

OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2011



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A Message from the Chief of Police

What is true across the nation is also true in Owensboro, Kentucky. No government function is more central to public safety and at the same time, subject to more scrutiny than law enforcement. Police organizations are a mirror of our societies. Due to the advancements in technology, global terrorism, illegal drug labs, Internet, and home computers, individual citizens in our community no longer enjoy a veil of protection formerly believed to exist in small rural communities. Unfortunately, all citizens are potential victims of sophisticated international monetary frauds, schemes that victimize the elderly, exposure of our children to sexual predators, and dangerous neighborhood drug labs. Citizens expect the government to maintain domestic peace and order in a manner which is lawful, professional, and respectful of individual rights. In order to meet these expectations, the government must ensure those individuals it empowers as law enforcement officers are equipped with the latest technology. They must be fully trained and educated and have the skills and knowledge necessary for effective and safe enforcement of the law and are prepared to do so in a just and proper manner.

The City of Owensboro and its police department take this responsibility seriously, realizing the credibility of government itself is seriously affected by how well the law enforcement function is carried out. Today, more than at any time in the history of law enforcement, police departments are being asked to do more with less. The ability to use resources more efficiently has become absolutely essential under current budgetary restrictions.

It is through the unwavering commitment, dedication, prevailing attitude, and professionalism of each member of the Owensboro Police Department that we are able to meet all challenges and achieve excellence. The men and women of the Owensboro Police Department who have chosen a life of service to others are second to none! I would like to thank all employees and family members of the Owensboro Police Department for their sacrifices and I look forward to meeting all challenges and opportunities in 2012 as we MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER!





Chief of Police

Owensboro Police Department

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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 do without being asked and do more than would be asked.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Owensboro Police Department is to work in a true partnership with the community, to enhance the quality of life in our city, while maintaining order and protecting the people we serve by reducing incidences 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 deliver to the public, high quality service, which is fair, courteous, responsive and efficient. We recognize the need to involve the community in creating a secure and safe environment.

COMPETENCE

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

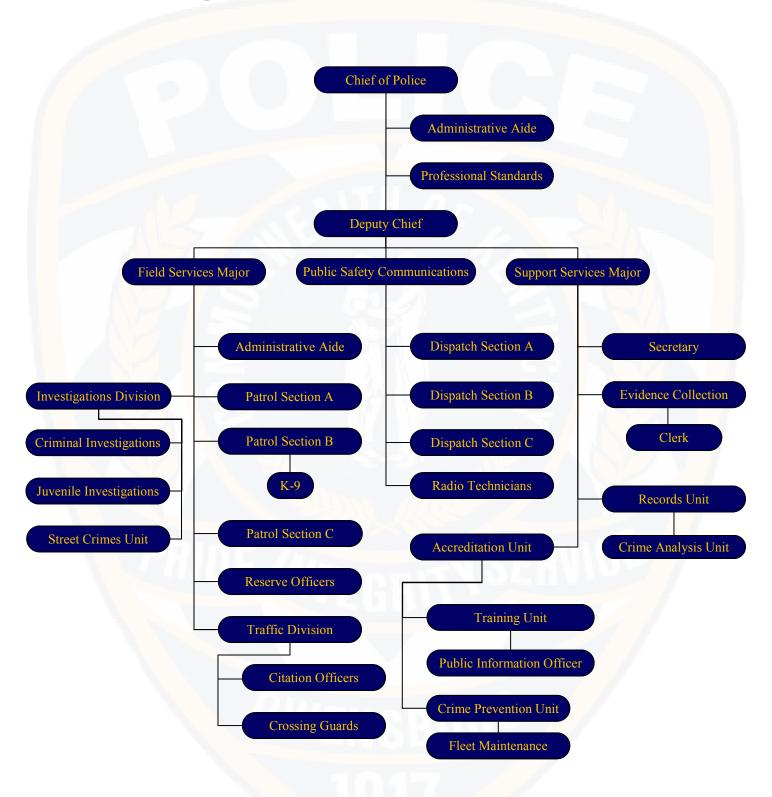
RESPONSIBILTY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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

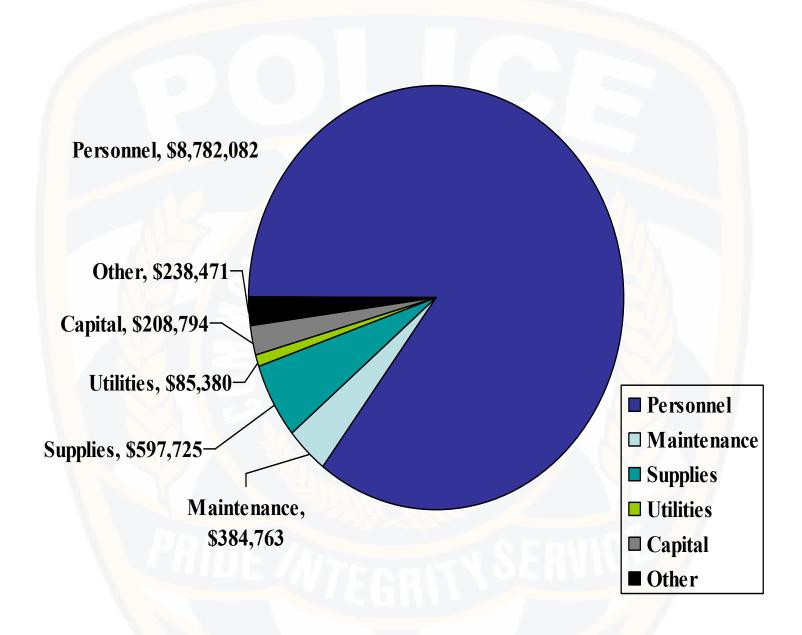
RESPECT FOR COWORKERS

We maintain a workplace environment based on mutual respect, which reflects an appreciation of the unique qualities of each individual who contributes to the overall good of our team.

2011 Organizational Chart



2011-2012 Budget



Budget Total by Division								
Administration	Radio	Investigation	Patrol	Support Services	Total			
\$1,554,458.00	\$187,673.00	\$1,367,233.00	\$5,785,729.00	\$1,402,122.00	\$10,297,215.00			
	Central Dispatch		\$1,349,	392.00 (not reflect	ted above)			

Demographics Sworn Personnel

Years of S	Years of Service by Rank								
Years	Chief	Lt. Colonel	Major	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Officer	Total		
0-4	1	1	2	6	8	33	57		
5-9	0	0	0	0	3	26	29		
10-14	0	0	0	0	0	9	9		
15-19	0	0	0	0	1	8	9		
20+	0	0	0	0	0	9	3		
Total	1	1	2	6	12	85	107		

Officers by Gender & Race							
Gender	Caucasian	African American	Hispanic	Total			
Male	98	5	1	104			
Female	3	0	0	3			
Total	101	5	1	107			

Officers by	y Age						
Years	Chief	Lt. Colonel	Major	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Officer	Total
21-24	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
25-29	0	0	0	0	0	14	14
30-34	0	0	0	0	3	20	23
35-39	0	0	0	2	2	17	21
40-44	1	1	1	4	2	7	16
45-49	0	0	1	0	1	14	16
Over 50	0	0	0	0	4	8	12
Total	1	1	2	6	12	85	107

Demographics Non-Sworn Personnel

Members by Age									
Age	19-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55 & Over	Total
# of Employees	5	6	8	4	6	8	4	6	47

Years of Service								
Years	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 & Over	Total
# of Employees	31	6	8	0	1	0	1	47

Members by Gender & Race							
Gender	Caucasian	African American	Total				
Male	15	0	15				
Female	30	2	32				
Total	45	2	47				





Professional Standards Unit

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 2011, the PSU conducted a total of 28 administrative investigations. There were 7 external complaints (complaints originating from the public) and 21 internal complaints (complaints originating from within the department). The 28 complaints resulted in 46 administrative violations by officers stemming from 15 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.

Administrative Violations					
Abuse of Position	0				
Discourtesy	1				
False Statements	0				
Improper Use of Firearms	0				
Improper Use of Force	0				
Improper Vehicle Operations	5				
Unbecoming Conduct	15				
Obedience to Rules, Regulations of Laws	12				
Unsatisfactory Performance	13				
Total	46				

PSU Administrative Investigations					
Year	Number of Investigations				
2011	28				
2010	34				
2009	35				
2008	27				
2007	<mark>36</mark>				
2006	44				
Total	204				

2011 Final Dispositions								
Unfounded	Not Sustained	Exonerated	Sustained	Closed without Findings	Total			
(0%)	(14.3%)	(28.6%)	(53.6%)	(3.5%)	(100%)			
0	4	8	15	1	28			

Professional Standards Unit

Use of Force

Corrective Actions for Professional Standards Investigations					
Counseling Statement	11				
Written Warning	2				
Written Reprimand	8				
Suspension	1				
Termination	2				
Total	24				

Use of Force Reports by Race/Ethnicity/Gender					
Caucasian	65.6%				
African American	30.1%				
Hispanic	3.2%				
Asian	1.1%				
Male	79.6%				
Female	20.4%				

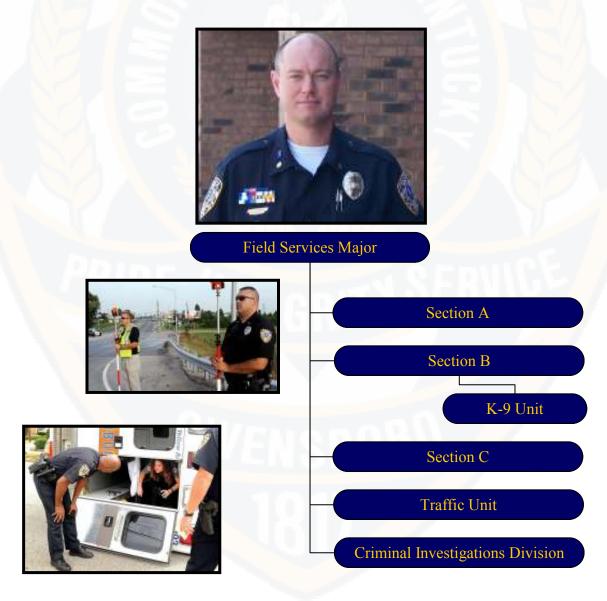
The Owensboro Police Department responded to 39,004 calls for service, conducted 1,384 follow-up investigations and conducted 11,687 traffic stops in 2011. The traceable contacts by officers of the OPD with citizens of the community totaled 52,025. From that total, there were a total of 83 Use of Force reports filed by officers during 2011 where force was used to affect the arrest and detention of 93 subjects. This translates to police officers utilizing force to affect an arrest in .17% of all police contacts with citizens or 1 use of force incident for every 559 contacts with citizens. From the total reported Use of Force incidents, there were 29 incidents where the suspect was injured, and 14 incidents where the officer was injured.

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 2011, patrol officers responded to 39,004 calls for service. The men and women of the Patrol Division have embraced the motto "Pride, Integrity, Service" which embodies the professionalism, dedication, and spirit of all members of the Owensboro Police Department. These officers are committed to ensuring Owensboro remains a safe place to live, work, and play.



Part I Crime Statistics

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) contains official data on 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 2011. The preceding years are listed for comparison purposes.

Part I Crimes							
Category	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	Average
Criminal Homicide	2	2	1, -	2	0	3	2
Forcible Rape	37	28	29	19	22	20	26
Robbery	33	26	33	36	43	35	34
Assault (Aggravated)	48	45	44	66	79	84	61
Burglary	487	367	416	359	362	443	406
Larceny	1,779	1,822	1,729	1,712	1,847	1,637	1,754
Arson	5	12	4	4	5	14	7
Motor Vehicle Theft	83	81	90	67	73	62	76



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.

Selected Part II Crimes					
Charges	Count				
Assaults (simple)	828				
Forgery & Counterfeiting	44				
Stolen Property (receiving, possessing)	122				
Vandalism	752				
Weapons (carrying, possessing)	45				
Prostitution & Commercialized Vice	1				
Sex Offenses (excluding rape)	38				
Drug Abuse Violations	1,310				







Part II Crime Statistics

Selected Part II Crimes					
Charges	Count				
Gambling	0				
Offenses Against Family & Children	420				
Driving Under the Influence	459				
Liquor Laws	98				
Drunkenness	550				
Disorderly Conduct	265				
Runaways	12				
Fraud	122				
Total	5,066				







Field Services Division

Traffic Unit



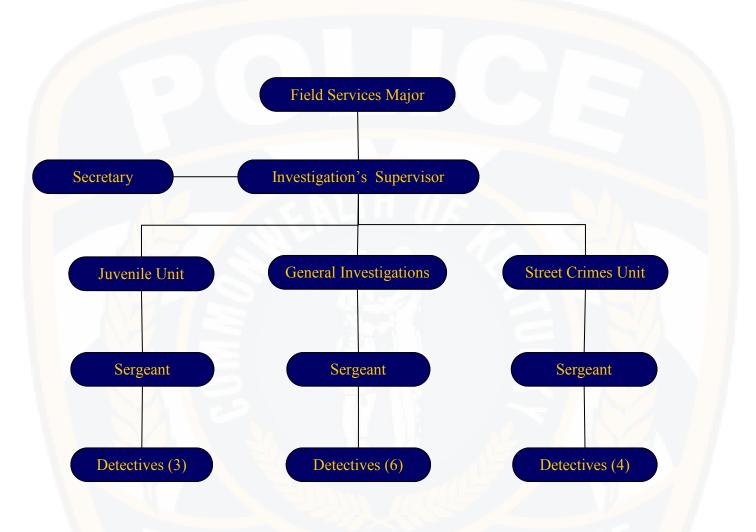
The primary function of the Traffic Unit is the strict enforcement of traffic laws. Other responsibilities include traffic control for special events, and providing escort service for dignitaries and funerals. Also, the Traffic Unit manages the Federal Highway Safety Grant. The Traffic Unit is staffed with one supervisor, two sworn officers, one civilian citation officer and seven school crossing guards.

Traffic officers also attempt to deter accidents through proactive enforcement techniques such as police radar, selective enforcement and state mobilizations. 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 2011, officers assigned to the Traffic Unit responded to 1,461 calls for service and charged a total of 1,608 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 475 citations for law violations. This includes 1 arrest for impaired driving, 230 citations for failure to wear seat belts, 3 citations for no child restraint in use, and 241 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 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 Division

General Investigations Division





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 2011, members of the General Investigations Division were assigned 1,049 cases involving Part I crimes and 856 misdemeanor cases.

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

A case is considered cleared 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).





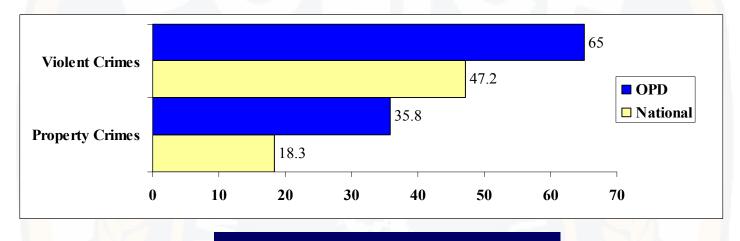


Part I Crime Statistics

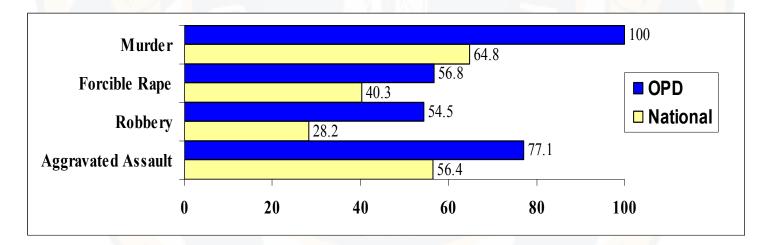
Clearance Rate Comparison

Clearance Figures

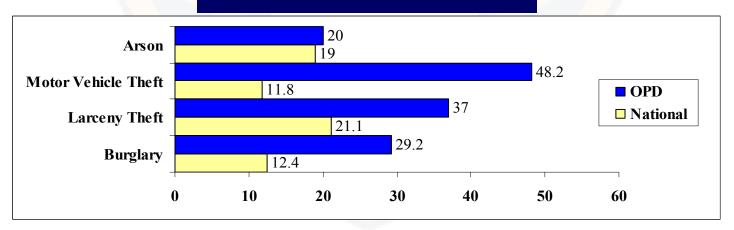
Percent comparison of Crimes Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means



Violent Crimes



Property Crimes



Part I Crime Statistics

Clearance Rate Comparison

OPD Violent Crime Clearance Rate 65.0%				Nation	al Property	/ Crime Clear	ance Rate	35.8%		
Geographic Region	Murder	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Violent Crimes	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson	Property Crimes
National ¹	64.8%	40.3%	28.2%	56.4%	47.2%	12.4%	21.1%	11.8%	19.0%	18.3%
South Region ¹	70.1%	45.7%	29.7%	57.4%	49.3%	13.0%	21.3%	14.5%	21.1%	18.7%
Group III Cities ¹ (50,000-99,999 pop)	67.8%	37.1%	30.1%	57.2%	47.6%	12.6%	23.4%	11.2%	19.2%	20.0%
Kentucky ¹	67.0%	52.0%	31.0%	62.0%	50.4%	15.0%	24.0%	17.0%	23.0%	21.5%
Owensboro Police Department ²	100.0%	56.8%	54.5%	77.1%	65.0%	29.2%	37.0%	48.2%	20.0%	35.8%
Nat	ional Viole	ent Crime C	learance Ra	ite 47.2%		Nationa	al Property	Crimes Clea	rance Rate	18.3%
OPD vs. Regions	Murder	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Violent Crimes	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson	Property Crimes
OPD vs. National	35.2%	16.5%	26.3%	20.7%	17.8%	16.8%	15.9%	36.4%	1.0%	17.5%
OPD vs. Regional	29.9%	11.1%	24.8%	19.7%	15.7%	16.2%	15.7%	33.7%	-1.1%	17.1%
OPD vs. Kentucky	33.0%	4.8%	23.5%	15.1%	14.6%	14.2%	13.0%	31.2%	-3.0%	14.3%
OPD vs. Group III Cities	32.2%	19.7%	24.4%	19.9%	17.4%	16.6%	13.6%	37.0%	0.8%	15.8%
		Compare 3	2.5%				C	ompare 18.89	%	

¹ Based on 2010 F.B.I. Crime Report (most recent)

² Based on 2011 O.P.D. Clearance Rates

Criminal Investigations Division

Street Crimes Unit

The Street Crimes Unit is a major asset for the Owensboro Police Department in the 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 2011.

et Crimes Drug Sei	zures By Month		
Month	Marijuana	Cocaine	Meth
January	310 g	17.2 g	7.9 g
February	893.4 g	4 g	4.1 g
March	1309.4 g	20.7 g	39.1 g
April	609.9 g	106.3 g	43.31 g
May	235 g	94.2 g	14.2 g
June	341.7 g	11 g	67.8 g
July	221.05	3.5 g	1364.8 g
August	114.8 g	27.6 g	592.3 g
September	169.77 g	119 g	8.13 g
October	113 g	3.4 g	20.4 g
November	495.62 g	.5 g	62 g
December	226.65 g	131 g	12.1 g
Totals (in grams)	5040.29 g	538.4 g	2236.14 g
Totals (in pounds)	11.11 lbs	1.19 lbs	4.93 lbs

Criminal Investigations Division Street Crimes Unit

treet Crimes Seizures		
Item	2011	2010
Arrests	335	338
Charges	821	850
Meth Labs	42	29
Vehicles Seized	32	48
Cash Seized	\$71,361.00	\$62,518.14
Guns Seized	40	37
Marijuana	11.11 lbs	82.42 lbs
Cocaine & Meth	6.11 lbs	2.17 lbs
Heroin	0 grams	0 grams



Criminal Investigations Division

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)					
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Category	2011	2010	Net Chg	% Chg	
Aggravated Assault	4	5	-1	-20.00%	
Murder	0	0	0	0.00%	
Rape	1	0	1	100.00%	
Robbery	SıF	6	-5	-83.33%	
Arson	4	2	2	100.00%	
Auto Theft	4	6	-2	-33.33%	
Burglary	7	18	-11	-61.11%	
Theft (except Auto)	143	147	-4	-2.72%	
Total	164	184	-20	-10.87%	

Criminal Investigations Division

Juvenile Unit Selected Part II Crime Statistics

Selected Part II Crimes (Juvenile Offenders)							
Category	2011	2010	Net Chg	% Chg			
Assault (Misdemeanor)	89	88	1	1.14%			
Domestic Violence	34	36	-2	-5.56%			
Disorderly Conduct	51	45	6	13.33%			
Drunkenness	27	24	3	12.50%			
DUI	3	4	-1	-25.00%			
Forgery/Fraud	1	0	1	100.00%			
Habitual Runaways	34	19	15	78.95%			
Narcotics	97	79	18	22.78%			
Receiving Stolen Property	27	35	-8	-22.86%			
Sex Offenses (except rape)	9	4	5	125.00%			
Vandalism	22	53	-31	-58.49%			
Weapons	6	1	5	500.00%			
All Other Offenses	233	350	-117	-33.43%			
Total Charges	633	738	-105	-14.23%			

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.

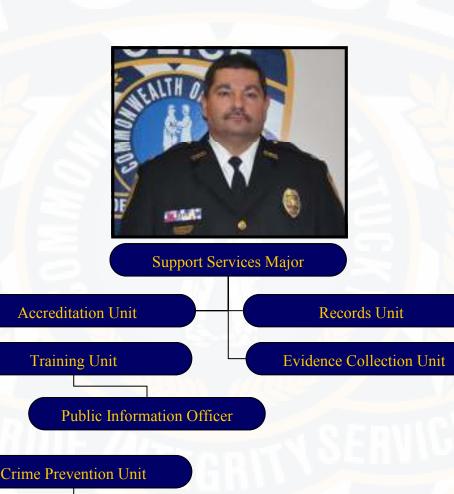
Criminal Investigations Division Juvenile Unit

Other Areas of Interest						
Area	2011	2010	Net Change ('11 vs. '10)			
Field Interviews	184	174	10			
Missing Person	73	85	-12			
Abuse/Neglect (Juvenile Victim)	102	68	+34			

Offenders by	Sex		
Sex	2011	2010	Net Change ('11 vs. '10)
Male	538	558	-20
Female	225	278	-53



The Support Services Division provides services that support the Patrol functions of the Owensboro Police Department. The Support Services Division is commanded by Major Brock Peterson. The division consists of six smaller units including: Crime Prevention, Evidence Collection, Training, Records, Accreditation, Public Information, and Fleet Maintenance.







Fleet Maintenance



Evidence Collection Unit







Evidence Collection Call Outs

In 2011, the Evidence Collection Unit (ECU) was called out to 91 crime scenes. 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.

Latent Fingerprint Examiner

In 2011, the Evidence Collection Unit contracted with Mr. Sam Durrett to serve as the department's in-house certified latent print examiner. The majority of the 360 fingerprint items collected during 2011 were analyzed at OPD by Mr. Durrett, as opposed to sending them to the fingerprint lab in Frankfort. This greatly reduced the time that investigators had to wait for results of fingerprint examinations.

Drug Cases

The ECU processed 757 drug cases in 2011. ECU Technicians are responsible for logging the drug, verifying the drug, weighing, and typing the lab report that is sent to the state crime lab in Madisonville, KY.

Evidence Collection Unit					
Category	2011				
Call Outs	91				
Property Items	8 <mark>,58</mark> 5				
ECU Cases	2,532				
Total Items Sent to Lab	1,104				

Opened Automated Fingerprint Identification System Cases (AFIS) The ECU is responsible for submitting all fingerprints that have

been collected in criminal cases to AFIS.



An open ECU case consists of anything that involves evidence which was 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 2011, the ECU handled 8,585 total property items.



Owensboro-Daviess County Central Dispatch



The Owensboro Daviess County 911 Center 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 provide emergency responders with the critical information necessary 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).



Computer Aided Dispatch				
Calls Dispatched To	# Count			
Owensboro Police Department	57,115			
Daviess County Sheriff's Office	17,365			
Hancock County Sheriff's Office	53			
Henderson County Sheriff's Office	78			
McLean County Sheriff's Office	68			
Ohio County Sheriff's Office	93			
Spencer County (IN) Sheriff's Office	300			
Kentucky State Police	1,522			
Owensboro Fire Department	6,443			
Ambulance Service	9,220			
Other Services	553			
Non-Dispatched Calls	40,970			
Total	133,780			

Owensboro-Daviess County Central Dispatch

Public Safety Telecommunicators are often the first point of contact for the thousands of people 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 or cellular phones. Such unintended 9-1-1 calls can ultimately interfere with first responders being dispatched to true emergencies, as it takes several minutes to confirm these 9-1-1 calls are unintended calls.

Communication Transactions				
Transaction	2011	2010		
LINK/NCIC	302,404	154,370		
Warrants Served	2,245	2,302		
Total	304,649	156,672		

Due to a state-wide initiative, warrants are no longer maintained in Central Dispatch. Now, all warrants issued from the court system are signed electronically by a judge, and automatically entered into a state-wide database called "E-Warrants." This allows officers from across the state to have access to all warrants, eliminating the need to call different jurisdictions to check the warrant status of an individual.

When a warrant is found in the database, an officer can retrieve it directly from the E-Warrant database. No longer will Central Dispatch have to enter new warrants, and maintain the thousands of warrants once on file. We will continue to follow our Vision Statement and improve our services and increase our efficiency integrating the newest technology available.

Call Volume					
Call Type	# of Calls 2011	# of Calls 2010			
Administrative Call (incoming)	122,700	124,800			
9-1-1 Cellular Phone Calls (incoming)	43,089	33,144			
9-1-1 Landline Phone Calls	10,425	12,240			
Total	176,214	170,184			

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 technique. 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; however, they still provide services to the community throughout the year. During 2011, Crime Prevention officers made over 100 public speaking engagements, gave over 25 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.









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 can 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, workplace violence prevention, and fraud prevention for seniors.





Project ChildSafe is a nationwide program whose purpose is to promote safe firearms handling and storage practices among all firearms owners through the distribution of key safety education

messages and free gun locking devices (safety kits).

In 2011, OPD distributed 450 gun locks to safety conscious citizens

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

Character Counts!

School Resource Officer Program

Residential Security Surveys

Business Security Surveys

Security House Watch

Bicycle Rider Program

Bicycle Recovery

Police Awareness Day

Training Unit

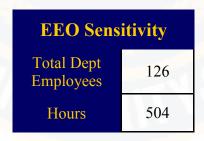


Support Staff				
Training				
Members	12			
Classes	4			
Hours	120			



Telecommunications					
Type of Training					
	Recertification				
Telecommunicators	27	9			
Classes	28	2			
Hours	685	52			







The Training Unit at the Owensboro Police Department (OPD) strived to provide the best possible training for our agency, while being fiscally responsible during the year 2011. The Training Unit in conjunction with the Department of Criminal Justice Training scheduled nine in-service classes at OPD. In addition, the Training Unit assisted with five Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) training courses that OPD instructors conducted. One officer completed the 11 week academy at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) located at Quantico, Va. House Bill 463 training was conducted by the County Attorney's office and physically attended by 85 officers.

In addition, OPD officers were offered 714 hours of training during their daily roll call sessions. Other course delivery methods include classroom attendance, online courses, video presentations, and the use of printed materials. Obtaining the best training possible for our department, while ensuring fiscal accountability is the commitment of the OPD Training Unit and proves that OPD is "Community Owned and Operated."

Training Unit

Training Schedule							
	Type of Training						
	In-Service Total	Held at OPD	DOCJT Richmond	Other Locations	Online	Certifications	Recertifications
Officers	104	99	29	13	75	80	74
Classes	58	11	32	7	12	18	10
Hours	7,439	3,608	3,290	376	213	490	310











Specialized Training							
Type of Training							
	Emergency Response Team	Hazardous Device Unit	Crisis Negotiation	Accident Reconstruction			
Officers	13	2	7	5			
Hours	2,288	432	112	120			

Records Unit



The Records Unit staff is comprised of a Records Manager and three Clerk-Typists. Mrs. Cora Daniels is the Records Manager. Currently there are three Clerk-Typists: Karen Yocum, Sandra Meadows, and Kim Quinn.

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 grants for the police department. In 2011, the Police Department received grants totaling \$129,005.00 with the City of Owensboro contributing \$18,866.00

Support Services Division Records Unit

# Documents Entered		
Document Type	2011	2010
Accident Reports	3,038	2,952
Uniform Citations	17,714	16,948
Courtesy Tickets	4,685	6,591
Total	25,437	26,491



2011 Grant Awards			
Grant Type	Grant Award	Matched Contribution	Total Grant Amount
Bulletproof Vests	\$8,866	\$8,866	\$17,732
Highway Safety	\$47,280	\$0	\$47,280
Law Enforcement Service	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$40,000
Paul Coverdell Forensic Science	\$11,484	\$0	\$11,484
Law Enforcement Protection	\$12,509	\$0	\$12,509
Totals	\$110,139	\$18,8 66	\$129,005

Specialized Units







There comes a time when law enforcement officers need specialized help. The department utilizes the Emergency Response Team (ERT) when the situation calls for advanced or specialized techniques to be used. The team consists of specialty 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 15 times in 2011. 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.

Specialized Units







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



Recruits



During 2011, one lateral transfer officer was hired and three officers 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 they begin their solo patrol duties. While at the Police Academy, OPD recruits distinguished themselves by earning awards presented at the class graduation.

Officer Tommy Glass was presented Certificates of Recognition for Flag Detail and Special Projects Officer. He also received the Academic Achievement Award and Physical Fitness Excellence Award. Officer Christopher Hayes received a Certificate of Recognition for Squad Leader and also received the Firearms Proficiency Award.

Promotions



...do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support
the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and be faithful and true to
the Commonwealth of Kentucky so long as I continue a
citizen thereof, and that I will execute to the best of
my ability the office of...

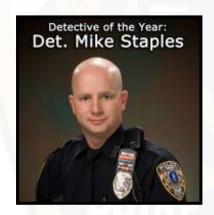
To Lieutenant	Effective Date
Lt. Brooke Borregard	01/12/2011
To Sergeant	
Sgt. Michael Walker	01/12/2011
Sgt. Jason Winkler	01/12/2011
Sgt. Brad Youngman	01/12/2011







The Officer of the Year for 2011 was presented to Officer Brad Martin. Officer Martin is awarded the Officer of the Year Award for both his professionalism on duty as well as his off duty involvement within the community. Over the past year, Officer Martin has taken on the role of acting supervisor in the Traffic Unit while maintaining his daily duties as a Traffic Unit officer. Officer Martin, in the face of change and increased responsibility, has demonstrated a very positive attitude and a "can do" approach to any situation serving as a role model for other officers to follow. Officer Martin displays the traits of honesty, integrity, and loyalty to the Owensboro Police Department and the Community he serves. As a result, he casts a positive image on the Police Department and our community.



The Detective of the Year for 2011 was presented to Detective Mike Staples. Detective Staples has an outstanding work ethic that is second to none. Detective Staples is always willing to go the extra mile with his investigations. He is very well respected by the citizens of Owensboro, his co-workers, the County Attorney, Commonwealth's Attorney and his supervisors. Detective Staples' superiors have received multiple compliments regarding Detective Staples' professionalism, work ethic, and his ability to work well with other law enforcement agencies.



The Telecommunicator of the Year for 2011 was presented to Ms. Marissa Matthews. Marissa distinguishes herself with her exceptional service and dedication to the operation of the Owensboro Daviess County Central Dispatch. She has been employed by the City since May of 2008. In a large organization, it is possible for issues to slip through the cracks because they are not consistently assigned to anyone for resolution, or because no one claims responsibility or authority for solving the problem. Marissa never lets the "not me" syndrome get in the way of excellent service. Regardless of whose job it is, she takes each challenge as her own responsibility and follows through until it is solved.

Unit Commendation Award

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

Recipients:

Lieutenant Chris Brown (2)

Sergeant Jeff Roby (2)

Sergeant J.D. Winkler (2)

Sergeant Brad Youngman (2)

Sergeant Richard Glenn (2)

Sergeant Randal Boling

Sergeant Mike Walker (2)

Detective Tim McClellan (2)

Detective Nathan Godeke (2)

Detective Heath Stokes (2)

Detective Michael Nichols (2)

Detective Jeff Payne (2)

Detective Kevin Kabalen (2)

Detective Troy Gossett (2)

Detective Brandon Sims (2)

Detective Michael Staples (2) Detective Courtney Yerington (2)

Telecommunicator Allyson Renfrow

Telecommunicator Kenneth Taylor

Telecommunicator Kristie Basham

Telecommunicator Tammie Harrington
Officer Jim Parham

Officer Ken Bennett
Officer Pat Isbill
Officer Mike Page
Officer Aaron Hamilton
Officer Phillip Walling

Officer Chris Burns Officer Eric Flory

Officer Scott Norris Officer Chris Green

Officer Ion Rob Iones

Officer Joe Bob Jones

Officer Ben Campbell Officer Loren Yonts

Officer Danny Knelson Officer Michael Hathaway Officer Steve Wechtenhiser

Officer Tristan Russelburg

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:

Sergeant Scott Steward Detective Nathan Godeke (2)







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:

Angel Williams Andrea Husk



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:

Eileen Payne with Resource Recycling John and Frannie Griffith 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:

Officer Pat Isbill
Officer James Green
Officer Eric Flory
Angie Hanley





Exceptional Service Award

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, devotion, or service to the public.

Recipients:

Officer Michael Hathaway
Officer Andrew Bell
Officer Aaron Hamilton
Officer Steve Martin
Officer Steve Morgan
K-9 Officer Bady
Detective Michael Staples



Chief's 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

Recipients:

Sergeant Jeff Roby
Sergeant Brad Youngman
Sergeant J.D. Winkler
Detective Mike Nichols
Detective Heath Stokes
Officer Mark Saffran
Sergeant David Powell
David Linder







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.

Recipients:

Detective Jason McKinney



2011 HIGHLIGHTS

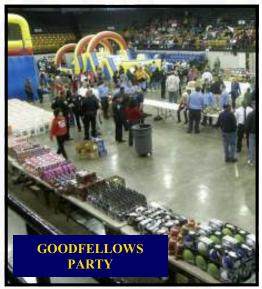


OMS-South students receive their certificates after graduating from 5th grade D.A.R.E. as OPD continues its commitment to keep the children of our community safe through education.



OPD officers participate in the 2011 Polar Bear Plunge to benefit the Kentucky Special Olympics.





Officers and OPD staff once again assist Santa in distributing toys on Christmas Eve.

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



2011 HIGHLIGHTS



The Owensboro Police Department conducted a pork burger fundraiser for the Child Advocacy Center.



Camp KOPS graduates show Officer Mike Roby how much they loved camp!!



Citizens enjoy free food, demonstrations and displays at Police Awareness Day 2011.

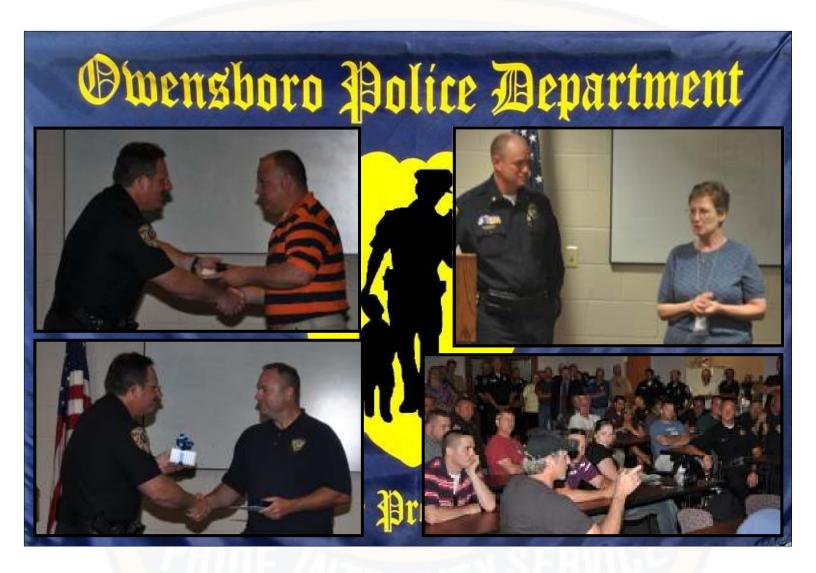


Riders prepare for the first annual bike ride with officers on a portion of the Adkisson Greenbelt Park's South Trail.



Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association volunteers serving at the Fall Citizens Academy graduation. This is just one of the many ways the CPAAA assists the Owensboro Police Department with various activities.

Retirements



Name	Date	Years of Service
Officer Duane Harper	05/29/2011	20 Years
Officer Ed Champion	5/31/2011	20 Years
Mrs. Cora Daniels	12/31/2011	12 Years

