



# OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** **SECOND QUARTER - 2008**

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## **CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE (SEE PAGE 14)**

Sixty-one thousand, one hundred fifteen (61,115) calls for police service in Omaha were recorded during the second quarter of 2008 by the 911 Communications Center. This represents a decrease of two percent (-2%) over the same period in 2007.

During the second quarter, average call to arrival time increased by an average of eight percent (+8%) to nine minutes, twenty seconds (0:09:20) compared to second quarter 2007. Priority I call to arrival increased by two percent (+2%) to six minutes, twenty seconds (0:06:20). Priority II call to arrival time increased by nine percent (+9%) to twelve minutes, four seconds (0:12:04) during the same period.

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

Twenty-four thousand, four hundred and ninety-five (24,495) reports of criminal and non-criminal incidents were filed with the Omaha Police Department during the second quarter 2008. This represents a four percent (-4%) decrease from 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 continued to drop during the second quarter of 2008 compared to second quarter 2007. Total Part I offenses declined by nine percent (-9%) during this period. All Part 1 crime types declined except Criminal Homicide which increased by four incidents compared to the second quarter last year. Forcible Rape decreased by thirty-nine percent (-39%). Larceny Theft and Motor Vehicle Theft declined by eleven percent (-11%) and ten percent (-10%) respectively. During the second quarter 2008 OPD cleared twenty-eight percent (28%) 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, 17, AND 18)**

Arrests for Part I Crimes decreased by five percent (-5%) in the second quarter of 2008. Part II arrests decreased by two percent (-2%) resulting in a two percent decrease (-2%) overall for the second quarter.

The Air Support Unit decreased its total activity by thirteen percent (-13%) during the second quarter of 2008 compared to the second quarter of 2007. All categories of activity showed decreases in the second quarter compared to the same period last year.

The Narcotics Unit reported nine percent (-9%) fewer arrests in the second quarter of 2008 compared to second quarter 2007. There notable seizures of cocaine and methamphetamines during this period.

The Gang Unit reported a thirty-three percent (+33%) decrease in gang activity during the second quarter of 2008 resulting from decreases in misdemeanor incidents believed to involve gang members. Felony incidents involving gang members were unchanged.

## **TRAINING ACTIVITY (SEE PAGE 20)**

The Training Unit recorded seventy-eight (78) training classes for the second quarter of 2008. Compared to sixty-one (61) classes for the same time in 2007, this is an increase of twenty-eight percent (+28%). Training hours increased during the same period by forty-nine percent (+49%) during this period compared to the same period last year.