

COMMUNITY



OWNED AND OPERATED

**OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT
2008 ANNUAL REPORT**



Colonel Glenn Skeens

The Owensboro Police Department acknowledges that its employees, staff, and the community are the source of its strength. We are “community owned and operated.” We will always work in partnerships with the people in our community and do our best within the law, to solve community problems that affect public safety.

The Owensboro Police Department will always focus on reducing crime in hopes to improve the quality of life in our community. Community Oriented Policing requires police officers to become acquainted with the citizens of Owensboro in their assigned sectors in order to solve problems and reduce the fear and incidents of crime. This mission cannot be accomplished without the willingness and support of our great citizens who reside in Owensboro. Our ability to perform our duties effectively is dependant upon public approval. We must continue to work diligently in order to maintain public confidence and respect. Robert Ingersoll once said, “Give every human being every right that you claim yourself.”

In closing, let me express my appreciation to all police officers, families, and employees. As we can probably all agree, as long as there are men and women who are willing to serve their community as police officers, we must always be willing to stand up and honor their service. I hope each of us will hold the Owensboro Police Department in their hearts and spirits everyday, 365 days a year. And as we look to the future, let us renew our commitment that we will never forget one another’s sacrifice, that we will never make little of one another’s effort and we will always be here to support on another 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.

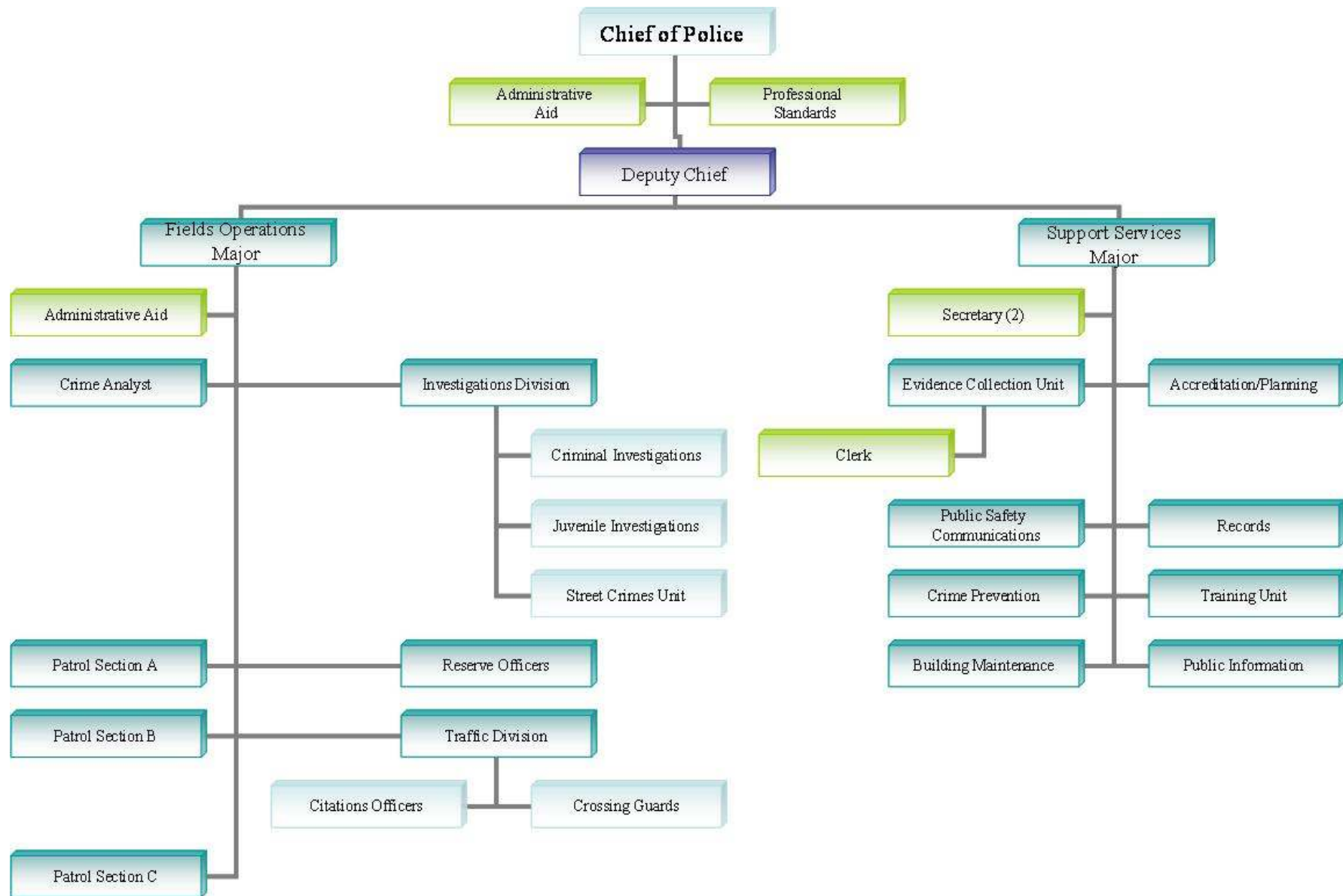
RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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.

2008 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	26	44
5 – 9				2	2	30	34
10 – 14					0	11	11
15 – 19					1	8	9
20 +						1	1
Total	1	1	2	6	13	76	99

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						2	2
25 – 29					1	20	21
30 – 34					1	15	16
35 – 39				1	6	18	25
40 – 44	1	1	2	2	2	13	21
45 – 49				1	1	8	10
Over 50				2	2		4
Total	1	1	2	6	13	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	3	5	1	4	8	3	4	31

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



Demographics

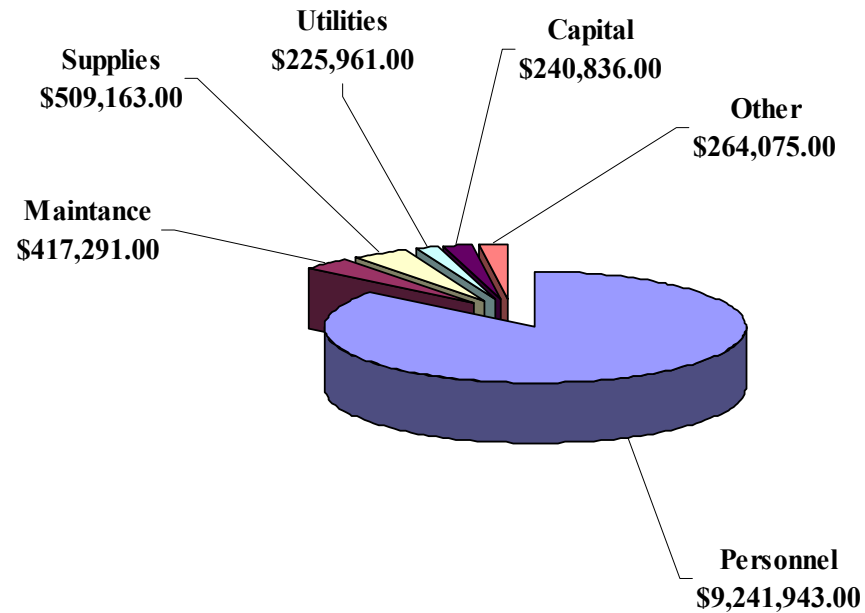
Non-Sworn Personnel



Members by Race & Gender			
	Caucasian	African American	Total
Male	4		4
Female	25	2	27
Total	29	2	31



2008 – 2009 Budget



Budget Total by Division					
Administration	Communications	Investigation	Patrol	Support Services	Total
\$1,565,778.00	\$1,287,757.00	\$1,389,812.00	\$5,421,619.00	\$1,234,303.00	\$10,899,269.00

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 2008, the PSU conducted a total of 27 administrative investigations with 41 allegations resulting in 41 dispositions being reported for the year.

PSU Administrative Investigations						
Year	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	5 yr. Average
# of Investigations	27	36	44	42	47	39.2

2008 Final Dispositions				
Unfounded (2.4%)	Not sustained (19.5%)	Exonerated (7.3%)	Sustained (65.8%)	Closed without findings (4.8%)
1	8	3	27	2

Administrative Allegations	
Discourtesy	3
False Statement	2
Excessive Force	2
Improper Vehicle Operation	12
Obedience to Rules, Regulations of Laws	7
Unbecoming Conduct	9
Neglect of Duty	2
Sexual Harassment	1
Unsatisfactory Performance	1
Falsifying a Record	1
Abuse of Position	1
Total	41

Professional Standards Unit

Use of Force

The Owensboro Police Department responded to 41,753 calls for service and conducted 12,618 traffic stops in 2008. The traceable contacts by officers of the OPD with citizens of the community totaled 54,371. From that total, there were a total of 60 Use of Force reports filed by officers during 2008 where force was used to affect an arrest. 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 1066 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 22 incidents where the suspect was injured, and 9 incidents where the officer was injured.

Corrective Actions for All Professional Standards Investigations	
Suspensions	6
Counseling Statement	8
No Action Taken	16
Performance Notice	2
Remedial Training	2
Officers Resigned	2
Total	36

Use of Force Reports by Race/Ethnicity/Gender	
Caucasian	73.1%
African American	25%
Hispanic	1.9%
Males	92.2%
Females	7.8%

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 2008, 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

Section A

Section B

K-9 Unit

Section C

Traffic Unit



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 2008. The preceding years are listed for comparison purposes.

Part I Crimes							
Category	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	Average
Criminal Homicide	2	0	3	4	0	0	1.5
Forcible Rape	19	22	20	16	12	7	15.5
Robbery	36	43	35	50	39	53	43
Assault (aggravated)	85	79	84	78	91	112	88
Burglary	359	362	443	438	484	537	437
Larceny	1,712	1,847	1,637	1,564	1,766	2,049	1,762
Arson	4	5	14	6	5	4	6
Motor Vehicle Theft	67	73	62	70	106	101	80



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)	569
Forgery & Counterfeiting	65
Stolen Property (receiving, possessing)	167
Vandalism	1,254
Weapons (carrying, possessing)	46
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	1
Sex Offenses (except rape)	28
Drug Abuse Violations	1,264



Part II Crime Statistics

<i>Selected</i> Part II Crimes	
Charges	Count
Gambling	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	400
Driving Under the Influence	519
Liquor Laws	89
Drunkenness	700
Disorderly Conduct	358
Runaways	29
Fraud	30
All Others	2,953
Total	5,078



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.

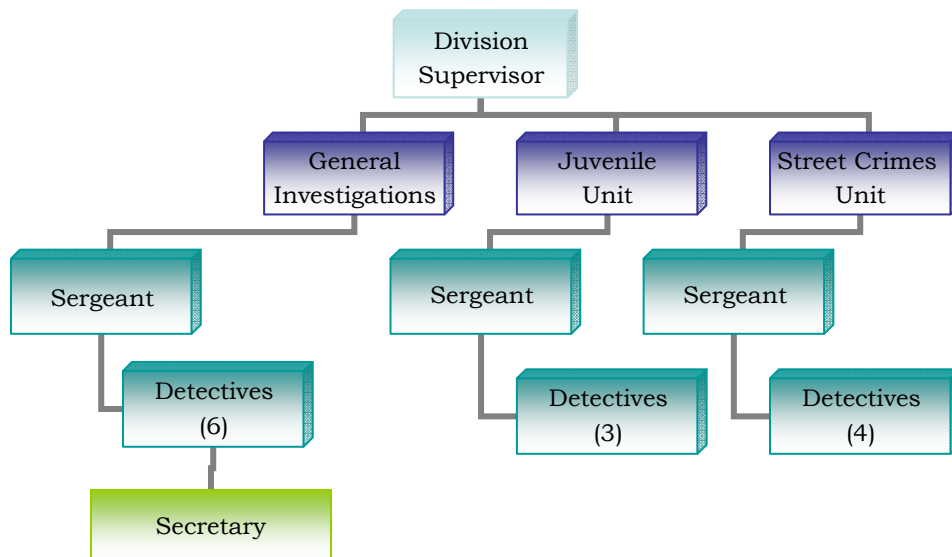
The overall traffic enforcement of the Owensboro Police Department has been enhanced by the efforts of the officers assigned to the Traffic Unit during their regular duty hours. In 2008, officers assigned to the Traffic Unit charged a total of 1,587 law violations. These violations included, among other 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 986 citations for law violations. This includes 2 arrests for impaired driving, 448 citations for failure to wear seat belts, 9 citations for no child restraint in use, and 500 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 2008, there were 960 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.

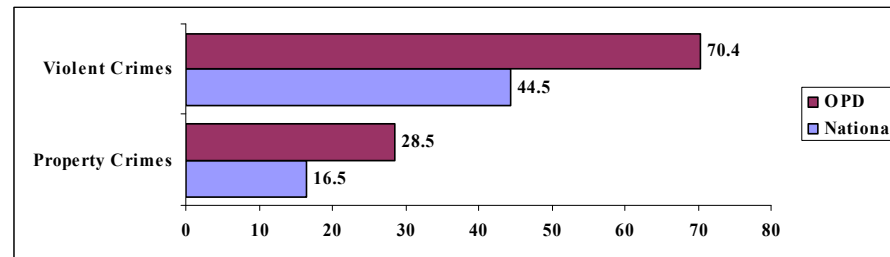
A case is considered clear when it meets the Uniform Crime Reporting National Guidelines of either Cleared By Arrest or Exceptionally Cleared (exceptionally cleared has several criteria including prosecution being declined or victim refuses to cooperate with investigator).



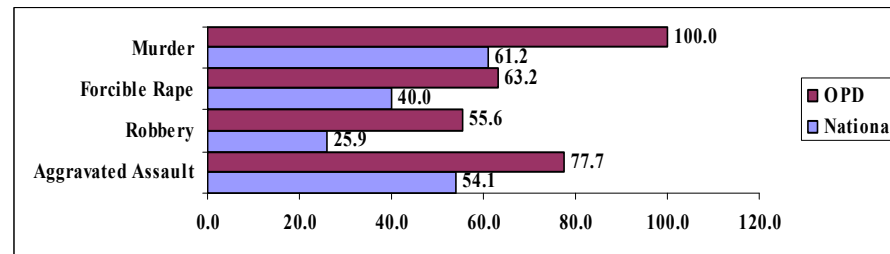
Part I Crime Clearance Rate Comparison

Clearance Figures

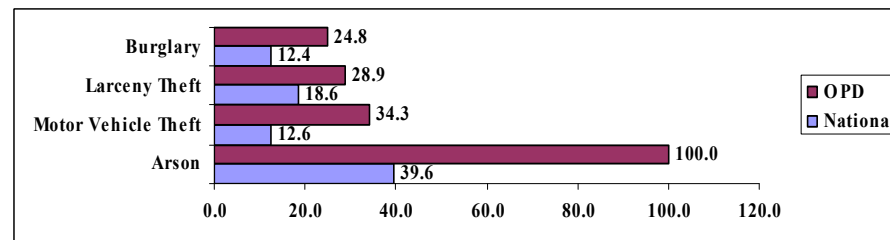
Percent comparison of Crimes Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means



Violent Crimes



Property Crimes



Part I Crime Clearance Rate Comparison

O.P.D. Violent Crime Clearance Rate 70.4%

Geographic Region	Murder	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Violent Crimes
National ¹	61.2%	40.0%	25.9%	54.1%	44.5%
South Region ¹	65.3%	44.3%	26.2%	54.3%	45.5%
Group III Cities ¹ (50,000-99,999 pop)	60.5%	34.3%	27.7%	54.1%	44.3%
Kentucky ¹	87.0%	44.0%	29.0%	67.0%	52.5%
Owensboro Police Department ²	100.0%	63.2%	55.6%	77.7%	70.4%

National Property Crimes Clearance Rate 28.5%

Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson	Property Crimes
12.4%	18.6%	12.6%	39.6%	16.5%
13.1%	18.8%	15.3%	20.0%	17.1%
12.8%	20.7%	11.6%	17.2%	18.1%
14.0%	21.0%	16.0%	20.0%	19.0%
24.8%	28.9%	34.3%	100.0%	28.5%

National Violent Crime Clearance Rate 44.5%

OPD vs Regions	Murder	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Violent Crimes
OPD vs. National	38.8%	23.2%	29.7%	23.6%	25.9%
OPD vs. Regional	34.7%	18.9%	29.4%	23.4%	24.9%
OPD vs. Kentucky	13.0%	19.2%	26.6%	10.7%	17.9%
OPD vs. Group III Cities	39.5%	28.9%	27.9%	23.6%	26.1%

National Property Crimes Clearance Rate 16.5%

Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson	Property Crimes
12.4%	10.3%	21.7%	60.4%	12.0%
11.7%	10.1%	19.0%	80.0%	11.4%
10.8%	7.9%	18.3%	80.0%	9.5%
12.0%	8.2%	22.7%	82.8%	10.4%

Compare 25.9%

Compare 12.0%

¹ Based on 2007 F.B.I. Crime Report

² Based on 2008 O.P.D. Clearance Rates

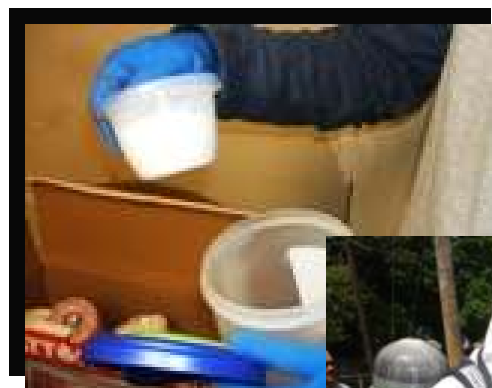
Criminal Investigations

Street Crimes Unit

Street Crimes Drug Seizures By Month			
Month	Marijuana	Cocaine	Meth
January	2112.85 g	5.86	14.03
February	601.78 g	11.38	3.21
March	2474.78 g	278.4	3.15
April	125.9 g	24.78	4.0
May	816.55 g	60.4	2.0
June	59.0 g	10.1	2.0
July	244.2 g	33.7	2.0
August	137.15 g	60.0	18.0
September	186.0 g	79.0	10.0
October	105.1 g	26.0	55.30
November	156.22 g	50.9	5.5
December	60.6 g	130.6	7.5
Totals (in grams)	7,080.13	771.12	126.69
Totals (in pounds)	16	1.7	4.4 oz

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 2008.



Criminal Investigations

Street Crimes Unit



Street Crimes Seizures

Item	2008	2007
Arrests	269	403
Charges	600	846
Meth Labs	4	8
Vehicles Seized	24	22
Cash Seized	\$292,997.00	\$62,251.00
Guns Seized	22	43
Marijuana	16 lbs.	44.4 lbs.
Cocaine & Meth	2.1 lbs.	3.5 lbs.
Heroin	0	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	2008	2007	Net Chg	% Chg
Aggravated Assault	17	20	-3	-15.00%
Murder	0	0	0	0.00%
Rape	0	0	0	0.00%
Robbery	1	2	-1	-50.00%
Arson	1	0	1	100.00%
Auto Theft	0	6	-6	-100.00%
Burglary	17	23	-6	-26.08%
Theft (except Auto)	150	111	39	35.13%
Total	186	162	24	14.81%

Criminal Investigations

Juvenile Unit

Selected Part II Crime Statistics

Selected Part II Crimes (Juvenile Offenders)				
Category	2008	2007	Net Chg	% Chg
Assault (Misdemeanor)	45	36	9	25.00%
Domestic Violence	32	33	-1	3.03%
Disorderly Conduct	59	57	2	3.50%
Drunkenness	34	43	-9	-20.93%
DUI	1	2	-1	-50.00%
Forgery/Fraud	6	0	6	100.00%
Habitual Runaways	29	36	-7	19.44%
Narcotics	74	68	6	8.82%
Receiving Stolen Property	63	35	28	80.00%
Sex Offenses (except rape)	6	7	-1	-14.28%
Vandalism	106	18	88	488.88%
Weapons	3	3	0	0.00%
All Other Offenses	135	207	-72	-34.78%
Total Charges	593	545	48	8.80%



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	2008	2007	Net Change ('08 vs. '07)
Field Interviews	233	223	10
Missing Person	183	169	14
Abuse/Neglect (Juv. Victim)	66	91	-25

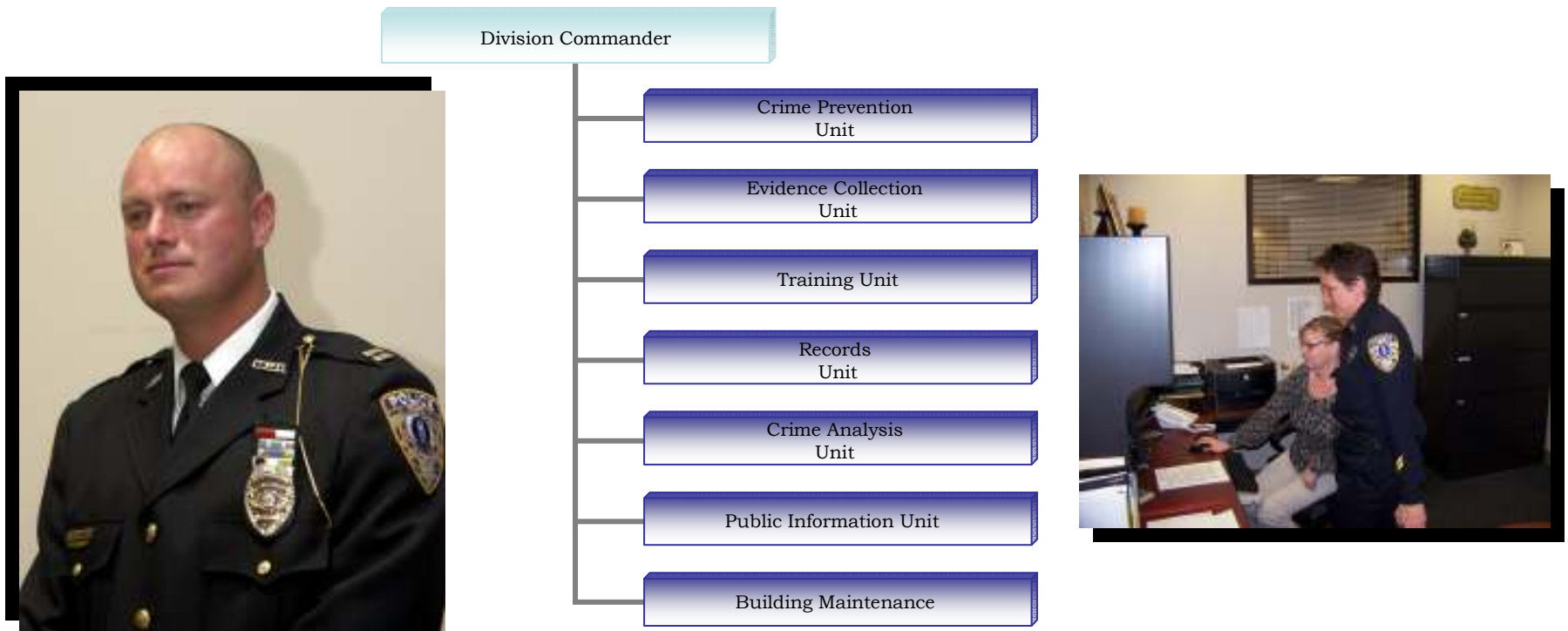
Offenders by Sex			
Sex	2008	2007	Net Change ('08 vs.'07)
Male	571	350	221
Female	208	177	31



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.



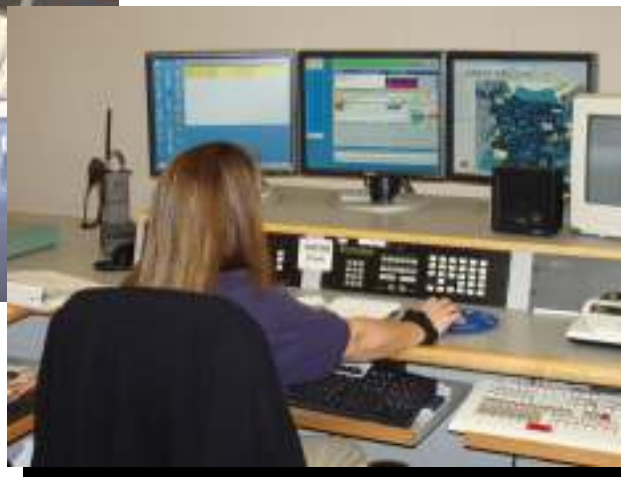
Support Services

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.	55,549
Daviess Co. Sherriff's Office	1,032
Hancock Co. Sherriff's Office	3
Henderson Co. Sherriff's Office	1
McClean Co. Sherriff's Office	4
Ohio Co. Sherriff's Office	17
Spencer Co. (IN) Sherriff's Office	32
Kentucky State Police	90
Owensboro Fire Department	2,323
Ambulance	5,934
Other Services	647
Total	65,632

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.

2008 Call Volume	
Administrative call (incoming)	110,009
9-1-1 Cellular phone calls (incoming)	14,411
9-1-1 Landline phone calls (incoming)	15,854
Outgoing Calls	53,859
Totals	194,133

Communication Transactions		
Transaction	2008	2007
LINK/NCIC	136,881	151,377
Warrants Entered	3,782	3,883
Warrants Served	2,349	2,764
Warrants Maintained	5,225	4,484

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 2008, 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

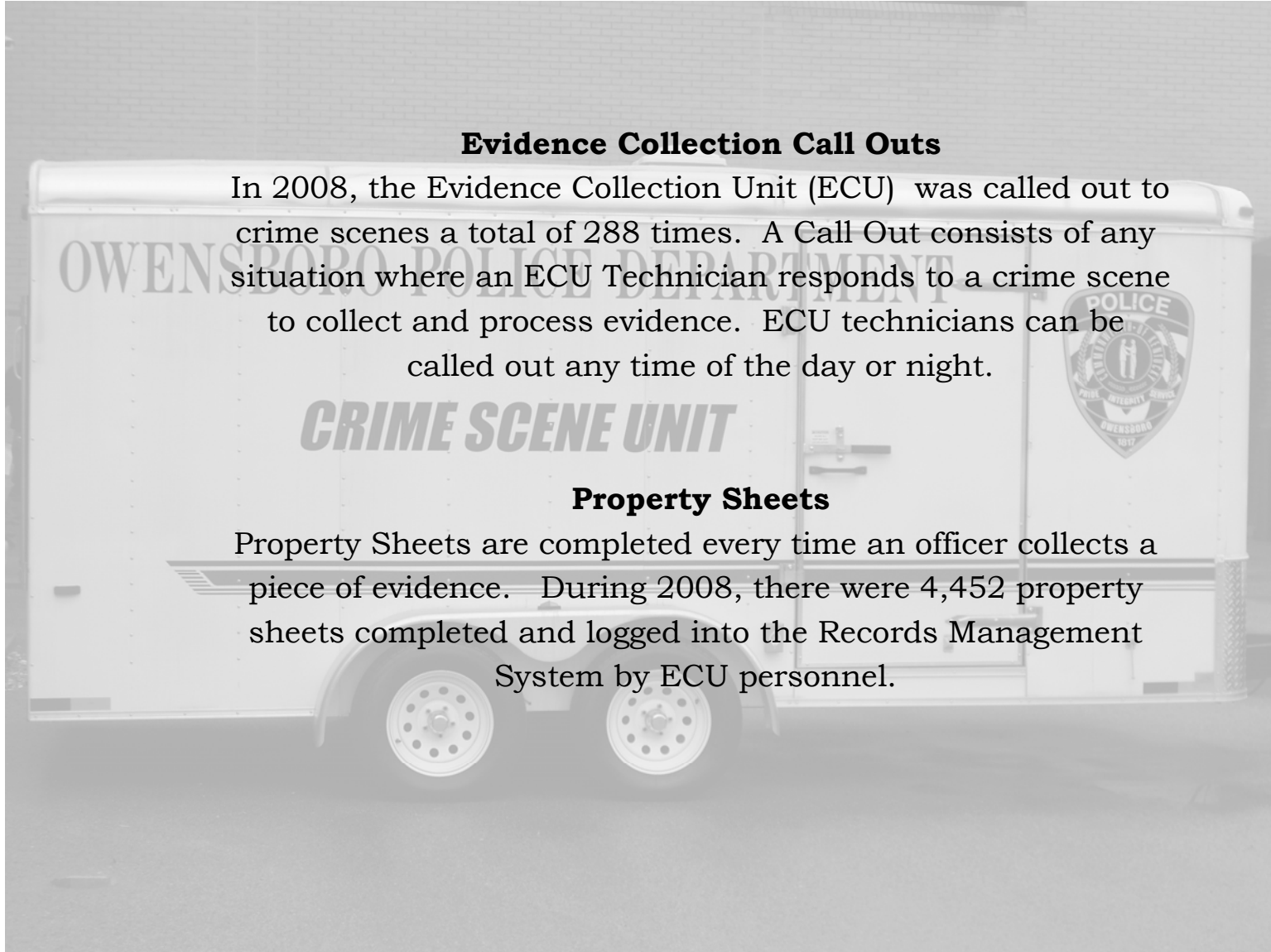
Evidence Collection Unit

Evidence Collection Call Outs

In 2008, the Evidence Collection Unit (ECU) was called out to crime scenes a total of 288 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 2008, there were 4,452 property sheets completed and logged into the Records Management System by ECU personnel.



Support Services

Evidence Collection Unit

Drug Cases

The ECU processed 362 drug cases in 2008. 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 2008, the ECU opened 65 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 2008, ECU submitted 62 cases to AFIS.

Evidence Collection		
Category	Year	
	2008	2007
Call Outs	288	221
Property Sheets	4,452	3,203
ECU Cases	65	98
AFIS Cases	62	52

Support Services

Training Unit

In 2008 the Owensboro Police Department increased its number of training hours over previous years training, with the significant increase being In-house training. This is in part because of training needs accomplished by instructors within the department as well as the continued training of recruits who have graduated the academy riding with their Police Training Officer. Another large increase in training hours was for the Department of Criminal Justice Training conducted in Owensboro. OPD hosted eight 40 hours in-service classes (2 more than in 2007). These classes brought up to 215 officers from all over the state to Owensboro at different times throughout the year, generating funds to Owensboro's economy.

Significant highlights for OPD's training unit were:

- The ability to host a Hostage & Crisis Negotiations course, which was accomplished because of cooperation and coordination of OPD officers and civilian staff in utilization of departmental resources, such as the Community Room.

- In terms of increased training was that it did not result in increased overtime; in fact, overtime decreased substantially in 2008. The successful decrease in training cost can be attributed to the following: 1) Field Services Division establishing training days to increase officer availability during normal duty hours; 2) Support Services Division aligning training in correlation with officer availability.

The OPD Training Unit believes that by bringing in more outside agencies to train in our community, decreasing our need to leave Owensboro for training, and continuing to find ways to save money, while conducting this training, 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)	96/144	3,840/5,760
DOCJT (Out of Town)	24/NA	4,856/NA
In House Training ¹	110/22	9,554/88
Emergency Response Team	15/16	2,424/128
Hazardous Devise Unit	3/73	598/478
Krav Maga	90/NA	976/NA
Crisis Negotiation Team	4/0	24/0
Specialized Training	19/36	448/864
Roll Call Training	110/NA	275/NA
TOTAL	471/291²	22,995/7,318



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 Records Manager (Mrs. Cora Daniels), four Clerk-Typists (Kellye Nading, Stacy Todd-Smith, Kim Quinn, and Karen Yocum), and Volunteer Mr. Dave Linder. The Records Unit is responsible for processing, arranging, indexing, and filing 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 and 2008 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 16,060 copies of reports to the general public in 2008 and provided countless documents to others in the law enforcement community. During 2009, 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 2008, the Police Department received \$677,825 in grant funds, with the City contributing \$12,624 to the projects.

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

2008 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



The OPD Hazardous Device Unit (HDU) was called into service 10 times in 2008. 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.

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.

BOMB



SQUAD



K-9

The K-9 Unit has one officer and one K-9(Beatty) 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.

Recruits



Owensboro Police Department Recruit Class #395 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 Adjutant, Academic Achievement Award, Honor Code Representative, Squad Leader, Physical Fitness Award. Two recruits were members of the Flag Detail.

Promotions



To Major

Maj. Art Ealum

Effective Date

11/3/08

To Lieutenant

Sergeant Doug Esther

1/13/08

Sergeant Tim Clothier

4/20/08

Sergeant Gordon Black

5/11/08

To Sergeant

Officer George Ballard

3/9/08

Officer Ed Krahwinkel

3/9/08

Officer David Powell

5/11/08

Officer Brooke Borregard

6/22/08

Officer Randall Foster

12/7/08



2008 Annual Awards Banquet

Officer of the Year



The **Officer of the Year** for 2008 was presented to Officer Mike Staples for exemplary service while serving with Patrol Section B. Officer Staples has served the Owensboro Police Department for six years. He projects self-confidence and works well in cooperating with others for the benefit of the Owensboro Community. He demonstrates distinguished performance as a Police Training Officer and Evidence Collection Technician.

In March 2008, he investigated two separate cases that resulted in solving over twenty acts of vandalism and three felony theft cases. He exemplified a strong commitment to excellence and the willingness to go above and beyond to ensure offenders are held to account. Officer Staples' professionalism, integrity, and commitment to excellence reflect great credit upon himself and the Owensboro Police Department.

Telecommunicator of the Year



The **Telecommunicator of the Year** is awarded by the Chief of Police for an exceptionally high degree of dedication and professionalism by a telecommunicator that shows a continuing commitment to the department, and sets worthwhile standards for others to follow.

The Telecommunicator for 2008 was presented to Ms. Branda Booker. As a telecommunicator with the Owensboro Police Department Public Safety Communications, Ms. Booker consistently goes above and beyond her assigned duties to assist officers in the field. She understands what information will be helpful in various kinds of cases and begins gathering this information before being asked to do so.

2008 Awards Banquet



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:

Lt. Gordon Black
Lt. Kevin Smith
Sgt. Randall Boling
Sgt. Richard Glenn
Sgt. Lorhn Frazier
Sgt. Ed Krahwinkel
Sgt. David Powell
Det. Nathan Godeke
Det. Troy Gossett
Det. Tim McClellan
Det. Steve Smith
Det. Mike Walker
Det. Wechtenhiser
Det. C. Yerington
Ofc. Josh Alsip
Ofc. Greg Baxter
Ofc. Billy Bradshaw
Ofc. Jeff Burnett
Ofc. Jamie Crowe
Ofc. Tommy Ferry
Ofc. Jason Goddard
Ofc. Duane Harper
Ofc. A. Howard
Ofc. John Johnson
Ofc. Rick Latanzio
Ofc. Art Maglinger

Ofc. J. McKinney
Ofc. Steve Morgan
Ofc. J. Mulligan
Ofc. Mike Nichols
Ofc. Mike Page
Ofc. Brandon Rose
Ofc. Andrew Rush
Ofc. Travis Shelton
Ofc. Mike Staples
Ofc. Heath Stokes
Ofc. J.D. Wargel
Ofc. J.D. Winkler
Ofc. B. Youngman

Dispatchers:
Branda Booker
Neal Ann Keelin
Barbara Neal
John Page



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. George Ballard, Det. Fred Coomes,
Det. Mike Walker, Ofc. Ed Champion,
Ofc. Mark Powers, Ofc. Mike Staples, and
Ofc. Brandon Sims



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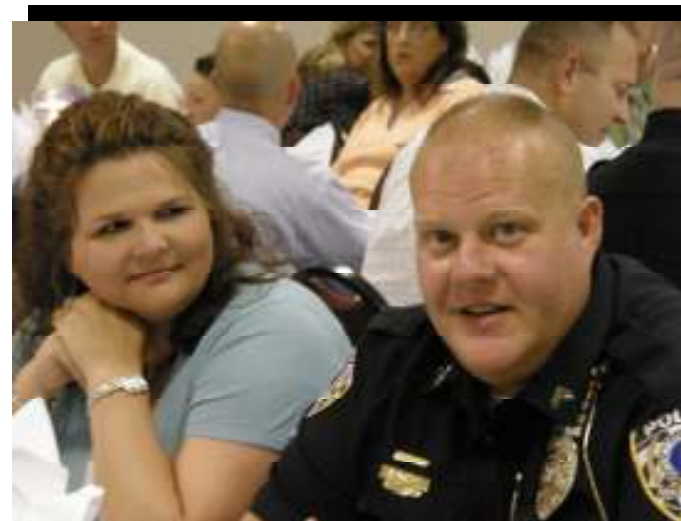


Civilian Service Award

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:

Dr. Paula Gastenveld and Mrs. Paula Yevincy



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. Jamie Crowe, Ofc. Randall Foster,
Ofc. Aaron Hamilton and Ofc. Jason McKinney



2008 Awards Banquet

Command Citation

Awarded for a credible act in the line of duty by the officer, for an act that showed initiative, innovation, and accomplishment by the officer. The recipients of the award are:

Lt. Tim Clothier, Det. Brooke Borregard, Det. Rick Latanzio, Det. Jeff Roby, Det. Chris Watkins, Ofc. Josh Alsip, Ofc. Aaron Hamilton, Ofc. Andrew Rush, Ofc. Mike Staples, Ofc. Loren Yonts, Telecommunicator Joan Meadows, KSP Trooper Matt Conley



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:

Det. S. Wechtenhiser
Ofc. Marian Cosgrove
Ofc. Art Maglinger
Ofc. Mike Nichols
Ofc. Jeff Roby

Retirements

Name	Date	Yrs. Of Service
Lt. James Parham	05-01-2008	20 yrs.
Sgt. Connie Chapman	05-01-2008	30 yrs
Sgt. Tim Mitchell	02-29-2008	21 yrs.
Sgt. Joe Moran	08-31-2008	20 yrs.
Ofc. Brian Osborne	03-01-2008	20 yrs.
Tele. Jan Turner	05-31-2008	14 yrs.
Tele. Alana Esther	07-31-2008	20 yrs.
Jim Greenland	05-31-2008	7 yrs.



2008 HIGHLIGHTS

CAMP KOPS



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

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.

POLICE AWARENESS DAY



Right: Officers with the Bomb Unit demonstrate the Bomb Robot for citizens that attended the 2008 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 2008, 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 2008 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.



COPS & LOBSTERS

OPD officers help to raise over \$3,000 in 2008 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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