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2. Implementing Subgrantee: CITY OF OMAHA, NEBRASKA	6. Grant Amt. 7. Character Interim of Report: XXXFinal
3. Title or Character of Project: LARGE CITY SPECIAL GRANTS STRIKE FORCE AGAINST STREET CRIMES	8. Covering Period: 1 JULY 70 to 15 FEBRUARY 72.
Report Control Clerk Office of Law Enforcement Programs Law Enforcement Assistance Administrate Department of Justice, Washington, Department of Justice, State of NE). C. 20530
Submitted herewith is the grantee's shown above:	Project Director (Signature) RICHARD R. AVDERSEN CHIEF OF POLICE (Typed Name and Title)

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This will be the Final Report of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration Discretionary Grant Award No. 70-DF-131, awarded to the City of Omaha, Nebraska on 1 July 1970 through 30 June 1971. Time extensions were granted from 1 July 1971 through 31 December 1971 and from 1 January 1972 through 15 February 1972.

This report is prepared by the Strike Force Commander, Lt. R. J. Goodman. All recommendations and suggestions are his and are being forwarded to the reporting agencies for their consideration.

The second unit of the Strike Force, consisting of one sergeant and ten patrolmen, was not placed into service until 7 October 1971. For the beginning of a new project such as this, doing so at half strength is recommended, however, the Section should be brought to full strength within six months and fully complemented by then.

Tactics and techniques developed by Strike Force officers have been varied and unique. This involves the change off of different cars during the night, foot patrols, a fast "sweep" of previously worked districts, and moving surveillance of automobiles.

As the occasion arises, if the Narcotics and Vice Section conducts a raid in the area that the Strike Force is assigned, Strike Force officers are utilized as the uniformed security force for these raiders. Having gone through several of these raids, not one case of mis-identification has come up, or has a single police officer or civilian been injured by and resistance to an arrest or search.

Using Strike Force officers on this type of assignment has enabled the Uniform Field Bureau Patrol Section to retain their district cruiser officers in service to answer "called for service" calls.

Strike Force officers have developed an uncanny knack of observation of persons either in a car or on foot and further investigation into their suspicions have brought about several arrests.

On one occasion, two Strike Force officers were stopped in traffic at a red light. The officer driving the car observed two young males in a car behind him in the rear view mirror. He saw them passing a cigarette back and forth between themselves. Recognizing the situation for what it was, the officers exited from the cruiser and effected an arrest for possession of marijuana. Besides the "roach" taken into evidence, a quantity of marijuana was also siezed.

Unit concept is maintained by rotation of officers as partners each week. Although a pair of officers may perform in an exemplary manner that would warrant a recommendation of a Letter of Commendation from some other Command Officer, being a part of the Strike Force, the entire Section receives the benefit of each officers' production, and each officer contributes to the unit concept by his professional performance and production. This unit strength was exemplified during a week of civil disturbance during July of 1971. Under the most trying of conditions, the Strike Force Section conducted themselves in a most professional manner that brought credit upon themselves and the Omaha Police Division.

It is definitely recommended that a separate radio channel and radio operator be maintained for Strike Force use. There are enough transmissions made by Strike Force officers to justify this separate radio channel and operator.

All reports of the Strike Force Section should be properly maintained. The copies of reports of the Strike Force Section of the Omaha Police Division are contained in this Final Report. They are:

- 1. Equipment Check-Out Forms
- 2. Officers Daily Reports
- 3. Car Assignment Forms
- 4. Daily Attendance Forms
- 5. Project Mileage Reports

Also attached to this report are copies of the Field Interrogation Cards used by the Strike Force Section.

The pamphlet that is passed out to citizens by Strike Force officers at meetings and club affairs has been revised and reprinted as of 1 January 1972, and is attached.

A report of Strike Force statistics from 12 September 1970 through 15 February 1972 is included.

Statistics record is as follows:

Total Miles Driven: 149,923

Felony Arrests: 198

Juvenile Arrests: 46

Uniform Bureau Arrests: 220

Vice Squad Arrests: 268

Traffic Arrests, Non-Accident: 45

Warrant Arrests, Traffic: 171

Warrant Arrests, Criminal: 26

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Stolen Autos Recovered: 39

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N.C.I.C. Checks: 23,570

Record and Registration Checks: 17,955

Open Buildings Found: 33

Reports Made: 1,833

Field Interrogation Cards Made: 2,654

Two printouts from the Douglas County Data Computer Center are being forwarded indicating the work periods of September #1 1971, and of December 1971. To delve into the printouts would be quite lengthy and a study by Agency Data Review officers will show how these printouts were used.

There were seventeen public appearances made by Strike Force Command Officers. The clubs attended were PTA's, Home and School Associations, Business Men's clubs, and church groups. As great of an exposure of the Strike Force officers should be made through these groups and local community councils to explain the goals and functions of the Strike Force organization to the people of the area in which the Section is operating. A question and answer period was always held to gain feed-back from the lecture presentation.

The availability of the Strike Force pamphlet to be handed out to the citizens present at these meetings is immeasurable. It gives them something to read when they get home and they can pass it on to their children and neighbors.

One aspect of the Police Community Relations Program that was a great success was the foot patrol of Strike Force officers in the area of Omaha called the South Side Terrace Projects.

This is a low income area, mostly made up of A.D.C. and County Relief residents. By walking in this area as scheduled by the Strike Force Field Command Officers, a thorough, however brief, contact was made with all of the residents of this area. The crime rate decreased appreciably the months of June 1971 and September #2 -- 1971 that the Strike Force operated in this area.

Close relations with other Sections of the Omaha Police Division have been maintained. This includes the Intelligence Section, Vice and Narcotic Section, and the Crime Against Property Section (Burglary) of the Criminal Investigation Bureau. Information that the Strike Force officers receive on the street are sent to these Sections by the use of Field Interrogation Cards and Information Reports. This is reciprocated by information sent to us concerning persons and places located in the areas in which we work that these Sections know of and that we can assist them with our manpower and anonymity capability of surveillance with unmarked cars.

The Strike Force Field Command Officers make the Roll Calls of the Assembly Areas in which the Strike Force Section intends to operate. We exchange information and set up procedures in which there is clarification of our functions and what it is that we hope to do. At the time that the Strike Force Section moves out of the area that they have been operating in, a written communication is sent to all Uniform Bureau Field Command Officers of the persons and places that have come to our attention and would warrant further attention by the uniformed officers that are regularly assigned to that area.

The training of the Strike Force officers is a continuing process. Made available to the officers are the opinions
handed down by the Attorney General of the State of Nebraska.
The opinions cover the tenuous area of Search and Seizure and
"probable cause" and validity of search warrants and affidavits.

Read at Roll Call, as time allows, are the Rules and Regulations of the Omaha Police Division, under which all sworn personnel must perform.

All officers take part in a monthly pistol shoot and have recently completed training in gas war-fare, and the use of the police shotgun at a National Guard Camp just outside of Omaha.

A minimum of one inspection per month on their uniform and equipment have made the men sharp in appearance and they have developed pride in being part of the Strike Force Section.

As a refresher course, all Strike Force officers attended a one day session in October 1971, conducted by a Deputy County Attorney and a City Prosecutor. All current court decisions on Search and Seizure and "probable cause" were discussed very freely, and the officers were enlightened as to what the court needed in the way of evidence to proceed with a prosecution.

The Strike Force Section has made a great number of narcotic arrests and many of them was by the detection of the
smell of marijuana within a motor vehicle. This capability
of being able to sniff and detect the odor of marijuana is
carried through in training, as from time to time a quantity
of marijuana is burned during a Roll Call training period
to acquaint new officers of the smell of burning marijuana.

During the month of July of 1971, the Strike Force effected over fifty narcotic arrests in fifteen days. During the months of October and November of 1971, over one hundred thirty (130) narcotic arrests were made. Almost every one was by a car stop and a check of the occupants.

As was originally outlined in the Strike Force Grant Award, the Section adhered to strict language it contained in regards to working conditions. The Section worked from 1800 hours to 0200 hours, five days per week, and took Sundays and Mondays off. They remained in their assigned areas for twenty-eight days: four- seven day periods. This was for the purpose of a comparison study of the crime rate that could be made of that particular area in which the Strike Force Section was operating; as against that same area a year ago, and again a comparison could be made from the previous month's crime rate also. This is shown in the attached printouts.

In closing, it should be reported that the work of the Strike Force Section, under the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration Discretionary Grant Award, was a successful project. As of the expiration of the Grant Award on 15 February 1972, the City of Omaha has funded the Strike Force Section to continue with their work.

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