



OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** **FOURTH QUARTER - 2010**

CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE (SEE PAGE 14)

Fifty-three thousand, six hundred eighty-four (53,684) calls for police service in Omaha were recorded during the fourth quarter of 2010 by the 911 Communications Center. This represents a decrease of nine percent (-9%) over the same period in 2009. For the entire year, calls for police service decreased by three percent (-3%).

Average call to arrival time decreased by an average of four percent (-4%) to eight minutes and twenty-eight seconds (0:08:28) compared to fourth quarter 2009. Priority I call to arrival decreased by five percent (-5%) to six minutes, twenty-one seconds (0:06:21). Priority II call to arrival time decreased by four percent (-4%) to ten minutes and thirty-five seconds (0:10:35) during the same period.

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

Twenty-two thousand, two hundred and ninety (22,290) reports of criminal and non-criminal incidents were filed with the Omaha Police Department during the fourth quarter 2010. This represents a two percent (+2%) increase 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. For the entire year of 2010, incidents reported to the Omaha Police Department declined by seven percent (-7%).

REPORTED OFFENSES AND CLEARANCES (SEE PAGE 3)

Total Part I offenses increased by six percent (+6%) during the fourth quarter of 2010. The numbers of reported crimes in all but one category increased substantially compared to the same period in 2009. During the calendar year 2010, total offenses declined by five percent (-5%) compared to 2009.

During the fourth quarter 2010 OPD cleared twenty-eight percent (28%) of Total Index Offenses compared to a national average of twenty-two percent (22%). For the year as a whole, OPD cleared twenty-nine percent (29%) of Part 1 incidents. 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, 18, AND 19)

Total Arrests for Part I Crimes increased by five percent (+5%) in the fourth quarter of 2010 compared to 2009. Part I arrests increased by three percent (+3%) during the last quarter of 2010 and Part II arrests declined by eight percent (-8%) compared to the fourth quarter of 2009. Total Arrests year-to-date declined by eight percent (-8%) compared to the prior year.

Air Support activity continued to increase in 2010 compared to 2009. For the year, flight hours increased by seven percent (+7%), and Total Activity increased by forty-six percent (+46%). During the fourth quarter of 2010, flight hours increased by one hundred fifty-eight percent (+158%) compared to the fourth quarter of 2009.

The Canine Unit responded to forty-eight percent (+48%) more Calls for Service in the fourth quarter of 2010 compared to the same period in 2009. For the year, The Canine Unit responded to forty-one percent (+41%) more calls for service compared to 2009.

The Narcotics Unit recorded a two percent (-2%) decrease in felony drug arrests during the fourth quarter 2010 and an eleven percent (-11%) decline for the entire year. During 2010, there were significant increases in seizures of cocaine and Ecstasy, as well as seizures of heroin and Ecstasy during the fourth quarter of 2010. Seizures may vary greatly during any reporting period.

The Gang Unit reports total gang activity increased substantially in the fourth quarter by forty-five percent (+45%) compared to the same quarter last year. For the year, total gang activity decreased by twenty-one percent (-21%) while the suspected number of gang members increased by seven percent (+7%).

The Mounted Patrol Unit made three hundred and twenty more arrests during the fourth quarter of 2010 compared to same period in 2009. Responses to traffic stops, citations issued, and assignments increased in the fourth quarter. For the calendar year 2010, the Mounted Patrol Unit conducted seven hundred eighty-six percent (+786%) more traffic stops and seventy-four percent (+74%) more assignments compared to 2009.