

**BOZEMAN
POLICE
DEPARTMENT
2011
ANNUAL
REPORT**



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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE BOZEMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

*The Bozeman Police Department,
in partnership with the citizens of Bozeman,
is committed to improving the quality of life
by identifying and resolving public safety concerns.*

ABOUT THE BOZEMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT



Department Founded April 12, 1883

At a Glance

Police Officers (Authorized)	65
Civilian Personnel (Authorized)	8
Calls for Service	46,010
Fiscal Year 2012 Budget	\$6.7 million

Department Personnel

Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chief	1
Lieutenants	3
Sergeants	8
Patrol Officers	36
Canines	2
Detectives	8
School Resource Officers	2
D.A.R.E. Officer	1
Evidence Technician	1
Police Information Specialists	2
Animal Control Officers	2
Parking Enforcement Officer	1
Vehicle Maintenance	1

Police Vehicles & Equipment

Marked Patrol Vehicles	19
Unmarked Vehicles	17
Motorcycles	2
Traffic Enforcement Vehicle	1
D.A.R.E. Truck	1
Bicycles	9

City of Bozeman Facts

Population of Bozeman (2010)	37,280
Total Acreage	12,477
Square Miles	19 ½
Miles of Roads & Alleys	250

CHIEF'S MESSAGE



It is an honor and a pleasure to present the 2011 Annual Report of the Bozeman Police Department. I am extremely proud of the men and women, both sworn officers and civilian employees that make up our police department. This report provides insight into our budget, staffing, and department organization as well as statistical data regarding crime, police activities and response times to calls for service.

During the course of the last year we have witnessed significant change within the department. A reorganization was completed to better provide leadership, accountability and community outreach. As part of that move, the Downtown Office was implemented and staffed, providing the downtown businesses and nearby residential areas a consistent police presence.

We continue to move steadily forward in our recruiting, hiring and training of new officers. In 2007, the citizens of our community voted to increase the size of the police department to meet the needs of a city that had rapidly outpaced its law enforcement resources. Since that time we have increased our sworn officer strength from 47 to 60. We expect to reach our authorized strength of 65 officers by the end of 2012. This will enable officers to focus attention and enforcement on specific problem issues and partner with the community and other resources in identifying long-term solutions.

One can always strive to work harder, but it is equally important to work smarter. We have increased our use of technology to assist not only the officers but the community. The public now has near real-time access to crime information and can request notifications of activity that occurred near their homes or businesses. In addition, community members now have the option of on-line reporting certain types of crimes and other incidents. They can deliver crime tips, initiate complaints or commendations and request further information or contact from an officer.

Services come at a budgetary cost. One of our obligations is to be good stewards of the funds provided to us by the taxpayers. As the largest general fund tax supported part of city government, we have a particularly important role in ensuring that citizens receive good value for their investment. I am proud to say that as these changes and increases in service delivery continue to be introduced, we have done so without programmatic or operational budget increases.

I want to thank the citizens of Bozeman and our elected officials for providing us with the guidance and resources to accomplish our mission, and our employees for their commitment to provide for a safe and secure community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Price". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Ron Price



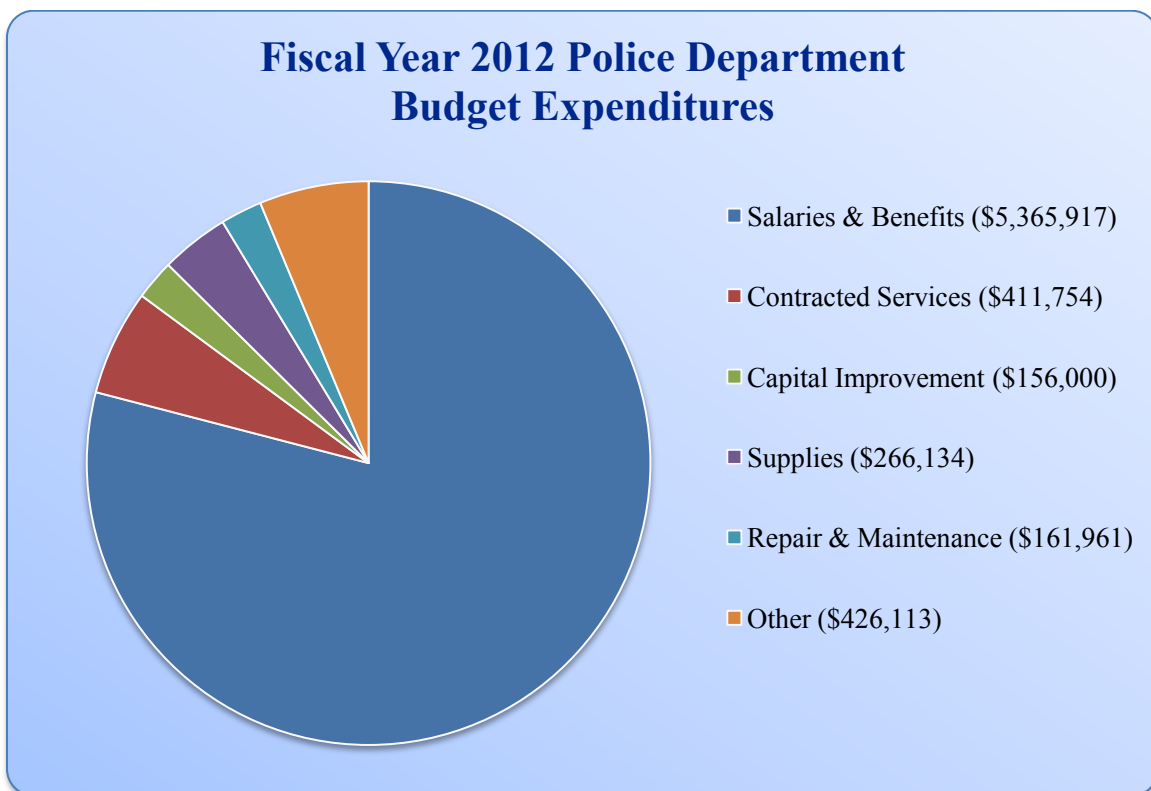
BUDGET OVERVIEW

The Bozeman Police Department is operating on a budget of \$6,787,879 for fiscal year 2012. The main source of this money is tax-based, but other funding sources include drug forfeitures, grants, and donations toward a specific program. This budget amount includes all projected costs of personnel salaries and benefits, uniforms, training, equipment, supplies, contracted services and capital improvement purchases, such as the replacement of police cars.

In addition to funding uniform patrol officers, this budget funds our detective and support services divisions. Included within this budget are the services provided by the animal control officers, a parking enforcement officer, drug enforcement services of the detectives assigned to the Missouri River Drug Task Force, our School Resource Officers and the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E. program).

Careful consideration is given in assembling each year's budget, with an understanding that we have been entrusted to be the stewards of the public's money. This is a responsibility we take seriously. As an example, at the end of fiscal year 2011, the police department returned to the city's general fund approximately \$827,000 of unspent funds equaling approximately 11% of our fiscal year 2011 budget. A large part of these unspent funds came as a result of not filling all sworn officer vacancies and the related costs that go with medical exams, training and outfitting these officers.

Preparation of future budgets is based on the previous year's actual expenditures, identified needs and careful forecasting. Though predicting future needs can be difficult, experience and thoughtful planning have taught us to be accurate, reasonable and sound in our budgetary requests.



CRIME STATISTICS

Members of the Bozeman Police Department respond to dispatched calls and initiate activity based on their own observations. Together, these incidents are referred to as calls for service. State-wide crime reporting is based on a category referred to as “Index Crimes”. The index crimes are identified as reported incidents of Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny and Motor Vehicle Theft.

It is through the use of this index that rates can be compared across a span of years and beside other jurisdictions. The information displayed shows the raw total of crime data (Index Crimes) and the number of crimes per 1,000 population (Crime Rate).

City of Bozeman Calls for Service (2009 2011)						
Year	Calls for Service	Formal Criminal Reports	Total Arrests	Traffic Stops	Total Citations	DUI Arrests
2011	46,010	4,868	2,149	9,843	6,780	373
2010	44,965	5,306	2,443	10,797	5,916	442
2009	43,106	5,360	2,525	11,206	6,914	612

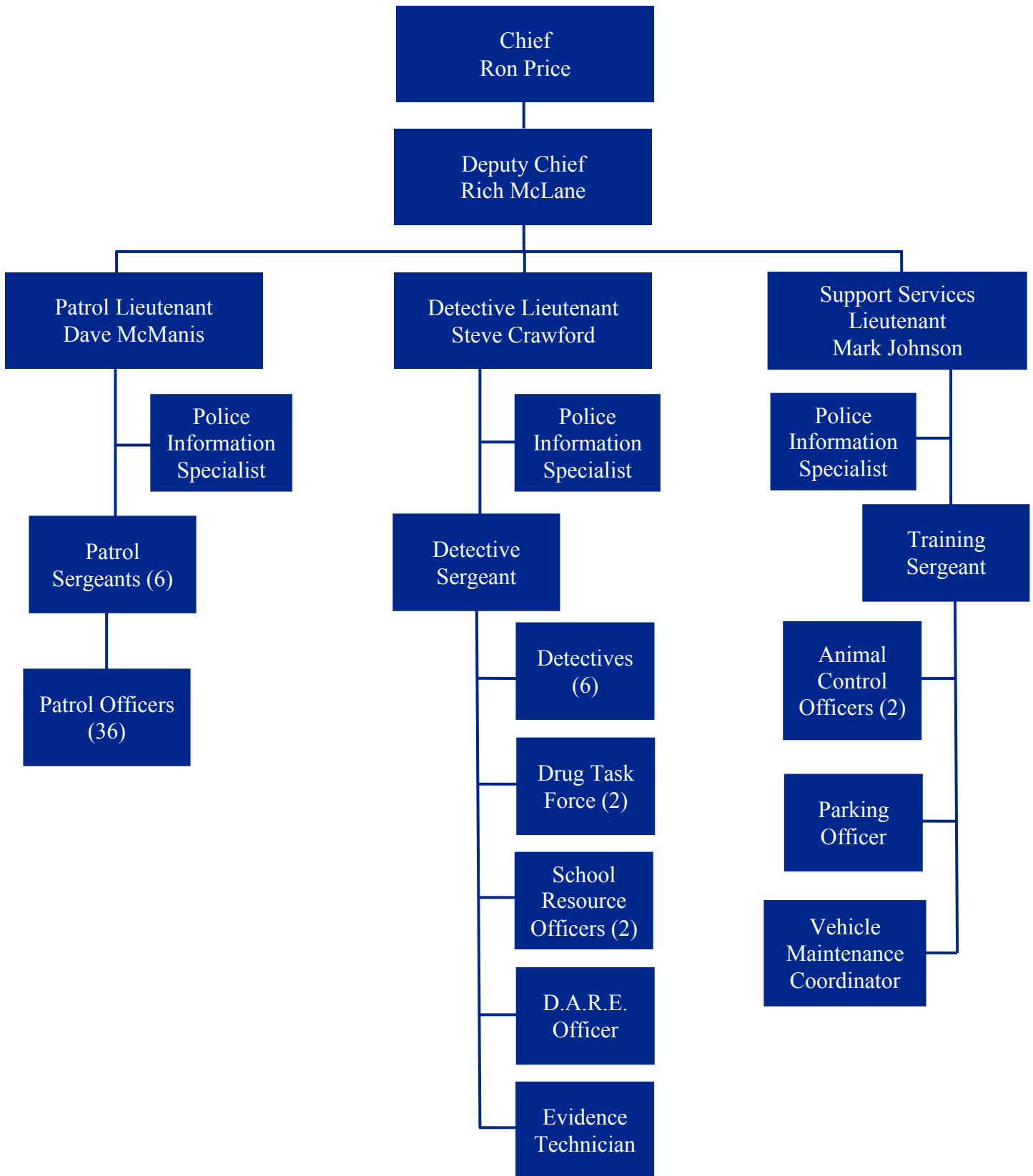
City of Bozeman Crime Statistics (2005 2011)										
Year	Population	Index Crimes	Rate per 1,000	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft
2011	37,280	1,290	34.6	0	24	3	66	103	1,040	54
2010	37,280	1,173	31.5	0	23	14	70	111	883	72
2009	40,910	1,370	33.5	1	13	13	51	131	1,085	76
2008	39,408	1,538	39.0	1	16	15	57	122	1,251	76
2007	36,158	1,751	48.4	0	19	15	48	136	1,299	120
2006	32,722	1,642	50.2	0	21	15	48	136	1,299	123
2005	31,063	1,744	56.1	0	17	11	40	217	1,329	130

2010 population based on actual census numbers as 2005-09 population was based on estimations each year

Crime Statistics for Comparable Cities in Montana										
City	Population (2010)	Index Crimes	Rate per 1,000	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft
Great Falls	58,505	2,983	51.0	5	18	34	155	302	2,352	117
Billings	104,170	5,047	48.7	3	41	40	254	647	3,746	343
Kalispell	19,927	969	48.6	0	10	6	52	91	771	39
Missoula	66,788	2,927	43.8	1	30	20	153	305	2,318	100
Helena	28,190	1,112	39.4	2	24	12	107	124	791	52
Bozeman	37,280	1,290	34.6	0	24	3	66	103	1,040	54
Butte	33,525	1,146	34.2	2	10	11	74	148	838	63

Crime data provided by the Montana Board of Crime Control-Helena, MT

DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is comprised of three shifts of uniformed patrol officers and patrol sergeants who perform a multitude of tasks, to include traffic enforcement, responding to emergencies, investigating criminal activity, and conducting proactive patrol. The Patrol Division operates around the clock every day of the year and generally handles over 85% of the department's calls for service. The division is also staffed with a civilian Police Information Specialist.



PATROL BEATS

The city is divided into three patrol beats for the purpose of equally distributing police resources around the city. This increases public safety and police service in a number of ways to include better patrol officer allocation throughout the city, decreased response times, and increased police visibility. Patrol beats also allow our officers to become more familiar with the neighborhoods and businesses they patrol along with public safety issues that may be specific to that area of the city.

BOZEMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL BEATS

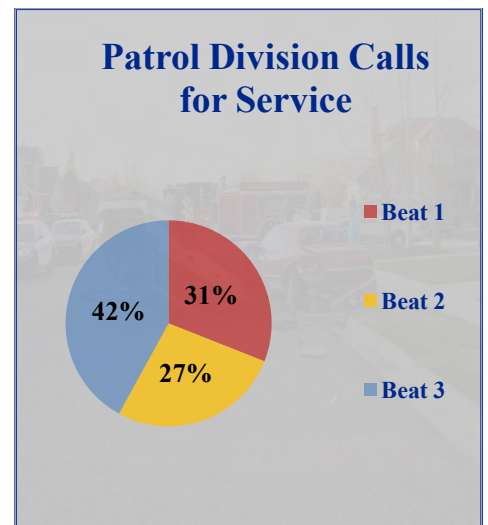
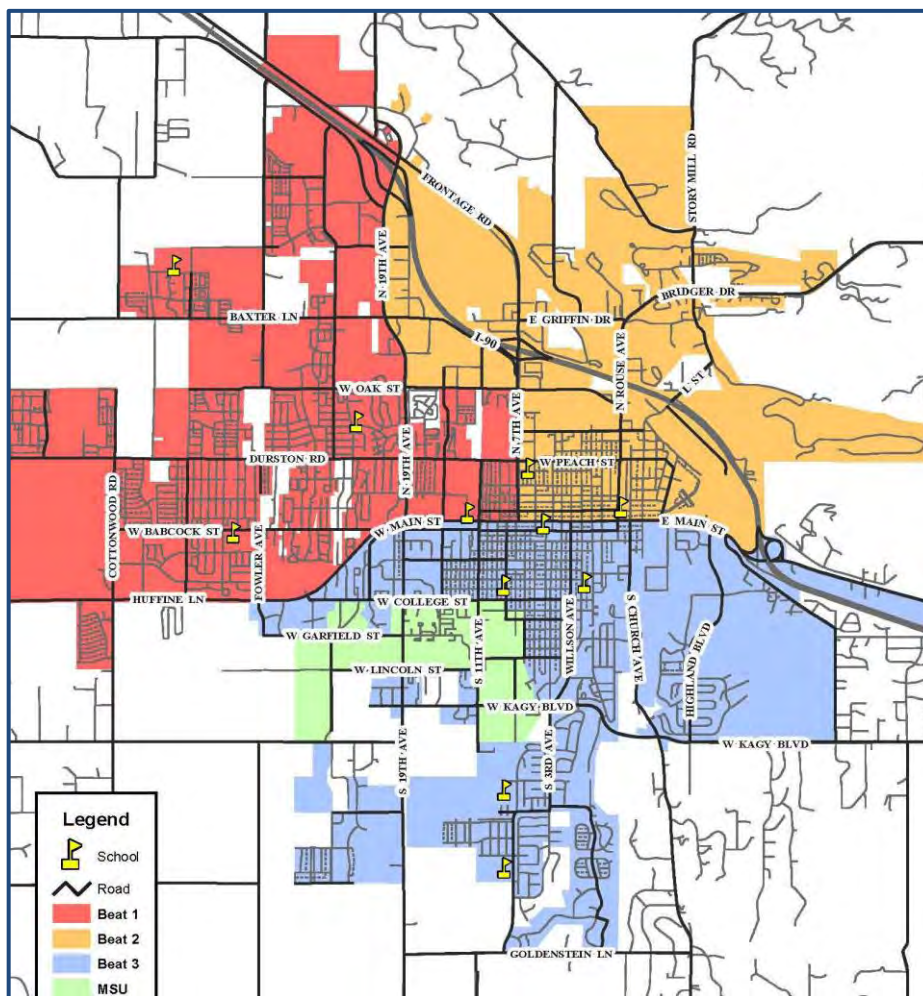


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PATROL SPECIALTY AREAS



Two officers are assigned to a full time dedicated **Traffic Unit**. Their primary duties are traffic enforcement and crash investigations, as well as helping resolve vehicle and pedestrian traffic problem areas throughout the city. In 2011, the Traffic Unit stopped 1,541 unsafe drivers, investigated 381 crashes, conducted 268 patrol checks and assisted 107 motorists.

To supplement our proactive traffic enforcement capabilities, the Bozeman Police Department utilized grant monies provided by the Montana Department of Transportation. Officers conducted nearly 240 hours of additional traffic enforcement patrols with a primary focus on occupant protections and impaired driving. During these emphasis patrols, our officers issued 558 citations and made 19 arrests, all while greatly decreasing unsafe driving behavior with no additional cost to Bozeman taxpayers.

In 2011, two of our officers were trained as **Drug Recognition Experts (DRE)**, allowing them to evaluate a person by conducting specialized tests and observing a variety of indicators to determine if they are under the influence of a controlled substance. Since becoming certified in March of 2011, these two officers have conducted 19 evaluations. Many of the persons evaluated were arrested and charged with driving under the influence of drugs. Having access to a DRE can also give officers an opportunity to steer their traffic stop investigation in a different direction. On one such stop, a DRE officer felt the offender was under the influence of methamphetamine based on his evaluation.

A search of the offender's vehicle produced a large quantity of illegal narcotics.



Our **K9 Program** consists of two patrol officers and their canines Cage and Taco. The K9 program serves both the community and our officers by providing patrol functions as well as conducting searches of buildings, vehicles and other property for suspects and illegal substances. Our K9 teams conducted 32 drug sniffs in residences and vehicles, 8 tracks of suspects, and 29 searches of buildings where evidence showed forced entry was made by a suspect. In late 2011, K9 Cage retired at the age of 13 years after proudly serving the Bozeman Police Department for over two years as well as an additional 7 years with his handler at his previous agencies. Since then, the Bozeman Police Department partnered with the Bozeman Lion's Club to purchase a new K9, scheduled to be trained in April 2012. We wish Cage a healthy retirement.



Our **Mountain Bike Patrol Officers** focus their attention on areas of the city not generally accessible by a police car. The Bozeman Police Department trained six bike officers in 2011, bringing the total number of bike officers within the department to 24. To increase our effectiveness within our beat systems, officers patrol their beats with a bicycle on a trunk rack of their patrol car. With the officer already in their patrol beat they can quickly deploy a

bicycle as needs arise. Our bike officers also regularly appear at special events such as bike rodeos and parades.



Our **Honor Guard** and its members provide the department with a specially trained ceremonial team to render honors and preserve tradition. They provide guidance and uniformity while performing ceremonies throughout the year, including funerals, formal services and other events.



The Gallatin County **Critical Incident Stress Management Team** is a multi-agency group of community volunteers which includes officers from the Bozeman Police Department. This team is dedicated to assist county-wide emergency services personnel in dealing with the stress our first responders deal with each and every day.

In 2011, our combined city-county **Special Response Team (SRT)** responded to two barricaded subject incidents. This was in contrast to the eight high-risk incidents involving barricaded and/or armed subjects the team responded to in 2010. The team is comprised of officers from both the Bozeman Police Department and the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office. In 2011, our team again took first place at the Mountain States Tactical Officer's Association Tactical Team Competition held in Helena, Montana.



The team has won this competition five of the last seven years. Our team maintains a high level of training to ensure they are prepared for high-risk incidents that threaten public safety.

DETECTIVE DIVISION

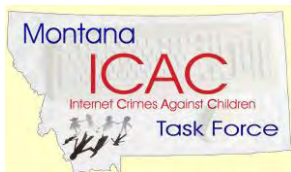
The detectives are responsible for investigating felony criminal activity, conducting background checks on prospective employees, assisting other agencies with criminal investigations and presenting public education seminars.



2011 was a year of change for the division with a number of personnel changes due to promotions. During the year, two new detectives, a new school resource officer and a new detective sergeant were assigned to the division.

Year	Cases Opened	Violent Crimes	Sexual Crimes	Property Crimes	Agency Assists	Hiring Backgrounds	Other Cases
2011	343	54	80	140	15	16	38
2010	299	69	51	72	22	28	57
2009	269	44	54	71	30	24	46

DETECTIVE SPECIALTY AREAS



The Bozeman Police Department is a member of the **Montana Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) Task Force**. The Montana ICAC Task Force is part of a nationwide initiative to enhance investigative response to computer-facilitated crimes against children. Our ICAC investigator conducts both proactive and reactive investigations to protect children from online predators.

In addition to criminal investigations, the Montana ICAC Task Force provides education to the public on computer-facilitated child exploitation. To that end, the ICAC detective has conducted several presentations for elementary students in Bozeman on the dangers of the Internet, sexting, cyber-bullying, and online predators. In support of the ICAC mission, we continue to present a yearly Protecting Our Children seminar for parents and caregivers to help them understand the technologies that children are using and the dangers they face online.

The Bozeman Police Department's **Sexual and Violent Offender Registry Program** is responsible for ensuring that all violent and sexual offenders residing in the city limits of Bozeman have registered a current address with our department as required by Montana law. Registration also ensures that the department has current photographs, fingerprints and DNA samples of subjects living in our area that are convicted of qualifying offenses. In 2011, 23 sex offenders and 38 violent offenders were registered and monitored by the Bozeman Police Department and listed on the Montana Department of Justice website for public access. Our patrol officers physically verified the residency of every offender registered within the city limits to ensure compliance.



Two detectives from the Bozeman Police Department are assigned to the **Missouri River Drug Task Force (MRDTF)**, with focused investigation on regional drug enforcement. In 2011, the detectives investigated cases involving the possession, distribution or manufacture of dangerous drugs, and fraudulently obtaining prescription drugs. These cases resulted in charges ranging from single to multiple felony charges. MRDTF detectives also investigated complex conspiracy cases involving multiple subjects involved in transporting significant amounts of dangerous drugs into Montana and

distributing them. These cases generally resulted in charges related to violations of federal crimes. These investigations frequently involved the assistance of other regional drug task force detectives in Montana and Idaho as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Homeland Security.

With the increasing amount of medical marijuana available, the detectives were involved in interpreting and enforcing this new section of Montana law. Incidents that were determined to be illegal activity were dealt with according to state drug laws. Crimes involving firearm violations and other drug-related crimes were frequently investigated. Aside from criminal cases, the two detectives submitted civil forfeiture paperwork, resulting in the seizure of currency and vehicles. They conducted numerous drug educational talks to various local groups and assisted area detectives in the investigation of crimes unrelated to dangerous drugs.

In just one federal methamphetamine conspiracy case this year, seven subjects were indicted and pled guilty to federal charges related to the transportation and distribution of methamphetamine. Numerous undercover methamphetamine cases were initiated in 2010 in regards to this conspiracy, which led to federal criminal indictments during 2011.

	Prescription Drugs	Marijuana	Cocaine	Methamphetamine	
2011	17	16	3	59	7
2010	17	35	25	25	8
2009	24	43	22	24	3



The Bozeman Police Department provides one-half level funding for an **Evidence Technician** position that is shared with the Gallatin County Sheriff’s Office. During 2011, the Evidence Technician managed evidence from approximately 800 cases. These cases were generated by the Bozeman Police Department, Gallatin County Sheriff’s Office, Missouri River Drug Task Force and Gallatin County Coroner’s Office.

In addition to documentation, storage and proper disposal of evidence, the technician is responsible for crime scene response, processing items for fingerprints and other trace evidence and forwarding items to the Montana State Crime Lab for examination. This year an Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) was added to our capabilities and connection to the FBI database is in progress.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

In partnership with the Bozeman School District, our department continues to ensure the safety of over 5,500 children in our school system. We have two **School Resource Officers (SRO’s)** assigned to these duties full-time, with the funding being shared with the school district. The goals of the School Resource Program are to collaboratively work with educators, students, parents, and the community to provide a safe school environment, and to offer law-related educational programs in the schools in an effort to reduce crime, drug abuse, and violence.

In 2011, our two SRO’s handled over 240 criminal reports. These complaints included fights in progress, thefts, truancy, and other offenses. SRO’s are often involved in not only the initial report from a victim, but in identifying the offender and meeting with parents and school officials on how best to proceed. SRO’s are also responsible for establishing safety plans to contend with potentially violent students.

Recently, the SRO educational program has expanded to some individual instruction with those students who are identified as at risk or in need of some extra help. Focused mentorship and instruction includes dealing with rumor and bullying issues, career guidance, and help at home. Most importantly, the SRO's provide an open door for students to address concerns they may have.



The current **D.A.R.E** program provides a research-based curriculum to all third and fifth grade students in the Bozeman School District. These lessons include stranger danger, Internet safety, drug prevention and bullying as well as life skills to resist alcohol, drugs, tobacco and violence.

The program is being taught by Officer Abram Antonucci, who completed D.A.R.E school in April 2011. More than 700 students in the Bozeman School District were taught D.A.R.E. in 2011. The Bozeman D.A.R.E officer also provides instruction to schools in Gallatin County, to include Amsterdam, Anderson, LaMotte, Malmberg, and Monforton.

The Bozeman Police D.A.R.E program became a sponsor of the “Stuff a Bus” campaign this year, helping to collect coats, shoes and clothes for homeless school children. In July of 2011, the D.A.R.E program organized a running event to raise funds for this important cause.

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Support Services Division is responsible for animal control, parking enforcement, fleet maintenance, training, recruitment and hiring, uniforms and equipment and community outreach programs such as the Citizen's Police Academy, National Night Out, and the Bozeman Police Business League.

The Bozeman Police Department **Animal Control Unit** has one full-time and one quarter-time animal control officer, and is assisted by the patrol division. Their primary duties include dealing with failure to leash, vaccinate or license dogs or cats. They also assist with loose livestock, wildlife at large, exotic pet licenses, and inspections of residences for kennel or chicken licenses.



Year	Animal Complaints	Criminal Citations Issued	Civil Citations Issued
2011	2,172	10	563
2010	2,873	28	681
2009	2,492	534	148

The Bozeman Police Department **Parking Enforcement Officer**, with assistance from the patrol division, handles all parking complaints for the City of Bozeman, outside of the downtown, MSU, and high school parking districts. Common complaints include vehicles parked on sidewalks and those left on a public street for extended periods of time, restricting the passage of other vehicles, especially during the winter months.

Year	Parking Complaints	Parking Citations	Abandoned Vehicle Complaints
2011	1,700	3,640	824
2010	1,897	4,067	862
2009	1,928	5,807	1,090

POLICE OFFICER HIRING

Throughout 2011, we hired and trained five police officers to fill vacancies and positions due to attrition, as well as what was authorized by a 2007 voter approved public safety mill levy. Since 2008, we have steadily been moving toward our authorized staffing level of 65 police officers.

Police Officer Staffing	
Year	Total Number of Officers
2011	60
2010	55
2009	51
2008	47

New officers attend 12 weeks of classroom and hands-on training at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy. Upon successful completion of the academy, officers are placed into the department's 14 week Field Training Evaluation



Program before being allowed to patrol the streets on their own.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



The Bozeman Police Department works proactively with our citizens to decrease criminal activity and increase community awareness through education, such as attending neighborhood meetings and presenting public talks to adults and children in our community about personal and home safety.

In April, the Bozeman Police Department **Downtown Office** opened to help with the space needs at the Law and Justice Center, and more importantly, to meet the needs of our community members and businesses in historic downtown Bozeman. We had an open house during the Christmas Stroll, where over 200 visitors stopped by for warm drinks and cookies.





The Bozeman Police Department has long made crime information available to the public through various means. In 2011, we began using social media outlets, such as Twitter, to inform our community of important crime prevention tips and information. We also created an **online crime reporting link** on the department's web-site to allow our community members another avenue to report non-emergency criminal activity.



The city partnered with **Crime Mapping.com** to provide our community with current information about criminal activity and the ability to view that information in several ways. Our residents can now stay up-to-date regarding what's happened near their home, work or child's school. The fifteen crime types displayed are those most often requested by the public and include such reported incidents as burglary, theft and assault. Information can also be searched by crime type, locations or date. Simple reports and charts which help depict current trends can be instantly viewed. The service also offers free crime alerts which help keep the community well informed by distributing reports via e-mail.



In partnership with the Bozeman Fire Department, the Bozeman Police Department reached out to our local **Montana Special Olympic** athletes and sponsored a week-long police and fire academy. The athletes were given a behind the scenes look at our downtown police and fire stations. From riding in a police car and sitting behind the wheel of a fire truck, to wearing a police and fire uniform, the athletes were beaming.



In collaboration with various public safety agencies and with support from local businesses, the Bozeman Police Department joined forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the annual **National Night Out Against Crime** event in August.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and strengthen public safety and community partnerships. Nearly 300 community members attended our first ever National Night Out held in Bozeman.



With generous support from various local businesses, the Bozeman Police Department, along with the Bozeman Fire Department, American Medical Response, and the Montana Highway Patrol sponsored a distracted driving course for teenagers during **National Teen Driving Safety Week** in October in an effort to save lives by encouraging our young drivers to concentrate on the road instead of the activities inside their vehicles. Over 100 local teenagers, and even some parents, tested their driving ability in a golf cart while talking on a cell phone or while wearing special goggles to simulate impaired driving.



Our **Citizen's Police Academy** continues to be a big success. Since its inception, we've had over 100 community members commit to a 10 week academy, having the opportunities to meet our officers and truly see, hear and learn about the Bozeman Police Department.

For a second year in a row, the Bozeman Police Department adopted a local, needy family for Christmas. Officers and their families brought presents and even a Christmas tree for the family of six, and delivered the presents, via three fully loaded police cars, just before Christmas.



Many of our officers and their families remain heavily involved in serving on the boards of various non-profit organizations in our community, as well as supporting local fundraising events, including the Gallatin Valley Family Promise, Montana Special Olympics, the Montana Law Enforcement Torch Run, the Gallatin Valley Food Bank Huffing for Stuffing run, and HAVEN.



CHRISTMAS STROLL OPEN HOUSE – DECEMBER 2011

2012 DEPARTMENT GOALS

- Complete and implement a multi-year strategic plan
 - Conduct stakeholder meetings to obtain community, business and university input
 - Develop specific action steps with assigned accountability
- Establish forensic digital evidence capabilities
 - Expand our present computer evidence collection capabilities
 - Provide a regional asset for other agencies
- Complete the evaluation of a new municipal police and court facility
 - Establish a plan for replacement and improvement options of our law enforcement facilities
 - Actively participate in the design process
 - Develop and implement a public information campaign
- Participate in a city-wide partnership to implement a quality of life response team
 - Increase public education efforts through outreach and focused training
 - Coordinate city-wide problem solving efforts
- Improve ability to provide immediate life-saving medical care
 - Continue to train all employees in hands-only CPR
 - Procure grant funding and purchase automated external defibrillators (AED) units for all patrol vehicles



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