



OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** **FIRST QUARTER - 2008**

CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE (SEE PAGE 14)

Forty-nine thousand seven hundred sixty-one (49,761) calls for police service in Omaha were recorded during the first quarter of 2008 by the 911 Communications Center. This represents a decrease of four percent (-4%) over the same period in 2007.

Average call to arrival time decreased by an average of two percent (-2%) to eight minutes forty-seconds (0:08:40) compared to first quarter 2007. Priority I call to arrival decreased by five percent (-5%) to six minutes twenty-five seconds (0:06:25). Priority II call to arrival time remained essentially unchanged during the same period.

REPORTED CRIMINAL AND NON-CRIMINAL INCIDENTS (SEE PAGE 21)

Twenty-two thousand, seven hundred and eighty-five (22,785) reports of criminal and non-criminal incidents were filed with the Omaha Police Department during the first quarter 2008. This represents a 10 percent (-10%) decrease in the number of incidents based on police response to 911 Communications Center calls, the Telephone Response Squad, or internal reports compared to the same period last year.

REPORTED OFFENSES AND CLEARANCES (SEE PAGE 3)

The number of Part I offenses decreased during the first quarter of 2008 compared to first quarter 2007. Total Part I offenses declined by eleven percent (-11%) during this period. Motor Vehicle Theft showed a substantial decrease of twenty-nine percent (-29%). Larceny Theft decreased by ten percent (-10%) during the first quarter of 2007.

During the first quarter 2008 OPD cleared one thousand five hundred five (1,505) Part 1 offenses, a decline of three percent (-3%) compared to the same period last. This represents a clearance rate of thirty-one percent (31%) of Total Index Offenses compared to a national average of twenty percent (20%). The number of cases cleared for any crime type can vary widely over any given month and is not directly related to the number of crimes of that type reported in that month. For low volume crime types, clearances may exceed the number of reported crimes in any given month. Clearances can result from cases that are months or years old.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES (SEE PAGES 4, 15, 16, 17, 18 AND 19)

Arrests for Part I Crimes increased by eighteen percent (+18%) during the first quarter of 2008 compared to 2007. Part II arrests increased by eight percent (+8%) resulting in a ten percent increase (+10%) overall for the first quarter.

The Air Support Unit logged twelve percent (+12%) more flight hours in the first quarter of 2008 compared to the same period in 2007 and participated in ten percent (+10%) more overall related support activities.

School Resource Officers participated in nineteen (19) felony arrests during the first quarter of 2008, an increase of seventy-three percent (+73%) over the same period last year.

The Narcotics Unit total felony drug arrests were unchanged during the first quarter 2008 compared to 2007. There was a substantial increase in seizures of methamphetamines as well as other controlled substances. Seizures normally vary greatly during any reporting period.

Gang activity increased substantially during the first quarter of 2008, increasing by seventy-three percent (+73%) compared to the same period last year. The number of suspected gang members declined by twenty-eight percent (-28%) during this period. This significant decrease in gang members was due to purging of inactive gang members as required by federal guidelines. The suspected number of gangs increased by one.

The Mounted Patrol Unit responded to fifty-five (55) calls for service during the first quarter of 2008, an decrease of twenty-six percent (-26%) over the first quarter of 2008.

TRAINING ACTIVITY (SEE PAGE 20)

The Training Unit recorded forty-three (43) training classes for the first three months of 2008 compared to fifty-four (54) classes for the same time in 2007, a twenty percent decrease (-20%). Participation increased by twenty-one percent (+21%) to a total of one thousand seven hundred twenty-two (1,722) during this period.