

BOISE POLICE DEPARTMENT

A REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

BPD's Mission: Protect, Serve and Lead
our Community to a Safer Tomorrow



2023
ANNUAL
REPORT



CHIEF RON WINEGAR

// MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

The Boise Police Department is charged with keeping our vibrant, diverse, and engaged community safe. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as a Boise Police Officer for almost 29 of the last 30 years.

This report includes an overview of the work done by our officers and professional staff in 2023 as well as some of the trends we are seeing across the city. The crime rate continues to reflect that Boise is a safe city and that our community partnerships are a driving force in that area. We will continue to rely on these partnerships as we work to address emerging trends. In 2023 we, along with the City of Boise and other partners, formed the Traffic Fatality Review Task Force in response to an increase in traffic fatalities. BPD is also focused on hiring more officers and providing the best in class training as we see a rise in mental health related calls for service and violent crime. Staffing is one of our main goals in 2024, along with employee wellness and strategic planning for the future. I firmly believe the better care we take of our employees and the better our strategic planning, the better our staff will be positioned to serve and protect you, the members of our community.

// BOISE POLICE OFFICERS REACHED ALMOST HALF OF BOISE'S POPULATION THROUGH COMMUNITY EVENTS.

1/3 of BPD officers focus on proactive problem-solving and community outreach. The other 2/3's of the Boise Police Department is divided 1/3 to Patrol and 1/3 to Criminal Investigations.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OFFICERS focus on solving quality-of-life concerns and smaller problems before they turn into major problems. They also create valuable relationships, build trust, transparency, and connections within in our community. Some examples of the groups in our outreach division include:



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS:

17 Officers work full-time at 55 Boise schools



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPONSE TEAM:

In 2023, mental health clinicians paired with officers followed up on 2,029 calls for service that had a mental health concern to help connect people with long term solutions.



BIKE PATROL OFFICERS:

Officers on bikes focus on safety in downtown Boise, parks and the Greenbelt making almost 4,000 helpful contacts.



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

Our team of traffic officers are dedicated to enforcing traffic laws and promoting road safety. In 2023 traffic deaths across Idaho reached a 20 year high and the City of Boise created a Traffic Fatality Review Task Force to recommend solutions. In addition to engineering and enforcement solutions, we also focus on education and out of 23000 traffic stops, over 5,000 drivers received a warning.



REFUGEE LIAISON OFFICER:

BPD has an officer working full-time as a liaison with the refugee community, providing training, connecting with translators, and being an important resource as people from all over the world find new homes in Boise. BPD also offers liaison officers for the AAPI, Hispanic, and LGBTQ+ communities as well as veterans and the NAACP.

// COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



SCAM EDUCATION

Scams are a growing threat and BPD Detective Brad Thorne is an expert in investigating fraud, assisting local victims with getting their money back, and providing community education. "We encourage all victims of scams or frauds to know they are not alone and there is help," said Detective Thorne. "Scammers work by using fear and manipulation! If you are ever fearful of telling your loved ones or authorities about a transaction involving money, it's very likely a scam."

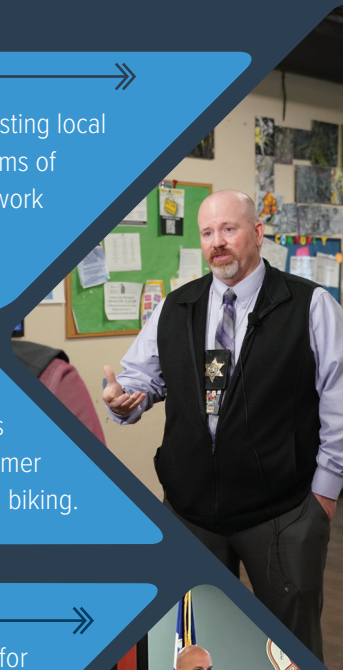


PAL / SHIELD / PUBLIC SAFETY MEET AND GREET

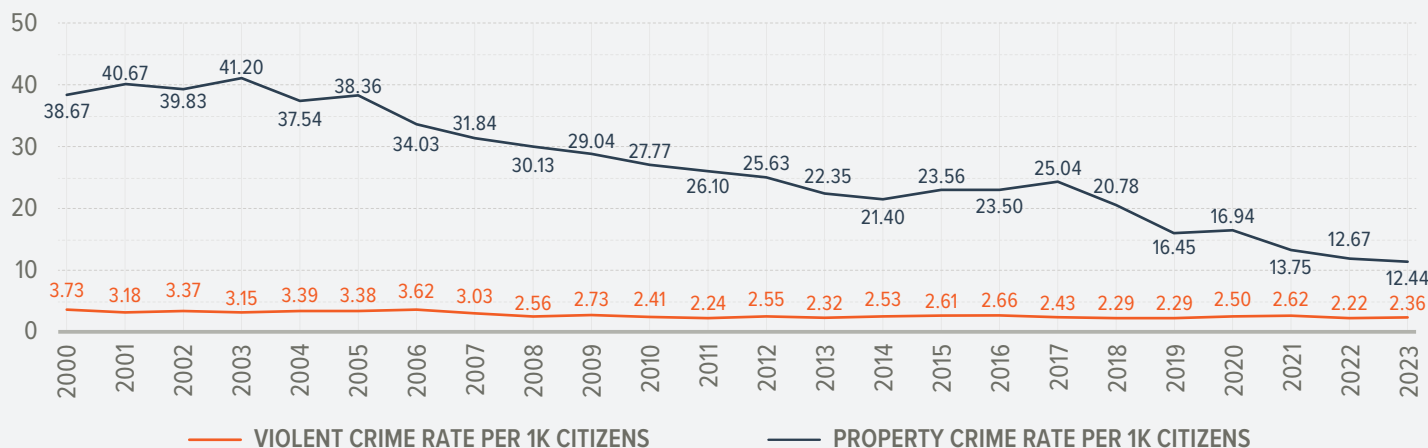
In 2023 Boise Police Department employees joined the community for 132 outreach events including hosting the Public Safety Meet and Greet: All Ability's Welcome, the SHIELD summer academy for kids, and 9 Police Activities League events like sledding, rafting and biking.

COLD CASE SOLVED!

After 35 years, BPD detectives solved a cold case and identified the person responsible for the death of Joyce Casper. BPD then hosted a case debrief for the Casper family, retired detectives, and media. "Justice has been a long time coming and we are proud and grateful to finally be able to give the Casper family some answers," said lead Detective Paul Jagosh.



// COMBINED VIOLENT AND PROPERTY CRIME RATE LOWEST IN 24 YEARS



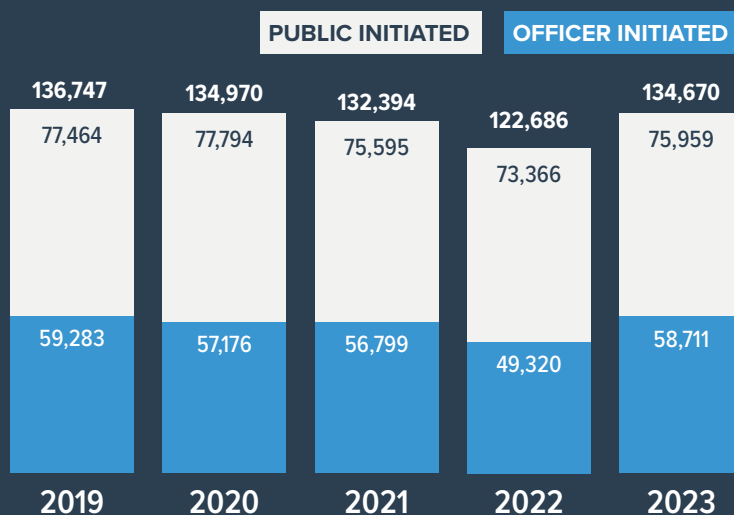
// CALLS FOR SERVICE

TOP PUBLIC INITIATED CALLS

1. Welfare Check
2. Citizen Assist
3. 911 Hang-up Check
4. Alarm Commercial Burglary
5. Non-Injury Crash
6. Domestic Dispute
7. Problem with Subject
8. Theft Report

TOP OFFICER INITIATED CALLS

1. Traffic Stops
2. Follow Up
3. Citizen Assist
4. Protection Order Service
5. Security Check
6. Property Check
7. Special Assignment
8. Extra Patrol



CHECK OUT OUR NEW DATA DASHBOARDS MAKING BOISE CRIME DATA AVAILABLE ONLINE.
CITYOFBOISE.ORG/POLICE-DATA-DASHBOARDS

// 2024-2025 PRIORITIES



WELLNESS

- BPD focuses on employee wellness because we know the better we take care of our team the better they take care of you.
- BPD's employee wellness initiatives include sleep recovery training, yoga for first responders, tactical breathing, annual mental health check-ins, financial guidance and couples support, among others.



STRATEGIC PLANNING

- We are planning for Boise's future with the community in mind.
- BPD's strategic plans include focusing on technology, future facility locations as the city grows, succession planning, and training.



STAFFING

- Boise is committed to ensuring staffing levels meet the needs of the city and Boise continues to be the safe place it is today.
- After hiring 35 new officers in 2023, we plan to hire over 40 in 2024.

MISSION: *To Protect, Serve and Lead our Community to a Safer Tomorrow*

JOIN US + THE BOISE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS HIRING ➤



In the last four budgets (FY21-FY24) 34 new positions were added and the total investments in personnel including wages and benefits grew by 36%.

Learn why the Boise Police is an amazing place to work, and how to join our team.



// DID YOU KNOW

OFFICER TRAINING

Officers receive training on Crisis Intervention, De-escalation, Human and Civil Rights and Implicit Bias.

BODY-WORN CAMERAS

All uniformed officers wear body-cameras. Officers record all investigative enforcement contacts, prisoner transports, persons complaining of officer conduct, or when a contact is anticipated to be confrontational in nature, unless an articulated reason justifies otherwise. Video is reviewed on all complaints and use of force reports.



BOISE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To reach an on-duty police officer - **208-377-6790**

Questions about Boise Police Department - **208-570-6000**

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