



Utilized for both emergencies and large public events, the OPF Mobile Command and Communications Center features state-of-art technology.



The Foundation supports a variety of OPD's community outreach programs.

OMAHA POLICE FOUNDATION FACT SHEET

- » Founded in 1999, the Omaha Police Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its mission is to promote and strengthen the Omaha Police Department and help ensure it has highly qualified officers with the training, equipment and technology to prevent crime, save lives and make Omaha a safer community. It does so through support of community partnerships and gifts of equipment and technology.
- » D.C. "Woody" Bradford is current board president, with Tom McGowan serving as Vice President and N.P.
- » "Sandy" Dodge, Jr. as Treasurer. There are 14 additional civic leaders serving on the board, with Chief Todd Schmaderer serving as a non-voting, ex-officio director.
- » The Honorary Chair of the 2021 Officer of the Year Awards Luncheon and Fundraising Initiative is Michael B. Yanney, Chairman Emeritus, Burlington Capital
- » Over its 22-year history, the Omaha Police Foundation has funded more than \$8 million of projects in the categories of equipment acquisition, recruitment and training, community outreach and officer/family services. These include:
 - Purchase of more than 600 body-worn cameras and related equipment. The entire Uniform Patrol Bureau plus critical special units are now equipped with this important tool for documentation of officer interactions with the public.
 - Purchase of state-of-the-art Mobile Command and Communications Center. This is a valuable tool for coordinating disaster responses, managing significant crime scenes, or supporting police presence at major community events such as College World Series, Juneteenth or Berkshire Hathaway Annual Meeting.
 - Purchase of a Mobile Crime Lab with leading edge technology that enables on-site processing of evidence at crime scenes.
 - Expansion of the Gang Specialist program to include a new specialist for females and another for the refugee community.
 - Creation of a Peer-to-Peer Counseling Program to assist officers and their families with what can often be a stressful profession.
 - Support of youth outreach programs such as Teen Brain Train, Safe2Help, Cops and Bobbers, Bomb Pop with a Cop. and Santa at the Southeast Precinct; plus community crime prevention programs such as School Safety Equipment, Halloween Safe Night, Citizens Patrol and Neighborhood Watch.



Since 2018, the OPF has been awarding annual scholarships that honor Dr. Jack K. Lewis, a well-known community volunteer who served as President of the Omaha Police Foundation for more than ten years. The Dr. Jack K. Lewis Memorial Scholarship supports post-secondary education for children or grandchildren of active or retired Omaha police officers.

In just three short years, the Omaha Police Foundation has presented nearly \$20,000 in scholarship funds to high school seniors and current college students studying in a variety of fields.