



OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** **THIRD QUARTER - 2004**

CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE

Sixty-five thousand, one hundred twenty-three (65,123) calls for police service in Omaha were recorded during the third quarter of 2004 by the 911 Communications Center. This represents a decrease of two percent (-2%) over the same period in 2003.

In spite of a small decrease in the number of calls for service, all call to arrival response times increased in the third quarter 2004. Average call to arrival time increased by an average of thirteen percent (+13%) to nine minutes twenty-seven seconds (0:09:27) compared to third quarter 2003. Priority I call to arrival increased by nineteen percent (+19%) to seven minutes twenty-one seconds (0:07:21). Priority II call to arrival time increased by nine percent (+9%) to eleven minutes thirty-three seconds (0:11:33) during the same period.

REPORTED CRIMINAL AND NON-CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

Twenty-seven thousand, eight hundred and forty-two (27,842) reports of criminal and non-criminal incidents were filed with the Omaha Police Department during the third quarter 2004. This represents a seven percent (-7%) 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 third quarter of 2004 compared to third quarter 2003. Total Part I offenses declined by ten percent (-10%) during this period. Motor Vehicle Theft and Robbery declined substantially compared to the same period in 2003.

During the third quarter 2004 OPD cleared twenty-eight percent (28%) of Total Index Offenses compared to a national average of twenty percent (20%). Total clearances declined by nine-percent (-9%) compared to the third quarter of 2003. 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 four percent (-4%) in the third quarter of 2004. Part II arrests declined by fourteen percent (-14%) resulting in a thirteen percent decrease (-13%) overall for the third quarter.

The Canine Unit responded to four-percent (+4%) more Calls for Service and participated in an increase of sixty-five percent (+65%) more searches resulting in fifty-seven percent (+57%) more arrests in the third quarter of 2004 compared to the same period in 2003.

The Narcotics Unit recorded no change in felony drug arrests during the third quarter 2004. There was a significant increase in cocaine, marijuana, and methamphetamines seizures. Seizures normally vary greatly during any reporting period.

The Gang Unit reports an essentially unchanged level in gang activity this quarter compared to the same quarter last year in spite of a thirty-three percent (+33%) increase in the number of gangs and a seven percent (+7%) increase in gang members.

TRAINING ACTIVITY

The Training Unit recorded one seventy-one (71) training classes for the third quarter of 2004 compared to sixty-seven (67) classes for the same time in 2003. This is an increase of six-percent (+6%). Training participants also increased by thirty-two (+32%) percent during this period compared to the same period last year.