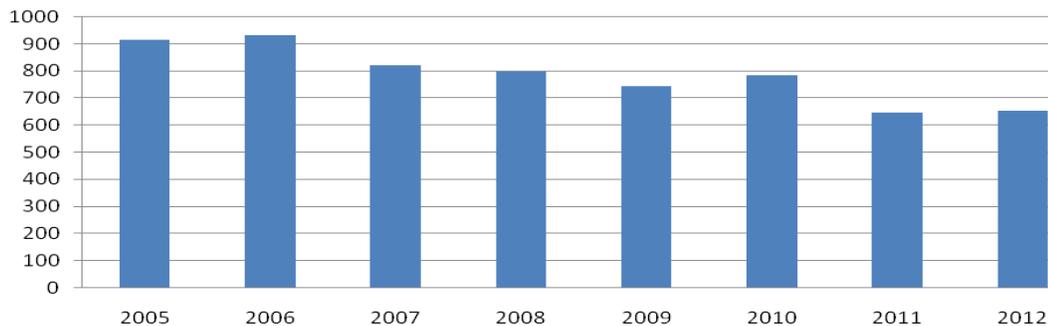
Lt. Mike Oliver

Major Crimes Reported in Beatrice

Offense	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Homicide	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	27	25	34	31	33	28	47	20
Robbery	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2
Assault	154	183	171	135*	101	153	156	122
Burglary	102	122	106	101	107	112	87	101
Larceny/Theft	591	584	477	499	486	477	348	402
Motor Veh.theft	39	17	29	30	15	14	7	6
Totals	915	932	820	798	745	785	646	653

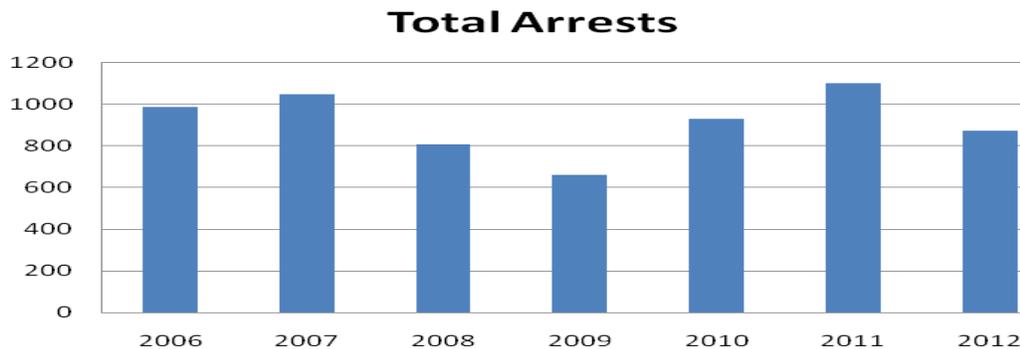
* Assaults were incorrectly reported as 207 in 2008 – correct number is 135

Total Major Crimes Reported



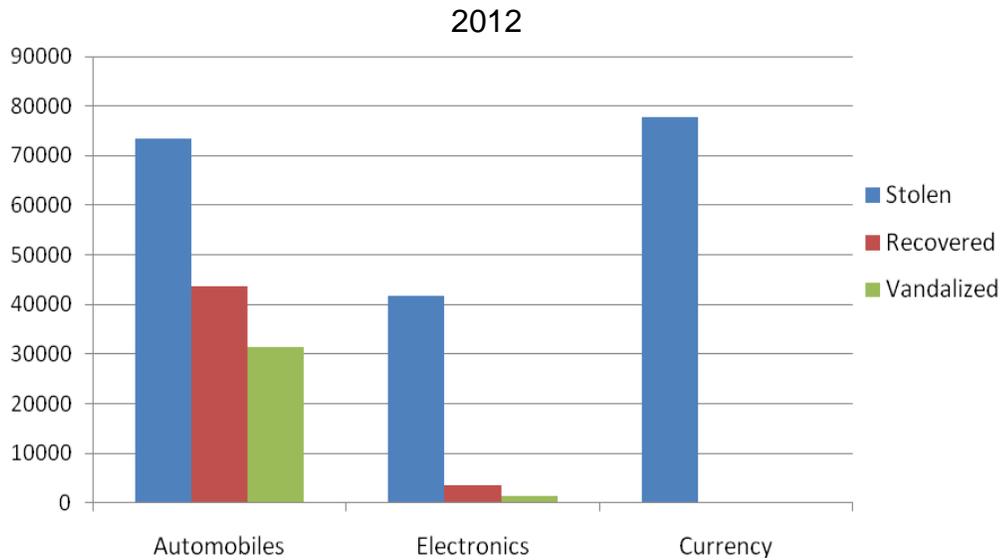
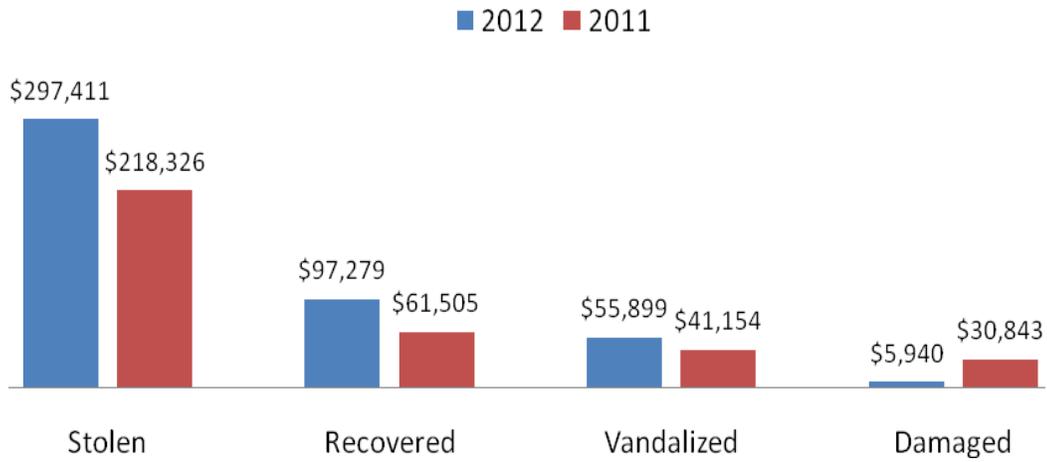
Arrest Charges

Type of Charges	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Assault 1 st /2 nd /3 rd	50	58	35	24	62	71	32
Assault on an Officer	2	7	2	3	2	3	2
Strangulation	2	3	2	3	6	9	6
Domestic Assault	51	32	38	26	47	48	35
Protection Order Violations	23	11	7	6	11	13	4
Sexual Assaults 1st/ 2nd/ 3rd and child	12	5	4	5	6	5	3
Drug Violations	85	105	76	80	129	137	113
Burglary	9	11	15	18	15	11	1
Theft	48	55	57	52	28	39	58
Robbery	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Criminal Mischief	66	72	36	34	96	53	31
Child Abuse/Neglect	27	22	13	13	20	23	20
Weapons Violations	7	17	12	11	26	24	12
Disorderly Conduct	20	12	12	19	23	29	14
Minor In Possession	169	137	144	81	143	193	61
Procuring	12	5	7	7	9	14	5
DWI	82	105	124	100	75	103	59
Refusal to Submit Open Container & other Alcohol offenses	14	24	29	22	14	21	12
Runaway	35	44	77	30	29	62	22
Terroristic Threats/ Threats	37	49	28	29	47	17	19
Forgery 1st Degree	10	15	11	2	18	35	9
Resisting Arrest	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Flight to Avoid Arrest	6	6	7	4	4	6	5
Other Offenses	2	2	5	0	5	4	6
Total Arrests	988	1048	808	662	928	1099	871

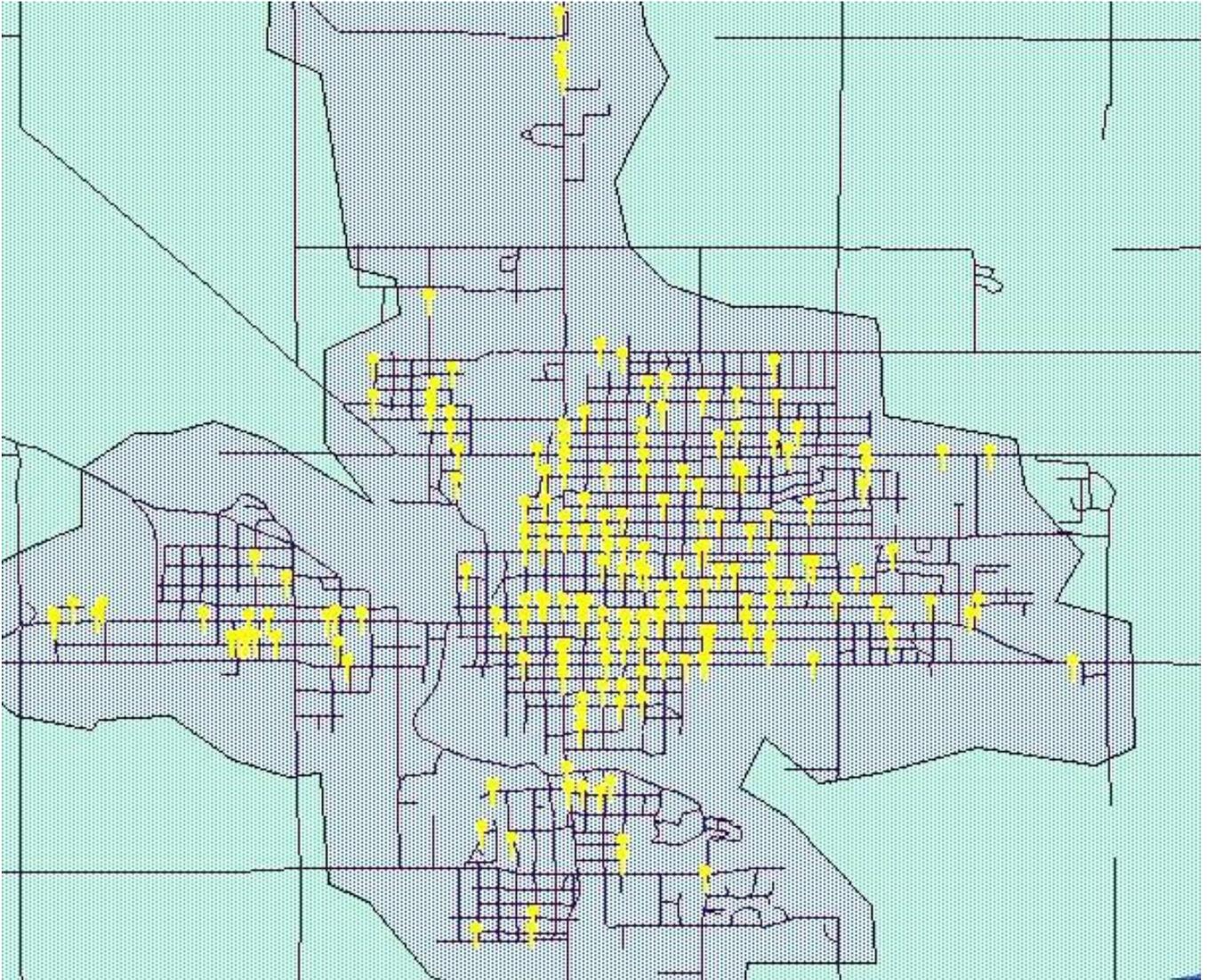


Property Crime Stats

Dollar Amount for Property Crimes



Vandalism Locations For 2012





Lieutenant Mike Oliver
1991



Investigator Erin Byrne
1997



Officer Jennifer Klaus
1994

COMMUNITY

Criminal Investigations Report 2012

The Criminal Investigations Unit is responsible for the investigation of cases involving a special subject matter, cases that are more complicated, and cases that are 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 third year in this position.

During 2012, the Criminal Investigations Unit was busy with a variety of cases, including burglaries, thefts, several suicides, sexual assaults, fraud, and forgery cases. In addition, this division was busy with working on identifying suspects in various new and older crimes using DNA technology and testing. The Criminal Investigations Unit also assisted the road patrol officers 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 Criminal Investigations Unit continues to stay vigilant with regard to Internet Crimes against Children and remains an active member of this organization. These cases involve possession of child pornography, online enticement of a child, and any other cyber crime involving a child. During 2012, several investigations were performed by the Criminal 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, backgrounds for handgun permit applications, and background investigations for liquor license applications within the City of Beatrice. The Criminal Investigations Unit is also assigned to the state-mandated, county-wide, Child Abuse/Neglect Investigative and Treatment Teams. Officer Jennifer Klaus, Juvenile Services Officer, is assigned to the Criminal 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 2012, the Juvenile Services Officer investigated over 195 reported child abuse/child neglect cases in Beatrice, NE.

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

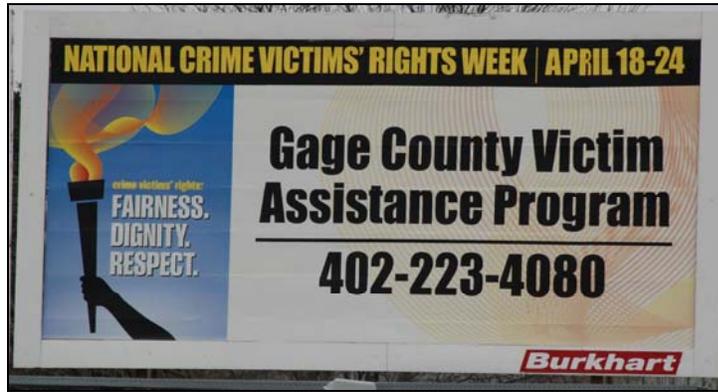
Crime Scene Team 2012

The Crime Scene Team was activated 8 times 2012. Complete breakdowns of the calls listed below.

January 7	The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed this death was a suicide.
February 6	The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed this death was a suicide.
April 24	The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed this death was a suicide.
April 25	The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed that this death was suicide.
June 7	The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed that this death was a suicide.
August 22	The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed that this death was from natural causes.
August 27	The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed that this death was from natural causes.
September 8	The team was called to a residence to investigate a death. Investigation revealed this death was a suicide.

The Crime Scene Team is made up of both sworn and non-sworn members of the department and has 8 members. The team is led by Lt. Mike Oliver. The following are team members.

Investigator Erin Byrne – Trace Evidence Collection
Officer Kris Gill – Crime Scene Technician
Officer Robert Soldo – Crime Scene Technician
Officer Cheryl Honea – Crime Scene Technician
Officer Colleen Soldo Crime Scene Sketching/Measurements
Officer Dan Moss – Evidence Packaging
Kerri McGrury - Photography



SWAT - a-i-cops

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;

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

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 Soldo	Officer Joe McCormick
Officer Robert Soldo	Officer Robert Mierau
Officer Shane Maloley	Officer Daniel Moss

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

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 one intern and one volunteer during 2012. The total number of volunteer hours performed to assist the program was approximately 240 hours.
- The Gage County Victim Assistance program was awarded a \$5,000 grant to promote National Crime Victims' Rights Week in April 2012. The campaign consisted of billboards, distribution of promotional items to partnering agencies, and a social media campaign.
- 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 Community Justice Committee of Gage County MAPS.

Victim Assistance Program Statistics 2012

TYPE OF SERVICE

NUMBER OF TIMES PROVIDED

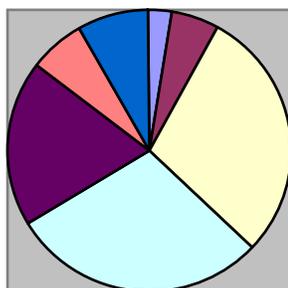
Crisis Counseling	45
Personal Advocacy	1,231
Information/Referral (In Person)	101
Information/Referral (Phone Contact)	233
Emergency Financial Assistance	0
Follow Up Contact	1,112
Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy	671
Compensation Assistance	29
Transportation	0
Protection order Assistance	146
Cellular Phone Program	3
Other	0
Total Number of Services Provided	3,573
Total Number of Victims Served	643

TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED	TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED
Homicide	4	Sexual Assault (Adult)	7
Child Abuse/Physical	15	Domestic Violence	150
Child Abuse/Sexual	14	Incest Survivor	0
DWI/DUI	4	Assault	30
Robbery	2	Elder Abuse	1
Burglary	21	Business	0
Arson	0	Other *	212

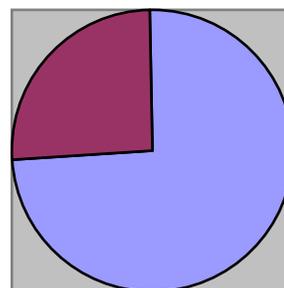
*Includes criminal mischief, theft, identity theft, etc.

DEMOGRAPICS

AGE



SEX



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 second year as the SRO in the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year, and am the SRO for the Beatrice High School and the Beatrice Middle School. I celebrated my 10th year as a police officer with the Beatrice Police Department this year. There have been some changes this year, since I had surgery and had to have a replacement cover my position as SRO, and since my return I have been working full days at the High School and Officer Colleen Soldo has been working full days at the Middle School. This has allowed the schools to take advantage of having a SRO in the building the entire school day.

Since my return I was advised that at the High School that cyber bullying has gotten worse. I have spent a large amount of time in an attempt to combat this growing trend and problem. 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. I have been asked to do more presentations in class this year as staff and students have become better acquainted with me.

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 that trend is continuing. Although a small amount of drugs have been recovered from the high school, it does not appear prevalent, and a very small population of the high school have had alcohol violations.

The SRO program continues, in its fourteenth 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.

Police Speaker Service

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

The program continues to be well received as demonstrated by the number of requests for speakers throughout the year. In 2012 an estimated 450 people attended the 25 speaker presentations given to various church groups, service clubs, businesses and other community groups and classes requesting the service. The most requested topics were, Scams and Frauds, Responsible Beverage Servers, and assisting with Juvenile Diversion.

Officers also participated in several other educational opportunities within the community. Safety Day at Beatrice High School is an all school convocation on Texting and Driving. Officers in the Department also participated in filming of a Public Service announcement for the Nebraska Department of Highway Safety on the dangers of Texting and Driving.

Officers in the Department also met the public in hosting National Night Out activities in Charles Park where they were able to show the public equipment and give the citizens a chance to meet the officers of our department. Our K-9 did a demonstration at National Night Out in Beatrice and in Wymore to show the public the capabilities of the department Police Service Dog.

In 2012 the Beatrice Police Department has also established a department Color Guard. The Color Guard participated in the Relay for Life by raising the colors at the beginning of this community event.



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 large numbers of phone calls and questions regarding the subject matter written in the articles. He has many people approach him in public commenting on how they enjoy reading the column and find it educational. The column has been a great piece to our community policing plan. It is 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 focusing on suicide prevention and 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.

Officers and staff of the department help with the planning and organizing of the annual event. The Beatrice FOP donates their resources to the National Night Out event that is held each year so we can have treats and activities for families in attendance. This year was our six year to host the National Night Out event. It was hosted at Charles Park in 2012. There were a number of family oriented activities and safety information available.

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

The Beatrice Police Department also had 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 two sessions held in 2012 with 16 servers and 9 retail stores 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.