

Annual Report of the Ogallala Police Department



2013

The flag on the front cover, along with the flag pole, were paid for with funds left to the Ogallala Police Department as part of a memorial for Jim Lovercheck, who passed away in 2013. The pole was built by Gary Bush and installed by members of the Ogallala Street Department.

Department Personnel

Administrators:

Chief of Police David Kling #410

Started August 1, 1994

Promoted to Sergeant

October 24, 1997

Promoted to Chief

November 20, 2005

Lieutenant Rod Kolsrud #413

Started May 16, 1988

Promoted to Lieutenant

July 19, 1992

Supervisors:

Sergeant Billy Davis #427

Started February 7, 1995

Promoted to Sergeant

April 4, 2000

Sergeant James Herman #424

Started October 30, 2000

Promoted to Sergeant

May 18, 2006

Administrative Secretary Christina Sigwing

Started September 24, 2012

Officers:

Code Officer Eric Troxel #421

Started August 12, 1994

Officer Tim Vance #428

Started February 16, 2004

Officer Tom Hudiburgh #422

Started December 13, 2004

Officer Bo Roberts #429

Started May 7, 2007

Officer Joshua Gallagher #426

Started May 19, 2008

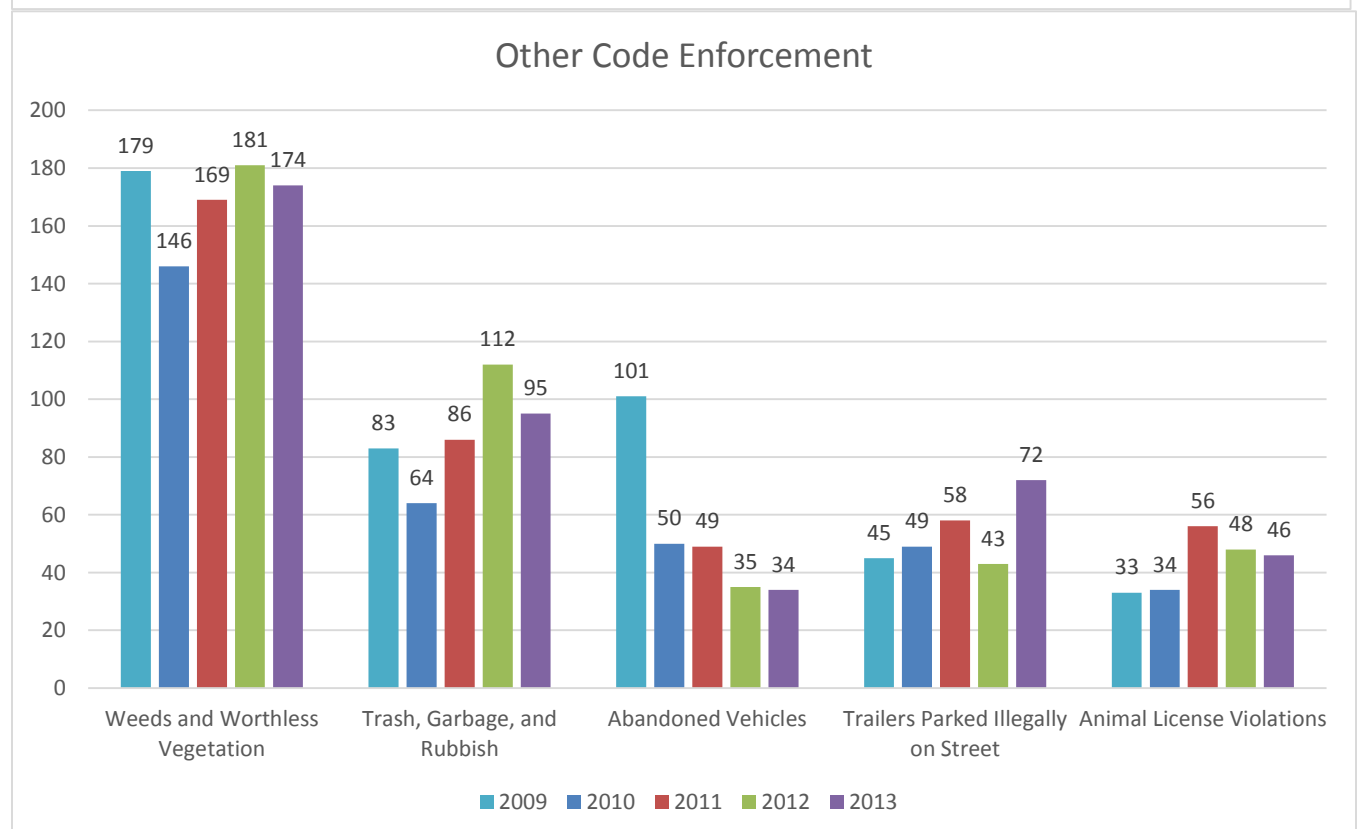
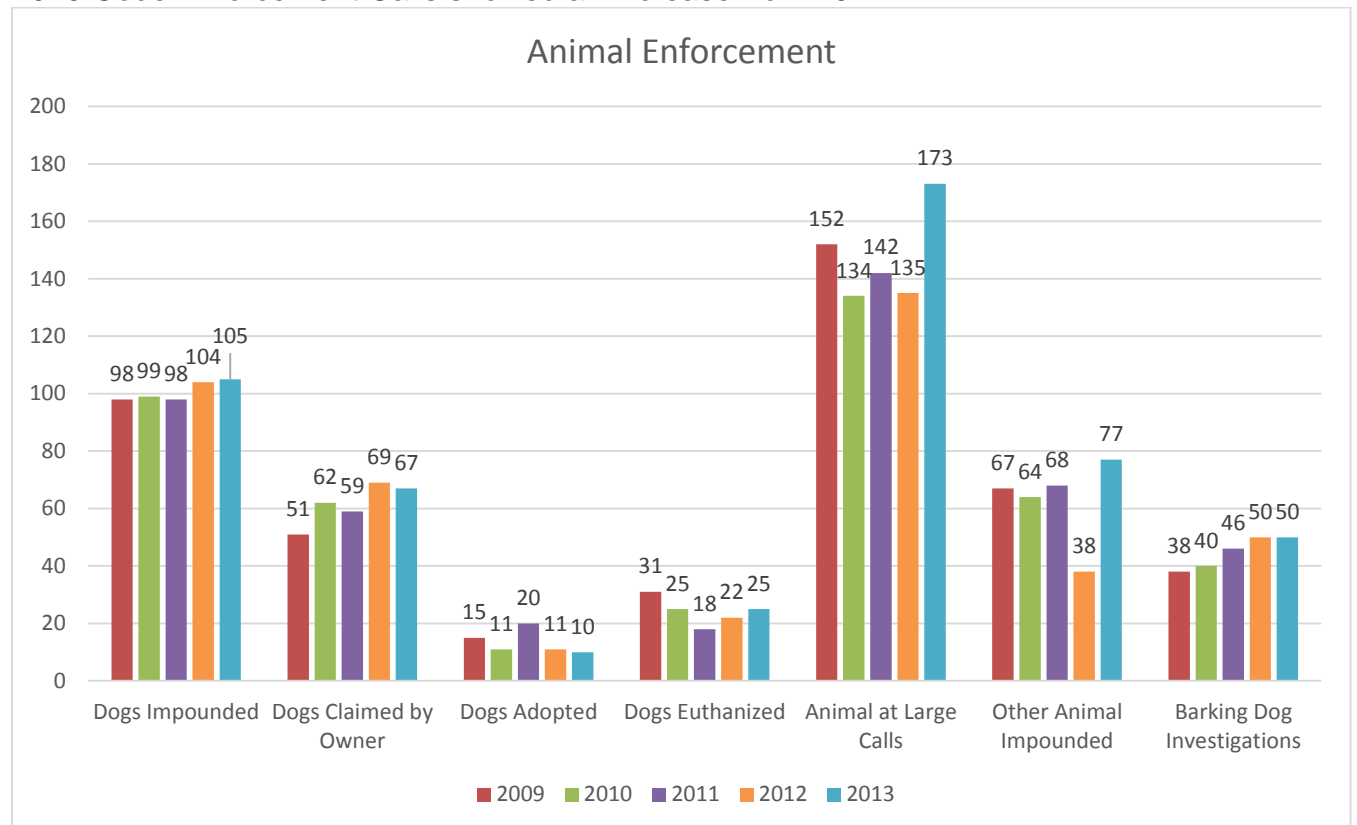
Officer Matt Elder #425

Started April 4, 2011

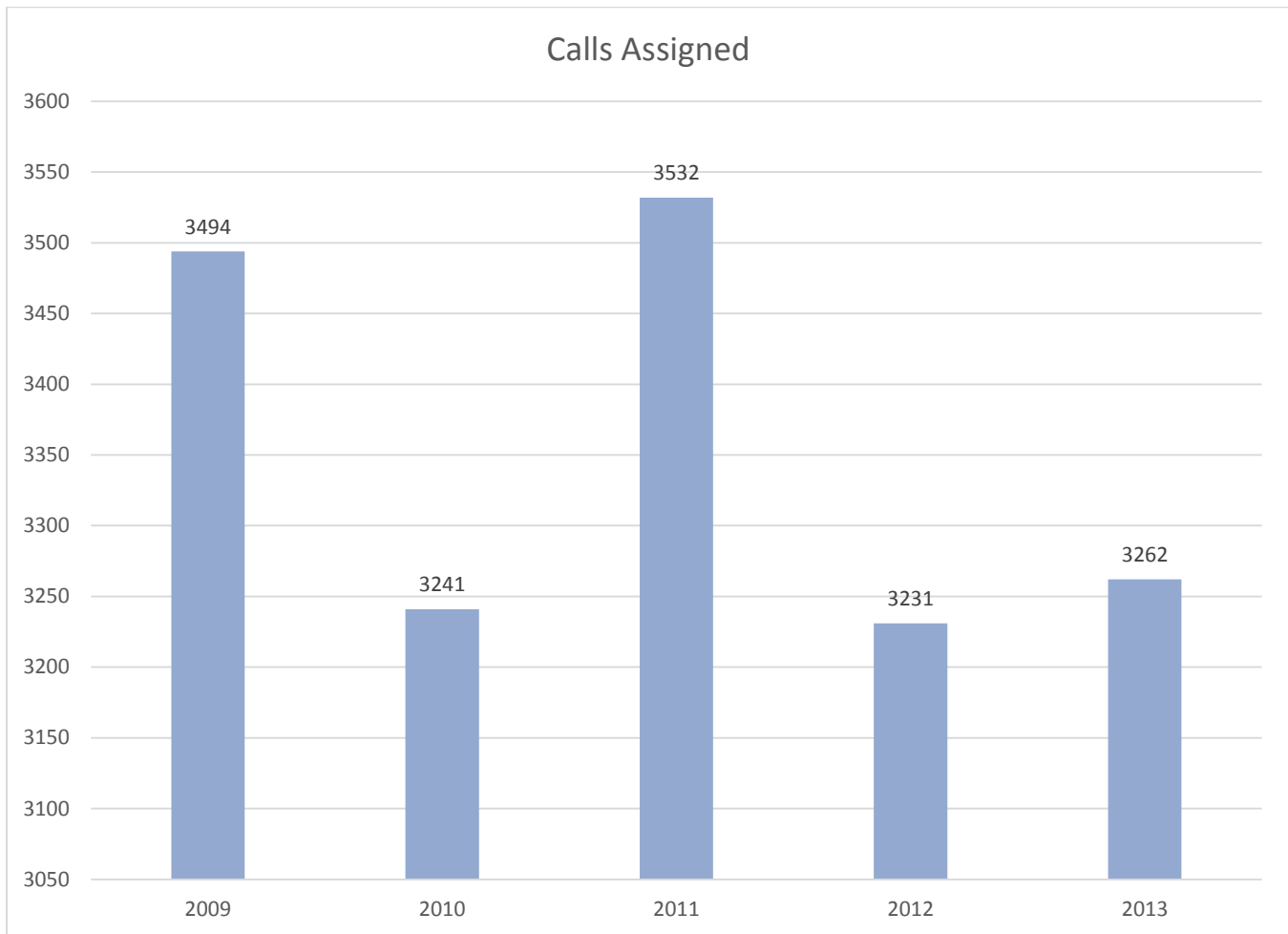
The department has an authorized strength of 10 certified officers and 1 civilian employee. There were no new hire's in 2013. The department's longtime canine, Uzi, retired at the beginning of the year.

Officers of the department belong to several local, state, and national organizations. Officers are members of The Board of Directors of The Police Chief's Association of Nebraska (PCAN), The Board of Directors of Keith County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), The Blue Knights, The Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA), The Nebraska Information Analysis Center (NIAC), The Cooperative Operation for Drug Enforcement (CODE) Task Force, The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), The Ogallala Youth Committee, Keith County Crimestoppers, Ogallala Board of Health, Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System (NCJIS), Police Officer's Association of Nebraska (POAN), Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), The Nebraska Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (NeLEIN), Nebraska Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors (NALEFI), Midwest Gang Investigators Association (MGIA), 4-H, Boys Scouts of America, Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center (MOCIC), The National Animal Control Association (NACA), Big Mac Sports Club, National Rifle Association (NRA) , and International Hunter Education Association (IHEA).

Code Enforcement: Officer Eric Troxel is the Code Officer for Ogallala. His main responsibilities pertain to Animals, Health and Sanitation Violations, Trash and Weed Violations, and Abandoned Vehicles. While many of the categories we keep track of maintain from year to year, we had another 5 year high in Dogs Impounded, albeit by one. We did have legitimate 5 year highs in Other Animals Impounded and Animal at Large Calls. On the whole, 2013 Code Enforcement Calls showed an increase from 2012.



Calls for Service



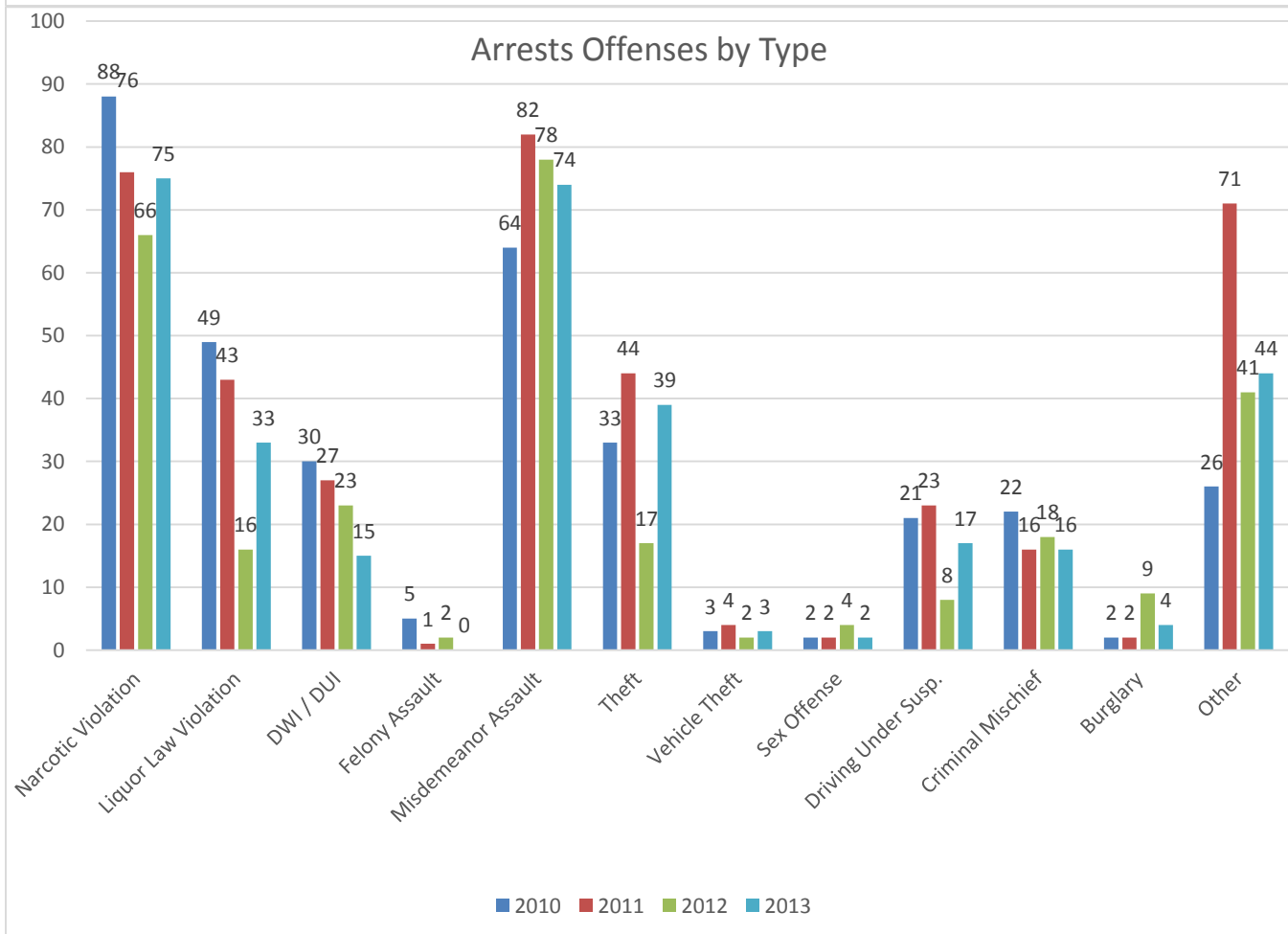
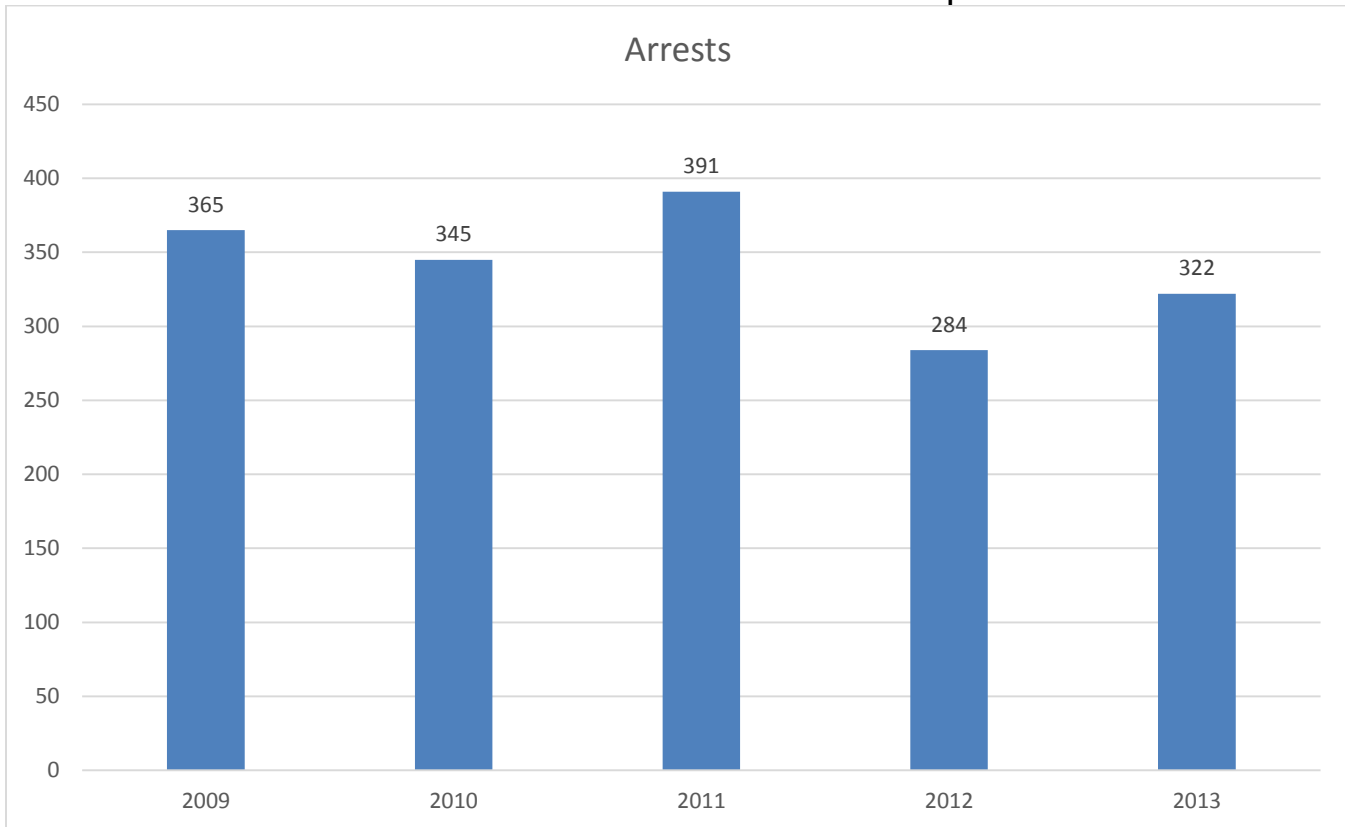
The Top Ten Calls for Service in 2013 Were:

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| 1. Ordinance Violations (817 Calls) | 2. Citizen Assistance (481) |
| 3. Ambulance Calls (225) | 4. Information Calls (217) |
| 5. Suspicious Circumstance Calls (196) | 6. Accident Calls (172) |
| 7. Theft Calls (145) | 8. Disturbance Calls (124) |
| 9. Assist Other Agency Calls (120) | 10. Alarm Calls (66) |

Overall, Calls for Service were up about 1% for 2013.

It is important to note that a “Call for Service” is an assigned call from the Keith County Communication Center, or an on-site call from an officer. Not every “Call for Service” is going to generate a report.

2013 Arrest Information- Arrests in 2013 were up over 13% from 2012.



NIBRS

NIBRS stands for The National Incident-Based Reporting System. NIBRS is a system in which agencies collect data on each single crime occurrence. NIBRS data comes from local, state, and federal automated records' systems. NIBRS collects data on each single incident and arrest within 22 offense categories made up of 46 specific crimes called Group A Offenses. For each of these offenses coming to the attention of law enforcement, specific types of facts about each crime are reported. An offense is Cleared by arrest, citation, or referral for prosecution. There may be a warrant issued for a crime, but the case is not Cleared until the suspect is arrested. It is important to remember that this list does not include calls such as Ordinance Calls and Minor Violations.

CALLS							CLEARED CALLS						
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	GROUP A OFFENSES	Code	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013		
0	0	0	0	0	Homicide	09A	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	
0	2	2	1	2	Kidnapping	100	0	0	1	1	2	100.00%	
6	7	4	6	5	Sexual Assault	11A/B/C/D	5	6	1	4	3	60.00%	
0	0	0	2	0	Robbery	120	0	0	0	2	0	0.00%	
					ASSAULT								
57	58	54	64	43	Assaults	13A/B/C	56	56	50	57	40	93.02%	
15	13	17	18	17	Domestic Assaults		15	13	16	16	14	82.35%	
0	0	0	0	0	Arson	200	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
11	9	15	10	9	Burglary	220	3	1	5	7	3	33.33%	
					THEFT								
14	10	8	7	8	Shoplifting	23C	10	9	6	5	6	75.00%	
12	15	16	12	21	From Building	23D	3	8	4	1	10	47.62%	
0	0	1	0	0	Machine	23E	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
30	21	27	23	16	From Vehicle	23F	2	4	4	4	2	12.50%	
2	5	2	4	5	Vehicle Parts	23G	1	1	1	2	1	20.00%	
54	55	24	11	21	Gas Drive Off	23I	18	24	10	6	11	52.38%	
25	23	65	53	54	Theft Other	23H	11	10	24	17	25	46.30%	
1	6	8	3	7	Motor Vehicle Theft	240	1	3	6	1	6	85.71%	
8	10	21	11	10	Fraud /Forgery	250/26A/B/C/D/E	5	7	16	2	5	50.00%	
3	7	6	1	2	Stolen Property	280	3	5	6	1	2	100.00%	
135	79	94	61	52	Vandalism	290	22	24	21	19	15	28.85%	
66	83	68	57	67	Drug Offenses	35A/B	66	83	63	53	61	91.04%	
1	4	5	6	4	All Others		1	4	5	6	3	75.00%	
440	405	437	350	343	Total Group A Offenses		222	258	239	204	209	60.93%	
					Clearance Rate		50.5%	63.7%	54.7%	58.3%	60.9%		

Officer Activity

ACTIVITY	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
BAR CHECKS	189	278	199	135	126
OPEN BUSINESS CHECKS	6018	5990	4876	4479	4313
BUILDING SECURITY CHECKS	12918	11603	10313	6758	3625
FALSE ALARM CALLS	66	64	62	85	72
OPEN DOOR FOUND BY OFFICER	98	90	73	68	41
TRAFFIC CONTACTS	2232	2589	1829	1827	1751
TRAFFIC TIME	86243	82893	64513	67187	50350
REPORT TIME	85243	78861	72718	64219	48434
INVESTIGATIVE TIME	67709	54719	50660	54578	47422
RESIDENTIAL FOOT PATROL TIME	18600	29340	17795	17100	17500
TOTAL MILEAGE DRIVEN	68441	76661	58420	64548	59687

Traffic

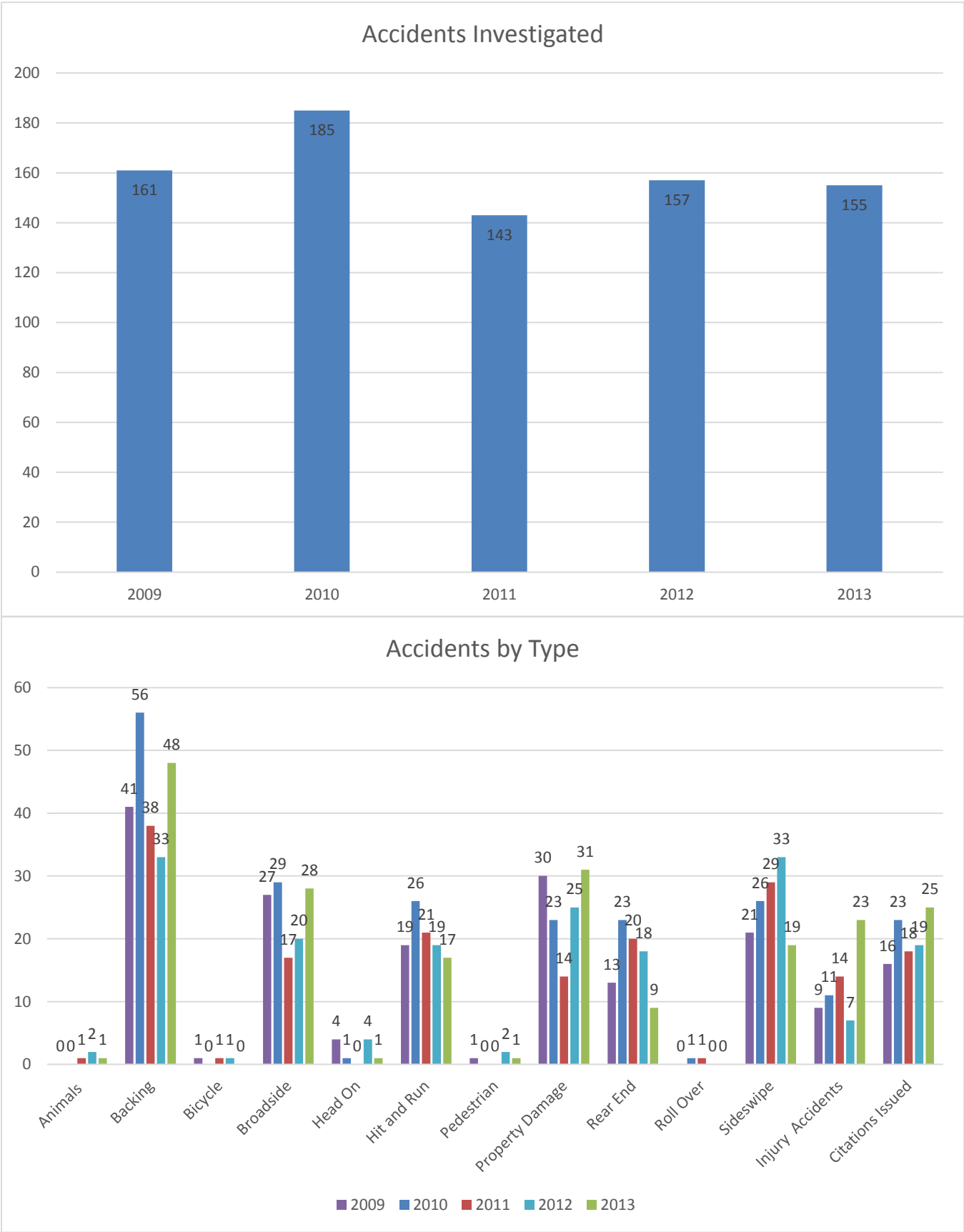
The Top Ten Traffic Stop Infractions of 2013 were:

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| 1. Speeding | 6. No Headlight |
| 2. No Proof of Insurance | 7. No Red Taillight |
| 3. No Registration | 8. No Operator's License |
| 4. Stop Sign Violation | 9. Improper Turn |
| 5. No Brake Lights | 10. No Seat Belts |

Parking Citations

Violation Type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Restricted Zone / Handicapped	12	3	5	1	12
Left Side to Curb	26	19	13	6	9
Blocking Alley	2	3	3	5	2
Obstructing Private Drive	6	2	0	2	1
Within 15 Feet of Fire Hydrant	13	7	3	9	1
Other	32	5	3	3	4

Accidents: As you will see in the following chart, in the year 2013 accidents remained consistent with 2012.



Training

Officers of the Ogallala Police Department attended 574 hours of training in 2013. This was up from 499 hours in 2012. 57 hours of this training was in the form of monthly department meetings. Training consisted of a HSI/ICE Presentation, DEA Basic Narcotics Investigation, Active Shooter Webinar, Youth Protection Training, Child Passengers Seat Update, Street Crimes Seminar, Physical Vulnerability Assessment of Schools, Protect Our Children Conference, POAN/NSA Conference, Safe Kids Nebraska Child Care Car Seat Training, FLO Officer Training, Interview & Interrogation, Mass Shooter Response Tactics, Grade Crossing Accident Investigation, and Taser Instructor.

Impound

In June of 2008, the City of Ogallala established a City Impound. Since that time the City Impound has housed vehicle from arrests made in Ogallala by the Ogallala Police Department and Nebraska State Patrol. The impound has generated decent income for the city since its creation.

Total profit for 2013 was \$1,930.00 with 3 vehicles that will be auctioned soon.

Prior year profits are:

2008:	June to December	\$2,260.00
2009:		\$4,105.00
2010:		\$4,612.00
2011:		\$6,084.00
2012:		\$4,537.00

Major Cases

On February 7, 2013, Officer was called to a suspicious person in the 100 Block of Prospector Drive. After investigation, 22 year old Nicholas Bornschein of North Platte, was placed under arrest for Possession of Stolen Property (Dog), Obstructing a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, and Criminal Impersonation. Bornschein was transported and housed at the Keith County Jail.

On April 15, 2013, Officer was called to Wendy's, 103 Pony Express, for a theft by employee. After investigation, 38 year old, William Dickinson of Ogallala was arrested for Theft by Unlawful Taking over \$1500, Possession of Marijuana Less Than One Ounce, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Dickinson was transported to the Keith County Jail and turned over to jail staff.

On April 29, 2013, officers received information that a subject on probation was selling drugs. Officer contacted subject's probation officer and was advised to locate the subject and search. After investigation Officers arrested 27 year old female resident of Ogallala, Linda Breese, and 21 year old male resident of Ogallala, Tim Wade, for Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Both subjects were jailed.

On May 25, 2013, officers were called to North Western Court #24 concerning a Burglary that happened over the weekend. During the investigation Officers followed several leads and located stolen items at an Ogallala Residence. 3 subjects were arrested in connection with the Burglary, a 34 year old Ogallala White Male named Patrick Gibson, a 32 year old Ogallala White female named Sabrina Heffley, and a 27 year old Ogallala White Female named Lyn Rehn.

On June 10, 2013, Officer was called to the 600 Block of West D for a male subject attempting to gain entrance to a residence. After investigation, 29 year old Brian Reyna of Ogallala was placed under arrest for Terroristic Threats and Disturbing the Peace. Reyna was transported to the Keith County Jail where he was booked and housed.

On July 1, 2013 an officer was called to the PD to speak with a juvenile. The juvenile advised that she had been in a lengthy sexual relationship with an older man. Upon an investigation 35 yrs. old Charles Gove of Ogallala was placed under arrest for 3rd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child. He was transported to the Keith County Jail.

On July 26, 2013, Officers received information about a wanted person that was currently in the 700 Block of East O. Officers attempted to make contact with the subject but the subject refused to comply. After a brief incident, officers placed 23 year old Bradley L Peterson under arrest for a Parole Warrant, Use of a Deadly Weapon to Commit a Felony, Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Prohibited Person and Resisting Arrest. Peterson was booked into the Keith County Jail where he was housed.

On August 11, 2013 at approximately 1200 hrs. Officer received information of a narcotics violation. Upon investigation officers arrested 34 year old Ogallala Resident Jason Hornkohl for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Officers also arrested Brandi Sanchez of Ogallala for Obstructing a Police Officer, Tampering with Physical Evidence and Being Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance. Both subjects were transported to the Keith County Jail where they were housed.

On August 25, 2013, several individuals from the area were arrested for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine. During the investigation, more than three pounds of methamphetamine and \$8,000 cash were seized. United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg released the names of the 17 people that were arrested. They were: Luis Enrique Miramontes-Arteaga, Andres Barraza, J. Merced Rodriguez Barajas, Ruben Avila Barraza, Jesus German-Diaz, Johnny Martinez, Anisha Martinez, Anthony Weinrich, Mark Piper, Jacklynn Walker, Darren Relerford, Chris Hackbart, Bobby Griffin, Kirsten Griffin, Sharon Kay Tyler, Minnie Beth Donner and Linda Breese. The arrests were the result of a long-term investigation by FBI, Nebraska State Patrol, Ogallala Police Department, North Platte Police Department, CODE Task Force, WING Task Force, Keith County Sheriff's Office, Keith County Attorney's Office, Cheyenne County Attorney's Office, Homeland Security Investigations, Deuel County Sheriff's Office, Phillips County Colorado Sheriff's Office, Holyoke Colorado Police Department, Eastern Colorado Plains Drug Task Force and the United States Attorney's Office.

On August 30, 2013 during the execution of a search warrant, OPD located some illegal narcotics and paraphernalia. As a result of the investigation, KIMBERLY CROWE of Ogallala was arrested for POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE (METHAMPHETAMINES), POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA < 1 OZ, and POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, and THOMAS PIERCE of Ogallala was cited for POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA and POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA < 1 OZ.

On September 6, 2013 officers were called to Ogallala Community Hospital reference a prior Sexual Assault. After the investigation Officer arrested a 19 year old male resident of Ogallala, Patrick Horton, for Sexual Assault 1st Degree. Horton was jailed.

On October 3, 2013 at about 1:20 am, a male subject came to the Keith County Jail to turn himself in for a domestic disturbance between him and his ex-girlfriend. As a result of the investigation, 26 year old ERNEST LOUIS CARLSON III of Ogallala was arrested and jailed on the charges of 1ST DEGREE FALSE IMPRISONMENT; TERRORISTIC THREATS, and 3RD DEGREE DOMESTIC ASSAULT.

On November 11, 2013 Officer received a call for theft of \$1004.66 from KFC/Taco Bell, located in the 500 block of East A South. Upon an investigation 28 yrs. old Ashley Naranjo of Ogallala was arrested for Theft.

On November 20, 2013 Officers were called to Kwik Stop for a male that had been assaulted and was now requiring medical attention. Officer learned that the assault happened in the 200 block of East 1 after the male was transported to the Ogallala Community Hospital. The suspect was not located and report forwarded to the CA for a warrant. Warrant issued 112213 and Officers arrested 37 year old Meliton Sandoval Jr. an Ogallala male resident for 3rd Degree Assault, False Imprisonment, Terrorist Threats, and Criminal Mischief and transported him to the Keith County Jail.