

## **Chief of Police**

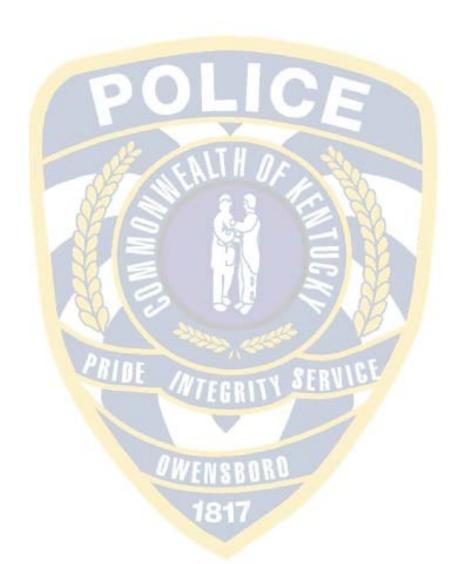


Change is always going to be a constant companion and we must learn to live with it. The men and women at the Owensboro Police Department have embraced change and have seized the new energy it has produced leading to our organization's advantage. Our managers and supervisors have created a climate of commitment to improve police services to Owensboro's citizens and our members have accepted the challenge helping make our city one of the safest communities in our Nation.

We continue to be committed in working to create positive change wherein the community that we serve can find a level of security and confidence that encourages continued progress in building improved working relationships to enhance our problem solving capabilities.

We are committed to the successful accomplishment of the goals that have been set by those we have sworn to serve and protect, and we continue to seek the assistance and support of our community which we serve, holding ourselves to a higher standard of conduct and accountability in order to earn the respect of the citizens of Owensboro.

Col. John. La lausbas



## **Deputy Chief of Police**



Deputy Chief Skeens is a seventeen year veteran of the Owensboro Police Department. He moved up through the ranks of leadership positions to his current rank of Lt. Colonel, to which he was promoted in September of 2002.

Prior assignments include Patrol division Commander, Patrol Shift Commander, Patrol Section Supervisor, Emergency Response Team commander, Evidence Collection Unit, and Firearms Training Unit.

Deputy Chief Skeens holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams University and is currently working toward his Masters from Eastern Kentucky University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the Department of Criminal Justice Executive Development course, and is certified through the Kentucky Law Enforcement Counsel as a law enforcement instructor. Deputy Chief Skeens is currently an adjunct law enforcement instructor at the Owensboro Community College.

# **Sworn Personnel**

### YEARS OF SERVICE BY RANK

Years	Chief	Lt. Colonel	Captain	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Officer	Total
0 – 4	1	1	3	4	10	42	61
5-9				1	2	22	25
10 - 14					2	6	8
15 - 19					1	12	13
20+						2	2
TOTAL	1	1	3	5	15	84	109

# **Sworn Personnel**

### **OFFICERS BY AGE**

Age	Chief	Lt. Colonel	Captain	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Officer	Total
21 - 24						5	5
25 - 29						19	19
30 - 34						22	22
35 - 39		1	1	1	6	12	21
40 - 44			2	2	3	18	25
45 - 49				1	5	7	13
50 - 54+	1			1	1	1	4
TOTAL	1	1	3	5	15	84	109

#### **OFFICERS BY GENDER & ETHNICITY**

	Caucasian	African/American	Hispanic	Native American	Total
Male	100	5	1		106
Female	3				3
TOTAL	103	5	1		109

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# Non-Sworn Personnel

### YEARS OF SERVICE

Years	Number
0-4	14
5-9	6
10-14	5
15-19	4
20-24	
25-29	2
TOTAL	31

### **AGE**

Age	Number
21-24	1
25-29	4
30-34	4
35-39	4
40-44	5
45-49	4
50-54	4
55-60	5
TOTAL	31

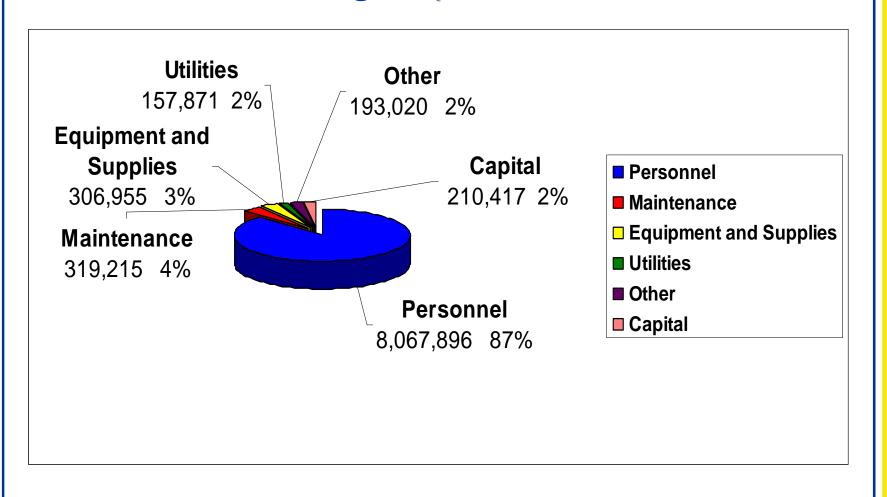
#### **GENDER & ETHNICITY**

	Caucasian	African/American	Hispanic	Native American	Total
Male	4				4
Female	24	3			27
TOTAL	28	3			31

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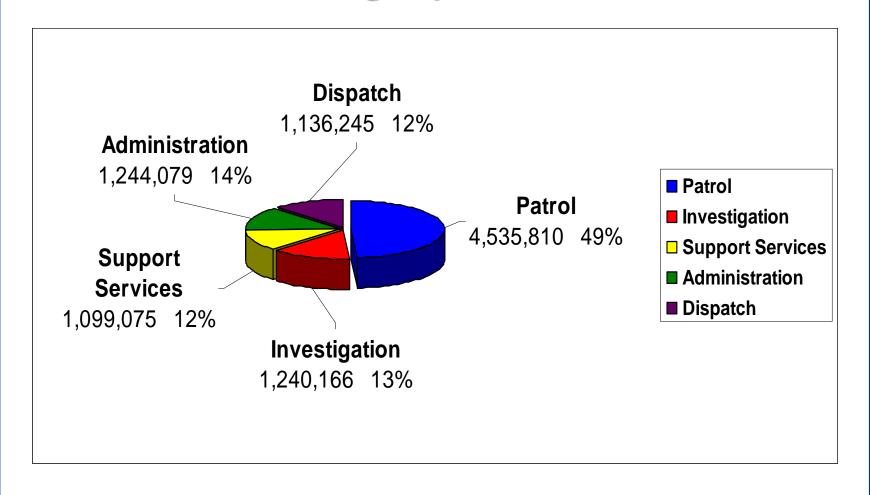
# 2004 - 2005 Budget

### **Budget Expenditures**



# 2004 - 2005 Budget

## **Budget By Division**



# **Changing Times**

During the past year, OPD saw six members of the department retire. We salute their honorable service and wish them well.

Sworn Officers		Civilian Per	rsonnel
Officer Paul Gatewood	10 years	Diann Cecil	15 years
Officer James Saddler	20 years	Linda Hall	19 years
Lieutenant Mark Smith	20 years		
Sergeant Paul Tucker	20 years		
		RETIREM	ENT

# **Changing Times**

#### **Promotions**

Sergeant Brock Peterson, an eleven year veteran of the department, was promoted to Lieutenant and has been assigned to the Patrol Division.

Officer Gordon Black, an eight year veteran of the department, was promoted to Sergeant and has been assigned to the Patrol Division.

Officer Doug Esther, a fifteen year veteran of the department, was promoted to Sergeant and has been assigned to the Patrol Division.



Lt. Brock Peterson



Sgt. Gordon Black



Sgt. Doug Esther

# **Changing Times**

## **New Hires**

### **Patrol**

Joshua Alsip

Benjamin Campbell

**Kevin Hall** 

**Aaron Hamilton** 

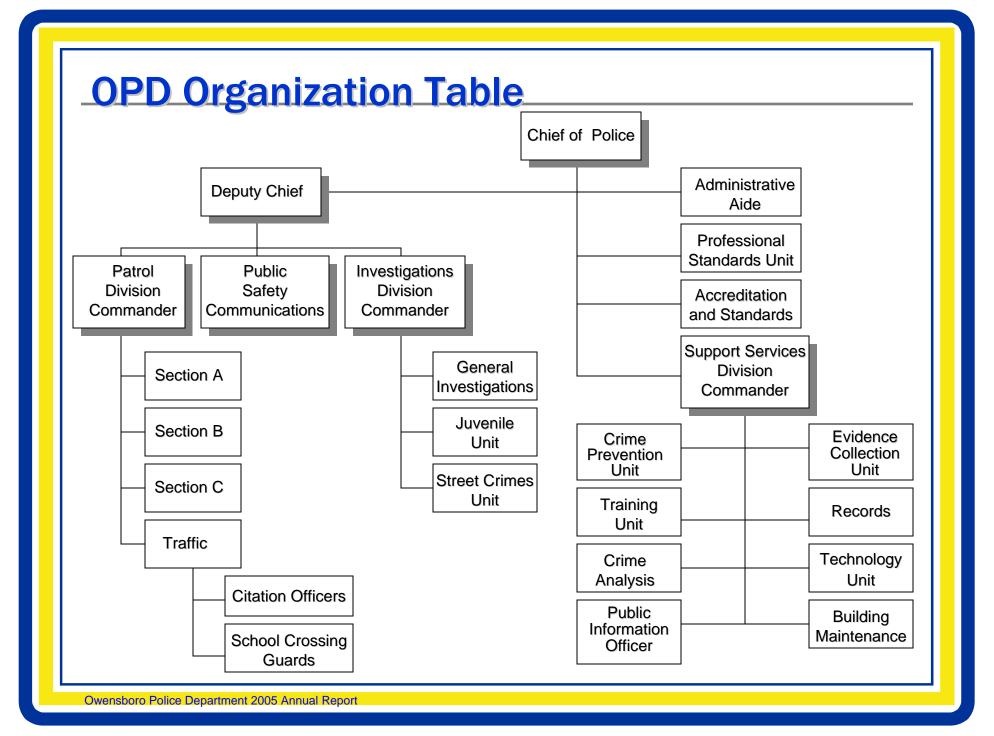


Jeremy Mulligan

Michael Page

**Christopher Roush** 







Lt. Ken Bennett is an eighteen year veteran of the Owensboro Police Department and is currently serving as the Accreditation Manager. A graduate of Brescia University, Ken began his career with the department in 1988 and has served as a Field Training Officer from 1991 – 1995, as a Crime Prevention Sergeant from 1995 – 1996, and as the Street Crimes Supervisor from 1996 – 2000.

After being promoted to Lieutenant in 2000, Ken served as a shift commander until 2004 when he was reassigned as the department's Professional Standards Unit Commander. In the fall of 2005, Ken was assigned to his current position as the Accreditation manager. Ken is also responsible for assisting the department in meeting Homeland Security requirements, heads the department's newly formed Hazardous Devices Unit, leads the department's honor guard and serves as the Chairman of the department's Awards Committee. Ken is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Criminal Justice Executive Development program, and is currently working on his Master's through Brescia University.

#### Accreditation

Accreditation is a process whereby a panel of criminal justice experts audits the policies and procedures of a police department to measure the agency's ability to provide efficient and effective police services for the community. The accreditation team compares the department's performance of practices and procedures to that of the most progressive departments at the state or national level.

#### **State Accreditation**

Accredited by the Kentucky Association of Chief's of Police in 1997 and reaccredited in 2003, the Owensboro Police Department demonstrated it's ability to adhere to the 157 standards and 261 sub-standards required by a panel of police experts from across the Commonwealth.

Certificate of Accreditation
This document certifies that the

Owensboro Folice Department

### **Benefits of Accreditation**

#### Controlled liability insurance costs

Accredited status makes it easier for agencies to purchase police liability insurance; allows agencies to increase the limit of their insurance coverage more easily; in many cases, results in lower premiums.

### Stronger defense against lawsuits and citizen complaints

Accredited agencies are better able to defend themselves against lawsuits and citizen complaints. Many agencies report a decline in legal actions against them, once they become accredited.

#### Greater accountability within the agency

Accreditation standards give the Chief Executive Officer a proven management system of written directives, sound training, clearly defined lines of authority, and routine reports that support decision-making and resource allocation.

#### **Benefits of Accreditation**

### Staunch support from government officials

Accreditation provides objective evidence of an agency's commitment to excellence in leadership, resource management, and service-delivery. Thus, government officials are more confident in the agency's ability to operate efficiently and meet community needs.

#### Increased community advocacy

Accreditation embodies the precepts of community-oriented policing. It creates a forum in which police and citizens work together to prevent and control challenges confronting law enforcement and provides clear direction about community expectations.

## **Professional Standards**



Lieutenant Art Ealum, a fourteen year veteran of the Police Department, is head of the Professional Standards Unit and coordinates the investigation of internal or external complaints made against all Police Department members including civilian employees.

During 2005 the Police Department made 69,584 "public contacts" while responding to 41,997 calls for service and conducting 27,587 traffic stops. There were twenty-two external and twenty internal complaints filed.

If, during an investigation, it is suspected that an officer engaged in criminal activity, the County Attorney or the Commonwealth's Attorney is immediately notified of the complaint. Although the prosecutor determines whether the allegation includes sufficient elements to pursue criminal charges against the officer, the Professional Standards Unit remains responsible for the investigation.

Every compliant is vigorously pursued and upon completion the following dispositions must be supported by the Chief of Police:

#### Type of Dispositions

**Sustained:** Sufficient evidence exists to support that the officer is guilty of the allegation.

**Exonerated:** Sufficient evidence exists to support that the officer is innocent of the allegation.

**Not Sustained:** Insufficient evidence exists to support that the officer is guilty or innocent of the

allegation.

**Unfounded:** Evidence exists to support that the officer was not involved in the alleged incident.

# **Professional Standards**

	Investigations for 2005							
	Sustained	Not Sustained	Exonerated	Unfounded	Withdrawn	Pending	Closed Due To Resignation	Totals
External Complaints	6	9	3	1	1	2	0	22
Internal Complaints	14	4	1	0	0	1	0	20
Totals	20	13	4	1	1	3	0	42

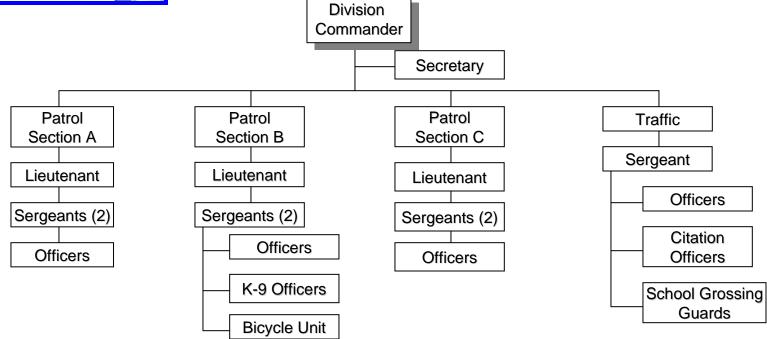
Complaints by Age of Complainant				
15-17	2			
18-25	2			
26-35	2			
36-45	8			
46-55	<b>46-55</b> 4			
<b>56-65</b> 3				
66+	1			

External Complaints by Gender of Complainant			
Male 7			
Female	Female 15		

External				
Complaints by Ethnicity of Complainant				
Caucasian	72.7%			
African American 27.3				
Other 0				



Captain Marvin Hayden, a twenty year veteran with the Owensboro Police Department, was promoted to his current position as Patrol Commander in May 2004. In 1994, Capt. Hayden was selected as one of the OPD Polygraph Examiners. He is currently a member and Past President of the Kentucky Polygraph Association. The Patrol Division is comprised of three Patrol Shifts, the Traffic Unit, and the K-9 Unit.



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In 2005 the Owensboro Police Department continued its implementation of the Take Home Fleet Program. A total of \$220,000 from the Community Visions fund was spent to purchase eight new vehicles and equipment, which were assigned to senior patrol officers. The department is in year 3 of the 5 year implementation process. Coming in 2006, the police department will have 9 Ford Explorers added to the fleet. The Ford Explorers will be assigned to the patrol divisions supervision team and they will be available to patrol officers to drive in emergency snow conditions. The citizens of Owensboro have seen many of the benefits with the take home fleet:

- Stronger police presence. A secure feeling in our neighborhoods and schools.
- Better police response to calls.
- Increased detection of hazardous driving and DUI.
- Improvement recruitment and retention of police officers.
- · Increased accountability of officers.
- Increased morale, pride, and ownership by the members of the police department.

These changes may seem minor to some, but they have enhanced the operations of the police department's patrol division to better serve the citizens of Owensboro.

Police Chief John Kazlauskas and Owensboro City School Superintendent, Larry Vick, collaborated to create a program in which patrol officers have lunch with elementary school children. Since the beginning of the 2005 – 2006 school year, patrol officers have been visiting schools 1 to 2 days a week, eating lunch with the school children. Both men thought that the program would help the officers become more acquainted with the schools in their patrol sectors, enhance security at the schools, and create relationships between young people and the police. Although D.A.R.E. and school resource officers are regulars at the schools, this program gives the students and the officers on the street a better chance at having a positive contact with one other. In a Messenger-Inquirer story about the program, Chief Kazlauskas said, "It's just another opportunity for us to show the kids that officers are caring and kind and have their best interest at heart."



Sgt. Joe Moran has lunch with a second grade class at Cravens Elementary School.

The Owensboro Police Department's Patrol Division received 40,049 calls for service and conducted 25,587 traffic stops in 2005. From these calls of service and traffic stops, there were 36,788 citations issued, 2,955 warrants received and 1,581 warrants served with a served rate of 54%. A breakdown of the citywide calls, by frequency, are shown below and on the following three pages.

Category	# Calls
Disturbance	4,537
Accident w/no injuries	3,204
Miscellaneous	3,040
Warrant Service or check	2,037
Bridge Check Homeland Security	1,943
Selective Enforcement	1,763
911 Hang up call	1,607
Theft	1,472
Vandalism	1,169
Burglary Alarm	1,137
Car Complaint Unoccupied	1,103

Category	# Calls
Noise	1,074
Welfare Check	944
Suspicious Person	787
Juvenile Complaint	783
Periodic Check	748
Motorist Assist	721
Follow up on Previous Call	711
Harassment	682
Drunk Complaint	668
Drug Complaint	649
Assault without weapons	644

#### Call for service continued:

Category	# Calls
Animal Complaint	613
Traffic Hazard	522
Radar Enforcement	516
911 Miscellaneous Call	443
Burglary not in Progress	408
Found Property	371
Reckless Driving	365
Escort-Funeral, Oversized Veh.	348
Suspicious Vehicle Occupied	332
Accident with Injuries	322
Suicide Threat or Attempt	317

Category	# Calls	
Theft From Vehicle	288	
Missing Person	275	
Fraud	273	
Prisoner Transport Within City	272	
Assist other Agency	258	
Shoplifter	234	
Prowler or Peeping Tom	225	
Ambulance Needed on Call	224	
Standby to Prevent Disputes	223	
Open Door (Possible Burglary)	196	
Juvenile Transport to Detention	165	

#### Calls for service continued:

Category	# Calls
Fireworks Complaint	109
Burglary in Progress	106
Robbery Alarm	99
Stolen Vehicle	98
Prisoner Transport Outside City	94
General Fire Alarm	83
Man Down	73
Lost Property	70
Dead Body	68
Juvenile Sexual Abuse	67
Parking Lot Clearing	66

Category	# Calls
Gunshots Heard	51
Blocked Driveway	50
Warrant-Emergency Med	48
Rape not in Progress	42
Still Fire Alarm	42
Indecent Exposure	38
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	29
Juvenile Abuse	26
Traffic Pursuit	24
Armed Robbery	22
Panic Alarm-Person Activated	21

Calls for service continued:

Category	# Calls
Strong Armed Robbery	21
Shooting or Cutting	17
Pursuit (other)	16
Assault with Weapons	13
Car Alarm	13
Bomb Threat	12
ERT Call Out	8

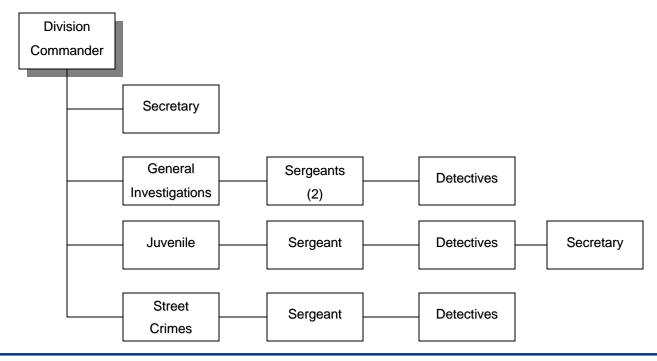
Category	# Calls
2 Alarm Fire (Traffic Control)	4
3 Alarm fire (Traffic Control)	1
Arson	1
Hazardous Chemical leak	1
Drowning Complaint	1
Biohazard Substance	1
Homicide	1

# **Investigations Division**



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Captain David Thompson, a seventeen year veteran of the Owensboro Police Department, is the Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division. The Criminal Investigation Division includes the Street Crimes Unit, the Juvenile Unit, and General Investigations. The division utilizes 1 Captain, 4 Sergeants, 13 Detectives and 2 Secretaries.



# **General Investigations**

The General Investigations Unit investigated a total of 1,631 cases in 2005. The clearance rate for this unit was 66% as compared to 52% in 2004 and 48% in 2003. A case is considered cleared when it meets the Uniform Crime Reporting National Guidelines as cleared by arrest, unfounded or exceptionally cleared due to prosecution being declined or the victim's refusal to cooperate.

Statistics					
Offenses Investigated	2003	2004	2005		
Homicide	0	0	3		
Arson	6	7	5		
Sex Offenses	106	99	110		
Robbery	45	35	41		
Burglary	388	358	375		
Theft (Felony)	420	439	446		
Fraud	179	167	220		
Misc.	26	20	27		

## **Juvenile**

The Juvenile Unit is charged with the responsibility of processing all juvenile complaints filed and served for status and criminal offenses, as well as the storage and maintenance of juvenile related records for the Owensboro Police Department. In 2005 there were 981 juvenile related complaints handled within the unit. The investigators in the unit also are tasked with the investigation of all child exploitation cases that occurred within the City of Owensboro as well as criminal investigations where the perpetrator was a juvenile.

Charges	#	Charges	#	Charges	#	Charges	#
Murder	0	Arson	0	Narcotics	69	Contacts	60
Manslaughter	0	Forgery	80	Offenses Against Family	0	Missing Persons	109
Forcible Rape	0	Fraud	3	Traffic Offenses	27	Abuse/Neglect	83
Robbery	00	Shoplifting	70	Liquor Laws	11	Wanton Endangerment	21
Aggravated Assault	9	Stolen Property	17	Drunkenness	41	City Ordinances	21
Burglary	15	Vandalism	63	Disorderly Conduct	63	Other Assaults	83
Theft (Except Auto)	63	Criminal Trespass	22	Runaways	43	Sex Offenses	2
Auto Theft	10	Weapons	7	Non-Criminal	21	Other	23
Confiscation of Tobacco Products	9						

# <u>Juvenile</u>

Charges			
Male 621			
Female	360		

Contact Cards		
Caucasian	43	
African American	17	
Other	0	
Total	60	

Abuse & Neglect Involving		
Caucasian	65	
African American	16	
Other	2	
Total	83	

Charges	
Caucasian	734
African American	237
Other	10
Total	981

Contact Cards	
Male	47
Female	13

Abuse & Neglect Against		
Male	9	
Female	74	

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## **Street Crimes**

Sergeant Tim Clothier heads the Street Crimes unit which consists of six Patrolman/Detectives. All of the officers in this unit have extensive training in narcotic investigations and vice, and all are DEA Lab Certified Technicians.

A tactical narcotic/vice unit, Street Crimes was created to respond to specific criminal problems within the city such as prostitution, narcotics, and gambling. The unit also works closely with the Neighborhood Alliance Groups to combat criminal activity. In 2005 the unit was directly responsible for the following:

345 Drug Arrests

611 Drug Charges

#### The seizure of:

\$76,500 cash

27 Vehicles

38 Illegal Guns

2.2 lb of Cocaine and Methamphetamine estimated value of \$155,000

16 lbs of Marijuana estimated value of \$25,000

4 Methamphetamine Lab



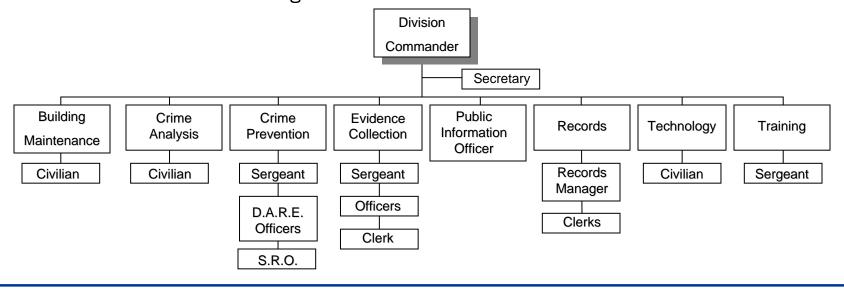
Total estimated seizures - \$421,000.00

# **Support Services Division**



Captain Jeff Speed, a fifteen year veteran of the Owensboro Police Department, is the commander of the Support Services Division. The Support Services Division is the second largest division in the department. This division is comprised of a number of units including: Building Maintenance, Crime Analysis, Crime Prevention, Evidence Collection, Public Information, Records, Training, and Technology.

Captain speed holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Corrections and Juvenile Services from Eastern Kentucky University. Captain speed is a current member of the US Attorney's Anti Terrorism Advisory Counsel for the State of Kentucky and he is also a member of the national Internal Affairs Investigators Association.



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## **Crime Prevention**

#### **SERVICES AND PROGRAMS**

The Owensboro Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit provides a wide range of public services. During 2005, the crime prevention unit registered 2,014 Bicycles, initiated a Citizens Academy Alumni Association, and engraved a number of vehicles in our Vehicle Identification Program (VIP). Along with these programs, CPU oversees 56 Neighborhood Watch programs, attends a number of Neighborhood Alliance meetings and offers a wide range of Anti-Theft, Personal, Business and Financial Institution Safety Programs, Terrorism awareness classes, along with Residential, Church and Business Security Surveys.

#### **GOALS**

The goals of the crime prevention unit for 2006-2007 are to increase the number of business and home security surveys, expand the Neighborhood Watch Program, encourage a 25% growth in the Explorer Post, and continued work on a Volunteer Program, increase the visibility of the Crime Stoppers Program and expand the Citizens Academy.

#### JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Owensboro Police Department's Juvenile Diversion Program is a five phase intervention plan for males in grades five through nine. Juveniles are required to participate in the program in lieu of appearing before a juvenile judge and are referred by the Court Designated Workers Office.

During the five phase program, the students participate in a lock-in, receive classroom instruction and mentoring from adult volunteers, complete a community service project and attend a motivational seminar. The goal of the program is to break the cycle of crime that befalls many of our troubled youth today through early intervention.

## **Crime Prevention**

#### CITIZENS ACADEMY

The OPD Citizens Academy gives the students an inside glimpse of the function and procedures of the Owensboro Police Department. Mixing lecture and an interactive practical applications learning environment, participants are allowed to meet members from the Police Department's Administration, Patrol, Investigations, Narcotics, Polygraph, Evidence Collection, Street Crimes, Public Safety, Training and Crime Prevention Units. The "hands on" practical exercises include training with the department's K-9 Unit, taking a polygraph, identifying various kinds of narcotics including methamphetamine, rappelling by the Emergency Response Team, and firing various weapons used by the Police Department.

#### **EXPLORER POST 766**

The Owensboro Police Department Law Enforcement Explorer Post 766 is an effort to educate high school and college students between the ages of 14 to 20 who are interested in a career in the field of law enforcement. In practical exercises based on Police situations the students learn what the dedicated professionals that serve and protect this community face on a daily basis. The Explorers also utilize their knowledge in structured competitions held on a regional and local level, allowing a unique networking opportunity.

#### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

The SRO program provides a sworn police officer at Owensboro High School to act as a liaison between the Police Department and the school, to handle complaints at the school and to provide instruction, counseling and training for the students, faculty and staff. The Owensboro Police Department is currently in the sixth year of the program.

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# **Crime Analysis**

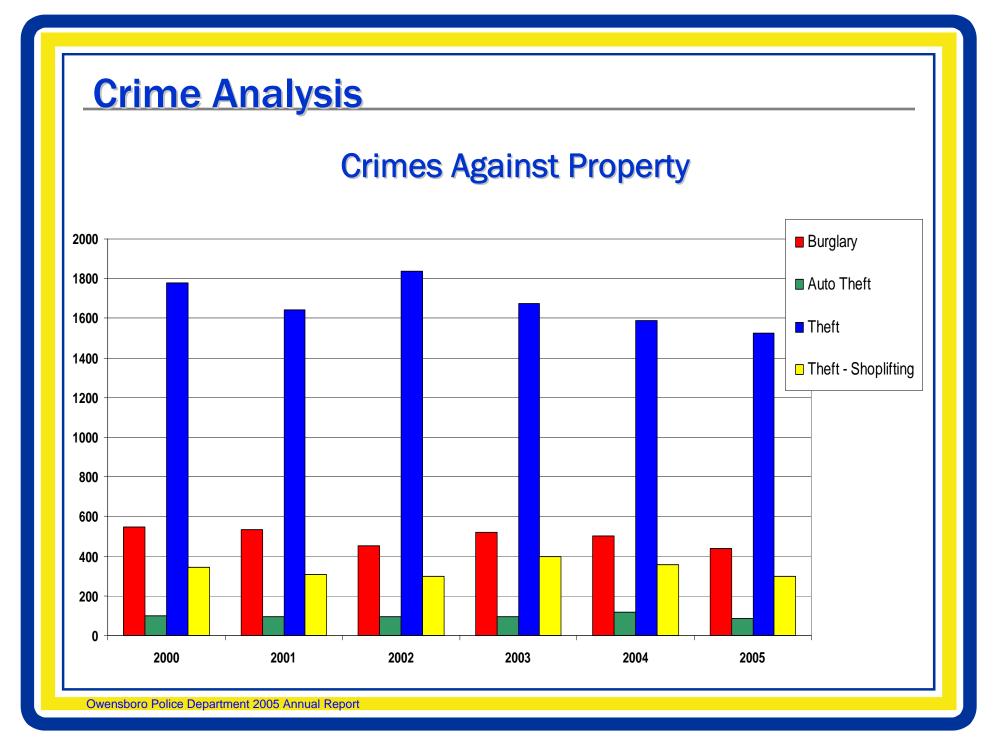
The goal of the Crime Analysis Unit is to provide timely, pertinent crime information relative to crime patterns and to trend correlations to assist operational & administrative personnel in planning the deployment of resources for the prevention and suppression of criminal activities, aiding the investigative process, and increasing apprehensions and the clearance of cases. Within this context, crime analysis supports a number of department functions, including patrol deployment, special operation units, investigations, crime prevention, support services and administration.

#### Type of Crime Analysis:

<u>Tactical</u> - An analytical process that provides information used to assist operations personnel (patrol and investigative officers) in identifying specific and immediate crime trends, patterns, series, sprees, and hotspots, providing investigative leads, and clearing cases. Analysis includes associating criminal activity by method of the crime, time, date, location, suspect, vehicle, and other types of information.

**Strategic** - Primarily concerned with operational strategies and seeks solutions to on-going problems (weeks, months, quarters or years). The purpose of strategic crime analysis is to perform police service more effectively and efficiently by matching service delivery to demands for service.

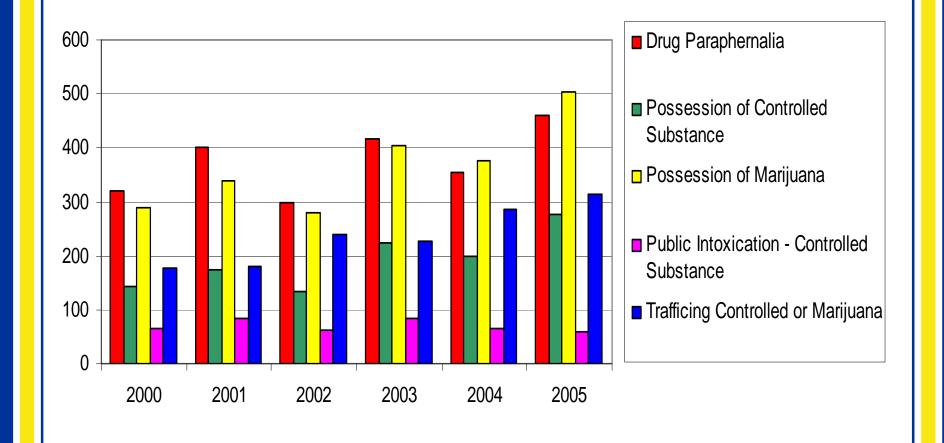
<u>Administrative</u> - Deals with long-range comparisons (quarterly, semi-annually or annually). Examples of administrative crime analysis tasks include providing geographic and law enforcement information to police management, city hall, city council, and neighborhood/citizen groups.



### **Crime Analysis Crimes Against Persons** Assaults ■ Murder ■ Attempted Murder Rape ■ Robbery ■ Sexual Abuse/Misconduct Owensboro Police Department 2005 Annual Report

# **Crime Analysis**

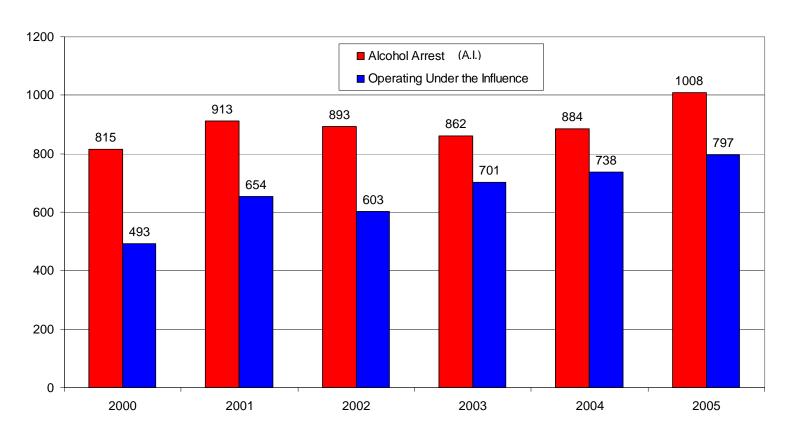
### **Narcotics Arrests**



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# **Crime Analysis**

### **Alcohol Arrests**



## **Evidence Collection**

**Fingerprinting Civilians** – The Evidence Collection Unit is responsible for the fingerprinting of civilians. The Owensboro Police Department fingerprints civilians for various reasons: preemployment, school systems, financial institutions, the housing authority, adoption, and foster care to mention a few. During 2005 ECU printed 589 civilians.

**Call Outs** – In 2005 the Evidence Collection Unit was called out a total of 209 times. Call outs consist of ECU Technicians responding to crime scenes to collect and process evidence. Evidence Collection Technicians can be called out any time day or night, ECU is on call twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week.

**Drug Cases** – In 2005 ECU processed 475 drug cases. Evidence Technicians are responsible for logging, verifying the drug, weighing, and typing the report that is sent to the state crime lab in Frankfort, KY.

**Opened ECU Cases** – An open ECU case consist of anything that involves evidence that has been collected and the case 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 court system. During 2005 ECU had 44 open cases.

**Opened AFIS Cases** – The Evidence Collection Unit is responsible for submitting all fingerprints that have been collected in criminal cases to AFIS which stands for Automated Fingerprint Identification System. During 2005 ECU submitted 63 sets of fingerprints.

**Property Sheets** – Property sheets are completed every time an evidence technician, detective, or patrol officer collects a piece of evidence. During 2005 3,947 property sheets were filled out.

# **Grants Program**

Mrs. Cora Daniels divides her duties between supervising the Records Unit and coordinating the Grants Program for the Owensboro Police Department. During 2005, the Owensboro Police Department received \$1,074,209 in grants with the city's contribution being \$22,926 for a total of \$1,097,135.

Bulletproof Vests Grant – Used to purchase body armor for Patrol Officers.

Award: \$2,370 Match: \$2,370 Total: \$4,740

Block Grant #LLEB-591-04 - Used to obtain Polygraph Training

Award: \$5,000 Match: \$556 Total: \$5,556

**Highway Safety Grant** – Operation Checkpoint – Used to (1) employ off duty police officers and provide specific directed enforcement of speed limits to reduce the number of crashes within the city of Owensboro; (2) Provide increased DUI enforcement; (3) Conduct public awareness projects concerning speed, DUI, seatbelt, and child restraint usage.

Award: \$20,000 Match: \$20,000 Total: \$40,000

Homeland Security – Community Safety & Interoperable Communications – To purchase and install infrastructure and mobile data terminals for approximately 39 patrol cruisers. The number of mobile data terminals to be purchased is contingent on final cost of infrastructure.

Award: \$1,046,839 No Match Total: \$1,046,839

Total Grant Funds: \$1,074,209
City's Match \$22,926
Grand Total \$1,097,135

## **OPD Officer of the Year**



Officer Duane Harper

Officer Duane Harper was named the Owensboro Police Department's, "Officer of the Year" for the year 2005. Since his hiring in April 1991, Officer Harper has always done an outstanding job. Whether serving as a Field Training Officer, an Evidence Collection Technician, an Accident Reconstructionist, a First Aid and CPR Instructor, or as an Instructor in the OPD Police Academy, Duane has always been the type of officer you can depend on, going above and beyond the call of duty, always prepared to respond on a moment's notice and always prepared to give 110%.

## **State Awards**



Officer Michael Nichols

For the third year, Officer Michael Nichols was recognized for his work in DUI enforcement during 2005 by the Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement Awards. Officer Nichols led the Owensboro Police Department with 101 arrests compared to 117 in 2004 and 85 arrests in 2003.