

OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT 2009 ANNUAL REPORT



COMMUNITY OWNED AND OPERATED



Colonel Glenn Skeens



As Chief of Police, I am enormously proud of the men and women who place their own comfort and personal circumstances aside each and every day to proudly serve the citizens of Owensboro. This was evident, by the response of the Owensboro Police Department in protecting our community and providing services to those individuals entrusted to our care during the worst natural disaster in the history of Kentucky. There is no truer measure of an individual or organizational character than how we respond in times of crisis.

Policing is a challenging profession. The work is complicated, dangerous and requires diligence, dedication, sacrifice, and a strong commitment to excellence from all that have chosen a life of service to others. It is through the steadfast efforts of every member of our organization that we are able to provide professional police services to our community and become a department of distinction, leadership, and influence throughout the Commonwealth.

The Owensboro Police Department will continue to equip our employees with the technology, education, and training necessary to foster a contemporary work environment to meet the needs of our community. We value the great diversity of people in both our residential and business communities and will serve all with equal dedication. Our personal and professional behavior will be a model for all law enforcement to emulate as we **MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER!**

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.

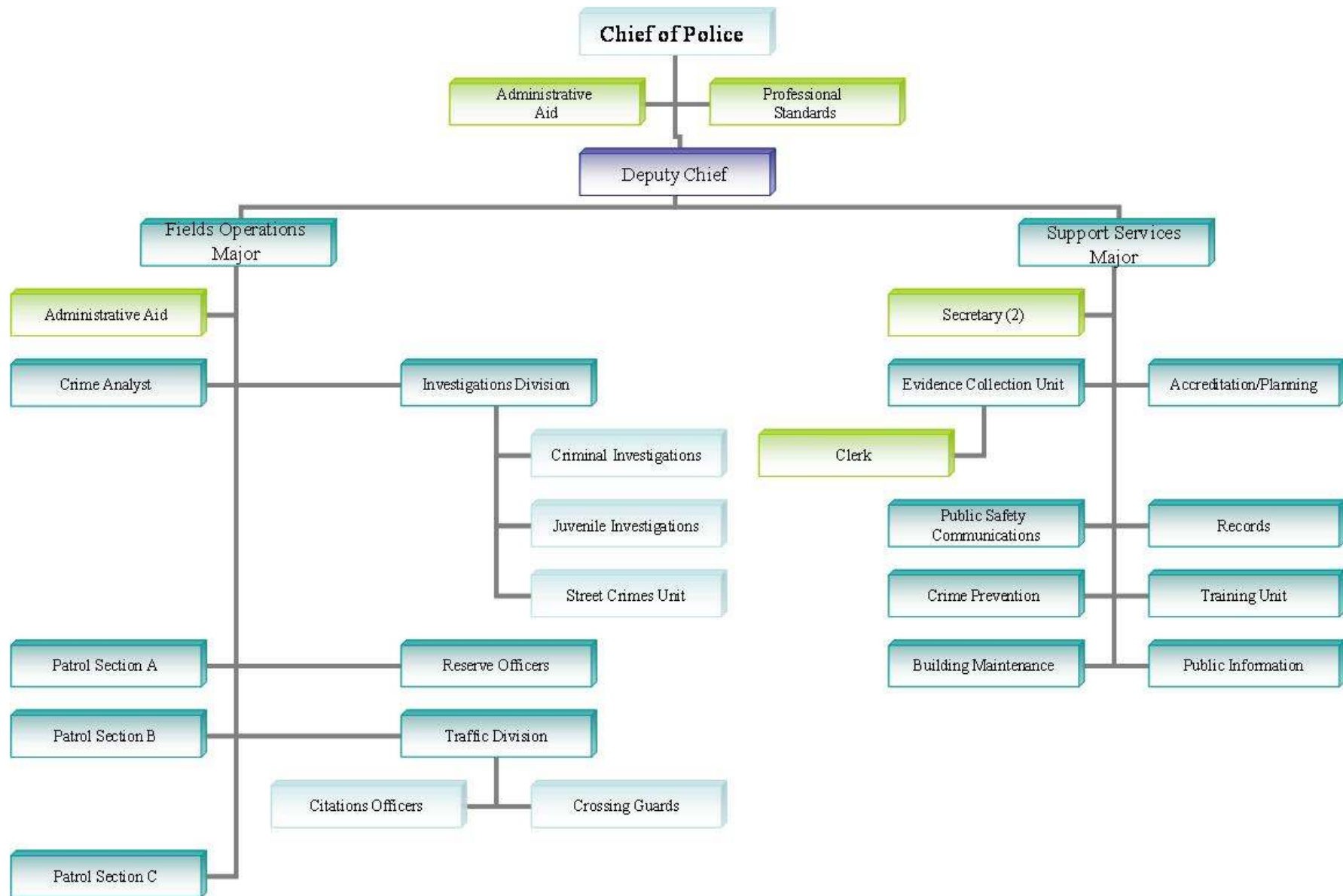
RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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.

2009 Organizational Chart



Demographics

Sworn Personnel

Years of Service by Rank

Years	Chief	Lt. Colonel	Major	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Officer	Total
0 – 4	1	1	2	4	10	39	58
5 – 9					1	26	27
10 – 14						11	11
15 – 19					1	6	7
20 +						3	3
Total	1	1	2	5	12	85	106

In 2008, the Owensboro Police Department implemented the use of Reserve Police Officers. OPD hired 6 Reserve Police Officers to bring them to their full staff allotment.

Officers by Age

Years	Chief	Lt. Colonel	Major	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Officer	Total
21 – 24						5	5
25 – 29						16	16
30 – 34					1	15	16
35 – 39					6	16	22
40 – 44	1		2	3	1	8	15
45 – 49		1		2		16	19
Over 50					3	5	8
Total	1	1	2	5	12	85	106

Demographics

Sworn Personnel

Officers by Gender & Race

	Caucasian	African American	Total
Male	98	4	102
Female	4		4
Total	102	4	106



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	2	2	4	3	4	10	1	4	30

Years of Service							
Years	0 - 4	5 – 9	10 – 14	15 – 19	20 – 24	25 – 29	30 & Over
# of Employees	16	7	4	0	1	1	1



Demographics

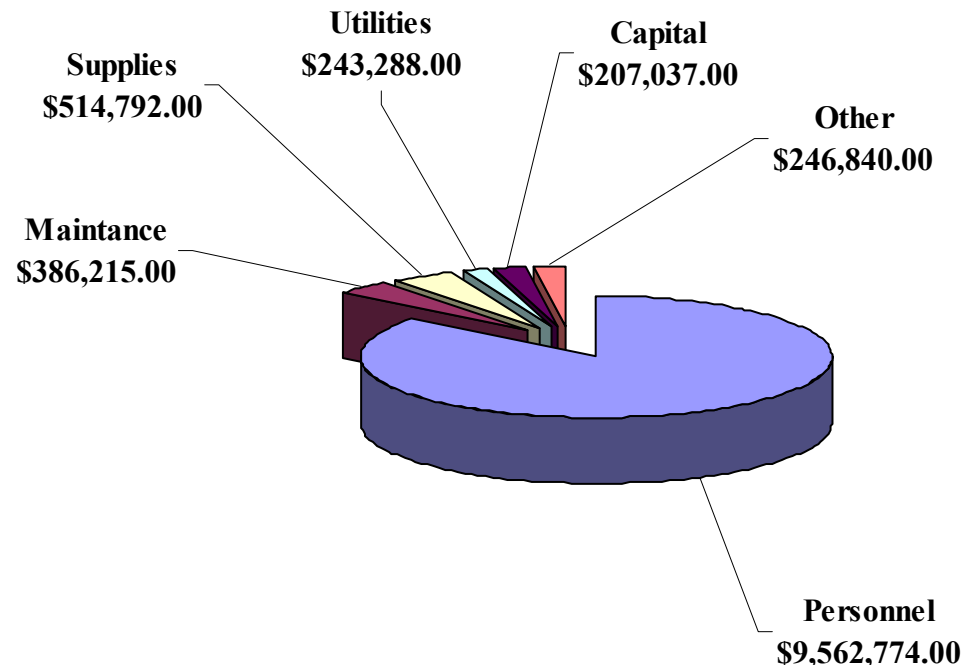
Non-Sworn Personnel



Members by Race & Gender			
	Caucasian	African American	Total
Male	4		4
Female	24	2	26
Total	28	2	30



2009 – 2010 Budget



Budget Total by Division					
Administration	Communications	Investigation	Patrol	Support Services	Total
\$1,428,798.00	\$1,194,819.00	\$1,355,069.00	\$5,749,469.00	\$1,432,791.00	\$11,160,946.00

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 2009, the PSU conducted a total of 25 administrative investigations. There were 9 external complaints (complaints originating from the public) and 16 internal complaints (complaints originating from within the department). The 25 complaints resulted in 13 administrative violations by officers stemming from 9 sustained PSU investigations. A PSU investigation is sustained when sufficient evidence exists to prove part of, or the entire complaint allegation. Administrative violations are greater than the number of sustained complaints due to some complaints involving multiple police personnel or multiple violations of policy by officers.

PSU Administrative Investigations

Year	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	
# of Investigations	25	27	36	44	42	

2009 Final Dispositions

Unfounded (4%)	Not sustained (24%)	Exonerated (28%)	Sustained (36%)	Closed without findings (8%)
1	6	7	9	2

Administrative Violations

Discourtesy	1
False Statements	1
Improper Vehicle Operation	4
Obedience to Rules, Regulations of Laws	4
Neglect of Duty	1
Off-Duty Employ.	1
Supervisor Failure to Take Action	1
Total	13

Professional Standards Unit

Use of Force

The Owensboro Police Department responded to 38,009 calls for service and conducted 14,999 traffic stops in 2009. The traceable contacts by officers of the OPD with citizens of the community totaled 53,008. From that total, there were a total of 43 Use of Force reports filed by officers during 2009 where force was used to affect an arrest or detention of 48 subjects. This translates to police officers utilizing force to affect an arrest in .09% of all police contacts with citizens or 1 use of force incident for every 1104 contacts with citizens. From the total reported Use of Force incidents, there were 22 incidents where the suspect was injured, and 5 incidents where the officer was injured.

Corrective Actions for Professional Standards Investigations	
Suspensions	1
Counseling Statement	9
No Action Taken	0
Performance Notice	0
Remedial Training	0
Written Reprimand	1
Total	11

Use of Force Reports by Race/Ethnicity/Gender	
Caucasian	79.2%
African American	20.8%
Hispanic	0%
Males	85.4%
Females	14.6%

Field Services

Division

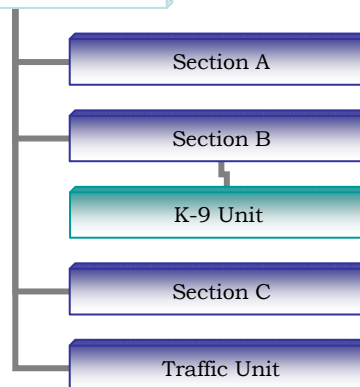
The Patrol Division is the backbone of any police department and all other divisions are in support of the efforts initiated in the patrol function. The Patrol Division consists of a Division Commander, an Administrative Aide, three Patrol shifts, a Traffic Unit, and the K-9 Unit.

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 2009, 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.



Division Commander



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 2009. The preceding years are listed for comparison purposes.

Part I Crimes							
Category	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	Average
Criminal Homicide	1	2	0	3	4	0	2
Forcible Rape	29	19	22	20	16	12	20
Robbery	33	36	43	35	50	39	39
Assault (aggravated)	44	66	79	84	78	91	74
Burglary	416	359	362	443	438	484	417
Larceny	1,729	1,712	1,847	1,637	1,564	1,766	1,709
Arson	4	4	5	14	6	5	6
Motor Vehicle Theft	90	67	73	62	70	106	78



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 (simple)	537
Forgery & Counterfeiting	51
Stolen Property (receiving, possessing)	139
Vandalism	1,188
Weapons (carrying, possessing)	39
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	0
Sex Offenses (except rape)	31
Drug Abuse Violations	1,158



Part II Crime Statistics

<i>Selected</i> Part II Crimes	
Charges	Count
Gambling	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	350
Driving Under the Influence	616
Liquor Laws	107
Drunkenness	750
Disorderly Conduct	323
Runaways	21
Fraud	43
Total	5,353



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.

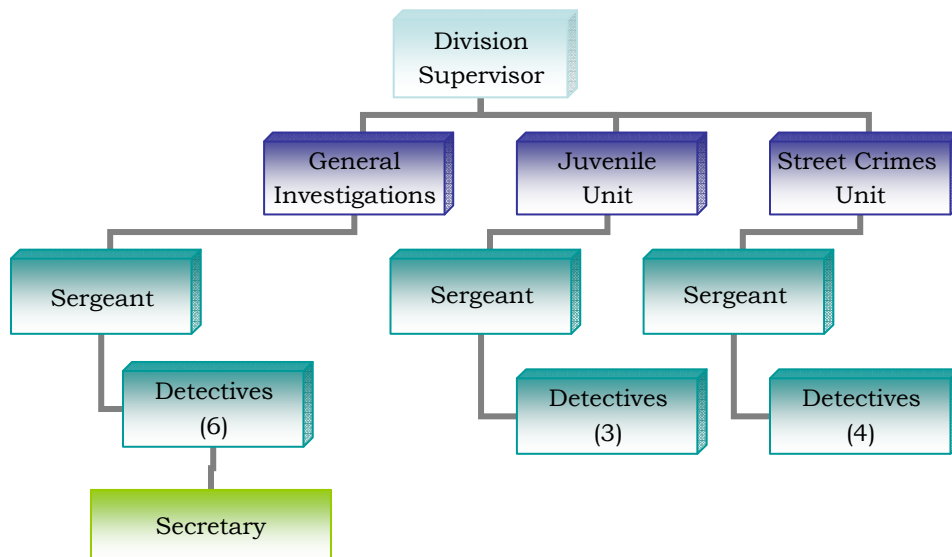
The overall traffic enforcement of the Owensboro Police Department has been enhanced by the efforts of the officers assigned to the Traffic Unit during their regular duty hours. In 2009, officers assigned to the Traffic Unit responded to 1936 calls for service and charged a total of 7,734 law violations. 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 1019 citations for law violations. This includes 4 arrests for impaired driving, 677 citations for failure to wear seat belts, 1 citation for no child restraint in use, and 337 citations issued for various other violations.



Criminal Investigations

Division



The Criminal Investigations Division is composed of a Division Supervisor who oversees the General Investigation Unit, the Juvenile Unit, and the Street Crimes Unit. The Division has three sergeants, thirteen detectives and one secretary 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 2009, there were 500 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.

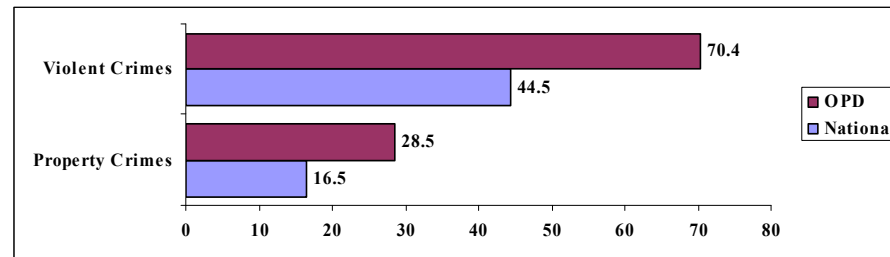
A case is considered clear when it meets the Uniform Crime Reporting National Guidelines of either Cleared By Arrest or Exceptionally Cleared (exceptionally cleared has several criteria including prosecution being declined or victim refuses to cooperate with investigator).



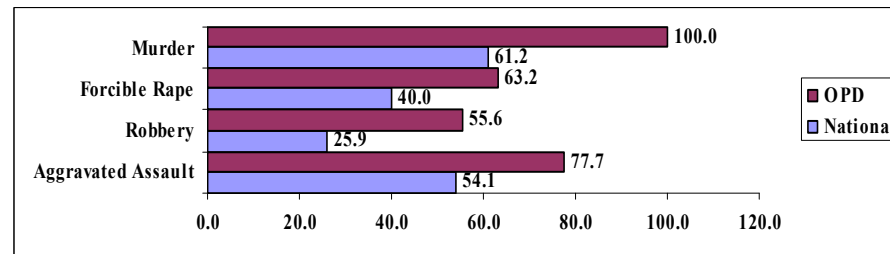
Part I Crime Clearance Rate Comparison

Clearance Figures

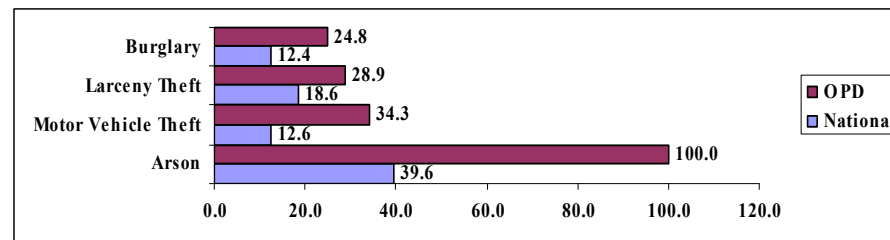
Percent comparison of Crimes Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means



Violent Crimes



Property Crimes



Part I Crime Clearance Rate Comparison

O.P.D. Violent Crime Clearance Rate 77.6%

Geographic Region	Murder	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Violent Crimes
National ¹	63.6%	40.4%	26.8%	54.9%	45.1%
South Region ¹	68.0%	45.2%	27.0%	54.7%	46.0%
Group III Cities ¹ (50,000-99,999 pop)	63.4%	35.7%	29.0%	54.7%	45.2%
Kentucky ¹	84.0%	47.0%	34.0%	62.0%	51.0%
Owensboro Police Department ²	100.0%	72.4%	72.7%	84.1%	77.6%

National Property Crimes Clearance Rate 29.8%

Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson	Property Crimes
12.5%	19.9%	12.0%	17.8%	17.4%
13.0%	20.0%	14.6%	19.1%	17.8%
13.2%	22.5%	11.0%	17.9%	19.4%
14.0%	22.0%	14.0%	16.0%	18.0%
30.3%	29.4%	33.3%	75.0%	29.8%

National Violent Crime Clearance Rate 45.1%

OPD vs Regions	Murder	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Violent Crimes
OPD vs. National	36.4%	32.0%	45.9%	29.2%	32.5%
OPD vs. Regional	32.0%	27.2%	45.7%	29.4%	31.6%
OPD vs. Kentucky	16.0%	25.4%	38.7%	22.1%	26.6%
OPD vs. Group III Cities	36.6%	36.7%	43.7%	29.4%	32.4%

National Property Crimes Clearance Rate 16.5%

Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson	Property Crimes
17.8%	9.5%	21.3%	57.2%	12.4%
17.3%	9.4%	18.7%	55.9%	12.0%
16.3%	7.4%	19.3%	59.0%	11.8%
17.1%	6.9%	22.3%	57.1%	10.4%

Compare 32.5%

Compare 12.0%

¹ Based on 2008 F.B.I. Crime Report

² Based on 2009 O.P.D. Clearance Rates

Criminal Investigations

Street Crimes Unit

Street Crimes Drug Seizures By Month			
Month	Marijuana	Cocaine	Meth
January	722.3 g	3.7	15.2
February	540.9g	9.0	40
March	381.5 g	5.0	77.8
April	312.1 g	12.00	24.2
May	223.0 g	10.0	12.0
June	212.2 g	13.0	16.0
July	1,150.5 g	8.0	13.0
August	1,079 g	2.0	25.0
September	614.0 g	18.0	10.0
October	281.36 g	95.2	54.5
November	616.851 g	64.3	20.2
December	331.0 g	26.7	8.0
Totals (in grams)	6464.71	266.9	315.9
Totals (in pounds)	14.25	.58	.70

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 2009.



Criminal Investigations

Street Crimes Unit



Street Crimes Seizures		
Item	2009	2008
Arrests	310	269
Charges	705	600
Meth Labs	23	4
Vehicles Seized	30	24
Cash Seized	\$81,470.00	\$292,997.00
Guns Seized	27	22
Marijuana	14.25 lbs.	16 lbs.
Cocaine & Meth	1.28 lbs.	2.1 lbs.
Heroin	2 Grams	0 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 and three 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	2009	2008	Net Chg	% Chg
Aggravated Assault	7	17	-10	-59.00%
Murder	1	0	1	100.00%
Rape	1	0	1	100.00%
Robbery	2	1	1	50.00%
Arson	6	1	5	500.00%
Auto Theft	4	0	4	400.00%
Burglary	21	17	4	23.52%
Theft (except Auto)	178	150	28	18.6%
Total	220	186	34	18.27%

Criminal Investigations

Juvenile Unit

Selected Part II Crime Statistics

Selected Part II Crimes (Juvenile Offenders)				
Category	2009	2008	Net Chg	% Chg
Assault (Misdemeanor)	83	45	38	84.0%
Domestic Violence	40	32	8	25%
Disorderly Conduct	85	59	26	44.0%
Drunkenness	32	34	-2	-5.8%
DUI	3	1	2	200%
Forgery/Fraud	1	6	-5	-83.3%
Habitual Runaways	20	29	-9	-31.0%
Narcotics	52	74	-22	-29.72%
Receiving Stolen Property	29	63	-34	-53.12%
Sex Offenses (except rape)	5	6	-1	-16.67%
Vandalism	50	106	-56	-52.83%
Weapons	4	3	1	33.33%
All Other Offenses	268	135	133	98.51%
Total Charges	672	593	79	13.32%



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	2009	2008	Net Change ('09 vs. '08)
Field Interviews		233	0
Missing Person	111	183	-72
Abuse/Neglect (Juv. Victim)	97	66	31

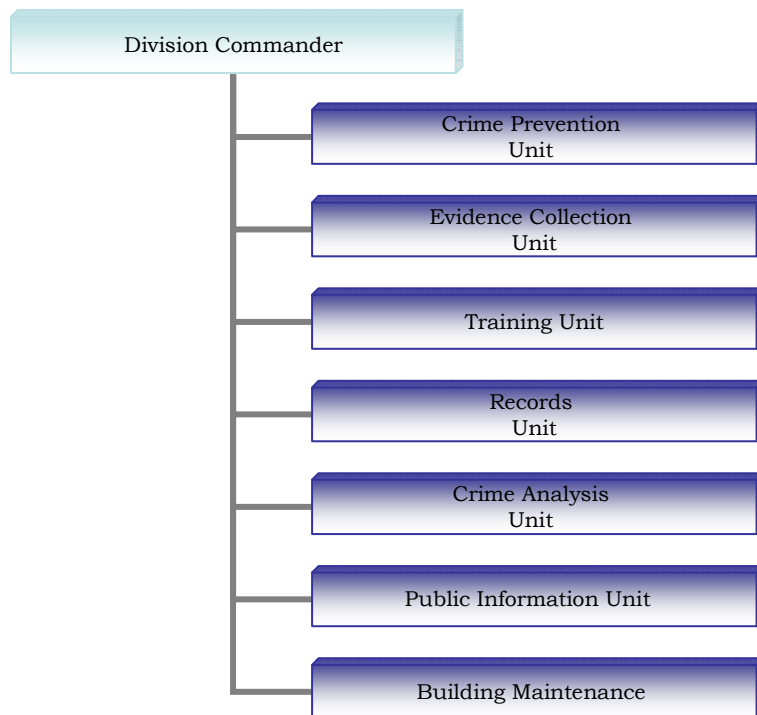
Offenders by Sex			
Sex	2009	2008	Net Change ('09 vs.'08)
Male	609	571	38
Female	283	208	75



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 Major Jeff Speed. The division consist of seven smaller units including: Crime Prevention Unit, Evidence Collection Unit, Training Unit, Records Unit, Public Information Unit, Public Safety Communications, and Building Maintenance.



Support Services

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.	61,354
Daviess Co. Sherriff's Office	1,343
Hancock Co. Sherriff's Office	20
Henderson Co. Sherriff's Office	10
McClean Co. Sherriff's Office	8
Ohio Co. Sherriff's Office	29
Spencer Co. (IN) Sherriff's Office	34
Kentucky State Police	95
Owensboro Fire Department	2,783
Ambulance	6,208
Other Services	684
Total	72,568

Support Services

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.

2009 Call Volume

Administrative call (incoming)	119,248
9-1-1 Cellular phone calls (incoming)	26,541
9-1-1 Landline phone calls (incoming)	15,679
Totals	161,468

Communication Transactions

Transaction	2009	2008
LINK/NCIC	133,387	136,881
Warrants Entered	4,000	3,782
Warrants Served	2,393	2,349
Warrants Maintained	5,356	5,225

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 2009, CPU officers made over 150 public speaking engagements, gave over 50 guided tours 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 goals 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

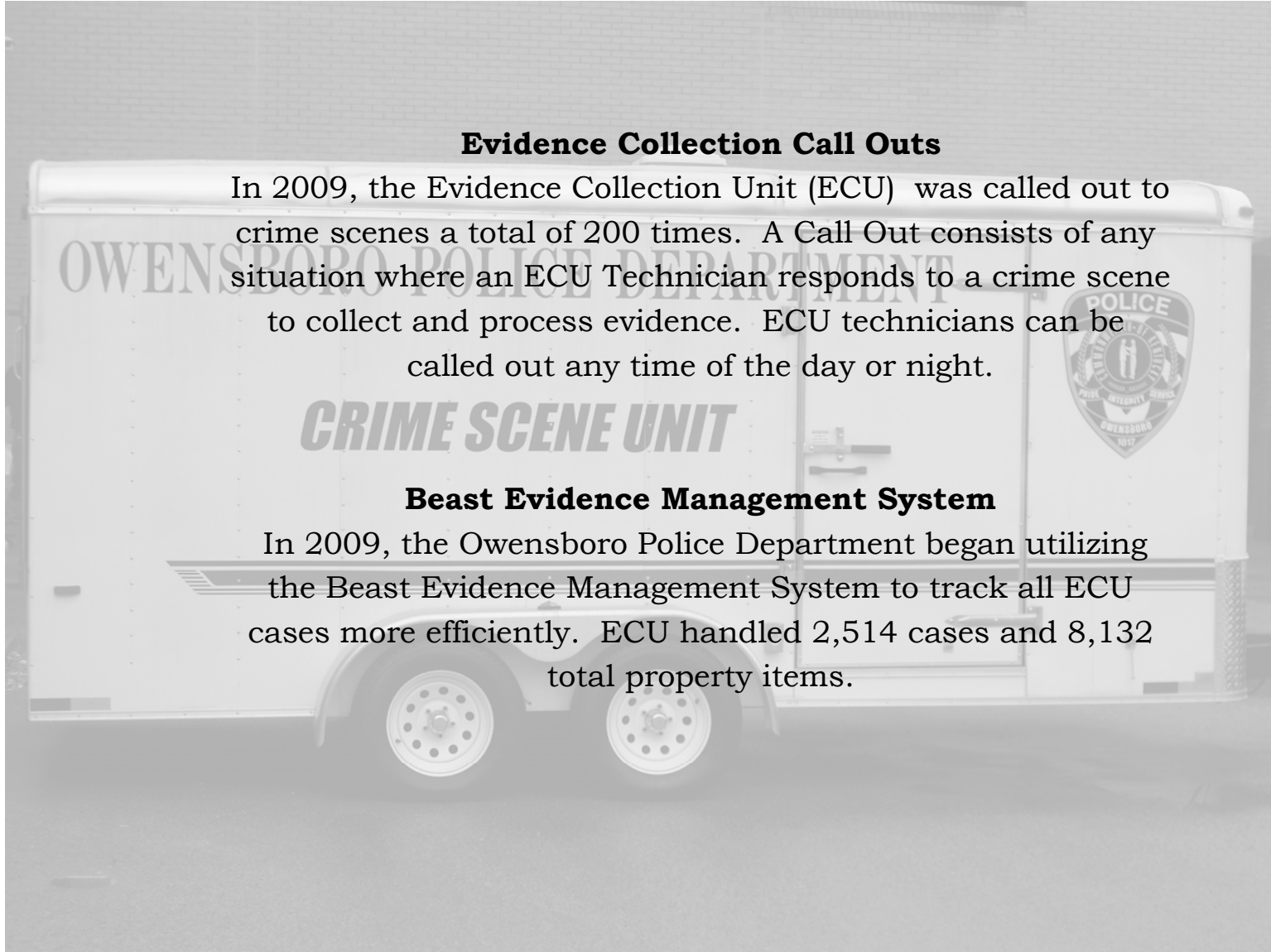
Evidence Collection Unit

Evidence Collection Call Outs

In 2009, the Evidence Collection Unit (ECU) was called out to crime scenes a total of 200 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.

Beast Evidence Management System

In 2009, the Owensboro Police Department began utilizing the Beast Evidence Management System to track all ECU cases more efficiently. ECU handled 2,514 cases and 8,132 total property items.



Support Services

Evidence Collection Unit

Drug Cases

The ECU processed 714 drug cases in 2009. 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 2009, the ECU handled 8,132 total property items.

Opened Automated Fingerprint Identification System Cases (AFIS)

The ECU is responsible for submitting all fingerprints that have been collected in criminal cases to AFIS.

Evidence Collection Unit	
Category	2009
Call Outs	200
Property Items	8,132
ECU Cases	2,514
Total Items sent to Lab	1,247

Support Services

Training Unit

In 2009 the Owensboro Police Department continued to meet its goal on increasing the number of hours training that were completed in-house. Several officers attended Instructor Training in various fields such as: Taser, Crisis Intervention Team, Patrol Rifle, etc. This will generate funds for the City of Owensboro's economy and allow our department to create relationships with other agencies. During 2009, 107 OPD officers and 29 support personnel had in-service and/or specialized training and approximately 215 officers and/or support personnel from other agencies trained here at the Owensboro Police Department.

OPD hosted nine 40 hour in-service classes in 2009. The Department also invited **Glock Professional** to conduct an Armors Course and Instructor Workshop, in addition to holding a **Taser International** Instructor class. In order to host the **Advanced Hostage & Crisis Negotiation** course, a combination of OPD officers and civilian staff were utilized in conjunction with other departmental resources, such as OPD offices and the Community Room. The OPD Training Unit believes that by searching for and using all available resources, bringing in more agencies to train at our facility, decreasing our need to leave Owensboro, reducing our travel expenses and overtime—we demonstrate that we show OPD is "Community owned and operated."



Support Services

Training Unit

Type of Training	Officer Trained OPD/Other Agencies	Hours of Training OPD/Other Agencies
DOCJT (Owensboro)	66/118	1,888/3,950
DOCJT (Out of Town)	49/NA	7,626/NA
In House Training ¹	114/17	4,368/161
Emergency Response Team	14/NA	2,484/NA
Hazardous Devise Unit	3/NA	392/NA
Support Staff	57/NA	1,617/NA
Crisis Negotiation Team	8/8	320/320
Specialized Training	33/71	1,108/964
Roll Call Training	107/NA	803/NA
TOTAL	451/260²	20,606/5,763



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 staff is comprised of a Records Manager and four Clerk-Typists. Mrs. Cora Daniels is the Records Manager. Currently there are four Clerk-Typists: Karen Yocum, Sandra Meadows, Kim Quinn, and Stacy Todd-Smith.

The Records Unit handles all reports generated by the City of Owensboro Police Department and is the depository for all original police reports. These include citations, offense reports, vehicular accident reports, tow-in reports, and all additional reports completed by Patrol and Investigative officers.

These reports are processed, indexed and archived for permanent storage. The unit is also responsible for entering, updating, validating, and cancellation of all reported statistical and criminal history information provided to City, State, and Federal Criminal History Record Information databases.

The Records Unit's mission is to maintain accurate records of arrests, reported crimes, and traffic related incidents and to ensure the security and integrity of these records in accordance with statutes, policies, and regulations.

The Records Unit not only maintains the aforementioned records, it also provides a timely response to the public and judicial system by supplying copies of accident reports, incident reports, and providing Criminal History record checks.

Mrs. Daniels is also responsible for managing the Grant Programs for the Police Department. During 2009, the Police Department received grants totaling \$421,801.00 with the City of Owensboro contributing \$11,514.00

Support Services

Records Unit

# Documents Entered		
Document Type	2008	2007
Accidents Reports	2,913	2,974
Uniform Citations	14,929	15,769
Courtesy Tickets	4,927	4,377
Totals	22,769	23,120

2009 Grant Awards			
Grant Type	Grant Award	Matched Contribution	Total Grant Amount
Bulletproof Vests	\$3,624.00	\$3,624.00	\$7,248.00
Highway Safety Grant	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$18,000.00
Homeland Security	\$652,577.00	\$0.00	\$652,577.00
Totals	\$665,201.00	\$12,624.00	\$677,825.00



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 8 times in 2009. 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 (Beatty & Raizi) assigned to the unit. The K-9 Unit is called into service whenever a search for persons, drugs, or explosives are needed. This highly trained K-9 and its handler are a valuable asset to the department.

BOMB



SQUAD

Recruits



Owensboro Police Department Recruit Class #408 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: the Coordinator's Award and the Physical Fitness Award. Each officer was a member of the Flag Detail.

Promotions



To Lieutenant

Sergeant Chris Brown

Effective Date

3/15/2009

To Sergeant

Officer Jeff Roby

8/2/2009



2009 Annual Awards Banquet

The **Detective of the Year** for 2009 was presented to Detective Fred Coomes for his exemplary service as a Detective within the Street Crimes Unit. Detective Coomes demonstrated consistent distinguished performance as a veteran narcotics detective. He has been the primary case officer in over 270 citations that have resulted in 600 drug charges. His hard work has been noticed by most in the criminal justice system throughout Owensboro and Daviess County. 1st Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Ken Nall stated Detective Coomes' "integrity and character are above reproach." Detective Coomes served on the Board of Advisors for the local Drug Court, and continues to develop his abilities as a narcotics detective.



The **Patrolman of the Year** for 2009 was presented to Officer Adam Johnston for his exemplary service as a Patrolman within Patrol Section A. Officer Johnston demonstrated consistent distinguished performance as a senior patrol officer. He spearheaded a weekly Mobile Data Terminal update for fellow officers through e-mail, obtained equipment for the Accident Reconstruction Unit to increase their overall efficiency, played a vital role in updating the PTO policy, and volunteered his time to important Crime Prevention programs. Officer Johnston continued to be active within his patrol sector. He familiarized himself with wanted persons, monitored troubled areas and made suggestions on how to improve overall operations.

The **Telecommunicator of the Year** for 2009 was presented to Ms. Kristie Basham. As a telecommunicator with the Owensboro Police Department Public Safety Communications, Ms. Basham's leadership skills and dedication to duty have served the department well. Her ability to communicate information to other Lead Telecommunicators ensures everyone in Public Safety Communications is kept abreast of current policy, procedures, and other pertinent information. Her abilities as a Lead Terminal Agency Coordinator for the LINK/NCIC system allows the department to work within the guidelines required by LINK/NCIC in order to operate their system within our agency.

2009 Awards Banquet

Unit Commendation Award

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

Lt. Gordon Black
Sgt. George Ballard
Sgt. Randall Boling
Sgt. Chris Castlen
Sgt. Robert Duvall
Sgt. Richard Glenn
Sgt. Ed Krahwinkel
Sgt. Jeff Roby
Sgt. David Powell
Det. Fred Coomes
Det. Nathan Godeke
Det. Troy Gossett
Det. Kevin Kabalen
Det. Tim McClellan
Det. Jeff Payne
Det. Heath Stokes
Det. Mike Walker
Det. Wechtenhiser
Det. C. Yerington
Ofc. Jim Ashby
Ofc. Chris Burns
Ofc. Brian Crosley
Ofc. Clint Earnest
Ofc. J.D. Faith
Ofc. Duane Harper
Ofc. M. Hathaway
Ofc. A. Johnston
Ofc. Rick Latanzio
Ofc. Steve Martin

Ofc. G. Mattingly
Ofc. J. McKinney
Ofc. Joe Moran
Ofc. Mike Roby
Ofc. M. Saffran
Ofc. Brandon Sims
Ofc. Steve Smith
Ofc. Kelly Tucker
Ofc. Bryan Velotta
Ofc. A. Williams
Ofc. J.D. Winkler
Ofc. B. Youngman

ECU Techs:
Ken Bennett
Marvin Hayden
Jim Parham

Dispatchers:
Kristie Basham
Branda Booker
Diana Grafton
Kelly Hayden
Debbie Howard
Nea Ann Keelin
John Page
Vickie Snyder
Angel Williams

Honorable Service Award

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

Det. Mike Nichols, Det. Heath Stokes,
Det. Mike Walker, & Ofc. Steve Smith



2009 Awards Banquet

Administrative Commendation

Awarded for the submission to the department by the officer of a device or method adopted by the department to increase efficiency in administrative or tactical procedures, or for innovating a valuable and successful program in the area of community affairs.

Recipients are:

Lt. Doug Esther & Ofc. Adam Johnston

Life Saving Award

Awarded for the act of saving/prolonging a human life by the officer through the prompt and alert action of the officer, or with some degree of hazard to the life or well-being of the officer. Recipient is:

Ofc. Brad Martin

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:

Dr. Paula McCaghren, Barry Raymer, & Cromwell Radio Group



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 or university.

Recipients are:

Ofc. Joe Bob Jones, Ofc. Jared Ramsey, Ofc. Tristan Russelburg & Ofc. Phillip Walling

Military Campaign Award

Awarded for combat service in a U.S. Military campaign.

Recipients are:

Ofc. Mike Hathaway, Ofc. Jared Ramsey, & Ofc. Phillip Walling

2009 Awards Banquet

Exceptional Service

Awarded for a highly creditable accomplishment by an officer that brings public acclaim to themselves, their department, or the police profession as a result of their training, their devotion, or their service to the public. The recipients of the award are:

Lt. Tim Clothier, Lt. Doug Esther, Sgt. Randall Foster, Sgt. Lorhn Frazier, Det. Fred Coomes, Det. Troy Gossett, Det. Heath Stokes, Det. S. Wechtenhiser, Ofc. Troy Couch, Ofc. Gary Mattingly, Ofc. Scott Norris, Ofc. Sean Schlachter, Ofc. Loren Yonts



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. Chris Castlen
Det. Mike Walker
Ofc. Ed Champion
Ofc. Duane Harper
Ofc. Steve Martin

Retirements

Name	Date	Yrs. Of Service
Lt. Terry Gabbert	2/28/2009	24 yrs.
Lt. Kevin Smith	9/30/2009	20 yrs.
Sgt. George Ballard	7/31/2009	20 yrs.
Ofc. Rick Webb	7/31/2009	20 yrs.
Ofc. John Schueler	11/30/2009	19 yrs.
William Music	12/31/2009	29 yrs.



2009 HIGHLIGHTS

CAMP KOPS



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

Habitat for Humanity



Left: The Owensboro Police Department assisted with the construction of a new home for Habitat for Humanity.

POLICE AWARENESS DAY



Right: Officer Couch demonstrates bicycle safety to children that attended the 2009 Police Awareness Day.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Right: The CPAAA volunteers countless hours throughout the year to assist the Owensboro Police Department with various activities.

GOOD FELLOWS PARTY

In 2009, officers took part in helping Santa to distribute toys during the annual Good Fellows Christmas Party.



SHOP WITH A COP

OPD officers raised over \$11,000 to benefit children at Christmas time during the 2009 Shop With a Cop program.



POLICE MEMORIAL SERVICE

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



SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

OPD officers help to raise over \$25,000 in 2009 participating in the Polar Bear Plunge 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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