

## A Word from Chief Lang...



Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am please to once again present to you the annual report for the Beatrice Police Department. A dedicated group of police department employees work around the clock to protect you and the citizens of Beatrice. As you will see in the report some crime has increased while others have decreased, this is the product of multiple factors some we can control while others we cannot. One factor we can control is the method by which we deliver police services. I am very pleased by the results of a recent community survey we conducted. The survey indicated a generally high level of community confidence in the police department.

The police department faces many challenges in the near future. The retirement of Lt. Joe Hawkins is something we have been planning on but it will still be difficult to replace that knowledge. Federal funding has taken a giant step away from many of the programs we receive funding for. The drug task force, juvenile services and victim assistance are all heavily reliant on federal grant funds. We will meet these and the other challenges faced by the Beatrice Police Department throughout the year.

The community has come to expect a high level of performance from its police department, whether that is investigating over 350 junk vehicle cases or while conducting a murder investigation, employees of the department strive for perfection. The financial support you have provided to the department through the budget process has allowed for much of our success and we thank you.

Sincerely,

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

Bruce E. Lang  
Chief of Police  
City of Beatrice

# Mission Statement

“The Beatrice Police Department will provide service and protection to its citizens through a professional and caring staff of sworn and non-sworn personnel.

A strong patrol presence, supported by various other divisions within the department will be the basis for our crime prevention efforts. Members of the department will work to maintain the standard of living that citizens of Beatrice have come to enjoy.”



Chief of Police  
Bruce Lang  
1992



Police Secretary  
Traci Baehr  
2005



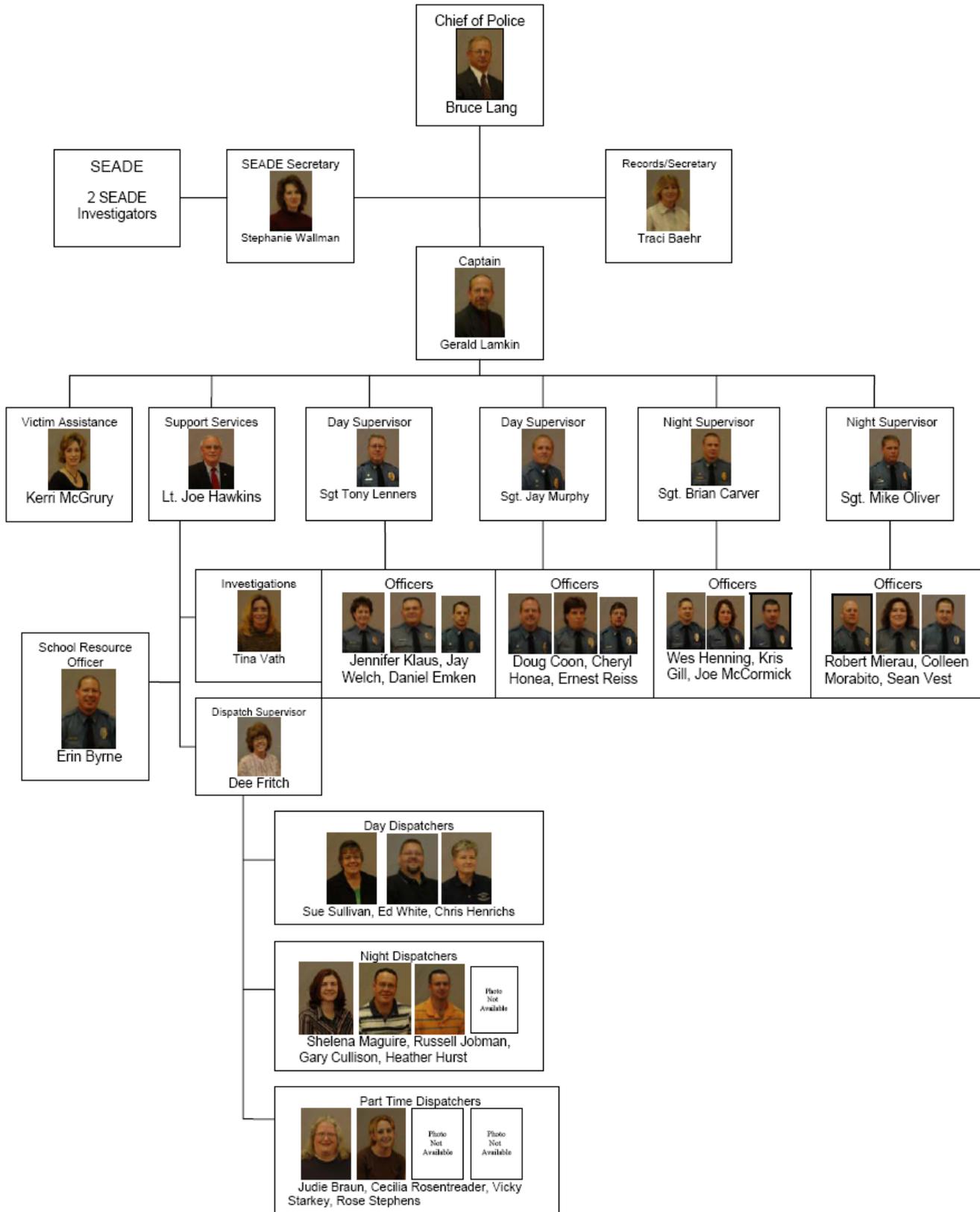
Victim Assistance Coordinator  
Kerri McGrury  
1998



SEADE Task Force Secretary/Juvenile Services Coordinator  
Stephanie Wallman  
2000

# Administration

# Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart 2007



# Changes in Staff 2007

## Promotions

- None

## New Hires

- Joseph McCormick – Officer – February 21, 2007
- Rose Steffens – Part-time Dispatcher – August 31, 2007
- Vicky Starkey – Part-time Dispatcher – August 31, 2007
- Heather Hurst – Dispatcher – December 11, 2007

## Resignations

- Becky Ferrill – Part-Time Dispatcher
- Amy Hanshaw – Part-time Dispatcher
- Cecilia Rosentreader - Dispatcher –reassigned as Part-Time Dispatcher

## Retirements

- None

## 2007 Grants

This year we applied for and were awarded a total of eight grants totaling \$152,394. A breakdown of the grants is shown below.

- 1) We were awarded a grant from Homeland Security through the Office of Gage County Emergency Management for the purchase of a search camera. No match was required for this grant.

Grant Award: \$13,750

- 2) We were awarded a grant from Homeland Security through the Office of Gage County Emergency Management for the purchase and installation of eleven new sixteen channel mobile radios. The radios were placed in all of the police vehicles including the mobile command vehicle. No match was required for this grant.

Grant Award: \$6,820

- 3) A grant was awarded from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety for the "Buckle Up In Your Truck" enforcement program, which is part of the Click It or Ticket Mobilization program for 2007. The grant paid for 30 hours of overtime and vehicle expense during the enforcement period. No match was required for this grant.

Grant Award: \$840

- 4) Another grant was awarded from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety for the participation in the National You Drink and Drive, You Lose safety program. The grant paid for 85 hours of overtime and vehicle expense for the grant period. No match was required for this grant.

Grant Award: \$2,257

- 5) The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety awarded a grant to participate in the "Click It or Ticket" program for seatbelt usage enforcement. The grant paid for 21 hours of overtime and vehicle expense for the grant period. No match was required for this grant.

Grant Award: \$653

- 6) The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice awarded a grant for the continued operation of the Victim Assistance Program.

Grant Award: \$38,462  
Match Funds: 9,616

- 7) The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice awarded a grant for the continued operation of the Southeast Nebraska Area Drug Enforcement Task Force or SEADE. The grant pays for two investigators to cover a six county area and for a part time secretary for the task force.

Grant Award: \$66,667  
Match Funds: 16,667

- 8) We received a grant from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the continuation of the Community Services Coordinator program. The grant pays the salary for the part time coordinator, who also serves as the part time SEADE secretary. No match is required.

Grant Award: \$19,387

- 9) The last grant we received was from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety for us to participate in the "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose" selective enforcement program. The grant paid for 63 man hours of overtime plus vehicle expense. There was no match required for this grant.

Grant Award: \$1,760

## 2007 Overtime

This year our overtime increased by about 13% over last year. The largest increases came in the areas of arrests, investigation, and reports. This is partially due to a homicide that occurred within the City toward the end of the year and the subsequent investigation.

During the year we had one officer called to active duty with the Nebraska Air Guard, one full time dispatcher resign, and two part time dispatchers resign.

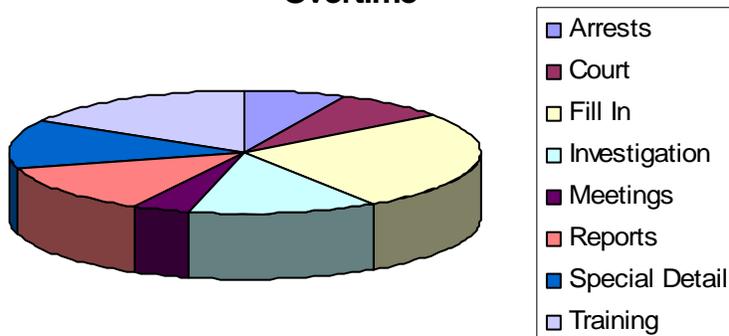
This did cause a man power shortage for us, however we were able to fill in with a minimum of overtime and used less fill in time than last year. Special Detail is another area of increase, due to more traffic enforcement grants being applied for.

This year the Gage County Emergency Management Office, through a grant from Homeland Security, reimbursed the City for 85.8 hours of emergency response training. A complete breakdown of the overtime is shown below.

### Overtime Totals

Arrests	137
Court	155
Fill In	516
Investigation	261.5
Meetings	74
Reports	254.6
Special Detail	252.6
Training	330.3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1981</b>

### Overtime





Lt. Joe Hawkins  
1969



Dispatch Supervisor  
Desiree Fritch  
1985



Sue Sullivan  
1992



Chris Henrichs  
1993



Ed White  
1994



Shelena Maguire  
2001



Russell Jobman  
2003



Gary Cullison  
2004

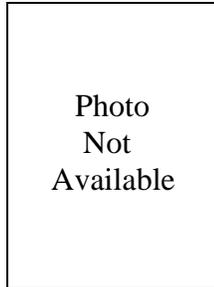


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Heather Hurst  
2007

Part time Dispatchers



Judie Braun  
1987



Cecilia Rosentreader  
2004

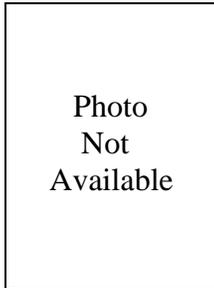


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Vicky Starkey  
2007

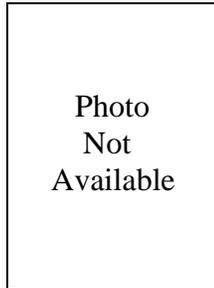


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Rose Stephens  
2007

COMMUNICATIONS

# Communications Center

This last year the Communications Center continued to operate in an efficient manner. There were some glitches with our paging system early on, but those have been taken care of and now are operating properly. Racom has installed a back up radio system for us to use in the event any of our main radios go down. The back up system has all of our frequencies programmed in so that all we have to do is select what frequency we need to use and we are able to operate on the back up system. The best part of the back up system is that Racom provided the radios, antenna, and installation for free. This was done as a courtesy by Racom since we had experienced quite a few unusual problems following the initial installation of their system.

We are starting the process to proceed with Phase II of the enhanced wireless 911 system. Presently when we receive a wireless 911 call the map will indicate which tower the call hit on and will show a pie shaped wedge on the map indicating the area the call came from. This of course covers a large area of land. Phase II will pinpoint the exact location of the cell phone placing the call. This will be a great benefit for us as often people are not sure of exactly where they are, especially if they are strangers to our area or have just been involved in an accident and are confused.

In order for us to implement Phase II it will be necessary for us to update our 911 equipment located at the Communications Center. The Nebraska Public Service Commission will be working with us in the near future to assist with funding for the purchase of the equipment and the implementation of Phase II.

Unfortunately we had one full time dispatcher resign later in the year. Fortunately she chose to stay on as a part time dispatcher with us so we will not be losing her experience or abilities. A replacement has been hired for the full time position and is currently in training. Two of our part time dispatchers also left us during the year and their replacements are presently in training as well. Presently we are operating with seven full time dispatchers and one floating dispatcher who also assists with the Records Division as well as fill in on dispatch. We have two part time dispatchers with two more in training so that our part time pool will be adequate to fill in as needed. Currently our day shift dispatchers are Lead Dispatcher Dee Fritch, Ed White, and Sue Sullivan. Chris Henrichs is our floater dispatcher. The night shifts are handled by Shelena Maguire, Russ Jobman, Gary Cullison, and our newest dispatcher Heather Hurst. Judie Braun and Cecilia Rosentreader are our part time dispatchers.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, our dispatchers were placed in a very stressful situation when they received a call of a smoking fuse box at a residence in Wymore. The appropriate agencies were dispatched to the scene and when the Wymore firemen entered the house the roof collapsed taking the life of one of the firemen. The fireman was Jeremy Wach, who was also a Gage County Deputy Sheriff and well

known by the dispatchers. It was a difficult situation for the dispatchers, but their training and professionalism kept them operating at their usual high level. This shows how dedicated and efficient our dispatchers are and we are very proud of them. No matter what the call may be, our dispatchers are capable of handling it in an expeditious and professional manner.



## 2007 Calls for Service

Type of Call	2005	2006	2007
911 Hang Up	321	287	248
Accident/Fatality	8	5	4
Accident/Injuries	161	145	154
Accident/No Injuries	965	884	991
Adult Abuse	5	8	7
Alarm	205	169	107
ALS	16	17	14
Animal Bite	60	51	45
Animal Complaint	898	1082	1010
Animal Cruelty	91	74	96
Arson	1	3	1
Assault	191	204	213
Assist Citizen	249	228	237
Assist Other Agency	215	209	238
Attempted Suicide	17	27	31
Bar Check	11	118	176
Barking Dog	135	125	100
BPW	224	284	264
Burglar Alarm	165	191	269
Burglary	166	172	171
Child Abuse	192	151	183
Civil	211	270	260
Complaint against Officer	5	5	12
Compliance Check	0	0	36
Crime Stoppers	20	35	19
Death	70	79	71
Disorderly Conduct	9	9	21
Disturbance	474	554	614
Driving Under Suspension	21	39	59
Drug Information	195	75	95
Drug Lab	38	31	4
Drug Violation	49	40	76
DWI	122	139	186
Embezzlement	3	3	0
Emergency Protective Custody	11	10	12
Escort	147	237	168
Fail to Appear	27	43	19
False Reporting	5	7	4
Field Interview	35	23	24
Fire	238	269	224
Fire Alarm	163	135	143

<b>Type of Call</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Forgery	43	14	28
Found Animal	293	286	294
Found Property	301	271	251
Fraud	79	71	87
Gambling Violation	0	0	1
Game Violation	12	26	31
Gas Drive Off	95	99	82
General Information	1066	1218	1125
Harassment	180	211	260
Health Hazard	28	54	61
Hitch Hiker	15	21	11
Homicide	0	0	1
Identity Theft	0	0	1
Indecent Exposure	5	13	11
Injury	1	18	13
Junked Motor Vehicles	72	366	367
Juvenile	470	413	436
Liquor Laws	67	85	108
Lost Animal	170	129	153
Lost Property	167	218	202
Mental	69	46	45
Minor In Possession	5	10	51
Missing Person	36	43	28
Motor Vehicle Theft	55	46	53
Motorist Assist	363	336	436
Noise	304	330	231
Open Door	52	133	56
Ordinance Violation	107	132	56
Out of Unit	398	441	394
Paper Service	569	424	435
Parking Complaint	427	411	see below
Parking 2 hrs	0	0	82
Parking 24 hrs	0	0	401
Parking Violation	0	0	253
Probation Violation	11	18	16
Property Damage	76	38	63
Protection Order Violation	50	82	63
Prowler	20	20	19
Public Service	75	121	127
Pursuit	14	12	16
Rape	5	3	9
Remove Party	96	141	165
Rescue	931	952	1046
Robbery	2	1	2
Runaway	148	110	138

<b>Type of Call</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Sexual Assault	38	30	41
Shoplifting	51	29	18
Solicitor	27	22	19
Suicide	4	2	2
Suspicious	610	690	700
Terrorism	2	1	4
Theft	718	703	618
Threats	97	86	136
Traffic Hazard	115	156	168
Traffic Stops	3246	2282	3732
Transfer	837	806	989
Transport	173	96	152
Trash	84	90	78
Trespassing	38	46	75
Truancy	37	10	11
Unknown	4	9	11
Vacation Watch	106	78	67
Vandalism	499	590	504
Vehicle Complaint	1051	1004	see below
Vehicle Comp/DUI	0	0	154
Vehicle Comp/Noise	0	0	38
Vehicle Comp/Other	0	0	595
Vehicle Comp/Bus Arm	0	0	4
Vehicle Comp/Speeding	0	0	239
Vehicle Comp/Stop Sign	0	0	1
Warrants	300	287	373
Watch	114	125	115
Weapons Law Violation	10	8	7
Weather	32	32	33
Welfare Check	527	589	604
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21736</b>	<b>21571</b>	<b>23947</b>

## Breakdown of Call by Time, Day and Month

Hour of Day	
00:01- 01:00	1036
01:01- 02:00	892
02:01- 03:00	562
03:01- 04:00	371
04:01- 05:00	293
05:01- 06:00	438
06:01- 07:00	365
07:01- 08:00	637
08:01- 09:00	951
09:01- 10:00	1079
10:01- 11:00	996
11:01- 12:00	1056
12:01- 13:00	1024
13:01- 14:00	1034
14:01- 15:00	1105
15:01- 16:00	1200
16:01- 17:00	1314
17:01- 18:00	1228
18:01- 19:00	1198
19:01- 20:00	1481
20:01- 21:00	1480
21:01- 22:00	1497
22:01- 23:00	1390
23:01- 24:00	1320
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23947</b>

Day of the Week	
Sunday	2968
Monday	3437
Tuesday	3367
Wednesday	3249
Thursday	3354
Friday	3771
Saturday	3801
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23947</b>

Month	
January	1744
February	1536
March	1959
April	1793
May	2421
June	2087
July	2061
August	2076
September	2135
October	2144
November	1933
December	2058
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23947</b>

# Calls for Service by Agency 2007

Beatrice Police Department	13789
Game and Parks	20
Board of Public Works	56
Gage County Sheriffs Office	6776
Wymore Police Department	933
Beatrice Fire and Rescue	2529
Beatrice Rural Fire	66
Adams Fire	17
Adams Rescue	54
Barneston Fire/QRT's	26
Blue Springs Fire	34
Cortland Fire	42
Clatonia Fire	19
Clatonia Rescue	49
Cortland QRT's	20
Dewitt Fire	2
Filley Fire	17
Odell Fire	20
Odell QRT's	14
Pickrell Fire/QRT's	30
Wymore Fire	41
Wymore Rescue	215

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. Tony Lenners  
1986



Sgt. Mike Oliver  
1991



Sgt. Brian Carver  
2000



Officer Cheryl Honea  
1984



Officer Ernie Reiss  
1989



Officer Jennifer Klaus  
1994



Officer Erin Byrne  
School Resource  
1997



Officer Doug Coon  
1997



Officer Wesley Henning  
1997



Officer Jay Welch  
1999



Officer Robert Mierau  
2002



Officer Daniel Emken  
2004



Officer Colleen Morabito  
2005



Officer Sean Vest  
2006



Officer Kristine Gill  
2006



Officer Joseph McCormick  
2007

# P a t t r o l

# Vehicle Summary 2007

In March 2007 the Beatrice Police Department received one new patrol vehicle. A black and white Ford Explorer was purchased to replace the aging GMC Jimmy that was assigned as the Supervisor's vehicle. The GMC Jimmy was reassigned to serve as the Investigator's vehicle where it will accumulate less mileage, but still be available for use by patrol in inclement weather. In October 2007, operating within the 2007-2008 budget year, a black and white 2008 Ford Crown Victoria was ordered from Beatrice Ford to replace the aging 2002 Ford Crown Victoria which has in excess of 100,000 miles. Other vehicle uses remained the same as previous years. Some of the more costly expenses incurred included the replacement of the motor to one of the newer patrol units, unit #4 with 70,000 miles. A remanufactured motor with a three year warranty was installed at a cost of \$4841.00. In addition, the fabric top of the D.A.R.E. car needed to be replaced at a cost of \$849.00. During 2006, the conversion van that had been used to transport the department's Emergency Response Team personnel and equipment was sold at auction. In May 2007, a used 1996 Dodge cargo van with 174,000 miles, was donated to the department by Struve Enterprises. The addition of the cargo van is a functional improvement over the prior conversion van.

The police department currently has several vehicles with mileage near or exceeding 70,000 miles. With the ever present budget cuts, the aging vehicles have been replaced at a rate of one a year. The necessity to hold on to patrol vehicles longer can be seen through the higher maintenance costs. During 2007, we spent \$23,049.38 for necessary vehicle repairs, which exceeded the budgeted amount of \$15,000 by \$8049.38.

During 2007, the patrol vehicles were driven an average of 1467 miles a month. With a six marked unit fleet, that translates into 105,624 cumulative miles per year.

## FLEET INFORMATION

Unit	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Miles Driven Use In 2007	
1	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	49,512	21,201	Patrol
2	2002	Ford	Crown Vic	106,941	13,433	Patrol
3	2007	Ford	Explorer	13,571	13,571 (9 mo)	Patrol/Supervisor
4	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	78,093	19,195	Patrol
5	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	96,100	12,865	Patrol
6	2006	Ford	Crown Vic	26,434	19,846	Patrol
7	2000	Chev	Impala	82,896	4,842	Administration
8	2001	GMC	Jimmy	95,906	6,194	Investigations
9	2000	Ford	Crown Vic	101,124	1,642	School Resource
11	2002	Chev	Impala	48,630	6,966	Administration
14	2001	Ford	Crown Vic	93,083	8,076	School/Training
DARE	1995	Ford	Mustang	61,841	1,154	Administration
Bus	1996	Chev	Blue Bird	5,336	146	Mobile Command
ERT	1996	Dodge	Ram Van	174,548	109	Tactical Deployment

# Vehicle Expense

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Parts/Supplies	\$13,146.89	\$9,826.97	\$7,662.87
Labor	\$9,902.49	\$8,753.59	\$9,866.20
Maintenance/Repairs Total	\$23,049.38	\$18,579.56	\$17,529.07
Gas and Oil Total	\$34,125.83	\$25,587.55	\$24,108.35



# Training in 2007

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. 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.

Some of the more notable training events of 2007 include the completion of a ten week course – Staff and Command through Northwestern University by Captain Lamkin, and completion of the 12-week Basic Law Enforcement Certification course conducted through the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, by Officer's Gill, Vest and McCormick. Additionally, the department is in the process of developing a Dispatcher Training Program using a recently purchased Dispatch/Radio Training Simulator. Once complete, the training simulator can be used by surrounding agencies

## In-House Training

01-08-2007	Juvenile Diversion Program (1)	All LE
	First Officer on Scene – Duties (1)	
02-12-2007	Law Enforcement and Concealed Weapons (1)	All LE
	Pursuit Policy Review (.25)	
	Tactical Mindset Videos (.50)	
03-12-2007	Radar Recertification (2)	All LE
04-10-2007	Mental Disorders/EPC's (2)	All LE
05-01-2007	NCIC/TTY Recertification (2)	All Dispatch
05-14-2007	Firearms Training – Handgun Qualification (2)	All LE
05-21-2007	MILO Use of Force Simulator (2)	All LE
06-11-2007	CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer (2)	All LE
07-10-2007	Firearms Training – Combat Handgun/Shotgun Qualification (2)	All LE
08-13-2007	Active Shooter Review (1)	All LE
	Mobile Command Vehicle Familiarization (.5)	
	Body Wire Familiarization (.5)	
09-10-2007	Mental Health Targeted Adult Services Coordination training (3)	All LE
10-15-2007	Legislative Update (1)	All LE
	“A Child is Missing” presentation (1)	All Dispatch
10-17-2007	CPR/AED-Adult and Child with CPR-Infant (3)	All Dispatch
11-19-2007	Courtroom Demeanor for DUI cases (1)	All LE
	Uniform SFSM Instruction Method (.5)	
11-27-2007	Emergency Medical Dispatch Recertification (1.5)	All Dispatch

12-10-2007	Low Light Tactics section 1-classroom (1.5) Identity Theft Packet (.5)	All LE
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Other Training

02-05-2007	Intro to Incident Command (2)	Gill, Vest
02-05-2007	ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Inc (2)	Gill, Vest
02-05-2007	National Incident Management System (2)	Gill, Vest
02-06-2007	Spanish for COPS (16)	Emken, Jobman, Coon, Rosentraeder, Welch
02-15-2007	CADCA Conference (32)	McGrury, Wallman
02-23-2007	Law Enforcement Supervision (24)	Carver
03-09-2007	Kinesic Interview and Interrogation Level I&II (40)	Lauenstein, Mierau
03-12-2007	PPCT Defense Tactics Basic Certification	Gill, Vest
03-19-2007	SD/NE New World User Conference (16)	Baehr, Fritch McConnell, Coon
03-22-2007	Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (24)	Gill, Vest
04-02-2007	Patrol Rifle User Course (7)	Byrne, Carver, Coon, Henning, Lauenstein, Mierau, Murphy, Oliver
04-04-2007	In-car Video	Gill, Vest
04-04-2007	Grade Crossing Collision	Gill, Vest
04-04-2007	Spanish for COPS	Gill, Vest
04-05-2007	TASER X26/M26 Certification (6)	Vest
04-06-2007	Police Management (480)	Lamkin
04-10-2007	Int'l Assoc for Ident. Annual Training Conf (16)	McGrury, Vath, Wallman
04-11-2007	Doppler Radar Certification	Gill, Vest
04-12-2007	Basic Law Enforcement Certification	Gill, Vest
04-13-2007	Fuel Cell Analysis – Class C Permit	Gill, Vest
04-20-2007	Victims Rights Conference (11)	McGrury, Vath
04-30-2007	Basic Drug Investigations (8)	All Officers
05-01-2007	Intro to Incident Command (2)	Ferrill
05-01-2007	ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Inc (2)	Ferrill
05-01-2007	National Incident Management System (2)	Ferrill
05-01-2007	Intro to National Response Plan (2)	Ferrill
05-04-2007	NE Juvenile Justice Assoc Conference (7.5)	Wallman
05-08-2007	Clan Lab Safety Re-Certification (8)	Carver, Coon, Vath, Henning
06-07-2007	Emerging Drug Trends (5.5)	Wallman
06-18-2007	LE Response to an Active Shooter (8)	Gill, Morabito, Vest
06-21-2007	Criminal Narcotics Interdiction (32)	Lauenstein
06-27-2007	Capacity Assessment and Wound ID of Elderly (11)	Klaus
07-17-2007	Firearms Instructor Recertification (12)	Welch
07-18-2007	Statement Analysis Training (8)	Vath
07-20-2007	Standardized Field Sobriety (24)	McCormick
07-20-2007	Fuel Cell Analysis – Class C Permit	McCormick
07-27-2007	NASRO Conference (40)	Byrne

08-09-2007	LIDAR/LASER Operation Certification	McCormick
08-13-2007	Grade Crossing Collision	McCormick
08-13-2007	In-car Video	McCormick
08-13-2007	Firearms Instructor Recertification (12)	Lenners
08-16-2007	Basic Law Enforcement Certification	McCormick
08-16-2007	PPCT/Defensive Tactics Basic Certification	McCormick
08-28-2007	Search Camera 2000 Victim Location training (8)	Coon
09-13-2007	Transportation Emergency Response and HAZ-MAT Awareness (8)	Murphy, Lenners, Oliver, Carver
09-20-2007	Being Wounded Healers – Caring for Yourself (6)	McGrury
10-04-2007	2007 Nebraska Highway Safety Summit (7.5)	Carver
10-10-2007	Identity Theft Investigation (16)	Murphy
10-18-2007	2007 Fraud Security Training Seminar (8)	Lamkin, Lenners, Carver, Coon, Morabito
10-29-2007	Methamphetamine Laboratory Recertification (8)	Carver, Coon, Vath, Henning

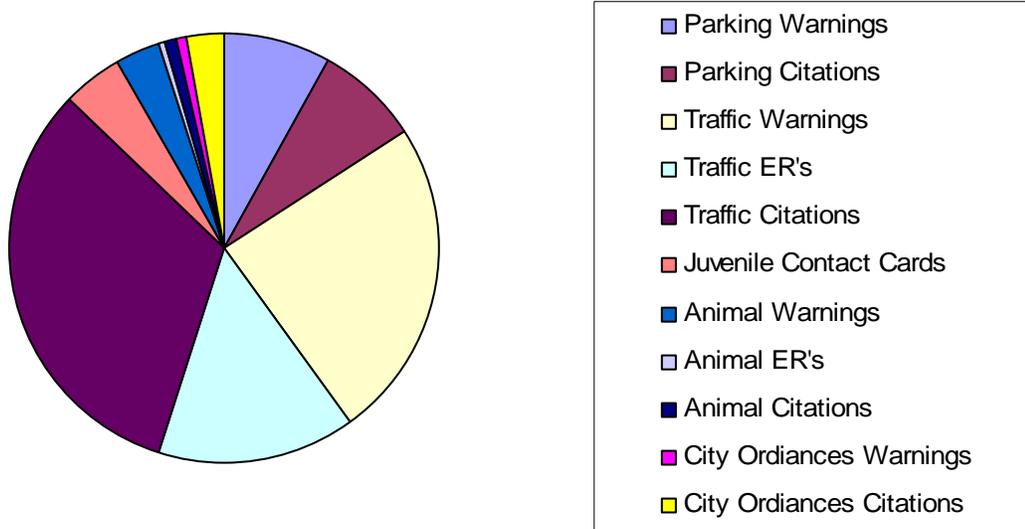


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# Ticket Statistics for 2007



## Parking Warnings and Citations

Description	Warnings	Citations
24 hour parking	177	63
Alley Parking Prohibited	1	3
Handicapped Parking Violation	2	2
Improper Parking	3	11
Left Side Parking	14	31
Meter Violation		32
Obstruct Alley Entrance	1	2
Obstructing Traffic	1	4
Parked In Fire Lane		1
Parking - 2 hr	3	26
Parking in Restricted lot	2	12
Prohibited Parking	10	24
Red Zone Violation	6	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>213</b>

## Traffic Warnings, Equipment Repairs and Citations

<u>Description</u>	<u>Warnings</u>	<u>ER's</u>	<u>Citations</u>
Address Change	3	4	1
Careless Driving	1		
Driving Left of Center	3		1
Driving on Closed Road			7
Driving Under Suspension			63
DUS Due to ALR/Fail to Comply			3
Duty to Carry License Permit	8	5	11
Duty to Report Accident			2
Exhibition of Acceleration			1
Fail to Yield from a Stop Sign			15
Fail to Yield ROW/Unmarked			9
Failure to Dim	1		1
Failure To Signal	8		1
Failure to Use Seat Belts	2		4
Failure to yield From a Yield Sign			
Failure to Yield o Vehicle	2		24
Failure to Yield To Emergency Vehicle			
Fictitious Plates			13
Fictitious License Plates			1
Follow too Close	4		10
Improper Lane Change			5
Improper Passing			3
Improper Turn	8		6
Leaving Scene of Accident			12
Lights required on Vehicle	36	241	7
Motor Vehicle Restraint – Children	1		21
Muffler Required		1	
Mufflers	2	29	4
Negligent Driving	3		17
No Child Restraint	21		3
No Headlight		8	
No Helmet			1
No License Plates	2	12	5

<b>Description</b>	<b>Warnings</b>	<b>ER's</b>	<b>Citations</b>
No Operators License on Person		1	
No Proof of Insurance	1		7
No Red light to Rear		1	
No Valid Operators License			5
No Valid Registration	1		11
One Way Violation	8		4
Operators license required for Moped	1		1
Operators must be licensed	18	10	49
Passing Violation	1		3
Plates/Manner of Display	7	16	2
Proof of Financial Responsibility – Penalty	2	3	108
Proof of Ownership	1		10
Provisional Operators Permit Violation	2		1
Reckless Driving			2
Red Flag Violation			
Registration Cert; Duty to Carry	3		2
Registration Required	30	70	140
Right of Way Generally			
Screeching of Tires	5		1
Speeding	335		215
Stop Sign Violation	93		29
Traffic Signal Violation	35		27
Truck Route Violation	3		1
Unsafe Backing			1
Vehicle Occupant Protection System Required	1		9
Violate Lerner's Permit Provisions			
Vision Obstruction	1	3	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>879</b>

# Juvenile Contact Cards

<u>Type of Contact</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Arson	0	0	2
Assault	4	19	17
Assault Domestic	0	6	0
Assault in the 3rd Degree	2	2	7
Burglary	2	0	0
Carrying Concealed Weapon	0	1	0
Criminal Mischief	5	2	9
Criminal Mischief, \$100-\$300 damage	2	9	0
Criminal Trespass	6	1	6
Criminal Trespass 2nd	1	2	0
Criminal Trespass, 1st Degree	1	0	0
Cruelty to Animals, 1st Offense	2	0	0
Discharge Weapon within City Limits	4	3	1
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	2
Disturbing the Peace	1	1	0
Domestic Disturbance/Assault	1	0	0
False Reporting	4	2	2
Jaywalking	0	1	0
Littering	0	0	5
Minibike Violation	0	2	0
Minor in Possession	2	0	0
No Helmet	0	1	0
No Operators License on Person	0	0	0
No Skateboard Helmet	3	5	0
Nuisance Violation	0	4	0
Poss of Marijuana less than 1 oz	2	1	0
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	2	0	0
Possession of Stolen Property	1	4	1
Possession/Discharge Fireworks in City	0	0	4
Prepare, Distribute Obscene Material	0	1	0
Provoking An Assault	0	0	2
Runaway	53	33	38
Shoplifting	11	11	4
Terroristic Threats	1	0	1
Theft	1	3	2
Theft by Unlawful Taking	8	4	2
Theft From Motor Vehicle	2	1	0
Threatens in Menacing Manner	1	1	1
Tobacco Use by Minor	5	6	10
Urinating In Public	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>114</b>

## Animal Warnings, ER's and Citations

<b>Description</b>	<b>Warnings</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>Citations</b>
Animals Running at Large			1
Cruelty to Animals	2		
Dangerous/Vicious Dog	1		
Dog and Cats must be licensed	23	8	6
Dog at Large	67	4	13
Noise/Animal, Fowl	2		
Nuisance Dogs			1
Rabies Tags		1	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>

## City Ordinance Warnings and Citations

<b>Type</b>	<b>Warnings</b>	<b>Citations</b>
Burning Salvage/Trash		1
Compulsory Education Violation		8
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor		10
Discharge of Firearm in City Limits		2
Discharge of Fireworks		1
Disturbing the Peace	2	5
Disturbing the Peace/Stereo	4	1
False Reporting		5
Junked motor Vehicle Prohibited		6
Littering		1
No Skate Board Helmet	1	2
Nuisance Violation		
Sidewalk not Scooped	15	
Shoplifting		10
Soliciting without a permit		1
Theft By Deception		
Theft by Receiving Stolen Property		1
Theft by Taking or Disposition		17
Theft of as from Self Service Station		1
Trash	2	
Unnecessary Noise		1
Urinating in Public		3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>76</b>

## Accident Tallies for 2007

### By the Day of the Week and hour of Day

Hour	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Totals
00:00 - 01:00	4	2	0	0	1	2	8	17
01:01 - 02:00	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	6
02:01 - 03:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
03:01 - 04:00	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
04:01 - 05:00	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	4
05:01 - 06:00	2	2	1	3	1	0	3	12
06:01 - 07:00	2	3	5	6	5	4	2	27
07:01 - 08:00	3	2	3	3	5	4	3	12
08:01 - 09:00	4	8	4	1	5	3	4	29
09:01 - 10:00	3	7	4	4	5	5	11	39
10:01 - 11:00	5	7	10	6	12	5	6	51
11:01 - 12:00	5	11	7	10	8	7	5	53
12:01 - 13:00	5	3	2	8	2	3	1	24
13:01 - 14:00	2	8	6	10	8	8	7	49
14:01 - 15:00	3	7	10	12	11	12	8	63
15:01 - 16:00	2	5	4	6	10	10	3	40
16:01 - 17:00	2	8	8	8	8	8	1	43
17:01 - 18:00	4	6	3	2	5	4	7	31
18:01 - 19:00	2	4	5	1	5	5	2	24
19:01 - 20:00	0	1	2	2	3	2	5	15
20:01 - 21:00	3	2	1	2	3	8	4	23
21:01 - 22:00	3	1	2	0	0	0	2	8
22:01 - 23:00	1	2	1	1	2	5	5	17
23:01 - 24:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	58	90	80	88	102	96	88	

**Total Accidents for 2007: 602**

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### Type of Accidents for 2007

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**Non-Injury 587**

**Injury 55**

**Fatality 0**

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**Total 602**

## Alcohol Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2004	2005	2006	2007
Driving While Intoxicated	66	89	82	105
Minor in Possession	126	115	169	137
Other	60	71	61	68
<b>Total</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>310</b>

## Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2004	2005	2006	2007
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	75	48	37	41
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	80	51	37	43
Drug/Narcotics Violations	28	25	6	13
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	1	5	5	8
Poss. Of Precursor to Manufacture Meth	17	11	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>105</b>

## Juvenile Alcohol and Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2004	2005	2006	2007
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	22	16	10	5
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	26	10	7	9
Drug/Narcotics Violations	5	1	0	1
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	0	2	1	1
.02 Violation	0	1	2	0
Minor In Possession	58	28	59	46
Open Container	7	2	5	2
Driving While Intoxicated	6	6	8	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>65</b>



# Major Crimes

# Major Crime Report

Where did 2007 go? I feel like we “hit the ground running” and haven’t stopped to look back yet. I began the year in a learning mode and that hasn’t stopped yet either. I attended ten weeks of Staff and Command School in Lee’s Summit, MO. This education, through Northwestern University, sharpened many previously acquired skills as I quickly realized this was management training in its purest form.

The start of the New Year also brought about a change in prosecutors, on the county level. Over the past twelve months we have worked diligently towards understanding what is desired and expected of each agency and how to accomplish the task of being an effective team for justice.

The Public Property’s Department became a victim of immense proportion this past year but, an intense and relentless investigation led to the arrest of the sole individual responsible, along with the recovery of most of the stolen property.

The year closed out on a bleak note when, in November, officers responded to a “shots fired” call and we worked the first homicide in seven years. Over the past seven years we lost experienced officers but, the high level of professionalism has continued as was evident during this investigation.

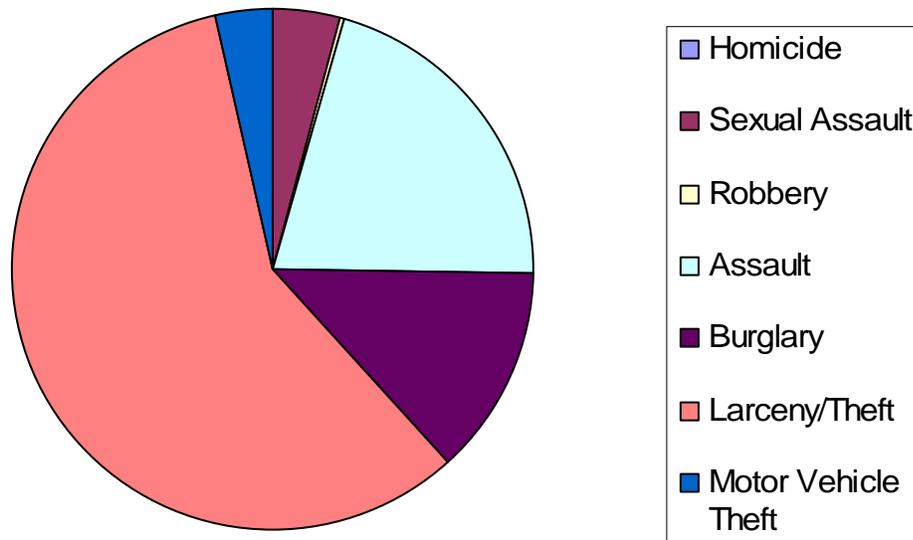
While the number of calls for Assault, Burglary, and Theft has decreased, we have experienced an increase in Motor Vehicle Thefts and Sexual Assaults. Our Motor Vehicle Thefts increased from 17 in 2006 to 29 in 2007 and our reported Sexual Assaults increased to 34 in 2007, with 25 being reported the previous year.

The number of drug violation calls increased from forty in 2006 to seventy-six in 2007, an increase of 90%. I feel this number increased due to the awareness and desire of our community to combat drug violations.

Captain Gerald Lamkin

## Major Crimes Reported in Beatrice

Offense	2004	2005	2006	2007
Homicide	0	0	0	1
Sexual Assault	27	27	25	34
Robbery	2	2	1	2
Assault	207	154	183	171
Burglary	109	102	122	106
Larceny/Theft	579	591	584	477
Motor Vehicle Theft	20	39	17	29
<b>Totals</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>820</b>





Investigator Tina Vath  
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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 involves serious criminal activity, such as suspected homicides, suicides, felony thefts and felonious assaults, or when the criminal activity appears to be part of a pattern. The Lieutenant in charge of Support Services commands the Criminal Investigations Unit with one full time investigator assigned to the unit.

During 2007, the Investigation Unit was busy with a variety of cases ranging from thefts, sexual assaults, burglary, arson, and a homicide case. On May 29, 2007, the Beatrice City Parks Department maintenance building was burglarized and set on fire. A city parks department vehicle was also stolen from the area. Damage to the building and contents were approximately \$400,000.00. An extensive and aggressive investigation into this case was conducted by the Investigations Unit. On June 11, 2007, one subject was arrested for the Burglary, Arson, and Theft. The stolen vehicle, as well as numerous stolen items from the maintenance shop was recovered. The subject was convicted of Burglary, Arson and Theft and was sentenced to 23 to 42 years in prison. The subject was also ordered to pay \$400,000.00 in restitution.

In November 2007, the Investigations Unit was assigned to investigate the city's first homicide in seven years. The case is still under investigation. One subject has been arrested and is waiting court proceedings.

The investigations Unit also assisted the SEADE task force in numerous drug investigations. Several search warrants were obtained and executed on residences suspected of manufacturing or distributing Methamphetamine. In April 2007, a search warrant was executed on a residence. The tenant was suspected of distributing methamphetamine. The tenant was arrested and sentenced to 20 to 28 years in prison for possession of Methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

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 Investigator is also assigned to the state mandated, countywide, Child Abuse/Neglect Investigative Team. This team meets once a month and reviews cases involving suspected child abuse or neglect.

The investigator assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit also serves as the liaison to Crimestoppers of Gage County, Inc. This assignment requires the investigator to attend meetings of the Crimestoppers board. The investigator also is responsible for the maintenance of the statistical reports, writing of the year-end report, and recommending rewards to confidential callers. In 2007, Gage County Crimestoppers paid approximately \$900.00 in rewards to confidential callers.

# Crime Scene Team

This was a very busy year for the Crime Scene Team, which was activated a total of ten times. The months of May and November were the busiest for the team with each month having two call outs. All of the call outs took place within the City except for one call out in Wymore. A complete breakdown of the calls are listed below.

January 5	The team was called out to a local residence to investigate the scene of a death.
April 4	The team was called out to a local residence to execute a search warrant for drugs.
May 13	The team investigated the scene of a suicide at a local residence.
May 29	A search warrant was executed at a local residence to search for drugs.
June 12	The team was called out to assist in the execution of a search warrant for drugs at a local residence.
July 31	The team was called out to investigate the scene of a death at a local apartment building.
August 25	The team was called out to assist in the execution of a search warrant to look for drugs at a local residence.
November 5	There was a partial call out of the team to assist the State Fire Marshall's Office in the investigation of a house fire resulting in the death of a fireman in Wymore.
November 17	The team was called out to investigate the scene of a homicide at a local residence.
December 10	The team was called out to investigate the scene of a death at a local motel.

# Arrest Charges

Type of Charges	2004	2005	2006	2007
Assault 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>	125	67	50	58
Assault on an Officer	0	2	2	7
Strangulation	4	5	2	3
Domestic Assault	30	63	51	32
Protection Order Violations	17	24	23	11
Sexual Assaults 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>	2	9	12	5
Drug Violations	177	149	85	105
Burglary	33	14	9	11
Theft	159	31	48	55
Criminal Mischief	71	73	66	72
Child Abuse/Neglect	13	37	27	22
Weapons Violations	20	22	7	17
Disturbing the Peace	24	16	26	11
Disorderly Conduct	12	23	20	12
Minor In Possession	119	110	169	137
Procuring	7	8	12	5
DWI	63	90	82	105
Refusal to Submit	17	16	14	24
Open Container and other Alcohol offenses	36	50	35	44
Warrant Arrests	91	103	63	66
Runaway	68	65	37	49
Terroristic Threats/ Threats	10	18	10	15
Forgery 1st Degree	4	12	1	1
Resisting Arrest	4	5	6	6
Flight to Avoid Arrest	2	6	2	2
Emergency Protective Custody	9	7	2	3
Other Offenses	265	168	129	170
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>1382</b>	<b>1191</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>1048</b>



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## **Beatrice – Gage County Emergency Response Team**

The Beatrice-Gage County Emergency Response Team is a multi-agency tactical unit formed in the mid 1980's to respond to high-risk incidents. The unit is made up of Beatrice Police Department, Gage County Sheriff's Office, and Beatrice Fire and Rescue personnel. The Emergency Response 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. ERT 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. Command of an incident falls with the agency head of the jurisdiction where the incident occurs, with the Tactical Team Commander having operational command over the unit.

Along with some minor restructuring, additional personnel were assigned to the unit during 2007. In an effort to equalize the command structure, Gage County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Doug Klaus was appointed as the Tactical Team Commander, and Beatrice Police Captain Jerry Lamkin was appointed as Negotiations Team Commander. The Gage County Sheriff's Office appointed three additional members, making the team a total of 19 members – 11 Beatrice Police Officers, 5 Gage County Sheriff's Deputies and 3 Beatrice Fire and Rescue Personnel. Newly appointed from the Sheriff's Office were; Sergeant Bruce Slaven, Deputy Jeremy Wach and Deputy Jason Duff. Deputy Jeremy Wach had previously been assigned to the unit as a negotiator. Sadly Jeremy Wach was killed while fighting a structure fire later in year.

Throughout 2007, the unit was activated eleven times for tactical incidents, resulting in 26 arrests.

- 5 High risk search warrants, drug related
- 1 High risk search warrant, other
- 3 High risk arrest warrants
- 2 Barricade incidents involving suicidal/homicidal subjects

## Team Member Information

Tactical Commander	Chief Deputy Doug Klaus	GCSO
Tactical Team Leader	Sergeant Tony Lenner	BPD
Asst Tactical Team Leader	Sergeant Jay Murphy	BPD
Team Members	Sergeant Mike Oliver	BPD
	Officer Wes Henning	BPD
	Officer Erin Byrne	BPD
	Sergeant Joe Kubicek	GCSO
	Officer Doug Coon	BPD
	Sergeant Brian Carver	BPD
	Officer Rob Mierau	BPD
	Investigator Zac Lauenstein	BPD
	Officer Dan Emken	BPD
	Sergeant Bruce Slaven	GCSO
	Deputy Jeremy Wach	GCSO
	Deputy Jason Duff	GCSO
Negotiations Team Commander	Captain Jerry Lamkin	BPD
Negotiations Team Leader	Investigator Zac Lauenstein	BPD
Negotiations Team Member	Deputy Jeremy Wach	GCSO
Tactical Medics	Paramedic Mike Massey	BF&R
	Paramedic Jim Young	BF&R
	Paramedic Jeremy Seggerman	BF&R



# Gage County Victim Assistance Program

- The Victim Assistance Program has been in existence since 1995. It is supported by VOCA federal grant funds and matching in-kind funding 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.
- 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 monthly.
- I serve on the Board of PATCH and the Gage County Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Council.
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Night out this year. It was hosted at Chautauqua Park with attendance estimated at 450 people.

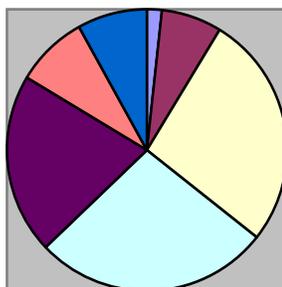
# Victim Assistance Program Statistics 2007

TYPE OF SERVICE	NUMBER OF TIMES PROVIDED
Crisis Counseling	59
Personal Advocacy	220
Information/Referral (In Person)	100
Information/Referral (Phone Contact)	340
Emergency Financial Assistance	0
Follow Up Contact	620
Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy	233
Compensation Assistance	3
Transportation	3
Protection order Assistance	74
Cellular Phone Program	5
Other	1
<b>Total Number of Services Provided</b>	<b>1,658</b>
<b>Total Number of Victims Served</b>	<b>880</b>

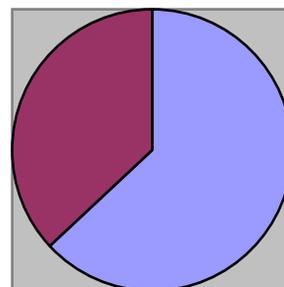
TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED	TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED
Homicide	5	Sexual Assault (Adult)	26
Child Abuse/Physical	13	Domestic Violence	125
Child Abuse/Sexual	26	Incest Survivor	0
DWI/DUI	4	Assault	32
Robbery	11	Elder Abuse	0
Burglary	52	Business	0
Arson	1	Other	585

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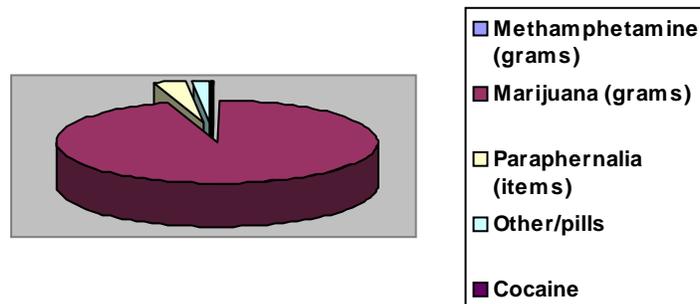


# Southeast Area Drug Enforcement Task Force “SEADE”

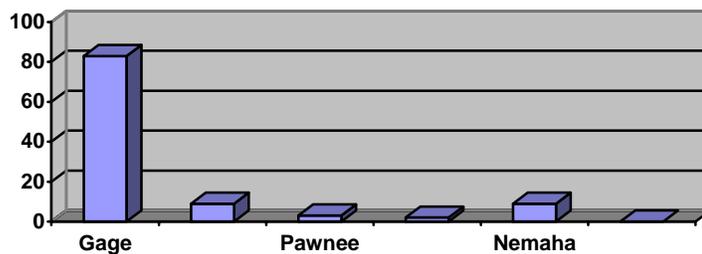
SEADE is a drug task force that operates off of a federal grant administered by the Nebraska Crime Commission. SEADE also receives matching funds from the six counties that it serves: Gage, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson. SEADE has two full time investigators and a part-time secretary. The following are statistics for the year 2007.

<b>Cases Initiated</b>	108
<b>Confidential Informants</b>	8
<b>Intelligence Reports</b>	68
<b>Arrests</b>	56
<b>Drug Buys Initiated</b>	10
<b>Search Warrants</b>	12

## Drugs Seized



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



SEADE continues to proactively combat the drug problem by presenting information to local groups concerning the dangers of drug use. The SEADE Secretary is actively involved in the MAPS Coalition Community Justice Task Force which strives to educate people about the dangers of drug abuse and the resulting consequences. We also strive to promote a healthy relationship between law enforcement and the public.

The implementation of an interdiction Investigator and a drug dog proved successful for the Task Force. Two of the more notable successes were the seizure of a large amount of cash, \$154,000, and a separate incident where 24.5 pounds of marijuana was seized.

Methamphetamine continues to be a concern in 2006. Although Nebraska State Patrol statistics show that meth lab seizures were down from 2005, the majority of methamphetamine that we see in Nebraska is brought in from outside the state, mainly from California and Mexico. It is estimated that between 70 and 80 percent of the drug enters the state from outside its borders. The typical meth lab in Nebraska is capable of producing anywhere from ½ ounce to 2 ounces of the drug, however, meth lab clean up can consume up to 80 percent of law enforcement's time depending on the size and active status of the lab. Fewer meth labs mean more time for officers to target those who are dealing and using the drug, it doesn't necessarily mean we will have less of the drug.

Meth is a stimulant that affects the central nervous system. It is said that 98 percent of people who try meth will become addicted to it. SEADE has interviewed many meth users and they all say the same thing, that after the first use they didn't know when they were going to use again, they just knew they would. Methamphetamine causes a huge release of dopamine in the user's brain. Dopamine is a naturally occurring chemical we have in our brain that allows us to feel pleasure. Meth also causes the release of epinephrine, a naturally occurring chemical in our brains that gives us a sense of well-being. A third naturally occurring chemical is released, nor epinephrine is released fight or flight mode, in the adrenaline rush use meth often they have never felt with more energy than they know what to do with. The incredible feeling they get from this drug makes such an impression on the user that they crave that feeling again. Over time, the brain is depleted of dopamine and the only time the user can experience pleasure is when they are under the influence of the drug. This creates a huge obstacle for people who want to stop using. Without the drug they feel miserable...angry, sad, irritable, and prone to violence. They experience these same feelings when they are coming down off of a high, known as "tweaking". Longtime meth abusers typically have brain function similar to that of paranoid schizophrenics. Another typical affect of meth use is known as "crank bugs". Because of the way that meth affects the central nervous system, over-stimulation of the nerves, users get the sensation that they have bugs crawling under their skin and it causes them to pick at the bugs until they actually caused an open sore.



Meth can be injected, smoked (heated and the fumes inhaled), snorted, and taken orally. If it is smoked or injected the high is almost instantaneous, happening within seconds. The high from meth can last from 6 to 12 hours depending on the quality of the drug. The effects of crystal meth, often called "ice", can last up to 24 hours. Crystal meth is a purer form of meth, some say up to 90% pure, with more intense effects. Crystal meth is more likely to cause the user to have visual and auditory hallucinations. Meth, in general, causes users to become very paranoid. Users will lie, cheat, steal, and use force to get the money to get more meth or to get the ingredients to manufacture the drug. This increases the incidents of burglary,

vandalism, theft/shoplifting, and assault. It's clear that this drug creates problems in all aspects of our society.

Methamphetamine typically is found as a coarse powder, white to off-white in color. The texture is comparable to that of sugar or salt. However, SEADE has purchased light pink and tan colored meth. We have also seen meth that is very fine textured, like flour or powdered sugar. Crystal meth looks like little shards which is where it gets the street name "ice".



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Meth can be detected in the user's blood or urine from 12 – 72 hours after initial use. It can be detected in hair for up to 90 days. Some of the affects of meth use are: rotten teeth, emaciated look (extreme weight loss), body odor, open sores (crank bugs), fundamental and long lasting changes in the way the brain works (dopamine & serotonin), highly addictive, heightened sexual activity (std's and abuse as the user seeks to fulfill the sexual urge), increased heart and respiratory rates, increased body temperature, paranoia, hallucinations, decreased social life, severe depression (resulting from the inability to experience pleasure unless on the drug), sleep deprivation, excessive talking, hyperactivity, aggressiveness, and violent tendencies (volatile behavior).

Meth will continue to be a danger to our community.



Methamphetamine



Before



After (1 yr 5 mos)

\*pictures from "the faces of meth" at OregonLive.com

# Bike Patrol

The Beatrice Police Department Bike Patrol spent around 50 hours on the bikes this summer. Although we would like to see our overall hours increase we were productive. We tried to include pro-active enforcement with community relations in our bike patrol hours. Bike patrol officers were responsible for the arrest of three different subjects that resulted in six different charges. These charges included an arrest for a felony warrant, a misdemeanor warrant, and a "Driving While Intoxicated" charge. We also spent time targeting areas with increased property crimes, which continues to be a major concern in Beatrice.

Again we had the opportunity to ride during Homestead Days and the last day of school. We also had the opportunity to ride during the dedication of the new Rozell-Exmark Park. That gave us a great opportunity to interact with people at a function that was important to the entire Beatrice community.



## **School Resource Officer Program (SRO) for 2007**

It is my pleasure to announce that the School Resource Officer position completed the eighth year of service in the 2007 school year. The School Resource Officer position continues to have great success in both maintaining a good relationship with Beatrice Public School District staff as well as with BPS students. The SRO position continues to transition into a more preventive role instead of a mainly reactive role. Education of both students and staff on practices that reduce the risk of them becoming a victim of a crime seem to be paying off with lower numbers of reported crimes at both the Beatrice High School and the Beatrice Middle School.

Overall, reported crimes are down across the board at the Beatrice High School. Theft seems to be the most common crime at BHS, but even those numbers are much lower than in previous years. It is my hope to get those numbers even lower. There are plans in progress to attempt to obtain some more surveillance cameras at BHS using a grant, however that is still being worked out by BHS administration. Teachers have reported that they feel the climate at BHS has improved greatly over the last several years, and continues to improve with regard to it being a safe place to educate the students and have stated that they hope the SRO program is a permanent fixture in the BPS school system.

The Beatrice Middle School continues to have very low numbers across the board when it comes to criminal activity. Additional measures such as new surveillance cameras and more staff involvement have reduced the random criminal acts taking place in the Beatrice Middle School to a minimum. The Beatrice Middle School has made great strides in reducing criminal activity and making the school a safe place for students.

The School Resource Officer program continues to be a very successful program. The cooperation between the City of Beatrice Police Department and the Beatrice Public Schools District is one of the main reasons this program has been so successful. Hopefully, the SRO program will continue to be viewed as necessary to maintaining the connection with the youth of Beatrice and will be in place in the Beatrice Public Schools for many years to come.

Officer Erin Byrne #322 (School Resource Officer)

# Gage County Community Service Coordinator Report

The Gage County Community Service Coordinator position was created from grant funds in May of 2003. The program was instituted to assist juveniles and adults who need to complete community service work as required for probation, Juvenile Diversion, or other mandated sentencing.

An orientation is held every other Thursday evening at the Beatrice Police Department. The orientation is designed to prepare the individual for his/her community service work by filling out the appropriate paperwork and discussing the Six Pillars of Character. Once the required paperwork has been reviewed and completed the person receives a copy of area non-profit organizations that are willing to allow the offenders to do community service at their agency. Currently we have 40 agencies participating in the Community Service Program. Individuals attending orientation also receive several pamphlets educating them about the dangers of drug abuse. Parents/guardians attending with their child/children also receive drug education material that is designed specifically for parents.

In 2007, 105 youth completed the Community Service Orientation. The total number of community service hours completed for 2007 was 989. The Community Service Coordinator Program continues to grow as more people become aware of this service.



## Gage County MAPS – Community Justice Task Force

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

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

Within the MAPS Coalition there are four task force committees. One of the committees is activity represented by four member of the Beatrice Police Department. These individuals include Lt. Joe Hawkins, Investigator Tina Vath, Stephanie Wallman-Community Service Coordinator/SEADE Secretary, and Kerri McGrury-Victim Assistance Coordinator.

The focus areas of the Community Justice Task Force includes:

- Promote healthy attitudes toward alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) among our youth & community members
- Engage community interest surrounding positive law enforcement relationships and ATOD issues

The activities and projects of the Community Justice Task force in 2007 include:

- **The MIP Hotline** – Begin operating in April 2007  
The MIP Hotline is a confidential hotline that accepts anonymous phone calls from individuals who would like to report an underage drinking party or adults procuring alcohol for minors. Since May 11, 2007 the MIP Hotline has accepted 40 calls which is an average of 1-2 calls per week. Some calls have resulted in arrests for minor in possession and procuring alcohol for a minor.



- **Responsible Beverage Training** – May 2007  
The training was presented by Rand Wiese from the Responsible Hospitality Council of Lincoln/Lancaster County. The training was held on May 17, 2007 with 40 people in attendance, who were alcohol licensees or employees. The RBS training was cosponsored by MAPS and the Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce. The training was paid for by SICA (State Incentive Cooperative Agreement) grant funds from the State of Nebraska.
- **Alcohol Compliance Checks** – September 2007  
The Beatrice Police Department and the Gage County MAPS Coalition partnered to complete a series of compliance checks in an effort to identify establishments that would sell alcohol to persons under the legal age of twenty-one. The compliance checks were conducted with 34-of-36 alcohol licensees in Beatrice on the evenings

of September 4 and September 13, 2007. Of the 34 establishments visited during the compliance checks, only one was cited for selling alcohol to a minor. Two establishments were unexpectedly closed; therefore an attempt was not made at those establishments. Two teenagers were involved in the compliance checks and were accompanied by officers from the Beatrice Police Department. Follow-up letters from Beatrice Police Department and MAPS were sent out to the compliant businesses thanking them for their commitment to checking identification. The project was paid for by DFC (Drug Free Communities) Support Program funds from the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

- **National Night Out** – August 2007
- **Safe Homes Parents Network** – In the Planning Stage 2007  
Safe Homes Parents Network provides parents and guardians an opportunity to unite in a clear message to all youth that there will be NO USE of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs by youth in the community.
- **Everything to Lose Drinking & Driving Awareness Campaign** - October 2007 through January 2008  
The project included radio ads, billboards, postcards, posters newspaper ads, and a movie slide. The billboards have been placed in different areas of Gage County, postcards and posters were distributed in Gage County to area schools, and a movie slide was purchased from the theatre in Beatrice to be viewed prior to movies. The project was paid for by SICA (State Incentive Cooperative Agreement) grant funds from the State of Nebraska.



# National Night Out 2007

The Beatrice Police Department participated in National Night Out on August 7, 2007. It was a coordinated effort with the Gage County MAPS Coalition Community Justice Task Force. National Night Out is designed to:

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



Tug of War



Dunk Tank – Officer Byrne

Some of the highlights of this years' National Night Out was the dunking of local law enforcement officers, the Gage County Attorney and a BHS teacher and the tug of war between Gage County Law Enforcement and Beatrice Fire and Rescue. The dunk tank fundraiser benefited the Gage County Crime Stoppers. The contestants included Mr. Weeks, Gage County Attorney Randy Ritnour, Deputy Wach, and Officer Byrne. Other activities included tug of war, minnow races, a putting green, climbing wall and more...

The Beatrice Police Department had the crime scene/mobile command vehicle, AKA "The Whale" on display, brochures about the victim assistance program and a bean bag game for children with prizes. Chief Lang, Capt. Lamkin, Lt. Hawkins and police officers were present to interact with participants. There were approximately 20 agencies that participated in the event, which was an increase from last year. Each agency had information and resources available to distribute or a fun interactive activity for families to participate in. In addition to games, there were free balloons and rub on tattoos. Valentino's provided the pizza and drinks for participants to purchase.

The following agencies listed provided displays at the event:

- Gage County Reserve Deputies
- Beatrice Fire and Rescue
- Beatrice Police Department
- Nebraska National Guard
- Nebraska State Patrol
- Gage County Victim Assistance
- Beatrice Humane Society
- K-9 Pen Pals
- United Way
- Hope Crisis Center
- Gage County 4-H
- Noon Kiwanis
- SCC
- VFW Post #1077 Auxiliary
- MADD
- Main Street Beatrice
- Public Health Solutions
- Safe Homes Parents Network

There were approximately 450 people in attendance.



Climbing Wall - National Guard



4-H Activity



Putting Green- VFW



Minnow Races- Kiwanis