BOISE POLICE DEPARTMENT

A REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

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

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF CHRIS DENNISON

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Hello Boise and thank you for the warm welcome. It has been a privilege to serve this incredible community and to experience everything Boise has to offer, from the river to the foothills and beyond.

With over 20 years of law enforcement experience, I have a strong commitment to operational excellence, community engagement, and employee wellness. Since joining the Boise Police Department, I have worked alongside dedicated professionals to advance these priorities and will continue building upon the great work already underway.

I am continually inspired by Boise's dedication to community policing and remain committed to strengthening our partnerships with community leaders and organizations. Together, we are making strides in crime reduction, prioritizing training and education, and ensuring regular evaluation of our progress.

I also believe strongly in the importance of supporting employee wellness, as this plays a key role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. By supporting our officers, we equip them with the tools they need to better serve and protect Boise.

This report highlights the accomplishments of our staff in 2024, as well as the trends we are observing across the city.

I look forward to continuing our work together to make Boise an even better place to live, work, and thrive!





ABOUT BPD BPD strives to provide community policing services tailored to match the community's needs. Here are some of the ways we work to achieve those goals:

BHRT:

BPD's Behavioral Health Response Teams pairs a mental health clinician with an officer to follow up on calls for service that had a mental health concern to help connect people with long term solutions. In 2025 we will be adding another clinician/officer team to this unit.

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.

CNT:

BPD's Crisis Negotiation Team is highly trained in verbally de-escalating violent situations. The team works with subjects either in person or over the phone to safely resolve incidents. In 2024, BPD added five new positions to the team. Officers serve in this unit as an ancillary assignment to their primary position.

()) LIAISONS:

BPD's Liaison officers are well known in the communities they serve as a trusted, problem-solving resource. BPD offers liaison officers for the AAPI, Hispanic, LGBTQ+ communities as well as refugees, veterans and the NAACP.

TRAINING:

BPD's Training Division trains all new officers and provides ongoing training throughout an officer's career on many topics including crisis intervention, de-escalation, human and civil rights and implicit bias.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

NOT YOUR ORDINARY OUTREACH EVENTS

In 2024 we hosted two community events with specific goals in mind. We hosted the All Abilities Welcome: Meet and Greet, to encourage community members of all ages, needs, and abilities to meet with first responders, explore their gear, ask questions and share stories. We also partnered with the English Language Center to host the "Let's Talk Traffic Safety" event where we had translators and materials about driving safety translated into seven languages. Attendees learned about the dangers of drinking and driving, aggressive driving, hot cars and more.

SUMMER KIDS PROGRAM

25 students aged 12-15 participated in a program led by BPD SROs. The SHIELD Academy focuses on Success, Helping, Innovation, Empowerment, Leadership, and Discovery. We offered two free three-week programs that were designed to build confidence, resiliency, and interpersonal skills. Registration for summer 2025 is anticipated to open in March.



2025-2026 PRIORITIES

m Staffing

- » Boise is committed to ensuring staffing levels meet the needs of the city and keep Boise the safe place it is today.
- » We hired 35 new officers in 2023, and 48 in 2024 bringing us nearly to full staff in 2025 which will allow us to achieve more of our goals this year and beyond.

😔 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.

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



Violent Crimes

No significant change from 2023 but the overall trend is downward.

Property Crimes

Overall downward trend, mostly due to significantly fewer burglaries and vehicle burglaries (both crimes are at the lowest in the last four years).

Fraud

Wire fraud has been increasing over the last five years while credit card fraud has been decreasing at the same rate.

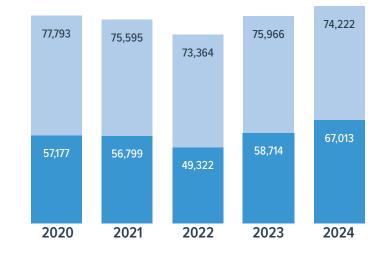
// CALLS FOR SERVICE

TOP PUBLIC INITIATED CALLS

- 1. Welfare Check
- 2. Assist Citizen
- 3. Welfare Check 911 Hang Up
- 4. Alarm Commercial Burg
- 5. Crash Non Injury
- 6. Supplemental Info
- 7. Problem With Subject
- 8. Theft Report

TOP OFFICER

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





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

The Traffic Fatality Review Task Force has been convening for one year. In this time, the group has reviewed 13 fatal crashes from 2023 and 6 fatal crashes from 2024 as well as trends of serious injury crashes in the same time frame.

As a result of traffic fatalities in 2023 and 2024, the City of Boise and Ada County Highway District have pursued several

safety improvements including adding lighting along Cloverdale Rd., adding a detached sidewalk on HWY 21 and Grand Forest and adjusting the signal at 16th and Jefferson. The City of Boise has also applied for a Safe Streets and Roads For All Demonstration grant to test the impact of various safety features.

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// STORIES TO SHARE



MEDAL OF HONOR FOR BPD OFFICER CHRIS DANCE

The State of Idaho awarded the 2024 Medal of Honor to Officer Chris Dance in recognition of his heroic acts during the 2021 shooting at the Boise Towne Square Mall. During the incident two people lost their lives and several others were injured, including Officer Dance.

Officer Dance's actions that day to stop the suspect and provide cover for fellow officers prevented further injury to both citizens and fellow officers.





EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD FOR NINE CITIZENS

On June 29, 2024, two female victims were hit by a reckless driver and thanks to an amazing group of nearby medical professionals (many from the same family), the victims received lifesaving care immediately right on the scene. Meanwhile another group of four young men set out to stop the driver, catching him and detaining him until police arrived.

Jake Szumski, Frank Szumski, Zachary Szumski, Summer Szumski, Anna Hoskinsall, Lucas Vitale, Brayden Hussey, Dominic Brown, and William Ginn received a BPD Exceptional Service Award during a special ceremony.

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For emergencies call 911 To reach an on-duty police officer - 208-377-6790 Questions about Boise Police Department - 208-570-6000 TTY - 800-377-3529 Make a report online at <u>cityofboise.org/police</u>



ADA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY TOBIN BOLTER

On Saturday, April 20, 2024, Ada County Deputy Tobin Bolter was shot and killed while making a traffic stop near the intersection of W Overland Road and S Raymond Street in Boise. He was remembered with full police honors and a service at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa, Idaho.

Rest in peace, Deputy Bolter.





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