



OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** **THIRD QUARTER - 2008**

CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE (SEE PAGE 14)

Sixty-one thousand, two hundred forty nine (61,249) calls for police service in Omaha were recorded during the third quarter of 2008 by the 911 Communications Center. This represents a five percent decline (-5%) compared to the same period in 2007.

All call to arrival response times increased in the third quarter 2008. Average call to arrival time increased by an average of two percent (+2%) to nine minutes, five seconds (0:09:05) compared to third quarter 2007. Priority I call to arrival increased by one percent (+1%) to six minutes, eighteen seconds (0:06:18). Priority II call to arrival time increased by three percent (+3%) to eleven minutes, fifty-three seconds (0:11:53) during the same period.

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

Twenty-five thousand, two hundred and thirty (25,230) reports of criminal and non-criminal incidents were filed with the Omaha Police Department during the third 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 decreased significantly during the third quarter of 2008 compared to third quarter 2007. Total Part I offenses decreased by twelve percent (-12%) during this period. The majority of this decrease is attributable to declines in Burglary which decreased eighteen percent (-18%), and Motor Vehicle Theft, which decreased thirty-two percent (-32%). Homicide and Forcible Rape, and Robbery all showed increases compared to the same period in 2007. Total 2008 Year-to-Date offenses declined by eleven percent (-11%) compared to 2007.

During the third quarter 2008 OPD cleared twenty-three percent (23%) 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 2007. 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, AND 18)

Arrests for Part I Crimes decreased by fifteen percent (-15%) in the third quarter of 2008. Part II arrests decreased by eight percent (-8%) resulting in a nine percent decrease (-9%) overall for the third quarter.

The Air Support Unit flew seventeen percent (-17%) less flight hours and logged twenty-nine percent (-29%) less total activity during the third quarter of 2008 compared to the same period in 2007. The Air Support Unit participated in thirty-three percent (-33%) fewer pursuits and assisted outside agencies forty-seven percent (-47%) less than the third quarter last year.

The Gang Unit reported an increase in the total level of gang activity this quarter of eleven percent (+11%) compared to the same quarter last year. Felony gang activity increased by sixty percent (+60%) during this period. The suspected number of gangs increased by one to twenty nine gangs. The number of suspected gang members declined by twenty-six percent (-26%) during this period. This significant decrease in gang members was due to purging of inactive gang members as required by federal guidelines.

TRAINING ACTIVITY (SEE PAGE 20)

The Training Unit recorded sixty-seven (67) training classes for the third quarter of 2008 compared to forty-nine (49) classes for the same time in 2007, an increase of thirty-seven percent (+37%). Sworn/Non-Sworn training hours increased by thirty-eight percent (+38%) during this time.