

Moving Forward Together

Owensboro Police Department
2007 Annual Report



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Colonel Glenn Skeens

The Owensboro Police Department has succeeded in meeting all of its challenges during the past year. At this time, the department is transitioning from an excellent local, comprehensive police department, to one of leadership and influence throughout the Commonwealth.

The transformation of a police department does not happen overnight, nor should it happen without careful considerations. It requires extensive planning and suitable funding so that our mission and goals are attained. Diligence, dedication, and commitment from a multitude of individuals and groups are required to achieve this goal. We, at the Owensboro Police Department, are fortunate since our organization and our community has long demonstrated its strength and commitment to the department. It is through the steadfast efforts of every member of our organization that we will be able to achieve excellence.

The Owensboro Police Department acknowledges that its staff, their families, and the community are the source of its strength. They determine the spirit, eminence, and efficiency of the organization. The future of the Owensboro Police Department directly hinges on the performance of its employees. Our most central management principle is "employee success" in the community, at work, and throughout the Commonwealth where our employees will represent the collective efforts of this organization. This is a very exciting time for the Owensboro Police Department as we continue our journey of **Moving Forward Together!**

Glenn Skeens

Chief of Police
Owensboro Police Department

Our Vision and Mission

VISION STATEMENT

The Owensboro Police Department will perpetuate a strong work ethic that fosters pride in ourselves and in our department.

We will serve as a model agency by integrating the newest technology while providing police services. Our values will be reflected in our decisions. We shall consider our responsibilities and obligations in every action we take. We shall be attentive to the needs of our community by being interactive, courteous and responsive. We shall endeavor to serve, without being asked, and do more than expected.

MISSION STATEMENT

To create a true partnership with the community and to enhance the quality of life in our city. The Owensboro Police Department will maintain order while protecting the people we serve by reducing the incidents of crime doing so with professionalism, honor and integrity.





Core Values

INTEGRITY

We are committed to using candor, honesty, and ethical behavior with each other and with those we serve.

PUBLIC SERVICE

We will deliver high quality service, which is fair, courteous, responsive and efficient, to our public. We recognize the need to involve the community in creating a secure and safe environment.

COMPETENCE

We will maintain high standards of training and expertise by keeping abreast of new trends and standards in the field of law enforcement.

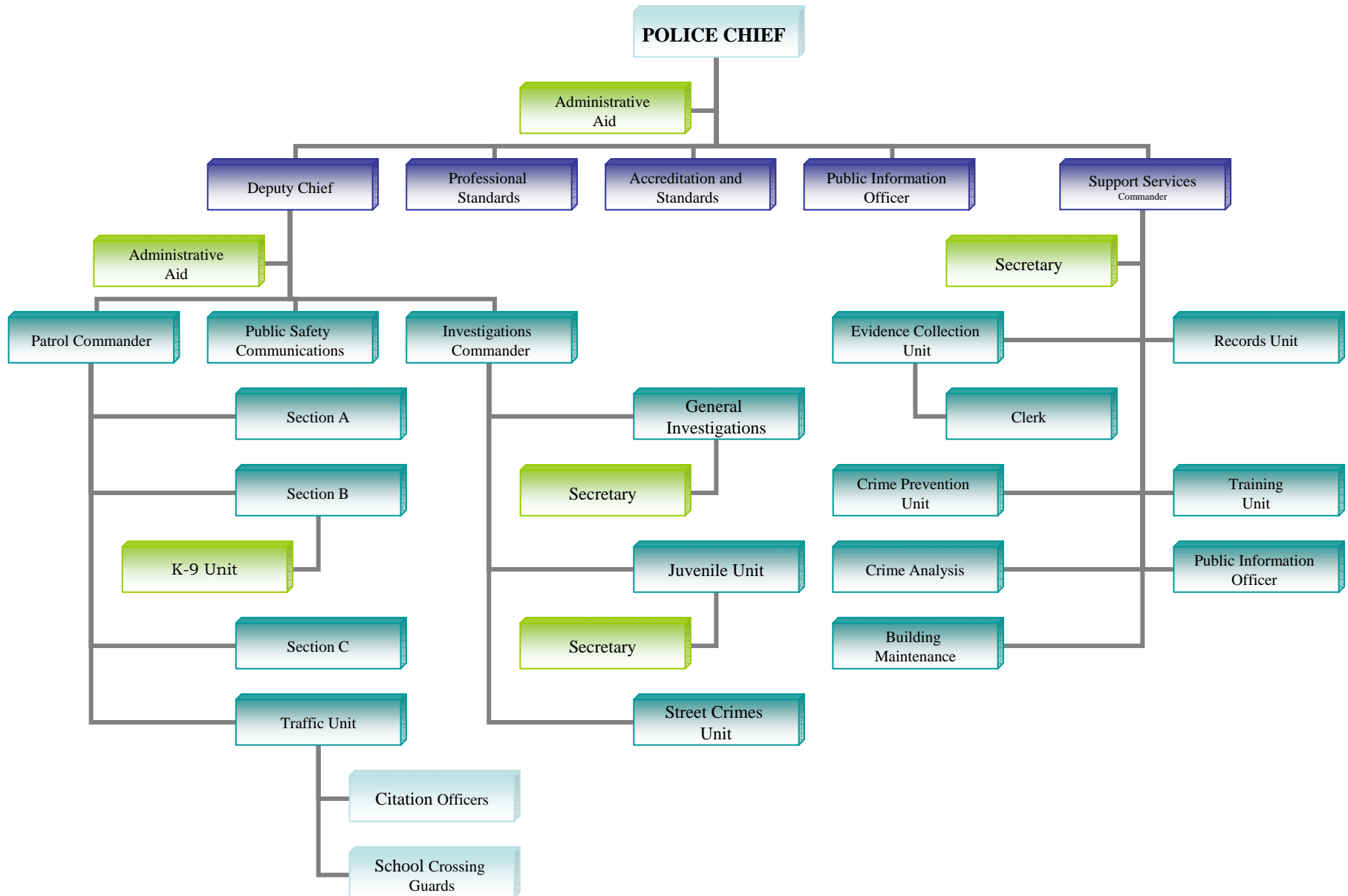
RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

We will make effective use of our resources and provide a spirit of open communications within our community. We are responsible for our actions. We strive to earn the trust and support of the community.

RESPECT FOR CO-WORKERS

We will maintain a workplace environment based on mutual respect and an appreciation of the unique qualities of each individual as a contributor to the overall good of our team.

2007 Organizational Chart



Demographics

Sworn Personnel

Years of Service by Rank

Years	Chief	Lt. Colonel	Captain	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Officer	Total
0 – 4	1	1	2	3	9	25	41
5 – 9				2	3	30	35
10 – 14					1	9	10
15 – 19					1	12	13
20 +							
Total	1	1	2	5	14	76	99

Officers by Age

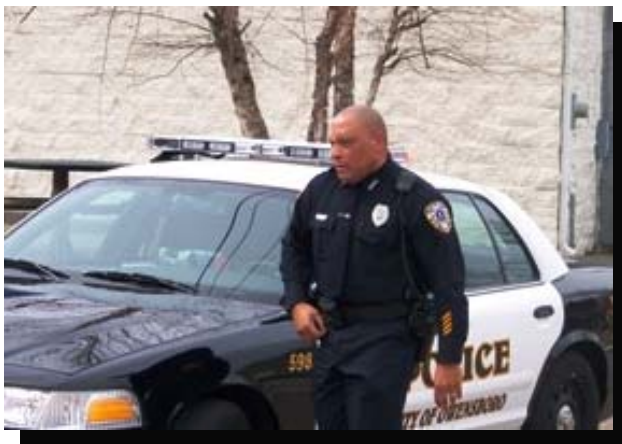
Years	Chief	Lt. Colonel	Captain	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Officer	Total
21 – 24						4	4
25 – 29						18	18
30 – 34					1	17	18
35 – 39			1	1	4	16	22
40 – 44	1	1	1	2	2	16	23
45 – 49					4	5	9
Over 50				2	3		5
Total	1	1	2	5	14	76	99

Demographics

Sworn Personnel

Officers by Gender & Race

	Caucasian	African American	Total
Male	91	5	96
Female	3		3
Total	94	5	99



Demographics

Non-Sworn Personnel

Members by Age									
Age	21 – 24	25 – 29	30 – 34	35 – 39	40 – 44	45 – 49	50 – 54	55 & Over	Total
# of Employees	3	6	2	1	8	4	3	4	31

Years of Service							
Years	0 - 4	5 – 9	10 – 14	15 – 19	20 – 24	25 – 29	30 & Over
# of Employees	12	12	3	2		1	1

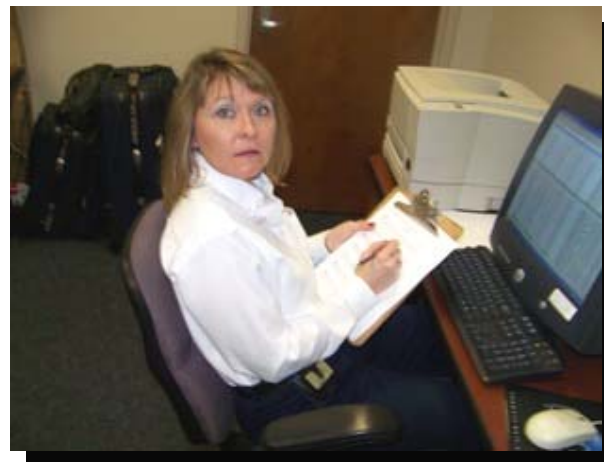


Demographics

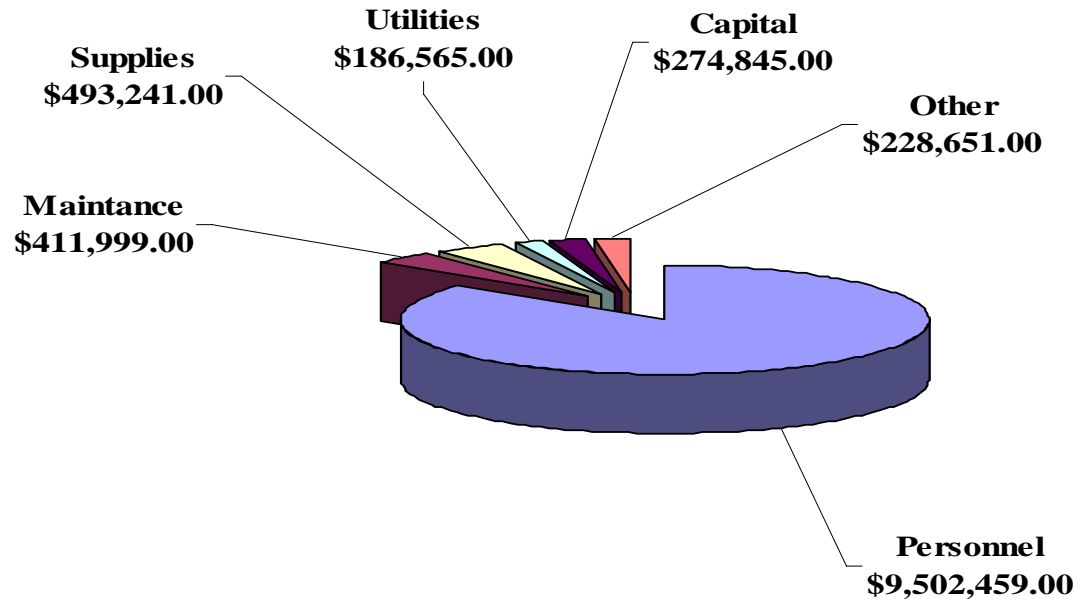
Non-Sworn Personnel



Members by Race & Gender			
	Caucasian	African American	Total
Male	4		4
Female	24	3	27
Total	28	3	31



2007 – 2008 Budget



Budget Total by Division					
Administration	Communications	Investigation	Patrol	Support Services	Total
\$1,581,808	\$1,213,925.00	\$1,497,085.00	\$5,543,062.00	\$1,261,880.00	\$11,097,760.00

Professional Standards Unit

Investigations

The primary function of the Professional Standards Unit (PSU) is to investigate all citizen complaints against police personnel and, as directed, complaints originating from within the police department itself. The PSU is responsible for investigating allegations of criminal conduct, misconduct as defined by Kentucky Revised Statutes 95.450, and violations of rules and regulations as adopted by the Owensboro City Commission. In 2007, the PSU conducted a total of 36 administrative investigations with 39 allegations resulting in 41 dispositions being reported for the year.

PSU Administrative Investigations						
Year	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	5 yr. Average
# of Investigations	36	44	42	47	48	43.4

2007 Final Dispositions				
Unfounded (4.76%)	Not sustained (37.15%)	Exonerated (16.67%)	Sustained (40.48%)	Closed without findings (2.38%)
2	14	7	17	1

Administrative Allegations	
Discourtesy	3
Discrimination	1
Excessive Force	4
Improper Vehicle Operation	13
Obedience to Rules, Regulations of Laws	6
Unbecoming Conduct	12
Total	39

Professional Standards Unit

Use of Force

The Owensboro Police Department responded to 37,935 calls for service and conducted 14,654 traffic stops in 2007. The traceable contacts by officers of the OPD with citizens of the community totaled 52,589. From that total, there were a total of 60 Use of Force reports filed by officers during 2007 where force was used to affect and arrest. This translates to police officers utilizing force to affect an arrest in .11% of all police contacts with citizens or 1 use of force incident for every 891 contacts with citizens. In addition, there was one incident where an officer discharged a firearm in the line of duty. This single incident was for the purpose of destroying an injured animal. From the total reported Use of Force incidents, there were 24 incidents where the suspect was injured, and 13 incidents where the officer was injured.

Corrective Actions	
Counseling	1
Counseling Statement	6
No Action Taken	22
Performance Notice	5
Remedial Training	2
Total	36

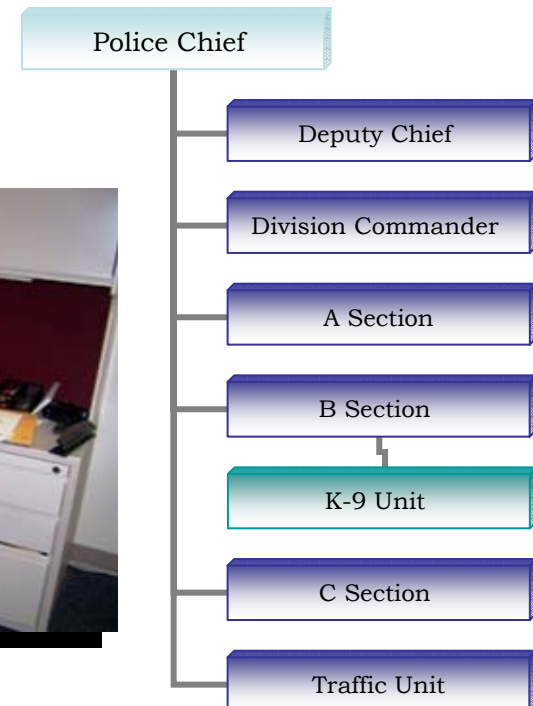
Use of Force Reports by Race/Ethnicity/Gender	
Caucasian	72.0%
African American	21.3%
Hispanic	4.9%
Males	81.7%
Females	18.3%

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the backbone of any police department and all other divisions are in support of the efforts initiated in the patrol function. The Patrol Division consists of a Division Commander, an Administrative Aide, three Patrol shifts, a Traffic Unit, and the K-9 Unit.

As the primary service delivery component for the Owensboro Police Department, the Patrol Division responded to calls for service from community members, engaged in proactive policing and provided traffic enforcement as a part of the normal duty day. The Patrol Division provides twenty-four hour service to approximately 55,000 city residents covering 16 square miles and often times they go beyond what is expected of them.

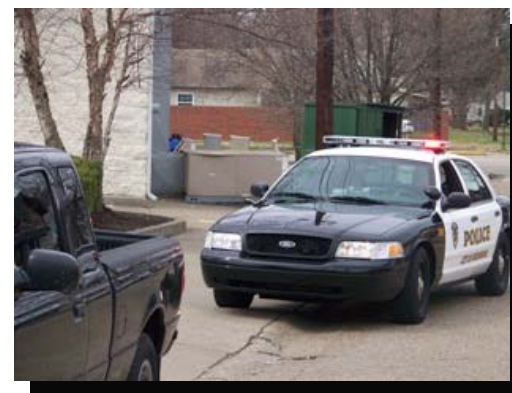
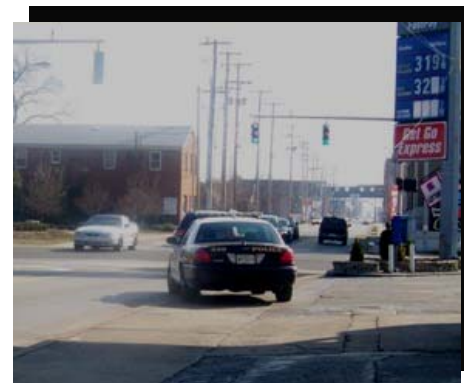
In 2007, patrol officers responded to 37,935 calls for service. The men and women of the Patrol Division have embraced the motto "Pride, Integrity, Service" which embodies the professionalism, dedication, and spirit of all members of the Owensboro Police Department. These officers are committed to ensuring Owensboro remains a safe place to live, work, and play.



Part I Crime Statistics

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) contains official data on crime that is reported to law enforcement agencies across the country who then provide the data to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Part 1 of the UCR focuses on index crimes which include murder, robbery, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. The following chart depicts data collected by the Owensboro Police Department Crime Analysis Unit and the totals represent the department arrests as a whole. The Owensboro Police Department reported the subsequent information to the FBI for the year of 2007. The preceding years are listed for comparison purposes.

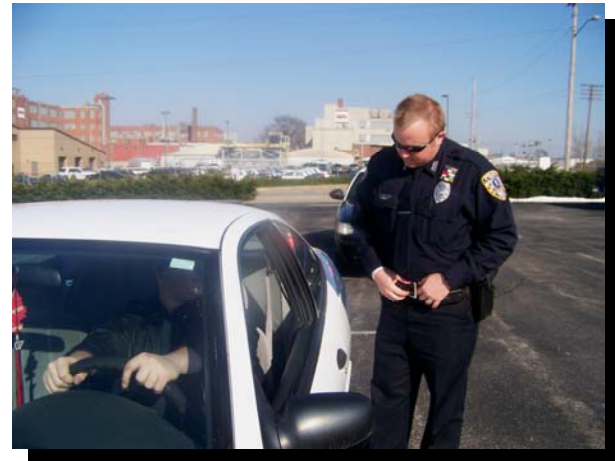
Part I Crimes							
Category	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	Average
Criminal Homicide	0	3	4	0	0	4	2
Forcible Rape	22	20	16	12	7	17	16
Robbery	43	35	50	39	53	43	44
Assault (aggravated)	79	84	78	91	112	77	87
Burglary	362	443	438	484	537	435	450
Larceny	1,847	1,637	1,564	1,766	2,049	1,913	1,796
Arson	5	14	6	5	4	12	8
Motor Vehicle Theft	73	62	70	106	101	93	84



Part II Crime Statistics

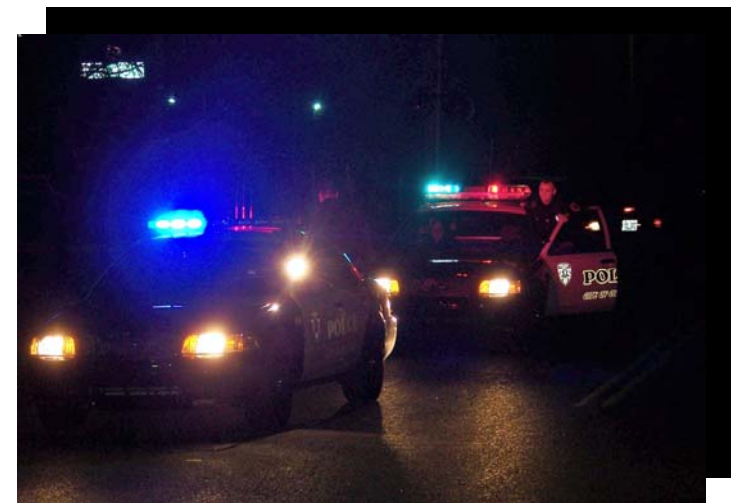
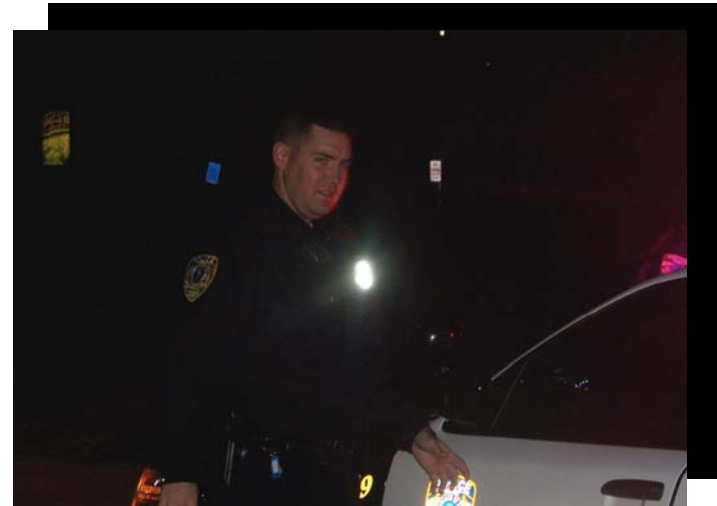
Under the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, any actual crime not recorded as a Part I crime is considered a Part II crime. Since Part II crimes are too numerous to list, the below charts reflect only selected Part II crimes of interest.

<i>Selected</i> Part II Crimes	
Charges	Count
Assaults (misdemeanor)	343
Forgery & Counterfeiting	97
Embezzlement	16
Stolen Property (receiving, possessing)	110
Vandalism	63
Weapons (carrying, possessing)	40
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	1
Sex Offenses (except rape)	34
Drug Abuse Violations	1,286



Part II Crime Statistics

<i>Selected</i> Part II Crimes	
Charges	Count
Gambling	2
Offenses Against Family & Children	368
Driving Under the Influence	615
Liquor Laws	91
Drunkenness	884
Disorderly Conduct	345
Runaways	36
Fraud	42
All Others	2,884
Total	6,749



Patrol Division

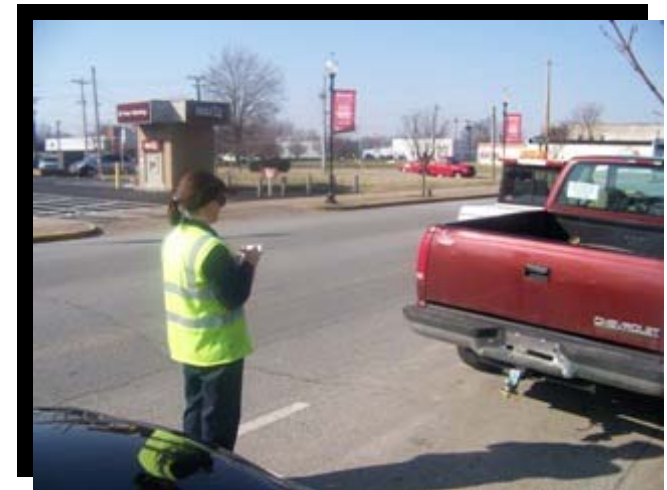
Traffic Unit

The primary function of the Traffic Unit is the strict enforcement of traffic laws, traffic control for special events, providing escort service for dignitaries, funerals and management of the Federal Highway Safety Grant. The Traffic Unit is staffed with one supervisor, three sworn officers, two civilian Citation Officers and thirteen School Crossing Guards.

Traffic officers also attempt to deter accidents through proactive enforcement techniques such as police radar. This action helps to reduce the number of accidents that may result in injury or death. Based on the concerns of residents, statistical data, or the officers personal knowledge of an area, traffic officers will monitor target locations and issue citations in an effort to reduce traffic accidents.

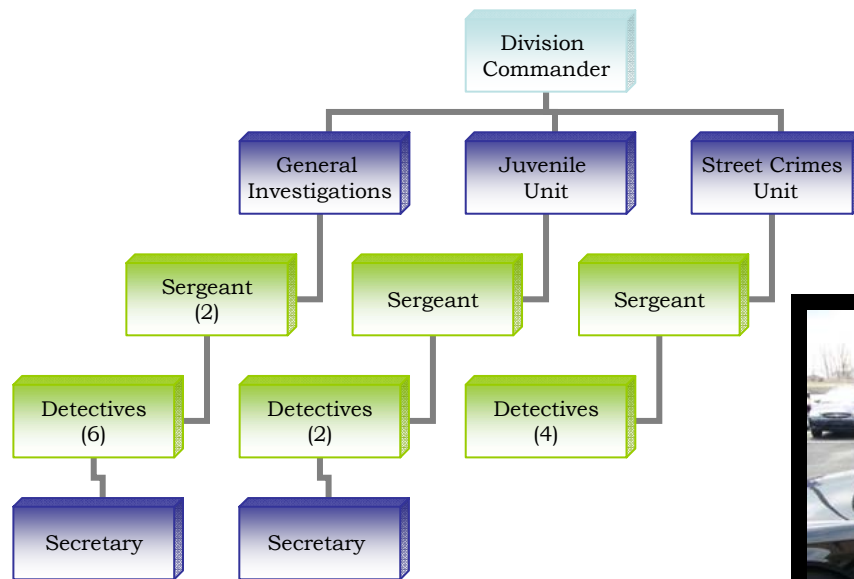
The overall traffic enforcement of the Owensboro Police Department has been enhanced by the efforts of the officers assigned to the Traffic Unit during their regular duty hours. In 2007, officers assigned to the Traffic Unit charged a total of 1,463 law violations. These violations included, among other things, citations for speeding, reckless driving, no motor vehicle insurance, failure to wear seat belts, various criminal arrests, and a large number of city ordinance violations.

In addition to the daily traffic enforcement, officers working under the Federal Highway Safety Grant issued 396 citations for law violations. This includes 9 arrests for impaired driving, 136 citation for failure to wear seat belts, 4 citations for no child restraint in use, and 247 citations issued for various other violations.



Criminal Investigations

Division



The Criminal Investigations Division is composed of a Division Commander who oversees the General Investigation Unit, the Juvenile Unit, and the Street Crimes Unit. The Division has four sergeants, twelve detectives and two secretaries divided among the three units.

The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for self-initiated and follow-up investigations of specifically assigned cases. These cases are usually serious incidents such as, but not limited to, homicides, death investigations, robberies, serious sexual assaults, serious physical assaults, and other felony cases that demand a unique investigative knowledge, additional time demands, and may require travel outside the local area.

Case Management as applied by the detectives assigned to the unit includes conducting thorough criminal investigations, interviewing witnesses and all suspects, identifying and arresting offenders, and aiding in the successful prosecution of defendants. Investigators also procure and execute search warrants leading to the seizure of contraband and other evidence of criminal activity.

Criminal Investigations

General Investigations Unit

The General Investigations Division is responsible for conducting investigations of crimes against persons or crimes against property and preparing cases for prosecution. This division investigates Part I Crimes (Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny-theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson). During 2007, there were 968 cases investigated involving Part I Crimes.

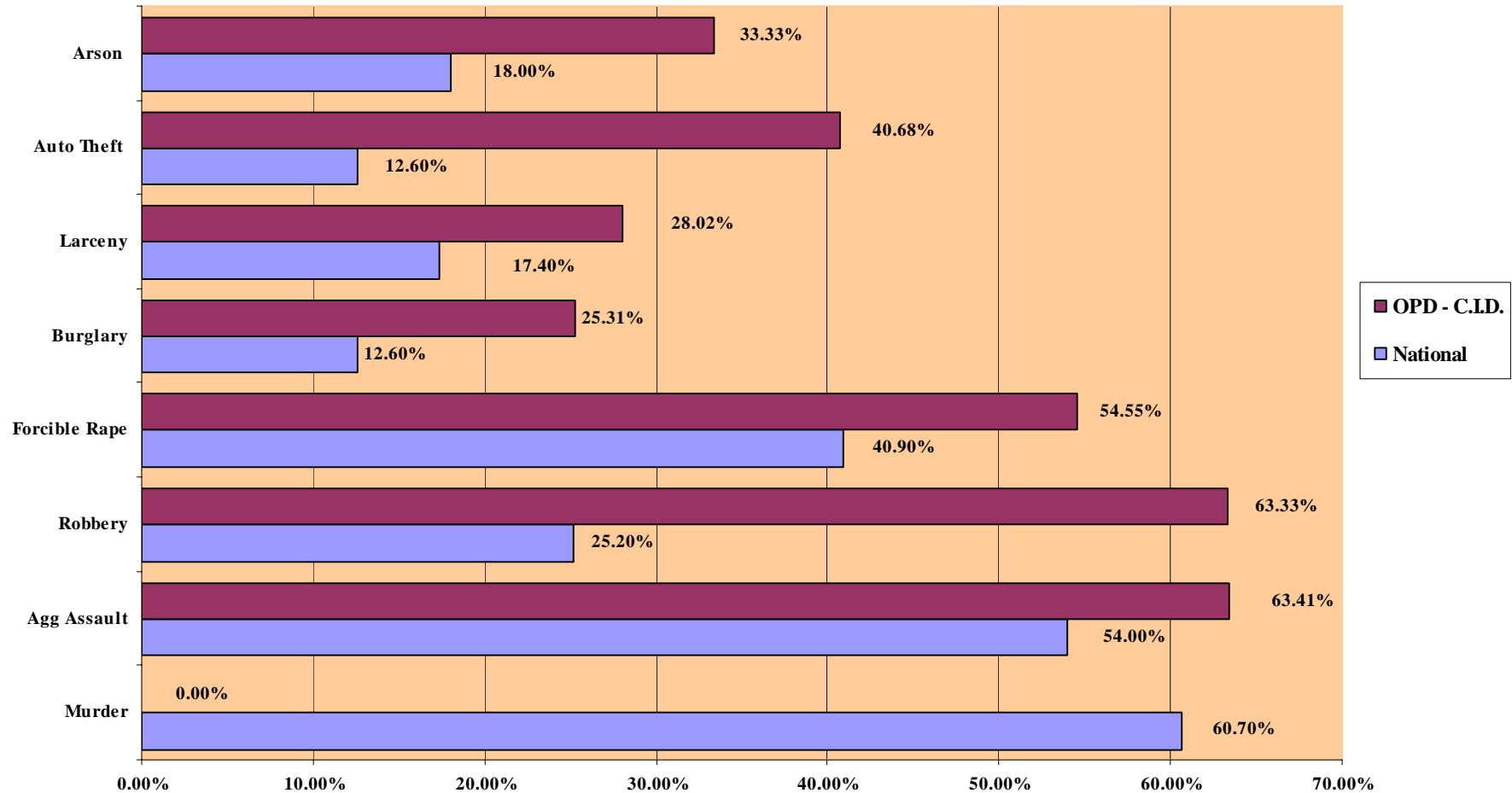
The following charted information was obtained from cases investigated by the General Investigation Unit and represents a large portion of the overall cases handled by the Owensboro Police Department.

A case is considered clear when it meets the Uniform Crime Reporting National Guidelines of either Cleared By Arrest or Exceptionally Cleared (exceptionally cleared has several criteria including prosecution being declined or victim refuses to cooperate with investigator).



Criminal Investigations

General Investigations Unit



Criminal Investigations

General Investigations Unit

Clearance Rates Based on 2006 FBI Clearance Rates

National Violent Crime Clearance Rates 43.30%

Geographical Region	Murder	Aggravated Assault	Robbery	Forcible Rape
National	60.70%	54.00%	25.20%	40.90%
South Region	65.90%	55.10%	26.40%	45.50%
Group III Cities	63.80%	54.70%	27.80%	37.00%

National Property Crimes Clearance 15.80%

Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson
12.60%	17.40%	12.60%	18.00%
13.40%	17.60%	15.60%	20.60%
12.80%	19.60%	11.80%	18.40%

C.I.D. 2007 Violent Crimes 61.29%

OPD vs. Regions	Murder	Aggravated Assault	Robbery	Forcible Rape
OPD - C.I.D.	0.00%	63.41%	63.33%	54.55%
OPD vs. National	0.00%	9.41%	38.13%	13.65%
OPD vs. Regional	0.00%	8.31%	36.93%	9.05%
OPD vs. Group III Cities	0.00%	8.71%	35.53%	17.55%

C.I.D. 2007 Property Crimes 27.90%

Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson
25.31%	28.02%	40.68%	33.33%
12.71%	10.62%	28.08%	15.33%
11.91%	10.42%	25.08%	12.73%
12.51%	8.42%	28.88%	14.93%

Compare 16.99%

Compare 12.10%

Criminal Investigations

Street Crimes Unit

Street Crimes Drug Seizures By Month			
Month	Marijuana	Cocaine	Meth
January	302.23 g	10.62	332.98
February	1,385.80 g	16.50	102.90
March	2,751.95 g	12.00	5.92
April	149.50 g	36.15	142.60
May	331.81 g	21.13	57.70
June	533.30 g	11.30	472.40
July	2,143.41 g	29.01	17.70
August	392.31 g	11.90	1.40
September	385.95 g	5.85	1.01
October	9,410.75 g	56.53	105.53
November	774.92 g	128.23	0.91
December	1,601.84 g	0.08	0.04
Totals (in grams)	20,163.77	339.30	1241.09
Totals (in pounds)	44.41	0.75	2.73

The Street Crimes Unit is a major asset for the Owensboro Police Department in their war on drugs. The Street Crimes Unit is a tactical narcotics/vice unit that is responsible for conducting covert drug operations and providing targeted law enforcement to special situations such as gambling, prostitution, or gang activity as the need dictates.

The Unit is staffed by one sergeant and four detectives who often work in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies in the region combating illegal drugs. The monthly totals shown here are a fraction of all drugs confiscated by the Owensboro Police Department during 2007.



Criminal Investigations

Street Crimes Unit



Street Crimes Seizures

Item	2007	2006
Arrests	403	492
Charges	846	1005
Meth Labs	8	2
Vehicles Seized	22	23
Cash Seized	\$62,251.00	\$138,856.00
Guns Seized	43	38
Marijuana	44.4 lbs.	91.2 lbs.
Cocaine & Meth	3.5 lbs.	3.3 lbs.
Heroin	0	1 lb.

Criminal Investigations

Juvenile Unit

The Juvenile Unit is a specialized unit within the Criminal Investigations Division. All officers assigned to the Juvenile Unit receive specific expert training relating to juvenile offenders and victims of abuse. The Juvenile Unit is charged with the task of investigating all juvenile related complaints and processing all associated juvenile documents filed for both criminal and juvenile status offenses. The Juvenile Unit is also responsible for the maintenance and storage of juvenile records for the Owensboro Police Department. The Juvenile Unit is staffed by one Supervisor, a secretary, and two investigators.

The total number of Part I Crimes listed in the chart to the right are included in the overall number of Part I Crimes reported to the FBI by the Owensboro Police Department for the listed year.

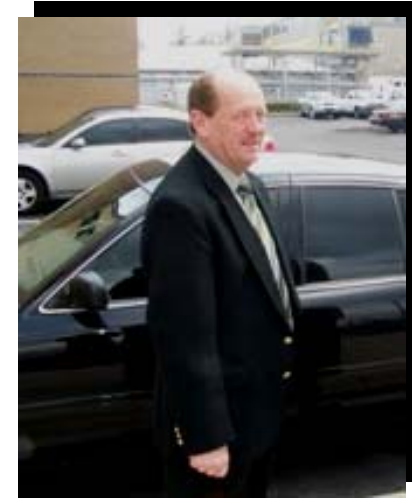
Part I Crimes (Juvenile offenders)				
Category	2007	2006	Net Chg	% Chg
Aggravated Assault	20	12	6	50.00%
Murder	0	0	0	0.00%
Rape	0	2	-2	-100.00%
Robbery	2	8	-6	-75.00%
Arson	0	4	-4	-100.00%
Auto Theft	6	8	-2	-25.00%
Burglary	23	31	-8	-25.81%
Theft (except Auto)	111	114	-3	-2.63%
Total	162	179	-19	-10.61%

Criminal Investigations

Juvenile Unit

Selected Part II Crime Statistics

Selected Part II Crimes (Juvenile Offenders)				
Category	2007	2006	Net Chg	% Chg
Assault (Misdemeanor)	36	86	-50	42.00
Domestic Violence	33	4	29	725.00%
Disorderly Conduct	57	42	15	35.71%
Drunkenness	43	33	10	30.30%
DUI	2	9	-7	-77.78%
Forgery/Fraud	0	6	-6	-100.00%
Habitual Runaways	36	45	-9	-20.00%
Narcotics	68	56	12	21.43%
Receiving Stolen Property	35	18	17	94.44%
Sex Offenses (except rape)	7	21	-14	-66.67%
Vandalism	18	54	-36	-66.67%
Weapons	3	3	0	0.00%
All Other Offenses	207	69	125	181.16%
Total Charges	545	446	86	19.28%



This chart reflects only Part II Crimes of interest where the perpetrators of the crime were juveniles at the time of arrest. The total number of charges for each category are included in the overall number of crimes reported to the FBI by the Owensboro Police Department for the year listed.

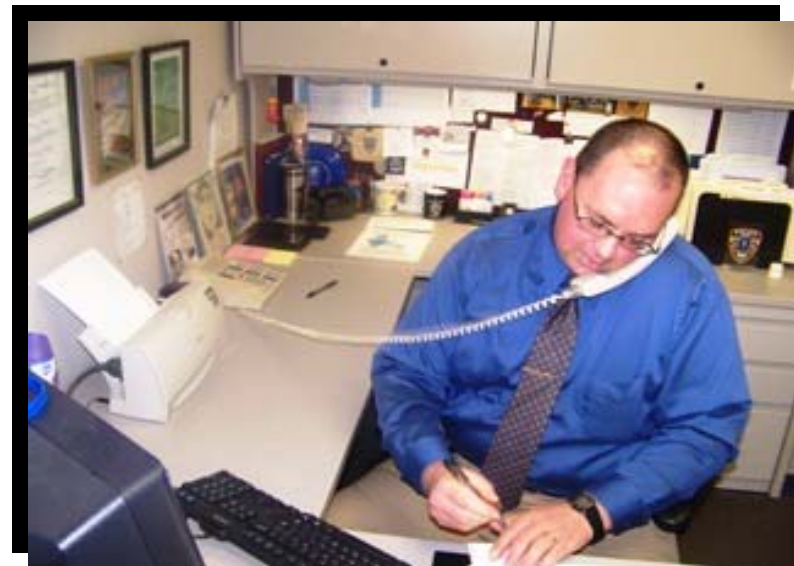
Criminal Investigations

Juvenile Unit

Other Areas of Interest			
Area	2007	2006	Net Change ('07 vs. '06)
Field Interviews	223	225	2
Missing Person	169	198	-29
Abuse/Neglect (Juv. Victim)	91	78	13

Offender by Race			
Race	2007	2006	Net Change ('07 vs. '06)
African American	131	230	-99
Caucasian	391	931	-540
Other Races	5	3	2

Offenders by Sex			
Sex	2007	2006	Net Change ('07 vs.'06)
Male	350	733	-383
Female	177	431	-254



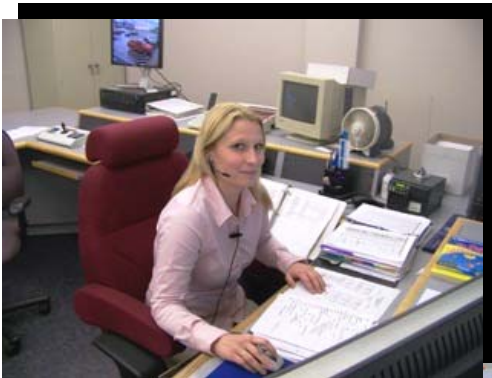
Public Safety

Communications

The Public Safety Communication Unit receives thousands of calls for service from the public and other agencies. Some are routine or non-emergency calls while other calls may be matters of life and death. The Telecommunicators working in this unit are to provide emergency responders with the critical information necessary for responders to make a safe and knowledgeable approach to the situation.

Telecommunicators must also maintain certification to operate the Law Information Network of Kentucky (LINK) terminal to communicate, query, enter, and retrieve information from local and national agencies through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

The Unit is also tasked with maintaining the status of all active warrants for the City of Owensboro through a shared data base with other local law enforcement agencies.



Computer Aided Dispatch	
Call Dispatched To	# Count
Owensboro Police Dept.	54,891
Daviess Co. Sherriff's Office	1,121
Hancock Co. Sherriff's Office	8
Henderson Co. Sherriff's Office	3
McClellan Co. Sherriff's Office	8
Ohio Co. Sherriff's Office	19
Spencer Co. (IN) Sherriff's Office	34
Kentucky State Police	107
Owensboro Fire Department	2,090
Ambulance	5,523
Other Services	644
Total	64,448

Public Safety

Communications

Public Safety Telecommunicators are often the first point of contact for the thousands of persons who call for police services each year. These employees play a key role in the provision of police services each day through their call taking. Telecommunicators are highly skilled, well trained professionals. They must follow all policies and procedures set forth by the department while adhering to state and federal regulations.

Unfortunately, a large volume of phone calls received by the Telecommunicators are accidental in nature that are caused by children playing with the telephone or by citizens pressing the wrong keys on landline telephones and on cellular phones. Such unintended 9-1-1 calls can ultimately interfere and impede services being dispatched to a true emergency, as it takes several minutes to confirm these 9-1-1 call are unintended calls.

2007 Call Volume	
Administrative call (incoming)	110,190
9-1-1 Cellular phone calls (incoming)	14,439
9-1-1 Landline phone calls (incoming)	15,895
Outgoing Calls	53,976
Totals	194,500

Communication Transactions		
Transaction	2007	2006
LINK/NCIC Inputs	151,377	205,842
LINK/NCIC Outputs	318,124	421,628
Warrants Entered	3,883	4,475
Warrants Excited	2,764	3,155
Warrants Maintained	4,484	4,852

Support Services

Division

The Support Services Division provides services that support the Patrol functions of the Owensboro Police Department. The Support Services Division is commanded by Capt. Marvin Hayden. The division consist of seven smaller units including: Crime Prevention Unit, Evidence Collection Unit, Training Unit, Records Unit, Public Information Unit, Crime Analysis and Building Maintenance.



Division Commander

Crime Prevention
Unit

Evidence Collection
Unit

Training Unit

Records
Unit

Crime Analysis
Unit

Public Information Unit

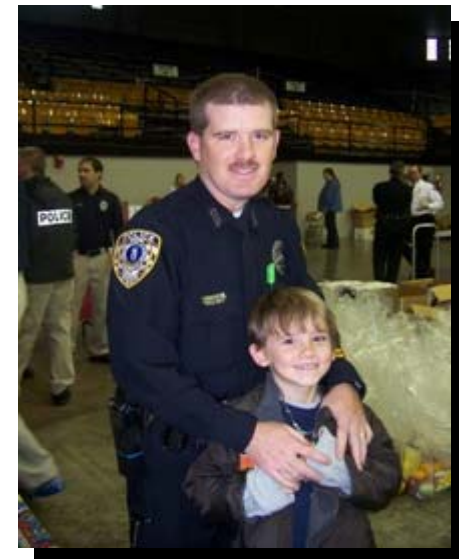
Building Maintenance

Support Services

Crime Prevention Unit

Crime Prevention is achieved through education and awareness. The Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) of the Owensboro Police Department places a high priority on crime prevention. The CPU function is to provide crime prevention awareness to the citizens of the community. The CPU provides a wide range of educational programs, such as drug and alcohol awareness, theft and robbery prevention, vandalism and burglary prevention, and personal safety techniques just to name a few. All programs are focused on a dual concept of eliminating and/or minimizing criminal opportunities while encouraging citizens to share safety responsibilities throughout the community.

The CPU has one supervisor and three officers assigned to the unit who are specially trained in the area of crime prevention. These assigned officers are primarily school based officers however they still provide services to the community throughout the year. During 2007, CPU officers made over 150 public speaking engagements, gave 68 guided tour of the police department, conducted the annual Citizens Police Academy and DARE Golf Scramble, and hosted many other programs offered by the Owensboro Police Department.



Support Services

Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit of the Support Services Division strives to provide quality services to the community by educating citizens on how they may anticipate, recognize, and reduce crime. We are very proud of the fact we have developed programs that address all walks of life in our community. We are able to accomplish our goal through a variety of programs that we offer to citizens of the community. We address the needs of our mature citizens as well as the younger citizens. Our programs cover a wide range of topics including bicycle safety, rape prevention, work place violence prevention, and fraud prevention for seniors.



Crime Prevention Programs

Public Speaking
Neighborhood Watch
Police Explorers Post
Child Identification Program
Citizens Academy
Citizens Academy Alumni
Juvenile Diversion Program
Vehicle Identification Program
Camp KOPS
Student Intern Program
DARE Program
School Resource Officer Program
Residential Security Surveys
Business Security Surveys
Security House Watch
Bicycle Rider Program
Bicycle Recovery
Police Awareness Day

Support Services

Evidence Collection Unit

Evidence Collection Call Outs

In 2007, the Evidence Collection Unit (ECU) was called out to crime scenes a total of 236 times. A Call Out consists of any situation where an ECU Technician responds to a crime scene to collect and process evidence. ECU technicians can be called out any time of the day or night.

Property Sheets

Property Sheets are completed every time an officer collects a piece of evidence. During 2007, there were 3,203 property sheets completed and logged into the Records Management System by ECU personnel.

Fingerprinting Civilians

The Evidence Collection Unit (ECU) is responsible for the fingerprinting of civilians. The Owensboro Police Department fingerprints civilians for various reasons; pre-employment, school system employees, financial institutions, adoptions, and foster care to mention a few. During 2007, ECU printed 449 civilians.

Support Services

Evidence Collection Unit

Drug Cases

The ECU processed 364 drug cases in 2007. ECU Technicians are responsible for the logging, verifying the drug, weighing, and typing the lab report that is sent to the state crime lab in Madisonville, KY.

Opened ECU Cases

An open ECU case consists of anything that involves evidence which has been collected in a case that is still considered open due to several factors such as: an arrest has not been made or an arrest has been made, but not cleared in the judicial system. During 2007, the ECU opened 98 ECU cases.

Opened Automated Fingerprint Identification System Cases (AFIS)

The ECU is responsible for submitting all fingerprints that have been collected in criminal cases to AFIS. During 2007, ECU submitted 52 cases to AFIS.

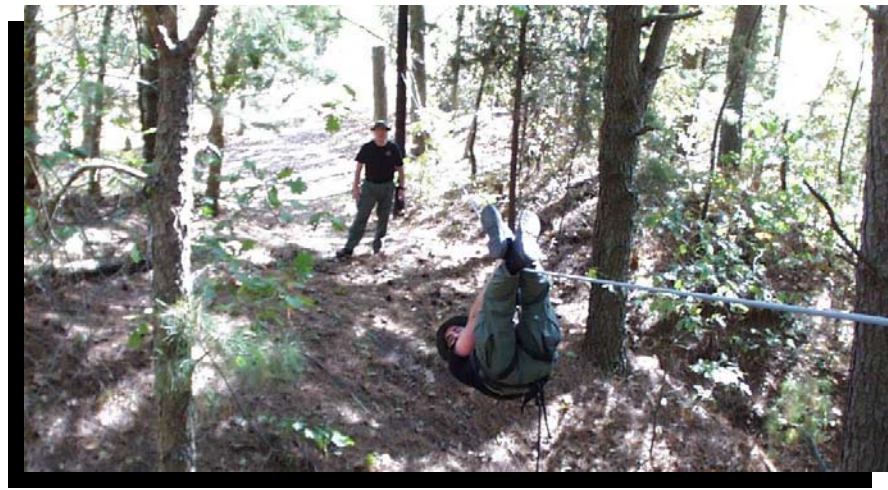
Evidence Collection		
Category	Year	
	2007	2006
Call Outs	221	236
Property Sheets	3,203	3,543
Fingerprinting	618	530
ECU Cases	98	68
AFIS Cases	52	87

Support Services

Training Unit

Although the Department of Criminal Justice Training hosted fewer training classes at the Owensboro Police Department in 2007, the Training Unit remained busy due to increased training opportunities the department offered to local officers as well as to officers from other departments. The OPD Training Unit brought in Nationally recognized organizations such as Taser International, National Tactical Officers Association, U.S. Attorney's Office and the Josephson Institute of Ethics which provided quality training to police officers at no cost to the department. These courses drew a multitude of instructors and students from as far away as California, Florida, and South Carolina representing two countries, 10 states, and dozens of law enforcement agencies.

One of the Training Unit's biggest highlights for 2007 was a training course and comprehensive scenario involving the response to an active shooter in a school environment. Six first responding agencies consisting of police, fire, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, the News Media and local school officials were involved. The results from this training provided a better understanding of how all involved agencies can achieve the most positive ending to a large scale situation requiring a pool of resources, specialized training techniques, and multi-agency communication. The OPD Training Unit believes that by providing more agencies with such diverse training and multi-agency cooperation, we're "Moving Forward Together".



Support Services

Training Unit



Type of Training	Officer Trained OPD/Other Agencies	Hours of Training OPD/Other Agencies
DOCJT (Owensboro)	184/215	3079/3272
DOCJT (Out of Town)	55/NA	5144/NA
In House Training ¹	107/107	4246/1384
Emergency Response Team	15/24	2368/576
Hazardous Devise Unit	3/67	448/388
Krav Maga	90/NA	1104/NA
Crisis Negotiation Team	8/3	96/24
Specialized Training	21/38	648/704
Roll Call Training	107/NA	268/NA
TOTAL	590/451²	17,401/6,348

¹In House Training: Spring/Fall Range, Rifle Range, Active Shooter, 1st Aid/CPR, U.S. Attorney's Office, EEO Sensitivity Training

² Individual officers receive more than one type of training

Support Services

Records Unit



The Records Unit is staffed by a civilian Records Manager, Mrs. Cora Daniels, and four Clerk-Typists. The Records Unit is responsible for processing, arranging, indexing, and manual and/or electronic filing of police records according to established departmental procedures. These records include daily incident reports, accident reports, citations, parking tickets and courtesy warnings.

Record Clerks file the reports after they have been entered into the Records Management Systems and provide various records information to other law enforcement agencies such as the Commonwealth's Attorney's office, County Attorney's offices, the Kentucky State Police and the F.B.I.

The implementation of an electronic transmittal system for citations and accident reports through the use of Mobile Data Terminals installed in a large percentage of the police cruisers during 2007 has greatly reduced the data entry time for record clerks and allowed them to stay current on entering other vital information as well as time to catch up on entering citation and arrest dispositions.

The Records Unit provided 11,056 copies of reports to the general public in 2007 and provided countless documents to others in the law enforcement community. During 2008, the Records Unit hopes to implement a Scanning System to transfer some of the oldest paper files to disc to increase storage area for current incoming reports.

Mrs. Daniels is also responsible for managing the Grant Programs for the Police Department. During 2007, the Police Department received \$652,259.50 in grant funds, with the City contributing \$52,677.50 to the projects.

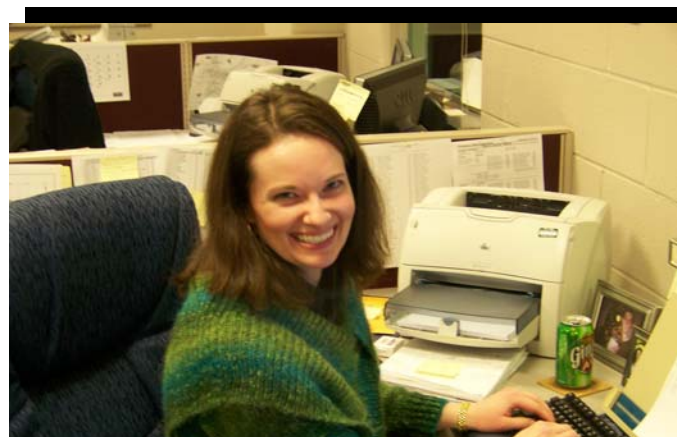
Support Services

Records Unit



# Documents Entered		
Document Type	2007	2006
Accidents Reports	2,974	2,913
Uniform Citations	15,769	11,487
Courtesy Tickets	4,377	7,527
Totals	23,120	21,927

2007 Grant Awards			
Grant Type	Grant Award	Matched Contribution	Total Grant Amount
Bulletproof Vests	\$3,227.50	\$3,227.50	\$6,455.00
Highway Safety Grant	\$47,850.00	\$47,850.00	\$95,700.00
Homeland Security	\$526,577.00	\$0.00	\$526,577.00
Kentucky Body Armor	\$74,605.00	\$0.00	\$74,605.00
Totals	\$652,259.50	\$52,677.50	\$704,937.00



ERT



Special Units

There comes a time when law enforcement officers need specialized help. The OPD utilizes our Emergency Response Team (ERT) when the situation calls for advanced or specialized techniques to be used. This team of officers consists of exceedingly trained police officers whose goal is to safely resolve dangerous incidents while placing emphasis on the safety of the public, other officers, and the suspect themselves. The team also assists other departments with the protection of dignitaries ranging from the President of the United States, various governors, and others.

The OPD Hazardous Device Unit (HDU) was called into service 11 times in 2007. Members of the three man unit responded to incidents when requested by law enforcement agencies throughout Western Kentucky. The HDU is trained in the safe handling and response to any suspected explosive device.



K-9



The K-9 Unit has two officers and two K-9's, Denise and Beatty, assigned to the unit. The K-9 Unit is called into service whenever a search for persons, drugs, or explosives are needed. These highly trained K-9's and their handlers are a valuable asset to the department.

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Recruits

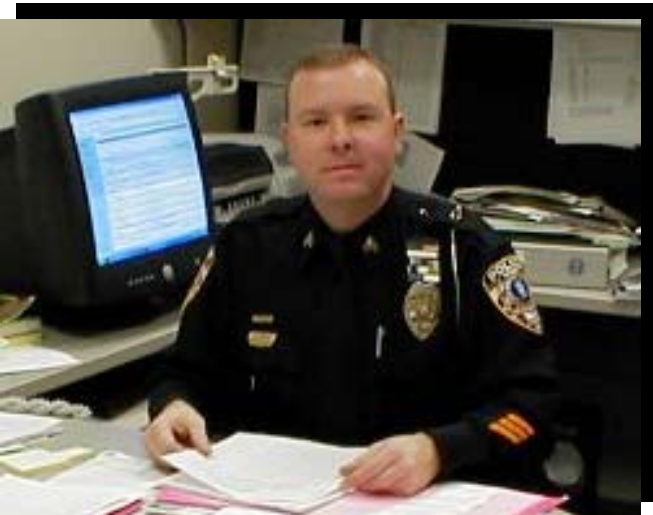
Owensboro Police Department Recruit Class #389 recently completed 18 weeks of rigorous training at the Department of Criminal Justice Training (Police Academy) located in Richmond, KY. After graduating the Police Academy, recruits must complete a four phase, seventeen week Police Training Officer Program conducted by veteran officers of the Owensboro Police Department before it is determined if the recruit officers are ready to perform solo police duties.

While at the Police Academy, OPD Recruits distinguished themselves by earning several awards presented at the class graduation including: Class Leader, Recruit of Distinction, Class Achievement Award, Top Gun Award, Squad Leader Award, Physical Training Performance Award, to name a few.



(L-R) Tristan Russelburg, John Johnson, Michael Hathaway, Philip Walling, J.D. Faith, Jared Ramsey

Promotions



To Chief

Lt. Col. Glenn Skeens

Effective Date

12/01/2007

To Deputy Chief

Captain David Thompson

12/23/2007

To Lieutenant

Sergeant James Parham

12/01/2007

To Sergeant

Officer Randy Boling

08/26/2007

Officer Richard Glenn

06/24/2007



2007 Annual Awards Banquet

Officer of the Year



Officer Anthony Meadows is the Departments Officer of the Year for 2007. Officer Meadows is a nineteen year veteran of the Owensboro Police Department and has served the department as a patrol officer and a member of the Street Crimes Unit.

His work and dedication to his assigned duties exemplifies him as an officer with an outstanding work ethic. His attention to detail, while assuring that all are treated fairly and with respect, portrays his outstanding character. He is respected not only by the community members, but by his peers, supervisor and managers.

Telecommunicator of the Year



Ms. Jan Turner was named the Telecommunicator of the Year for 2007. Jan has consistently demonstrated professionalism and proficiency as a Tele-Communicator. Jan serves on the Departmental Advisory Board and frequently makes relevant suggestions for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the communications center and the Owensboro Police Department.

Jan is conscious of the police officer and firefighter safety and demonstrates this through her gathering of information, accurate dispatching, and attention to detail while police officers and firefighters are responding to and working calls for service.

2007 Awards Banquet



Administrative Commendation Award

Awarded when a member of the Owensboro Police Department submits a device or method that is later adopted by the department to increase efficiency in administrative or tactical procedures, or for initiating a valuable and successful program in the area of community affairs. The recipients are:

Mr. Jim Greenland

Exceptional Service Award

Requires a highly credible act accomplished by an officer that brings public acclaim to him/herself, to the department, or to the police profession.

Recipients are:

Sgt. Kenneth McKenzie, Sgt. Tim Clothier, Det. Brooke Borrigard, Det. Rick Latanzio, Det. Chris Watkins, Det. Fred Coomes, Det. Mat Conley (KSP), Ofc. Marian Cosgrove, Ofc. Mike Nichols, Ofc. Ben Campbell, Ofc. Andrew Rush, Ofc. Brandon Sims, and Ofc. Dane Holder



Unit Commendation Award

May be awarded to any division, section, unit, or group of individuals that achieves a commendable act in the line of duty. Recipients are:

Capt. D. Thompson
Lt. Kevin Smith
Sgt. S. Steward
Sgt. Bruce Burns
Sgt. Chris Castlen
Sgt. Bob Duvall
Sgt. Mark Saffran
Sgt. Gordon Black
Sgt. Tim Clothier
Sgt. Doug Esther
Sgt. Lohrn Frazier
Det. Ed Krahwinkel
Det. Tim McClellan
Det. Mike Walker
Det. B. Borregard
Det. Fred Coomes
Det. Rick Latanzio
Ofc. Josh Alsip
Ofc. Jim Ashby
Ofc. Bryan Velotta
Ofc. Loren Yonts
Ofc. Greg Baxter
Ofc. Brian Crosley
Ofc. Clint Earnest
Ofc. Duane Harper
Ofc. A. Johnston

Ofc. D. Powell
Ofc. Jeff Roby
Ofc. Mike Roby
Ofc. M. Staples
Ofc. H. Stokes
Ofc. C. Watkins
Ofc. Youngman
Ofc. Jeff Payne
Ofc. J. Crowe
Ofc. C. Dawdy
Ofc. T. Ferry
Ofc. D. Knelson
Ofc. S. Morgan
Ofc. J. Mulligan
Ofc. M. Nichols
Ofc. B. Rose
Ofc. A. Rush
Ofc. T. Shelton
Ofc. J D Wargel

Dispatchers:
Branda Booker
Tammie Harrington
Wanda Isbill
Neal Ann Keelin &
Vickie Snyder

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Civilian Service Award

Awarded for the performance of an outstanding act of service by a civilian, for saving a human life, or substantially aiding a police officer in his or her duty.

Recipients are:

Mr. Kevin Cavanaugh, Mr. Lee Cunningham, Mr. Bruce Philip, and Mr. Dave Linder.



Education Achievement Award

Given to department personnel who achieve 65 or more college credit hours, an associate's degree or higher from an accredited college of university.

Recipients are:

Ofc. Joshua Alsip, Ofc. Jim Ashby, Ofc. Ben Campbell, Ofc. Thomas Ferry, Ofc. Jason Goddard, Ofc. Art. Maglinger, Ofc. Mike Page, Ofc. Keith Morris, and Ofc. Loren Yonts



Honorable Service Award

Awarded for a creditable act in the line of duty that meet some, but not all of the requirements for other medals, or for an act that showed initiative, innovation and accomplishments by the officer. Recipients are:

Ofc. Nathan Godeke, Ofc. Brad Martin, Ofc. Mike Staples, Ofc. Heath Stokes, Ofc. Jeremy Henry. And Dispatcher Sandy Payne



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Meritorious Service Medal

Given when an officer accomplishes something under highly adverse conditions and with some degree of hazard to life and limb to the officer, where death or injury to a third party is prevented. This medal is presented to:

Ofc. Bryan Velotta



Life Saving Award

Award to an officer who saves or prolongs human life through prompt and alert action with some degree of hazard to their own life or well being.

The recipients of the award are:

Sgt. Gordon Black
Ofc. Kevin Kabalen
Ofc. Brad Martin
Ofc. Anthony Meadows



Chiefs' Award

Awarded by the Chief of Police for an exceptionally high degree of dedication and professionalism by the officer that shows a continuing commitment to the department and sets worthwhile standards for fellow officers to follow.

The recipients are:

Sgt. Tim Clothier
Sgt. Chris Brown
Det. B. Borregard
Det. Fred Coomes
Det. Rick Latanzio
Det. Jeff Roby
Det. Chris Watkins



Retirements

Name	Date	Yrs. Of Service
Chief John Kazlauskas	11-30-2007	41 yrs.
Lt. Ken Bennett	11-30-2007	19 yrs
Sgt. Mark Saffran	08-01-2007	22 yrs.
Sgt. Bruce Burns	05-31-2007	20 yrs.
Ofc. Dane Holder	08-01-2007	22 yrs.
Ofc. Leonard Grenier	11-30-2007	20 yrs.
Ofc. Scott Norris	05-31-2007	20 yrs.
Ofc. Richard Carder	05-31-2007	20 yrs.
Ofc. Anthony Howard	12-31-2007	19 yrs.
Ofc. Greg Baxter	08-31-2007	5 yrs.



2007 HIGHLIGHTS

CAMP KOPS



Left: Local students take part in a confidence obstacle during the first annual Camp KOPS.

POLICE AWARENESS DAY



Right: Officers assist a child while on the Bicycle Safety course during Police Awareness Day events.

HIGHWAY SAFETY ROLL-OVER VEHICLE



Left: The KY Highway Safety Roll Over vehicle shows on-lookers the tragedy of not using a seat belt while in a moving vehicle.

CITIZENS ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Right: The CAAA volunteered their services during Police Awareness Day festivities.

GOOD FELLOWS PARTY

In 2007, officers took part in helping Santa to distribute toys during the annual Good Fellows Christmas Party.



POLICE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Officers and members of the community took time out to honor those officers that have made the ultimate sacrifice.



SHOP WITH A COP

OPD officers raised over \$11,000 to benefit children at Christmas time during the 2007 Shop With a Cop program.



COPS & LOBSTERS

OPD officers help to raise over \$3,000 in 2007 waiting tables at Red Lobster to benefit the Kentucky Special Olympics.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN

To raise awareness in the community, OPD officers took part in the KY Special Olympics Torch run.



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