



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

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## **CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE**

Sixty-three thousand, nine hundred fifty-six (63,956) calls for police service in Omaha were recorded during the third quarter of 2005 by the 911 Communications Center. This represents a decrease of two percent (-2%) over the same period in 2004.

All call to arrival response times decreased in the third quarter 2005. Average call to arrival time decreased by an average of seven percent (-7%) to eight minutes forty-nine seconds (0:08:49) compared to third quarter 2004. Priority I call to arrival decreased by fourteen percent (-14%) to six minutes nineteen seconds (0:06:19). Priority II call to arrival time decreased by two percent (-2%) to eleven minutes nineteen seconds (0:11:19) during the same period.

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

Twenty-eight thousand, four hundred and forty-nine (28,449) reports of criminal and non-criminal incidents were filed with the Omaha Police Department during the third quarter 2005. This represents a two percent (+2%) increase 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 increased slightly during the third quarter of 2005 compared to third quarter 2004. Total Part I offenses increased by two percent (+2%) during this period. Forcible Rape, Burglary, and Motor Vehicle Theft declined compared to the same period in 2004. Homicide, Robbery, and Larceny theft increased during this period.

During the third quarter 2005 OPD cleared twenty-seven percent (27%) of Total Index Offenses compared to a national average of twenty percent (20%). Total clearances declined by two percent (-2%) compared to the third 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 increased by nine percent (+9%) in the third quarter of 2005. Part II arrests increased by ten percent (+10%) resulting in a ten percent increase (+10%) overall for the third quarter.

The Air Support Unit flew one percent (+1%) more flight hours and logged six percent (+6%) more total activity during the third quarter of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004.

The Canine Unit responded to thirty-five percent (+35%) more Calls for Service and participated in an increase of twenty-five percent (+25%) more searches and more than three times the number of evidence seizures in the third quarter of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004.

The Narcotics Unit's felony drug arrests increased by four percent (+4%) during the third quarter 2005. There was a decrease in cocaine and marijuana seizures during this period and an increase in seizures of crack and methamphetamines. Seizures normally vary greatly during any reporting period.

The Gang Unit reported an increase in the level of gang activity this quarter of seven-percent (+7%) compared to the same quarter last year. The majority of the increase in activity can be attributed to an increase of three hundred twenty-five percent (+325%) in the number of gang-related incidents of Destruction of Property (Criminal Mischief, or vandalism), and an increase of forty-eight percent (48%) in the number of incidents of Defacing Property. The suspected number of gangs remains unchanged at twenty-eight (28). The number of suspected gang members increased by eleven percent (+11%) to 2755 suspected members.

## **TRAINING ACTIVITY**

The Training Unit recorded sixty-five (65) training classes for the third quarter of 2005 compared to seventy-one (71) classes for the same time in 2004. Total training hours increased by four hundred seventy percent (+470%) during this time.