

Annual Report of the Ogallala Police Department



2012

The 2012 Ogallala Police Department Annual Report is dedicated to the memory of longtime Administrative Secretary Bernice Wilson. Bernice passed away suddenly in August of 2012 after working for the department for 23 years. She is greatly missed.

Department Personnel

Administrators:

Chief of Police David Kling #410
Hired August 1, 1994
Promoted to Sergeant
October 24, 1997
Promoted to Chief
November 20, 2005

Lieutenant Rod Kolsrud #413
Hired May 16, 1988
Promoted to Lieutenant
July 19, 1992

Supervisors:

Sergeant Billy Davis #427
Hired February 7, 1995
Promoted to Sergeant
April 4, 2000.

Sergeant James Herman #424
Hired October 30, 2000
Promoted to Sergeant
May 18, 2006

Administrative Secretary Christina Sigwing
Hired September 24, 2012

Officers:

Code Officer Eric Troxel #421
Hired August 12, 1994

Officer Tim Vance #428
Hired February 16, 2004

Officer Tom Hudiburgh #422
Hired December 13, 2004

Officer Bo Roberts #429
Hired May 7, 2007

Officer Joshua Gallagher #426
Hired May 19, 2008

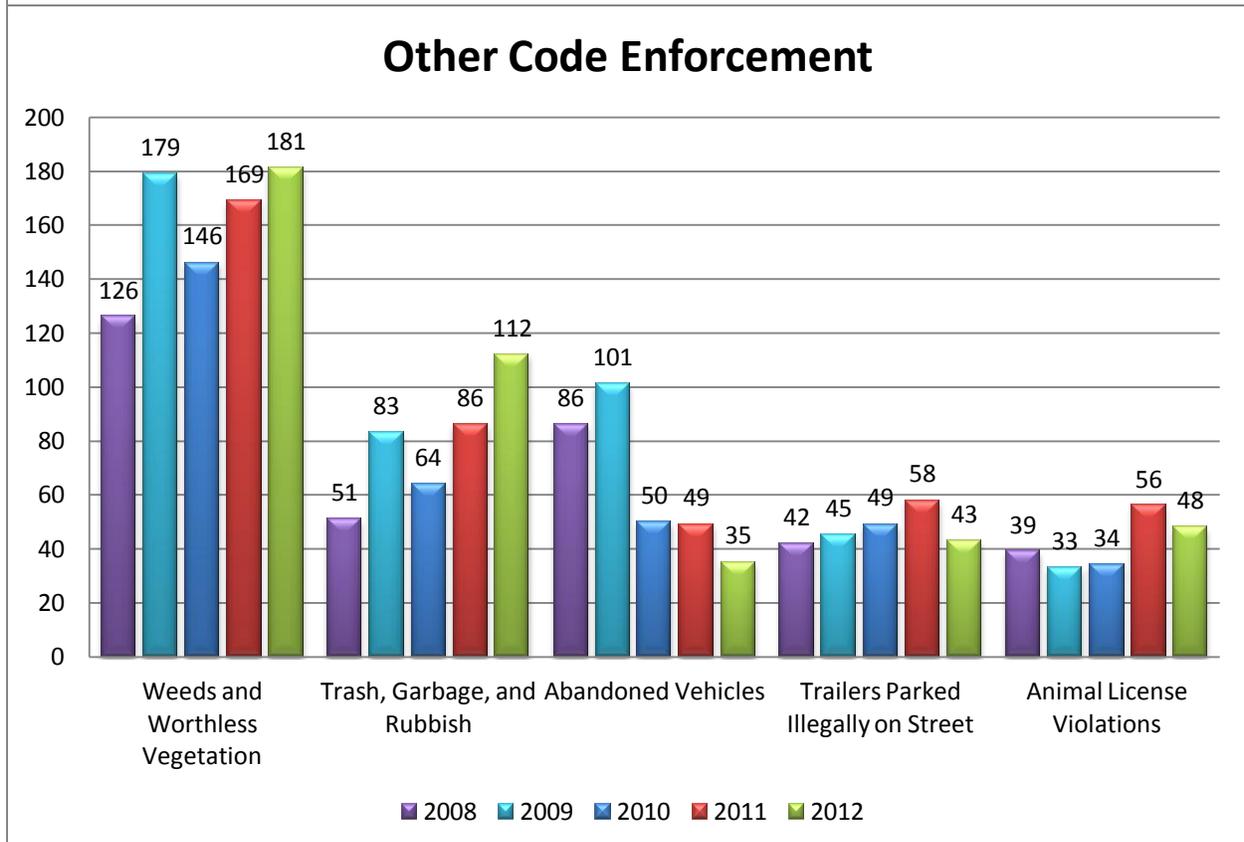
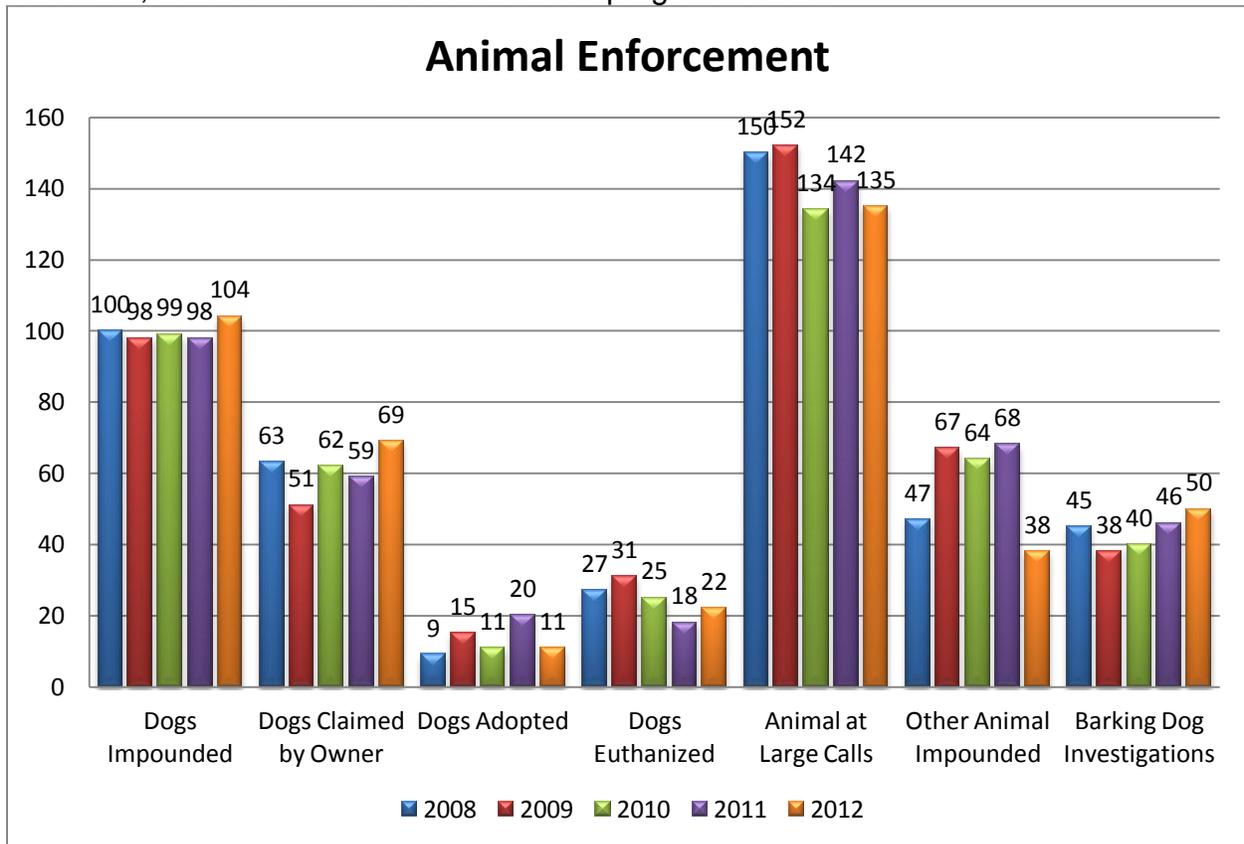
Officer Matt Elder #425
Hired April 4, 2011

Police Service Dog Uzi
Started January 19, 2004

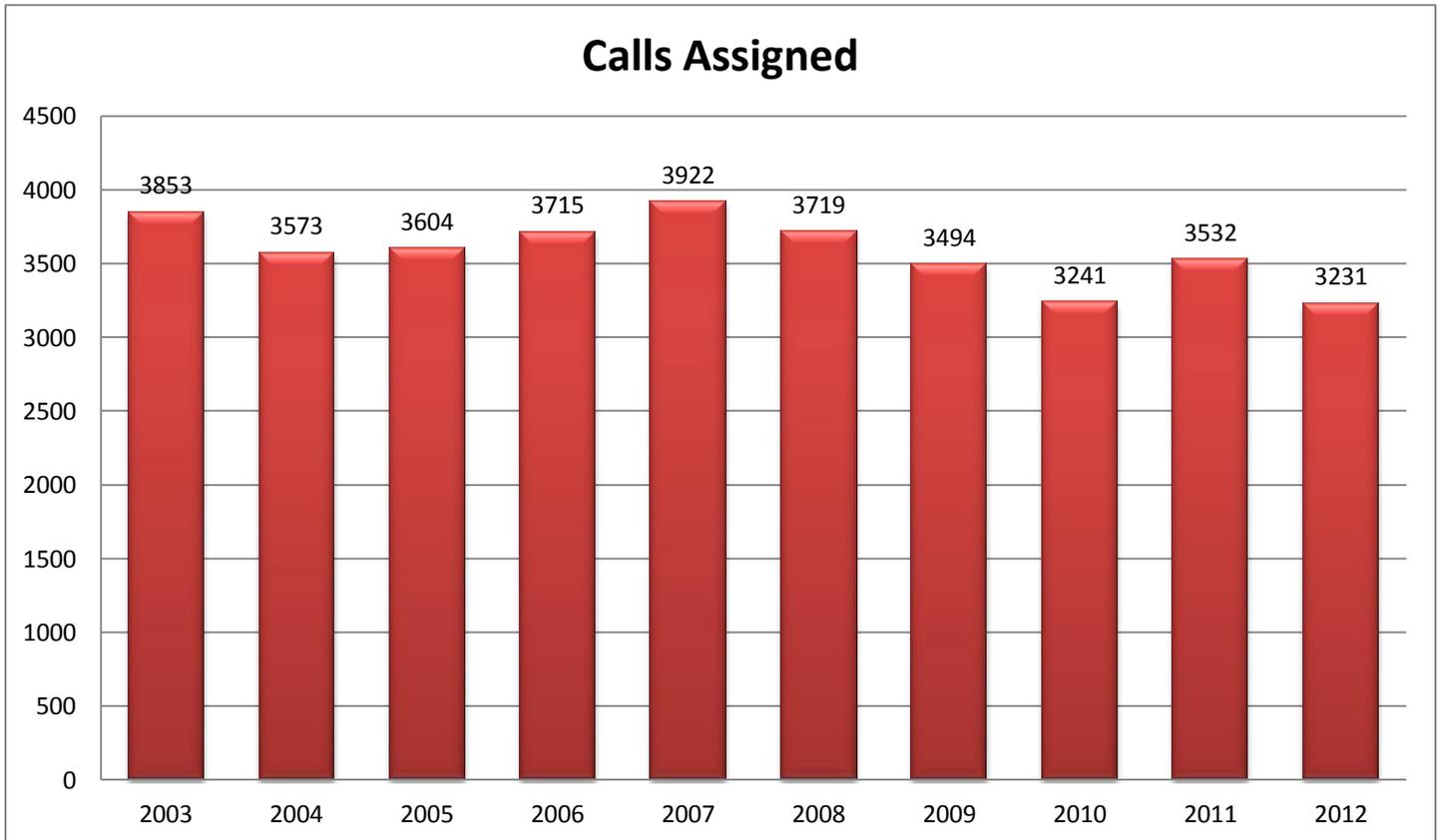
The department has an authorized strength of 10 certified officers and 1 civilian employee. Christina Sigwing was hired in September as our Administrative Secretary.

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 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), 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 a 5 year high in Dogs Impounded and Dogs Claimed by Owner. On the whole, Code Enforcement Calls were up again in 2012.



Calls for Service



The Top Ten Calls for Service in 2012 Were:

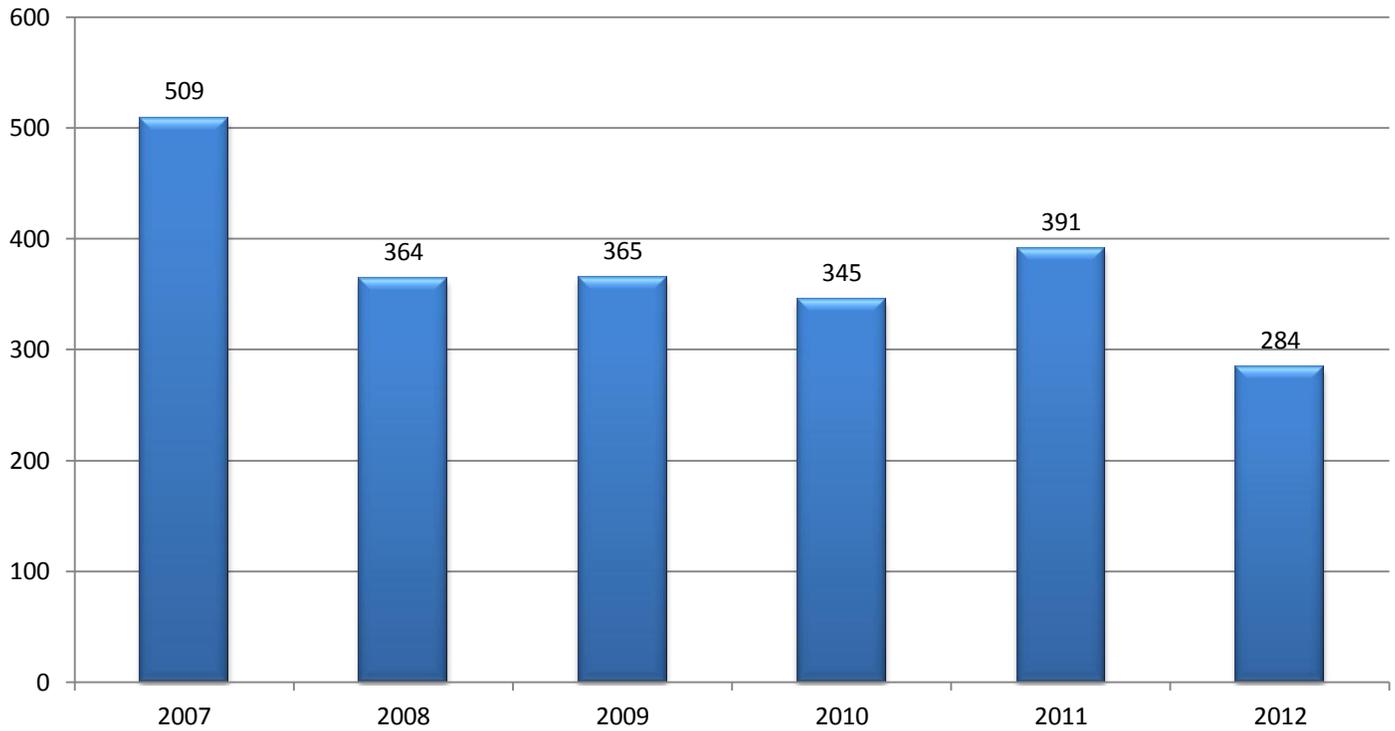
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| 1. Ordinance Violations (788 Calls) | 2. Citizen Assistance (441) |
| 3. Suspicious Circumstances (220) | 4. Information Calls (207) |
| 5. Ambulance Calls (200) | 6. Accident Calls (170) |
| 7. Disturbance Calls (161) | 8. Theft Calls (140) |
| 9. Assist Other Agency Calls (108) | 10. Civil Matters (74) |

Overall, Calls for Service were down almost 9% for 2012.

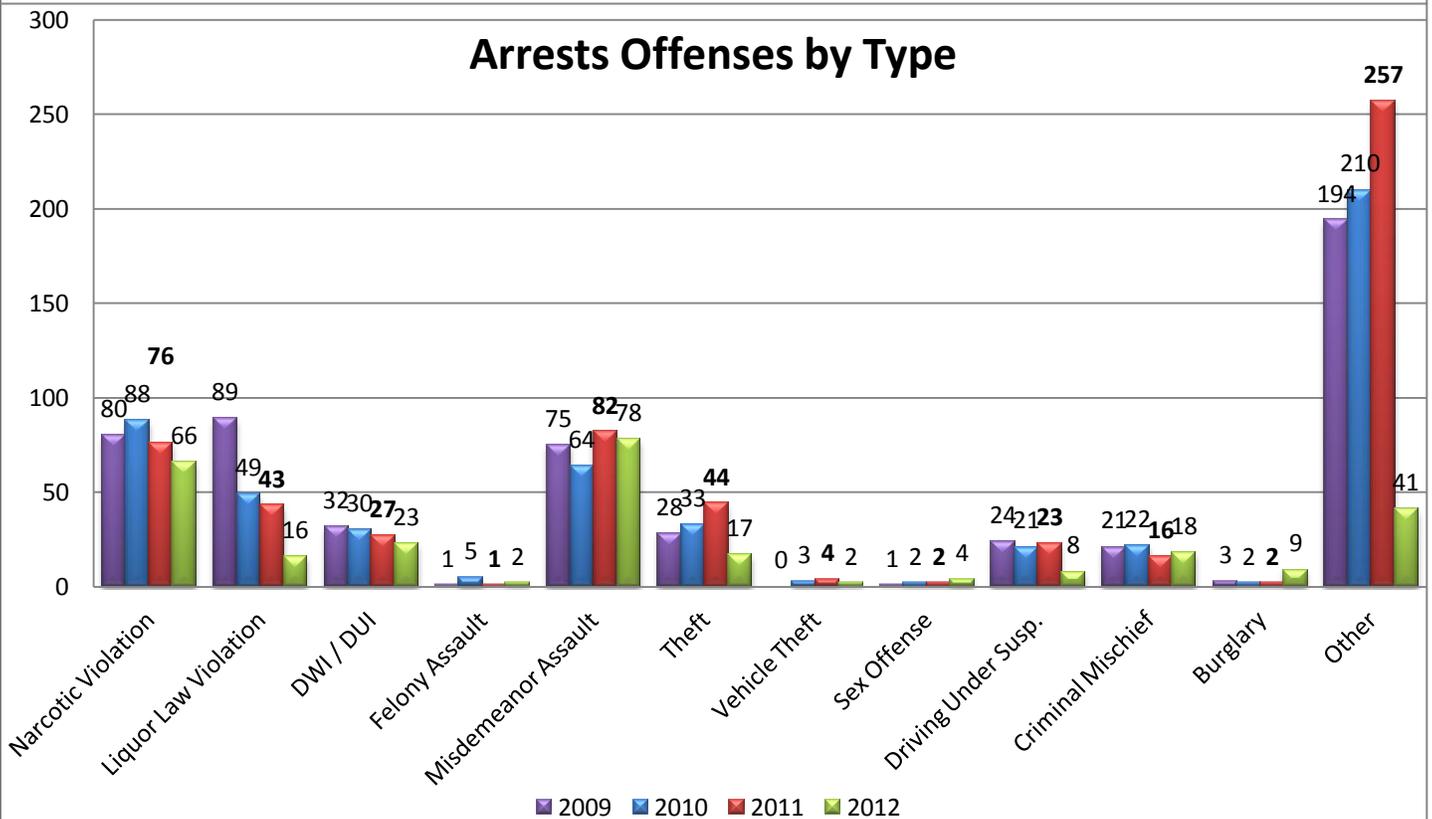
It is important to note that a “Call for Service” is an assigned call from the Keith County Communication Center, or an on-site call from an officer. Not every “Call for Service” is going to generate a report.

2012 Arrest Information- Arrests in 2012 were down 37% from 2010.

Arrests



Arrests Offenses by Type



NIBRS

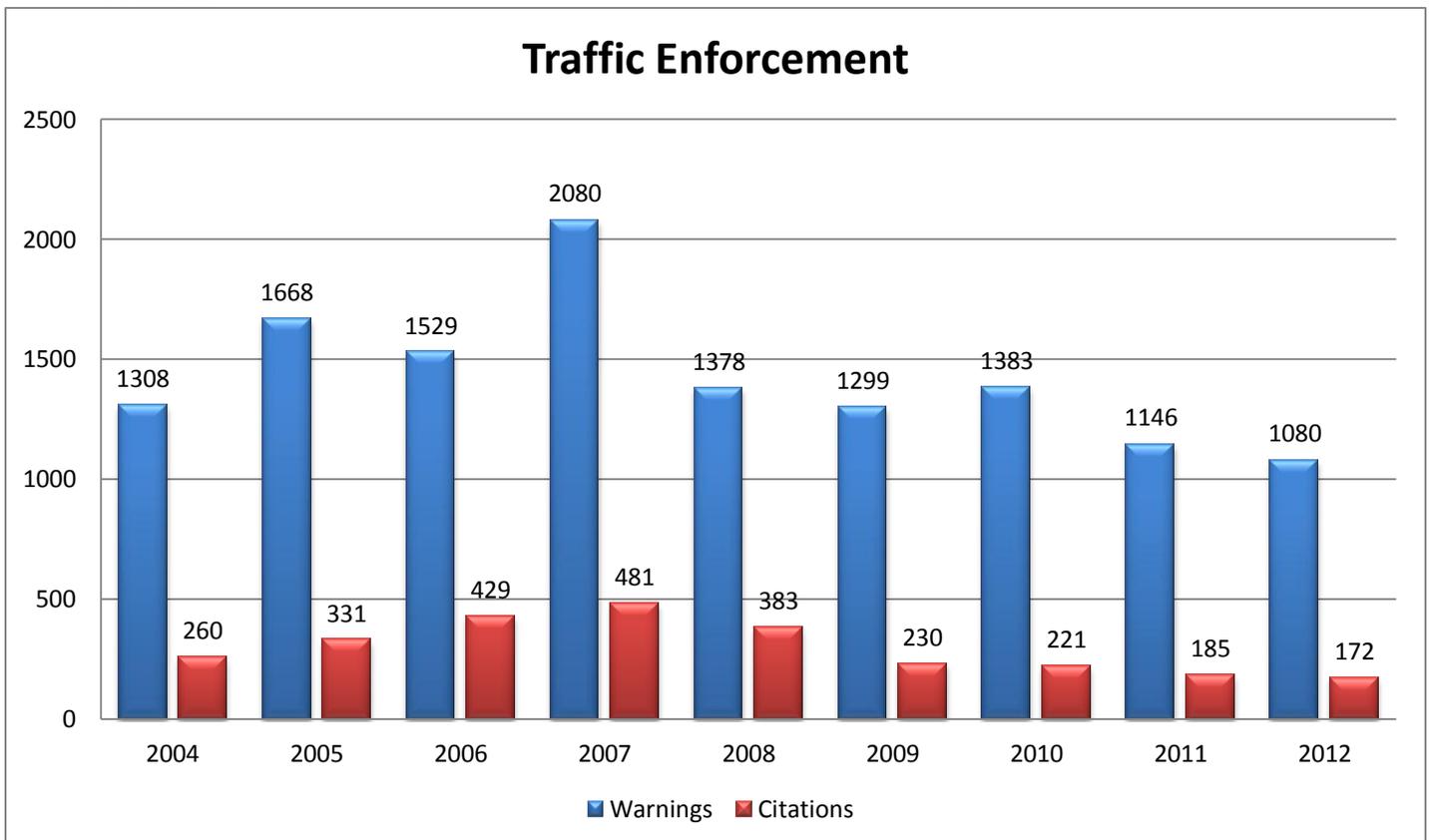
NIBRS stands for The National Incident-Based Reporting System. NIBRS is a system in which agencies collect data on each single crime occurrence. NIBRS data comes from local, state, and federal automated records' systems. NIBRS collects data on each single incident and arrest within 22 offense categories 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								
2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	GROUP A OFFENSES	Code	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
0	1	0	0	0	0	Homicide	09A	0	1	0	0	0		N/A
			2	2	1	Kidnapping	100					1	1	100.00%
13	2	6	7	4	6	Sexual Assault	11A/B/C/D	8	0	5	6	1	4	66.67%
0	1	0	0	0	2	Robbery	120	0	1	0	0	0	2	100.00%
						ASSAULT								
57	61	57	58	54	64	Assaults	13A/B/C	56	61	56	56	50	57	89.06%
28	18	15	13	17	18	Domestic Assaults		28	18	15	13	16	16	88.89%
1	3	0	0	0	0	Arson	200	1	3	0	0	0		
16	18	11	9	15	10	Burglary	220	5	4	3	1	5	7	70.00%
						THEFT								
18	6	14	10	8	7	Shoplifting	23C	13	6	10	9	6	5	71.43%
19	10	12	15	16	12	From Building	23D	7	2	3	8	4	1	8.33%
0	2	0	0	1	0	Machine	23E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
20	37	30	21	27	23	From Vehicle	23F	5	11	2	4	4	4	17.39%
0	2	2	5	2	4	Vehicle Parts	23G	0	0	1	1	1	2	50.00%
60	49	54	55	24	11	Gas Drive Off	23I	33	16	18	24	10	6	54.55%
51	57	25	23	65	53	Theft Other	23H	25	19	11	10	24	17	32.08%
						Motor Vehicle Theft								
8	6	1	6	8	3		240	5	3	1	3	6	1	33.33%
						Fraud /Forgery								
14	14	8	10	21	11		250/26A/B/C/D/E	8	11	5	7	16	2	18.18%
2	2	3	7	6	1	Stolen Property	280	1	2	3	5	6	1	100.00%
113	125	135	79	94	61	Vandalism	290	20	18	22	24	21	19	31.15%
74	97	66	83	68	57	Drug Offenses	35A/B	72	97	66	83	63	53	92.98%
5	8	1	4	5	6	All Others		5	8	1	4	5	6	100.00%
499	519	440	405	437	350	Total Group A Offenses		292	281	222	258	239	204	58.29%
						Clearance Rate		58.5%	54.1%	50.5%	63.7%	54.7%		

Officer Activity

ACTIVITY	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
BAR CHECKS	297	334	220	189	278	199	135
OPEN BUSINESS CHECKS	4988	5874	6406	6018	5990	4876	4479
BUILDING SECURITY CHECKS	11994	12903	9966	12918	11603	10313	6758
FALSE ALARM CALLS	105	97	88	66	64	62	85
OPEN DOOR FOUND BY OFFICER	131	117	138	98	90	73	68
PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS	16	6	16	11	9	12	11
TRAFFIC CONTACTS	2174	2886	2494	2232	2589	1829	1827
TRAFFIC TIME	85799	94562	86023	86243	82893	64513	67187
REPORT TIME	84132	100598	95262	85243	78861	72718	64219
INVESTIGATIVE TIME	66948	61370	55572	67709	54719	50660	54578
RESIDENTIAL FOOT PATROL TIME	11711	16242	17580	18600	29340	17795	17100
TOTAL MILEAGE DRIVEN	80529	78612	80706	68441	76661	58420	64548

Traffic



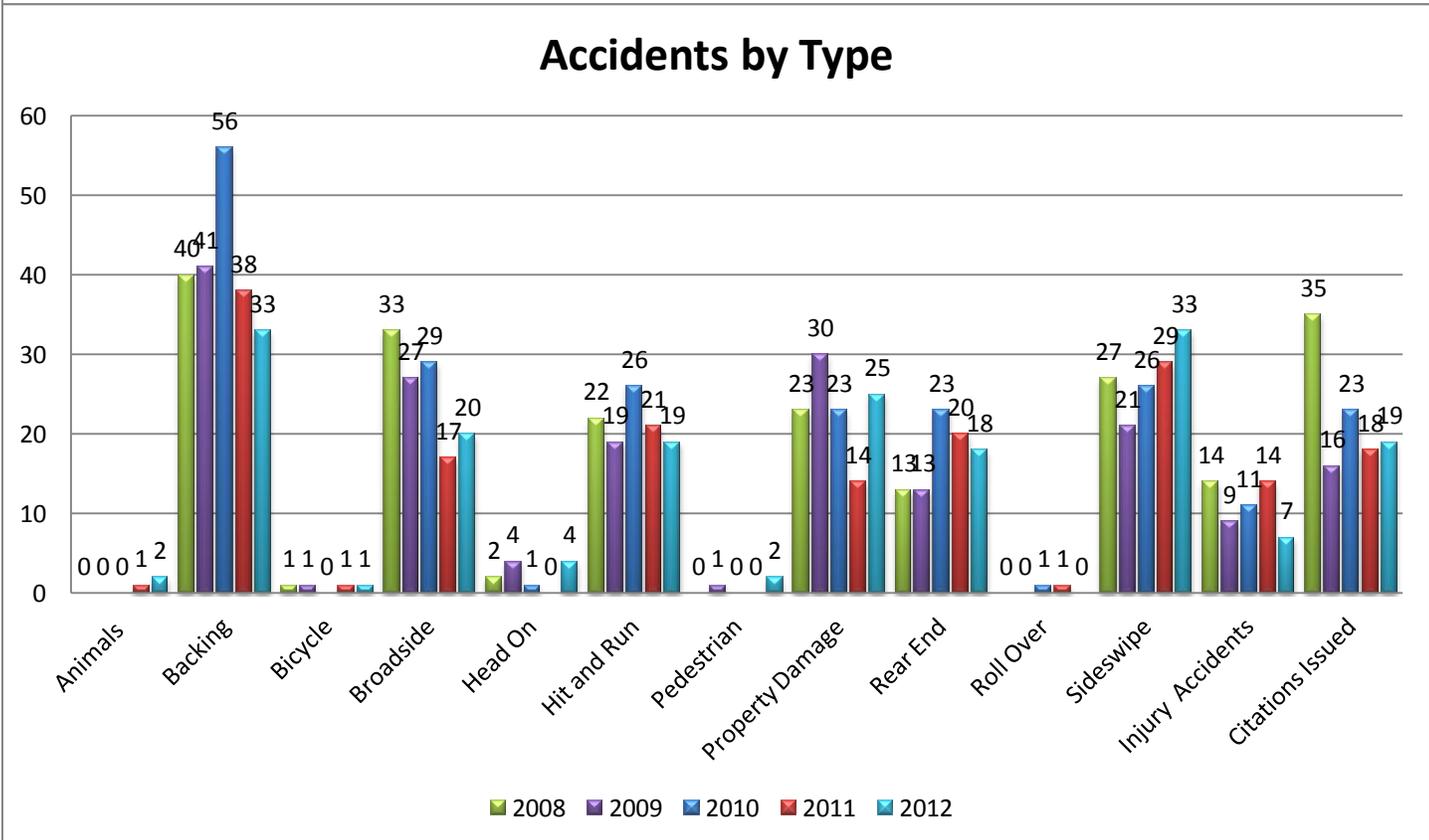
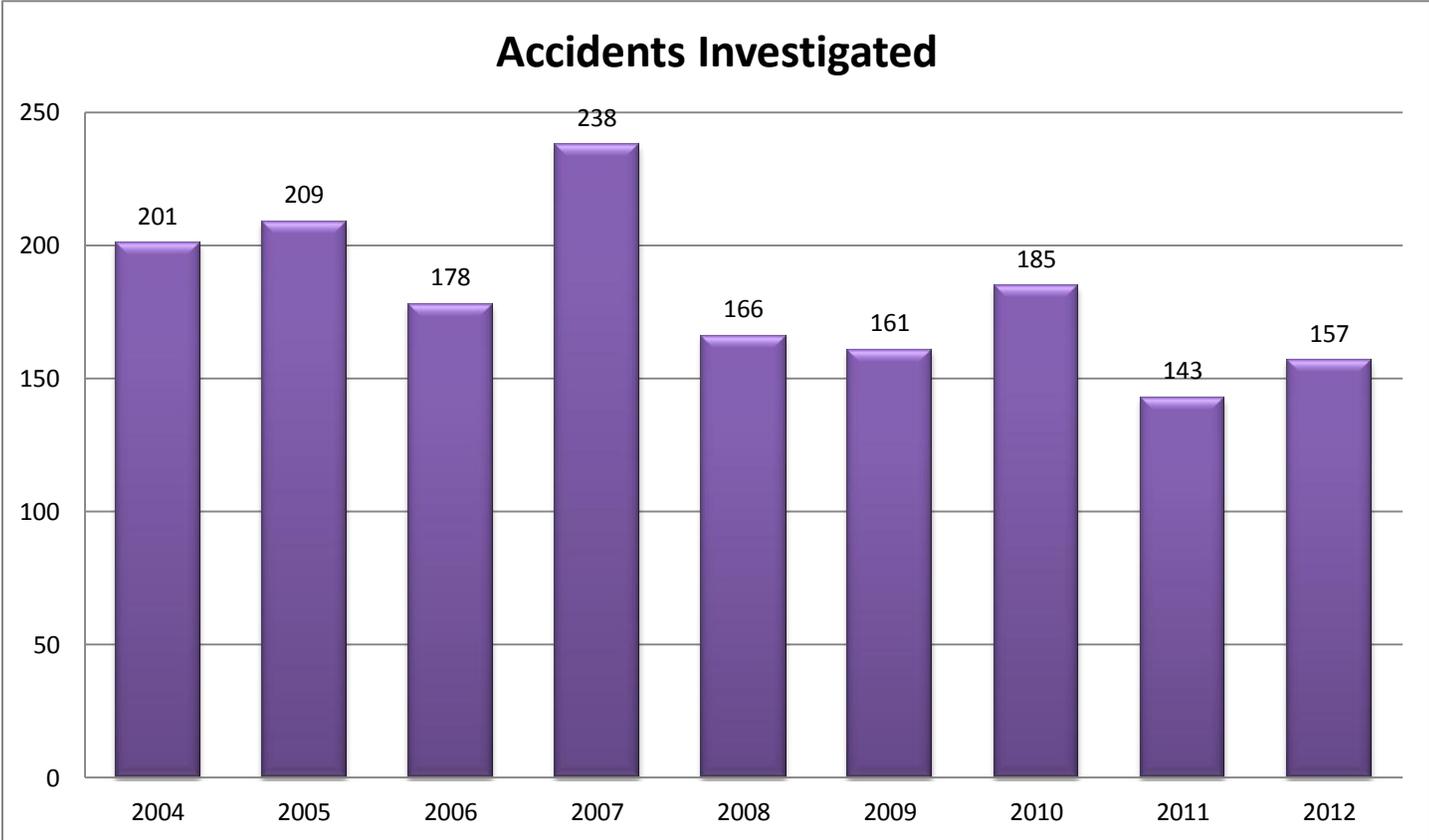
The Top Ten Traffic Stop Infractions of 2012 were:

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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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Restricted Zone / Handicapped	5	7	5	11	9	5	5	12	3	5	1
Left Side to Curb	14	16	18	7	15	9	7	26	19	13	6
Blocking Alley	0	2	4	0	2	2	0	2	3	3	5
Obstructing Private Drive	2	0	2	3	3	0	0	6	2	0	2
Within 15 Feet of Fire Hydrant	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	13	7	3	9
Other	13	5	18	6	6	6	1	32	5	3	3
Total Parking Tickets Issued	35	30	49	27	35	24	13	91	39	27	26

Accidents: As you will see in the following chart, in the year 2012 accidents were up over 9% from 2010.



Training

Officers of the Ogallala Police Department attended 499 hours of training in 2012. This was down from 863 hours in 2011. 93 hours of this training was in the form of monthly department meetings. The department finished updating the OPD Policy Book, an effort which started in mid-2010. Other training consisted of Forensic Cell Phone Exams, CPR Recertification, Mother/Daughter Sexual Assaults, Mental Investigations, Desert Snow Drug Interdiction, DARE In-Service, TASER X26P Instructor Update, Protect Our Children Conference, POAN/NSA Conference, Accident Investigation, and Haz-Mat Training.

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 2012 was \$4,537.00 with 3 vehicles that will be auctioned March 23rd.

Prior year profits are:

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

Total profit for the 55 months the City Impound has existed is \$21,598.00.

Major Cases

On Saturday, January 21, 2012, officers were called to 900 Block of North Spruce for a loud subject banging on doors. The subject was contacted and further investigation led to the discovery of a suspected marijuana grow operation. Two men were arrested including 26 year old Larry Derrera of Ogallala who was arrested for Disorderly Conduct, Possession of Marijuana less than 1oz, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Manufacturing Marijuana, which is a felony. Also arrested was 20 year old John Fratis, of Ogallala, for Manufacturing Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On May 2, 2012, the Ogallala Police Department received a report from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services that 2 juveniles had disclosed prior sexual abuse that had occurred in Ogallala, over a period of several years. An investigation was started by Officer Tim Vance. It included the victims, who no longer live in the area, being interviewed at a Child Advocacy Center. Based on these interviews and an interview with another witness, 34 year old James C. Case, of Ogallala, was arrested for 2 Counts each of 1st Degree Sexual Assault, Incest, and Terroristic Threats. All the offenses are Felonies.

On Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at approximately 11:53 pm there was an Attempted Robbery of the Ogallala Kwik Stop. One male subject entered the business with his face

concealed and demanded money. The cashier was able to see that the subject was using a BB gun and told the subject that he was calling the police, at which time the subject fled on foot. Officers arrived immediately, but did not locate the suspect. A witness observed a vehicle leaving at a high rate of speed from West B Street, with 39 county Nebraska plates. Officers contacted the Sidney Police Department, and based on the vehicle and subject's description, developed a suspect. This morning, video was obtained from the surveillance cameras.

Once the video was viewed and forwarded to the Sidney Police Department, a positive identification was made on the vehicle owner. Sgt. James Herman went to Sidney on June 14th and the vehicle was seized. Interviews were conducted with some of the involved parties. A juvenile suspect was identified. Sgt. Herman went to Lisco on Saturday, June 16th, and served a Search Warrant with the assistance of the Garden County Sheriff's Office. The weapon was located and seized, along with other incriminating evidence. The 16 year old suspect was later arrested on a Keith County Warrant by the Scottsbluff Police Department.

On Wednesday, August 15, 2012, officers of the Ogallala Police Department served Arrest Warrants on 28 year old Bryan S. Crowe and 29 year old Michelle A. Williams, both of Ogallala for several counts of Distribution of a Controlled Substance Near a School and Delivery/Intent to Deliver an Exceptionally Hazardous Drug. Both of these charges are felonies. The warrants were the result of a several month's long investigation led by the Western Nebraska Intelligence and Narcotics Group (WING) Task Force. Search warrants were also served on the residence and vehicle of Crowe and Williams resulting in further charges for Felony Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The Deuel County and Keith County Sheriff's Office's also assisted in the warrant service.

On Thursday, October 11th, acting on a tip, officers of the Ogallala Police Department, assisted by a Nebraska Game and Parks officer, served a search warrant on a residence in the 900 Block of West 7th Street. Per the search warrant officers located and seized methamphetamine, marijuana, cash, and drug paraphernalia. Based on the items seized, 20 year old Timothy G. Wade, of Ogallala, was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver within 1000 feet of a School, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Unlawful Acts Relating to Drugs, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana < 1 oz, and Drug Dealer Tax Stamp Violation.

Later on Thursday, October 11th, officers of the Ogallala Police Department, assisted by the Keith County Sheriff's Office, served a search warrant on a residence located on Prairie Dunes Drive. Per the search warrant officers located and seized methamphetamine, heroin, marijuana, cash, guns, and drug paraphernalia. Based on the items seized 18 year old Brock S. Adkins, of Ogallala, was arrested by the Keith County Sheriff's Office, for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Marijuana Greater than 1 ounce, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Sunday, October 28th, 2012, officers of the Ogallala Police Department, acting on a tip, made contact with the residents of a home in the 800 block of West 6th Street. After the residents opened the door, officers immediately smelled the odor of burnt marijuana. The scene was secured while officers obtained a search warrant and returned. Officers, with the assistance of a Keith County Sheriff's Deputy and a Nebraska State Patrol Trooper, served the search warrant. Based on the results of the search, 25 years old Steven M. Wade, of Ogallala, was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Meth), Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.