



# OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** **SECOND QUARTER - 2005**

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## **CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE**

Sixty-one thousand five hundred sixty-four (61,564) calls for police service in Omaha were recorded during the second quarter of 2005 by the 911 Communications Center. This represents an increase of four percent (+4%) over the same period in 2004.

All call to arrival response times decreased in the second quarter 2005. Average call to arrival time decreased by an average of ten percent (-10%) to nine minutes fifty seconds (0:09:50) compared to second quarter 2004. Priority I call to arrival decreased by nine percent (-9%) to seven minutes eighteen seconds (0:07:18). Priority II call to arrival time decreased by ten percent (-10%) to eleven minutes seven seconds (0:11:07) during the same period.

## **REPORTED CRIMINAL AND NON-CRIMINAL INCIDENTS**

Twenty-six thousand, eight hundred and seventy-nine (26,879) reports of criminal and non-criminal incidents were filed with the Omaha Police Department during the second quarter 2005. This represents a two percent (-2%) decline 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**

The number of Part I offenses continued to drop during the second quarter of 2005 compared to first quarter 2004. Total Part I offenses declined by four percent (-4%) during this period. Homicide and Motor Vehicle Theft increased compared to the same period in 2004. During the second quarter 2005 OPD cleared twenty-nine percent (29%) of Total Index Offenses compared to a national average of twenty percent (20%). Total clearances increased by eight percent (+8%) compared to the second quarter of 2004. 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**

Arrests for Part I Crimes decreased by one percent (-1%) in the second quarter of 2005. Part II arrests increased by five percent (+5%) resulting in a four percent increase (+4%) overall for the second quarter.

The Air Support Unit increased its total activity by forty-nine (+49%) percent during the second quarter of 2005 compared to the second quarter of 2004. This increase was largely due to an increase in pursuits and outside agency assists. This increase of forty-nine percent (+49%) overall activity resulted from a twelve percent (+12%) increase in flight hours.

The Canine Unit participated in an increase of eighty-two percent (+82%) more searches resulting in five percent (+5%) more arrests in the second quarter of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004.

The Narcotics Unit recorded a small decrease of two percent (-2%) in felony drug arrests during the second quarter 2005. There was a significant decline in cocaine and crack seizures while methamphetamine seizures increased by fifty percent (+50%). Seizures normally vary greatly during any reporting period.

## **TRAINING ACTIVITY**

The Training Unit recorded seventy-five (75) training classes for the second quarter of 2005. Compared to one hundred forty-nine (149) classes for the same time in 2004, this is a decline of fifty percent (-50%). Training hours increased during the same period by three hundred forty-five percent (+345%) during this period compared to the same period last year.