

BOISE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2019 A REPORT TO OUR  
CITIZENS





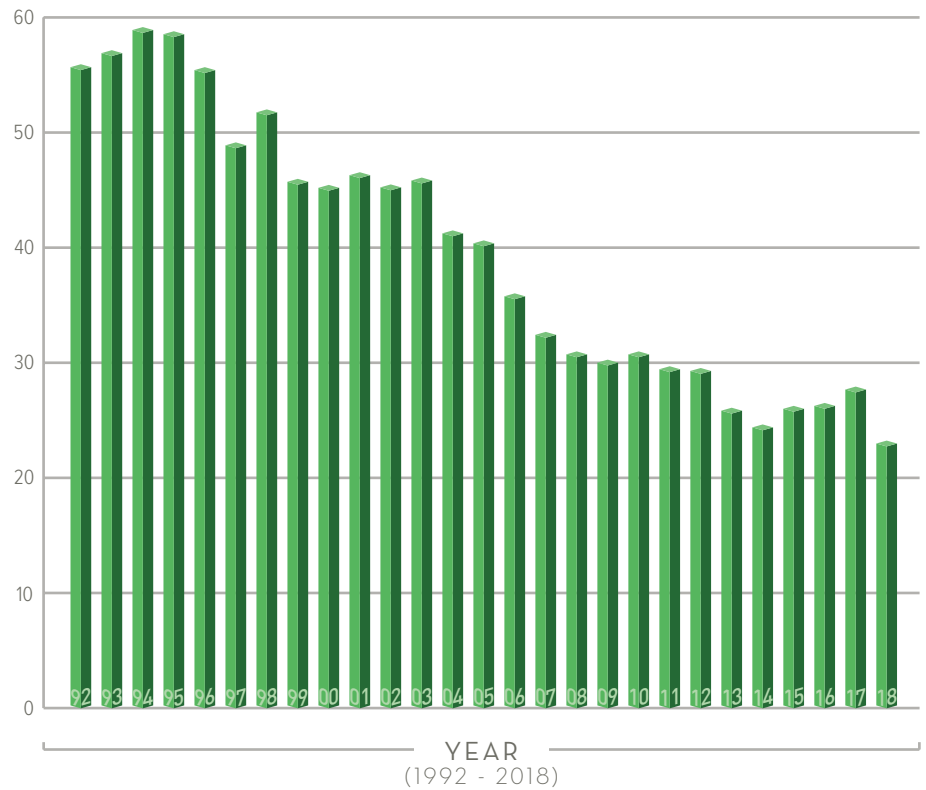
## CITY OF BOISE CRIME RATES HIT 25-YEAR LOW



The Boise Police Department continues to show a steady decline in the city's overall crime rate. The FY2019 numbers show a rate of 19.5 crimes per 1,000 residents in Boise, down from 58.36 in 1994. The 25-year drop in crime can be attributed in part to strong neighborhoods, partnerships with schools, opportunities for youth to be active, and an engaged community. We also recognize advances in technology including home security cameras and more reliable alarms.

### TOTAL CRIME INDEX RATE (PER 1,000 CITIZENS)

Includes: Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Vehicle-Theft, Arson



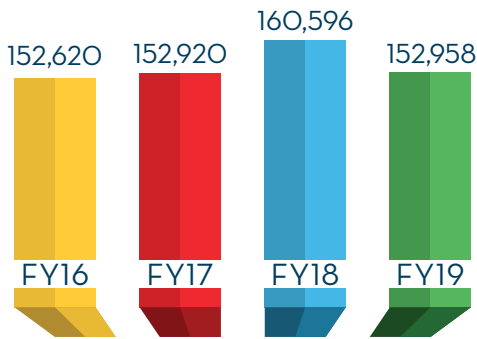
## NEW DOWNTOWN STATION

In 2020 the Boise Police Department will open a new location in the downtown area where there is continually a large volume of calls for service. With the remodel of 2223 W. Fairview, officers on bike patrol and those in vehicles will have quick access to the downtown core, the Greenbelt, nearby parks and Boise State University.



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

## CALLS FOR SERVICE



### FY19 TOP PUBLIC INITIATED CALLS

1. Welfare Check
2. Assist Citizen
3. Suspicious Subject/Vehicle
4. Traffic Crash
5. Domestic Dispute
6. Theft Report

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

CATEGORY	FY2019	FY2018
Average response time to emergencies (min:sec)	3:51	3:50
Average Officer Time on call (min:sec)	38:43	41:16
Sustained Citizen Complaints against officers	17	18
Citizen Commendations for officers	131	115
Crime Tips from the public to Crime Stoppers	758	843
Officer retention rate (excluding retirements)	98.55%	98.5%

## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

BPD is committed to being responsive to citizen concerns and has made focusing on traffic safety a department goal for 2020. Officers approach traffic-related issues through three methods: Education, Enforcement and Engineering.

In FY2019 our designated team of traffic enforcement officers coordinated a response to over 190 traffic concerns. Officers also issued 30,708 citations for traffic violations.

### TOP 5 TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

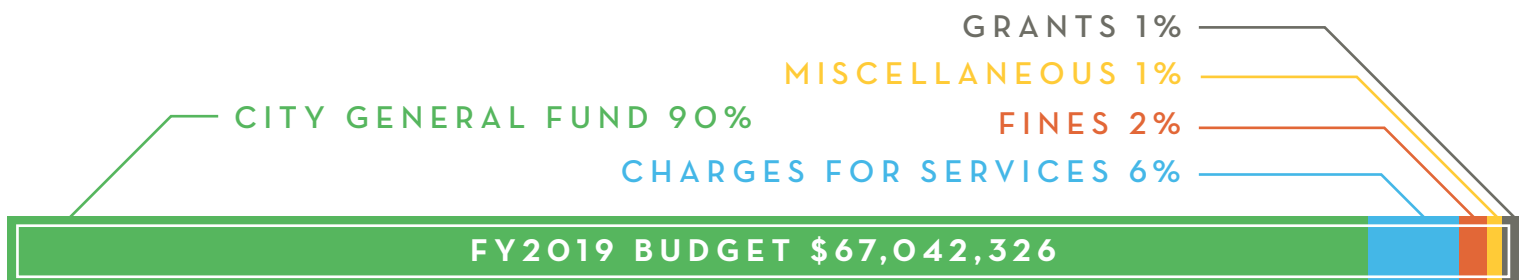
1. Speeding
2. Following too closely
3. Stop sign/yield violation
4. Wide turns
5. Red light violations



For daily traffic tips follow Corporal Kyle Wills on Twitter @kjwills652



## BUDGET REVENUE SOURCES



## TRENDS

↓6.8%  
DECREASE

in reportable crime.

↓38%  
DECREASE

in burglaries from vehicles.

↑30%  
INCREASE

in fraud reports. Crimes involving scams and identity theft are both growing and diversifying.



## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPONSE TEAM

Welfare checks are the highest call for service for BPD. In FY2019 Boise Police paired a sworn Behavioral Health Officer with our civilian Mental Health Coordinator to help respond to those who have repeated interactions with law enforcement or pose a threat to the community. The combined expertise of the officer and mental health professional allows BPD to create follow up plans for those who need additional services and reduce future emergency calls. The Behavioral Health Response Team responds to about 10 calls for service a day in addition to following up on prior contacts.

## LIAISON OFFICERS

Each of BPD's Liaison Officers work to break down barriers and build trust based relationships with the communities they serve. The Liaison Officer is available for direct reporting of crimes and incidents. They assist with ongoing investigations as needed and attend special events. Liaison Officers also train other members of the department and community members on the unique sensitivities involving the communities they serve. BPD has a full time Refugee Liaison Officer as well as officers whose ancillary duties include being the Hispanic Liaison, LGBTQ Liaison and the NAACP Liaison.

## IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING

In FY2019 all sworn and civilian employees completed implicit bias training at the Boise Police Department. BPD developed the in-house training after extensive research. Implicit bias refers to the attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions and decisions in an unconscious manner. Ongoing education and training on this important topic is imperative to building a more inclusive organization. Training all of our employees on the best practices for bias free policing also allows us to continue to provide the highest level of service to our citizens.

*The Boise Police Department strives to prepare for the future by hiring the best candidates, investing in the right training and promoting healthy attitudes and characteristics.*

— Boise Police Deputy Chief Ron Winegar



Sgt. Hill and a student test the weight of her duty belt.



## ABOUT THE BOISE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Boise Police Department (BPD) works to achieve the City's vision of making Boise the most livable city in the country by focusing on maintaining and improving the safety of the community. BPD has over 400 sworn and civilian employees who strive

to not just respond to crime, but to partner with the community on crime prevention. We recognize our best resource is our community and that's why we're devoted to being a reflection of the people we serve.

### CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



#ProtectServeLead

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### CONTACT BOISE POLICE

- Call 911 for emergencies
- Call (208) 377-6790 for non-emergencies or to reach an on-duty police officer
- Make a report online at [cityofboise.org/police](http://cityofboise.org/police)
- For questions about BPD call (208) 570-6000

### CONTACT THE OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

- Call (208) 972-8380
- [bpddoversight@cityofboise.org](mailto:bpddoversight@cityofboise.org)
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- The Office of Police Oversight is independent of the Boise Police Department and answers directly to the Mayor and City Council.