

NORTHEAST PRECINCT

Omaha Police Department

January 2021



Members From The Omaha Police Department

Participate In The 46th Presidential Inauguration.

Fourteen members of the Omaha Police Department, including K9 Dominic, attended the 46th Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C. held on January 20, 2021.



This Issue
The 46th Presidential Inauguration p1
Neighborhood Notes p2
Tax Scams p3
Crime Trends p4
Community Event p5

Northeast Precinct Contact Information

Mark Matuza, Captain
402.444.3750

Mark.Matuza@cityofomaha.org

Jerald Swanson, Lieutenant
402.444.5640

Jerald.Swanson@cityofomaha.org

Theola M. Cooper
Crime Prevention Specialist
402.444.3367

Theola.Cooper@cityofomaha.org

4316 N. 30th Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68111



Neighborhood Notes

The State of Nebraska's slogan is "The Good Life". In order for everyone to enjoy "The Good Life" in Omaha, we will be providing a series of articles regarding the City of Omaha's Municipal Codes.

Noise Control (City of Omaha Municipal Code 17-3)

The Policy states:

- It is hereby declared to be the public policy of the city to reduce the ambient noise level in the city, so as to preserve, protect and promote public health, safety and welfare and the peace and quiet of the inhabitants of the city and prevent injury to human, plant and animal life and property, foster the convenience and comfort of its inhabitants and facilitate the enjoyment of the natural attractions of the city.
- Enforceable hours are 10:00 pm—7:00 am

Volume Control

No person shall play, use, operate or permit to be played, used or operated, any radio, CD player, or other machine or device for reproducing sound, if it is located in or on:

- Any public property, including any public property, including any public street, highway, building, sidewalk, park or thoroughfare or any motor vehicle on a public street, highway or public space unless the volume of amplified sound shall be so controlled that it will not be audible for a distance in excess of one hundred (100) feet from the source and so that the volume is not unreasonably great the noise raucous (loud), jarring, disturbing or a nuisance to persons within the area of audibility; or
- Residential property, whether a unit of a multiple-family residential dwelling or a single-family dwelling structure, unless the volume of amplified sound shall be so controlled that it will not be audible in any adjoining unit.

This is enforceable by the police department.



IRS Scams

With tax season upon us, scammers rear their ugly heads to get your refund. Here is a partial list of “tools” scammers use to get YOUR money.

Phishing:

Taxpayers should be alert to potential fake emails or websites looking to steal personal information. The IRS will never initiate contact with taxpayers via email about a tax bill, refund or Economic Impact Payments. Don't click on links claiming to be from the IRS. Be wary of emails and websites – they may be nothing more than scams to steal personal information.

IRS Criminal Investigation has seen a tremendous increase in phishing schemes utilizing emails, letters, texts and links. These phishing schemes are using keywords such as "coronavirus," "COVID-19" and "Stimulus" in various ways.

Fake Charities:

Criminals frequently exploit natural disasters and other situations such as the current COVID-19 pandemic by setting up fake charities to steal from well-intentioned people trying to help in times of need. Fake charity scams generally rise during times like these.

Threatening Impersonator Phone Calls:

IRS impersonation scams come in many forms. A common one remains bogus threatening phone calls from a criminal claiming to be with the IRS. The scammer attempts to instill fear and urgency in the potential victim. In fact, **the IRS will never threaten a taxpayer or surprise him or her with a demand for immediate payment**

Social Media Scams:

Taxpayers need to protect themselves against social media scams, which frequently use events like COVID-19 to try tricking people. Social media enables anyone to share information with anyone else on the Internet. Scammers use that information as ammunition for a wide variety of scams. These include emails where scammers impersonate someone's family, friends or co-workers.

Senior Fraud:

Senior citizens and those who care about them need to be on alert for tax scams targeting older Americans. The IRS recognizes the pervasiveness of fraud targeting older Americans along with the Department of Justice and FBI, the Federal Trade Commission, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), among others.

Seniors are more likely to be targeted and victimized by scammers than other segments of society. Financial abuse of seniors is a problem among personal and professional relationships. Anecdotal evidence across professional services indicates that elder fraud goes down substantially when the service provider knows a trusted friend or family member is taking an interest in the senior's affairs.

Older Americans are becoming more comfortable with evolving technologies, such as social media. Unfortunately, that gives scammers another means of taking advantage. Phishing scams linked to Covid-19 have been a major threat this filing season. Seniors need to be alert for a continuing surge of fake emails, text messages, websites and social media attempts to steal personal information.

REMEMBER: The IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information.

For more information go to: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts>



Capt. Mark Matuza

NORTHEAST PRECINCT LATEST CRIME TRENDS

After reviewing OPD's Shot Spotter data program and our monthly statistics, I have the following information for our North Omaha Community partners:

*There was a pattern of shots fired over the past week from Laurel to Curtis Streets from 33rd to 42nd Street. There was one shooting victim on January 13th -near Fontenelle and Curtis which occurred at 10am. In regards to the other shots fired, there were no other victims struck (casings were collected at all scenes).

*In December -Uniform Patrol had increased patrols in our "hot spot" areas (along with our Gang unit). With that being said -UPB recovered 15 guns and drove our violent crime down for the month.

*We still rely on the assistance of the community via "911" and we responded to those radio calls of suspicious behavior in their respective neighborhoods. Some of these calls led to stolen cars, gun arrests, theft and other illegal activity. So thank you for your continued assistance.

As a reminder, if you are in fear of retaliation, please advise dispatch that you want to be "anonymous" (it's your option) and do not want to be seen.

In December, officers made 10 auto theft arrests; most were juveniles or homeless individuals. Thank You !!

Police Response

The following precautions have been put in place and remain in place until further notice:
Precinct Front Desks will be closed. The Front Desk at Central Police Headquarters, 505 S. 15th St., will remain open (8a-4p)
Call Center is active. Citizens are encouraged to call **402.444.4877** for any **non-emergency reports**