

Bozeman Police Department

2022 Annual Report



BOZEMAN^{MT}
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Message from Police Chief Jim Veltkamp



Residents and visitors all agree that Bozeman is an incredible place. The area's natural beauty, the amenities available, and the kindness of the people here all continue to draw people to this growing City. And, due in part to the explosive growth, 2022 was another year of significant change for the Bozeman Police Department.

This past year, we moved into the new Bozeman Public Safety Center, added a variety of additional civilian staff, implemented a new body-worn camera program, changed our patrol officers to a "team" model, and worked with other agencies to begin using mobile crisis responders. We also hired several new officers and promoted two new sergeants.

In addition, we handled an increasing number of calls and cases, responded to a higher number of critical incidents than before, and worked with a variety of partners to respond to the increasing variety and number of issues that come along with the growth.

Credit for this work goes to the incredible officers and staff that work for this department. They do difficult jobs in difficult environments to help keep this a great place. They consistently make personal sacrifices to meet the increasing demands of a growing community. Most importantly, they do all of it with a desire to serve their community and keep Bozeman a safe place to live.

We also could not perform our duties without the community's partnership. As Sir Robert Peele once said, the police are the public and the public are the police. Thank you for your ongoing support and your willingness to work alongside us to keep Bozeman the safest of the largest Cities in Montana.

Thank you for your interest in the Bozeman Police Department's 2022 annual report. We are privileged to serve this community and we take pride in helping keep Bozeman the City we all love.

OUR MISSION

Our Mission is to keep Bozeman the most livable place through public safety and community partnerships.

OUR VALUES

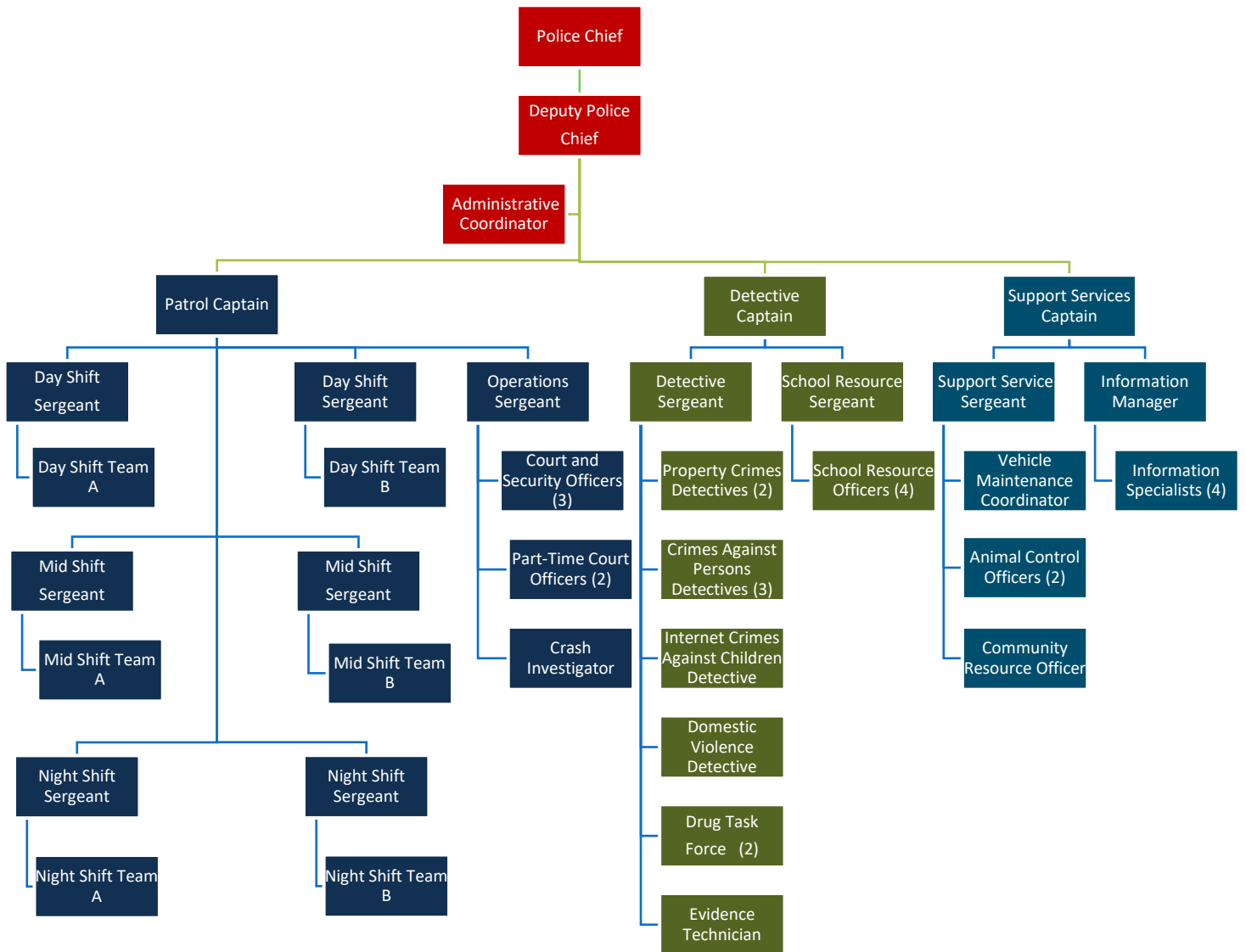
LEADERSHIP in the community that is proactive and innovative.

INTEGRITY at all times with transparency and accountability.

SERVICE above self that is personal, prompt and respectful.

TEAMWORK that promotes collaboration and success.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Who We Are

SWORN OFFICERS = 68

CIVILIAN STAFF = 11

POSITIONS	QUANTITY
Chief	1
Deputy Chief	1
Captains	3
Sergeants	10
Patrol Officers	38
Detectives	9
School Resource Officers	4
Community Resource Officer	1
Animal Control Officers	2
Crash Investigator	1
Evidence Technician	1
Police Information Manager	1
Police Admin Coordinator	1
Police Information Specialists	4
Fleet Manager	1

DETECTIVE DIVISION

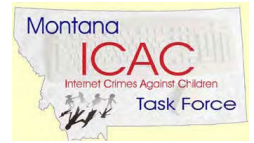
The Detective Division is responsible for investigating felony criminal activity including crimes against persons, sexual offenses, crimes against children, internet crimes, felony property crimes, and other complex investigations. Detectives are also responsible for conducting public education presentations, performing background investigations on prospective employees, carrying out internal affairs investigations, and assisting the patrol division and other agencies with investigations.



The Detective Division is made up of a Captain, Detective Sergeant, 10 detectives including a shared detective with MSU, two drug task force detectives and an evidence technician. In 2022 the detective division opened and or generated approximately 750 cases, the majority of which were felonies.

MT ICAC

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 and conducts both proactive and reactive investigations to protect children from on-line predators. In addition to criminal investigations, the Montana ICAC Task Force provides education to the public on computer facilitated child exploitation.



SEXUAL AND VIOLENT OFFENDER REGISTRY

Our department is responsible for ensuring all violent and sexually violent offenders residing in the city limits of Bozeman have registered a current address with our department. Registration also ensures that the department has current photographs, fingerprints and DNA samples of persons living in our area who are convicted of qualifying offenses. One detective is specifically tasked with physically verifying the residency of every offender registered within the city limits to ensure compliance. At the end of 2022, Bozeman had approximately 140 people actively on the registry.

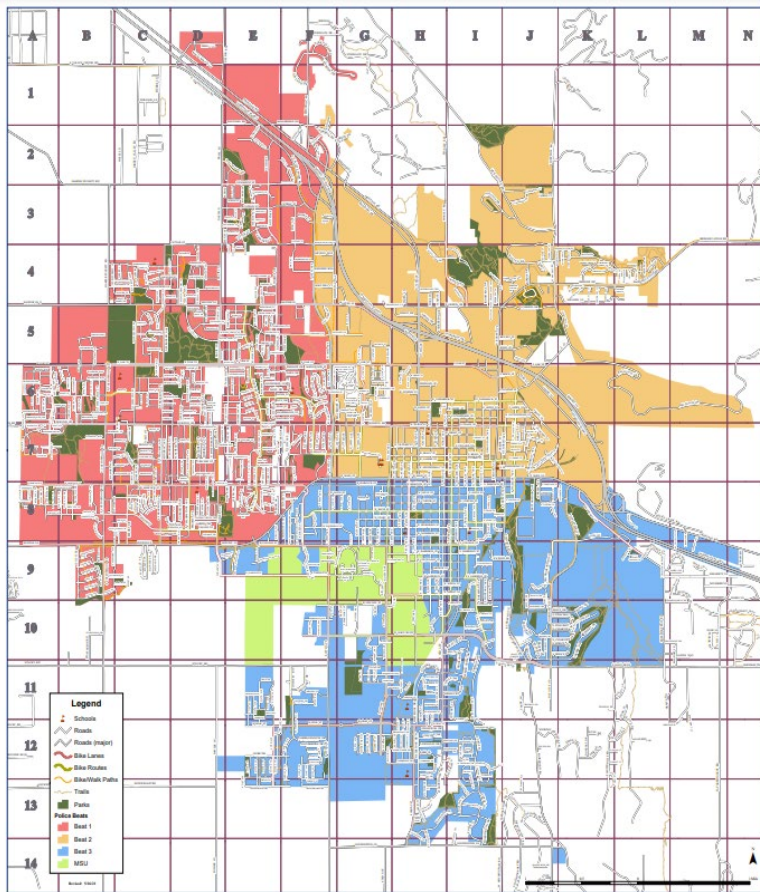
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

In partnership with the Bozeman School District, our department continues to promote the safety and education of all the children in our schools. We have four **School Resource Officers** and a SRO Sergeant 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 offer law-related educational programs in the schools in an effort to reduce the crime, drug abuse, and violence. Our department's role within the school district has evolved dramatically over the past several years, with additional focus on complex case investigations, student risk assessments and school safety plans.



PATROL DIVISION

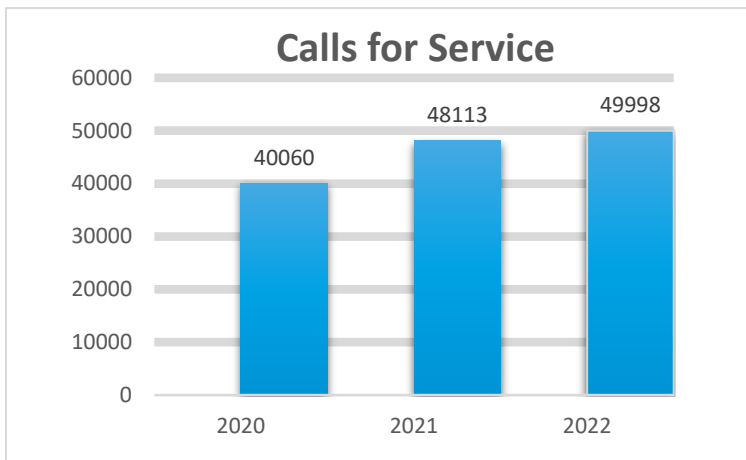
The Patrol Division, the backbone of the Police Department, is the largest Division within the Bozeman Police Department. The Patrol Division is under the command of a Captain and is comprised of the majority of the uniformed officers working in the City. The Patrol Division consists of three patrol shifts, a crash investigator and three court and security officers. Each patrol shift works as a team and has a supervising sergeant working 10-hour shifts, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Along with keeping the citizens and city safe, last year officers completed 5444 hours of training. Officers are assigned to specific beats for patrols, answering calls for service and acting as community coordinators for proactive police responses. These officers are responsible for patrolling the 21 square miles of Bozeman, including over 300 miles of city streets.



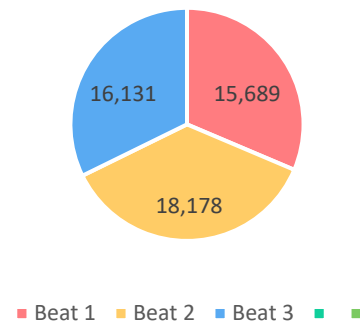
PATROL BEATS

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 numerous 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. The **CFS dashboard** on our website is an excellent tool for citizens to stay informed about calls throughout the city.

The Bozeman Police Department responds to thousands of calls each year. Patrol Division personnel are the primary first responders to all calls for service. They rely on a high standard of professionalism, a strong ongoing training program, and a high level of dedication to duty to accomplish their mission of service.



Call for Service by Beat

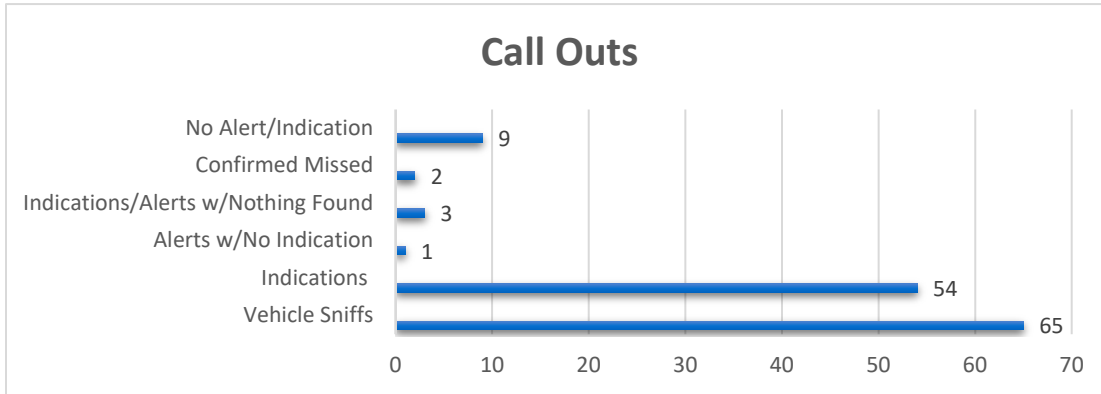


PATROL SPECIALTY AREAS

The Patrol Division offers a variety of specialty assignments that increase public safety and the department’s police service capabilities. These assignments extend career opportunities for our officers and allow them to improve their skills and experiences in specialized areas.

Officer Our **K9 Program** currently consists of one patrol officer and his canine partner Stretch. The K9 program serves both the community and our officers by providing patrol functions as well as locating illegal narcotics and conducting searches of buildings, vehicles and other property for illegal substances and suspects. 2022 validated the usefulness and necessity of the K9 program with the following confiscated:

Methamphetamine - 447.561g Cocaine - 2.7g Heroin - 9.25g Fentanyl - 583.5 pills.



HONOR GUARD

Our **Honor Guard** provides 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 special events.



SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAMS (SRT)

During 2022, our combined City of Bozeman/Gallatin County Special Response Team (SRT) was requested seven (7) times to incidents in Bozeman, Gallatin County and surrounding jurisdictions. These incidents included high risk, volatile situations where specialized training and equipment are needed, and where the capabilities of the patrol division are exceeded.

The Special Response Team trains twice a month in tactical operations, firearms, tactical medical care, physical fitness and other required training in order to ensure they are well prepared for high-risk incidents that threaten the safety of the community and southwest Montana. For 2022, the total training time for the entire team exceeded 3,700 hours.

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

This Support Services Division is responsible for recruitment and hiring, departmental training, fleet maintenance, uniforms and equipment, animal control, the volunteer program and community outreach programs. The division consists of a Captain, training sergeant, community resource officer, two animal control officers, a fleet maintenance coordinator, several volunteers and semester interns from Montana State. The goals of the division are to support the other divisions of the police department, to increase the quality of life of the residents of Bozeman, and to augment the interaction between the department and the community of Bozeman.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Citizen's Police Academy – Each year, the support service division provides a day in the life of law enforcement. Citizens spend 3 hours a week for 7 weeks exploring the history of the department, patrol division, detective division, special response team, drug task force and virtual training. Participants get to perform scenarios in each of the areas to learn more about the department and what it does. Some of the activities include conducting patrol stops, in-depth analysis of a local detective case, operating breaching equipment and robotic cameras and participating in drug surveillance activities.



Halloween Festivities – The department had officers both downtown for the kid festivities as well as having patrol cars in neighborhoods “trunk or treating”. Both were extremely fun and well received. We always have officer Friendly's equipment ready for quick deployment and photo op.



Christmas Stroll – The first Saturday in December is Bozeman's welcoming in of the Christmas Season. The Police Department is always on hand to serve up cheer, hot chocolate and photos for kids and adults as well.

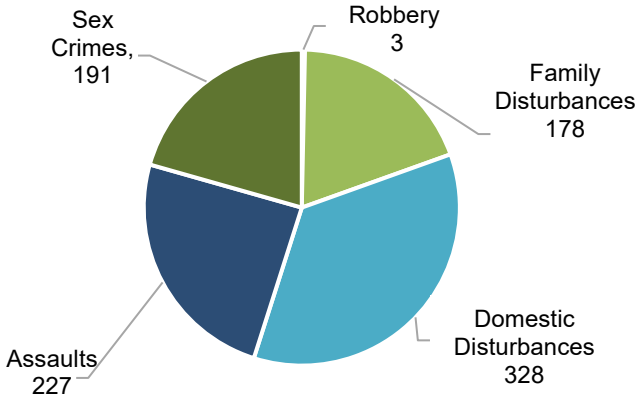
Coffee with a Cop – Every other month, the department meets for coffee at different locations within the community. No agenda, no program, no schedule. Just a great opportunity to get together and chat, answer questions or address concerns.



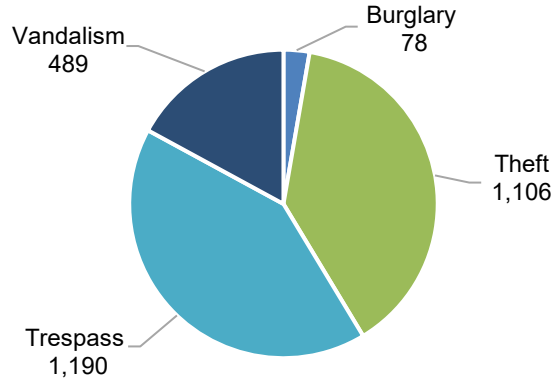
Emergency Response Overview

Total Calls for Service 2022 - 49,998

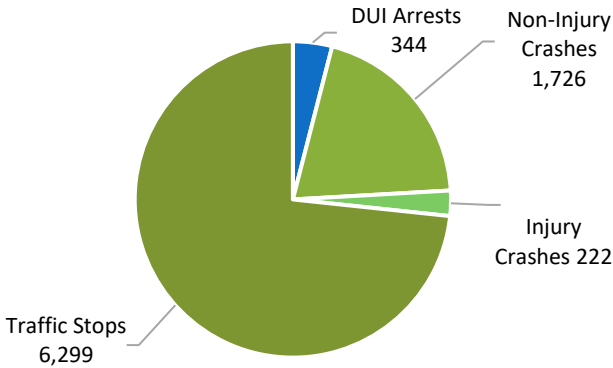
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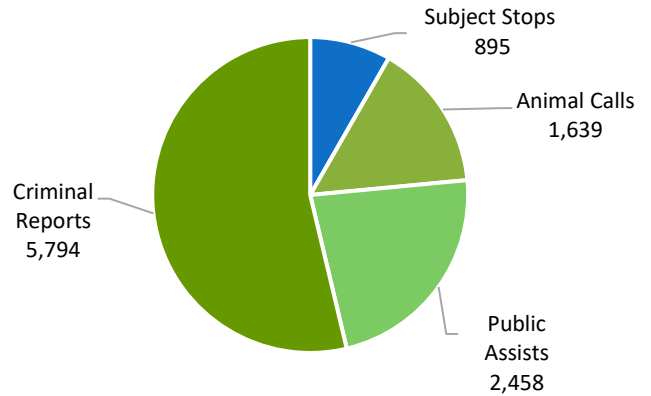
PROPERTY CRIMES



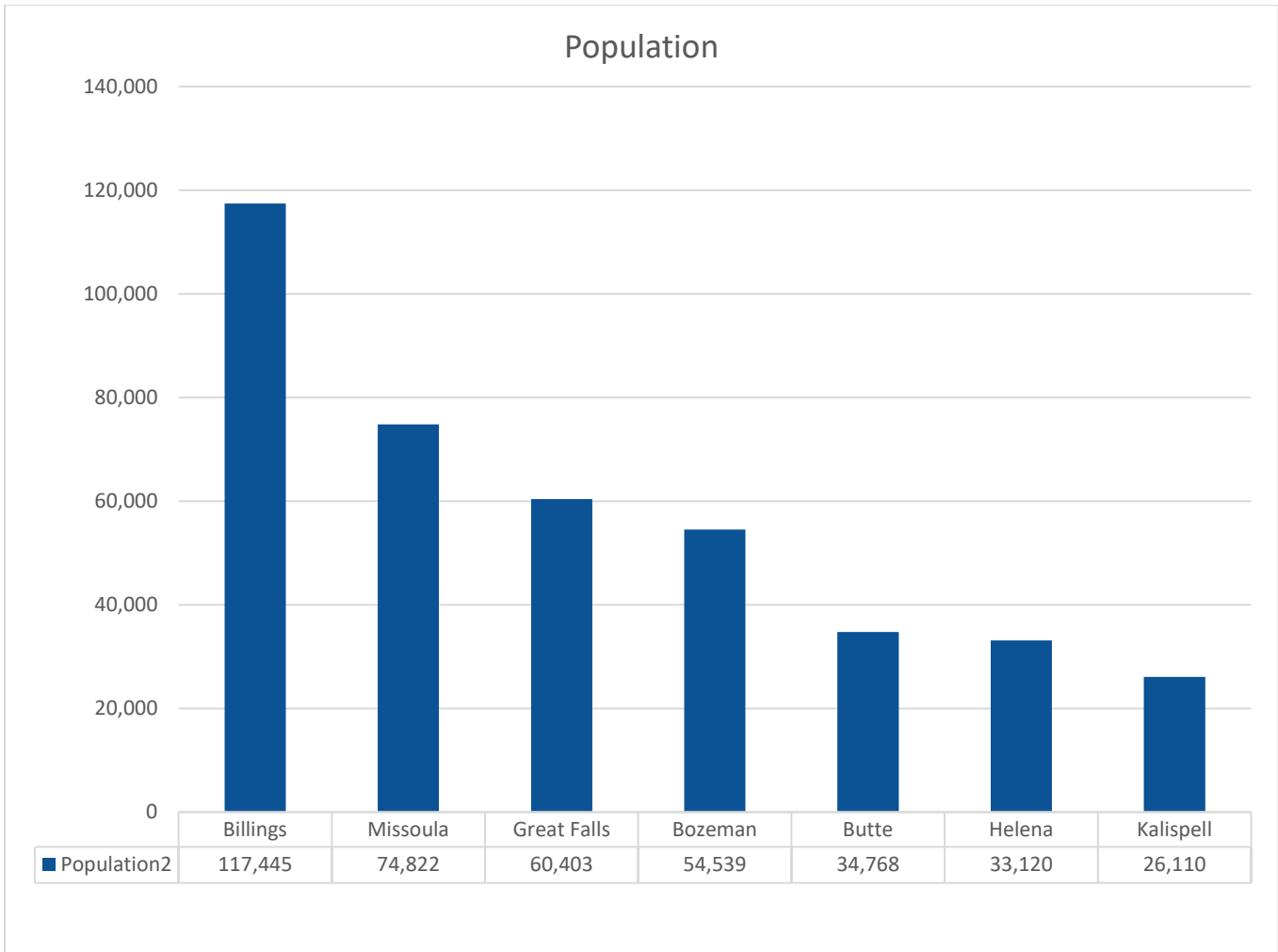
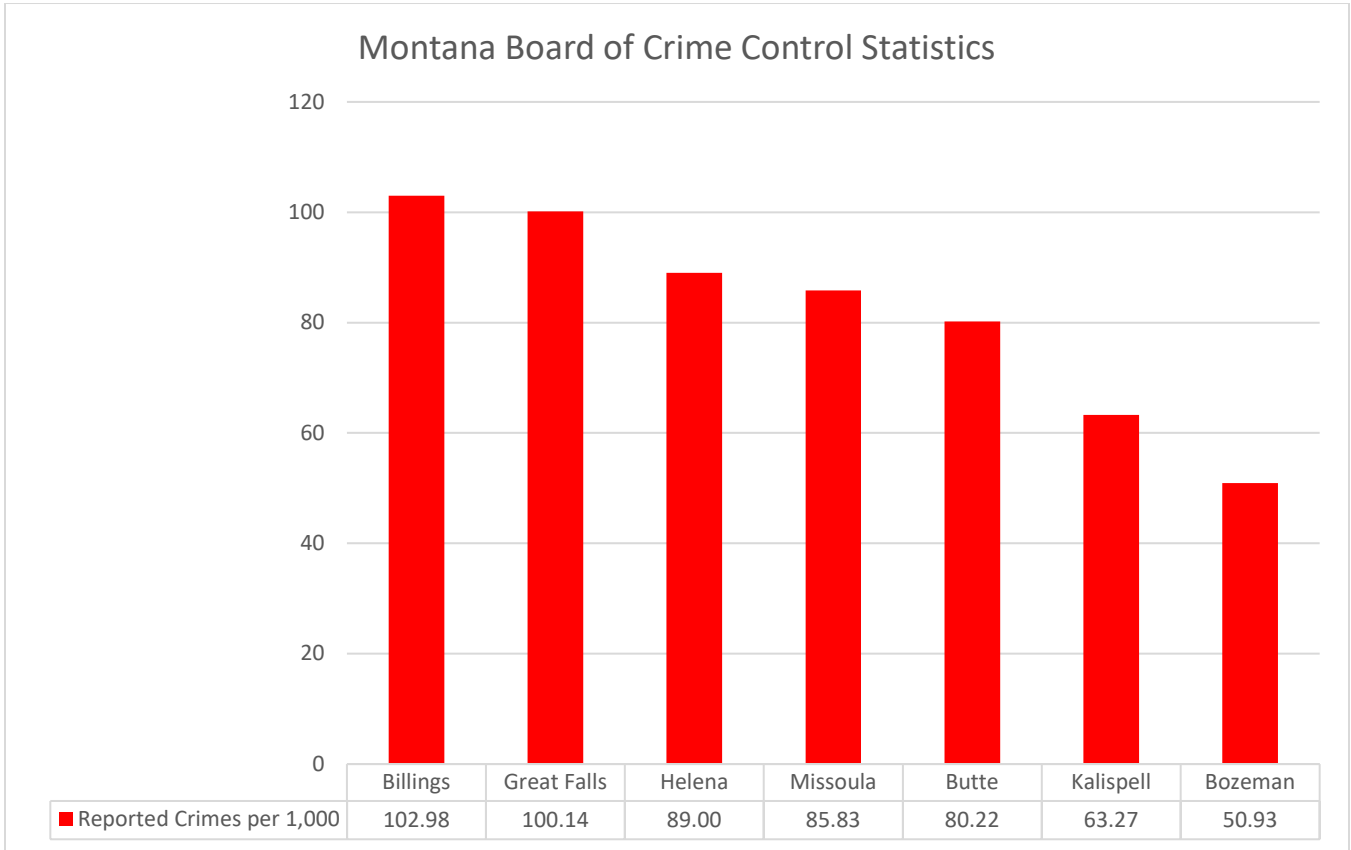
MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENTS



OTHER ACTIVITY



In 2022, Bozeman's crime rate remained the lowest of the 7 major Montana cities.



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

BOZEMAN PUBLIC SAFETY

On August 29, 2022, after a multi-year design and construction project, the police department moved into the new Bozeman Public Safety Center. This new state of the art facility has helped the police department improve efficiencies through technology and has provided a purpose-built space for officers and staff to work. The police facilities include a secure parking lot for vehicles, expanded evidence storage facilities, a suite of interview rooms, ample workspace, and a large office area with movable furniture to make room for future growth.

Moving into the public safety center gave the community meeting space to use, free of charge. From August to December the community rooms provided space for both virtual and in person meetings to 94 nonprofits with 268.5 training hours. We also hosted additional town halls, neighborhood HOA's and informational meetings.



Body Worn Camera Implementation



The Bozeman Police Department currently uses body worn cameras for all sworn officers and select civilian staff. This system works in conjunction with the patrol car video system and the interview room system at the Bozeman Public Safety Center.

Body worn cameras are provided to assist department personnel in the performance of their duties, enhance officer safety, provide recordings that may aid in the investigation and recollection of an incident for related prosecutions or civil actions, and enhance public trust by preserving factual representations of officer-citizen interactions.

The department's policy specifies that all sworn officers must use body worn cameras when responding to a call for service. This means that any investigation-related interactions with citizens, including transports, proactive enforcement contacts, and responses to calls for service will be recorded.

Recruitment, Promotions and Retirement

Recruiting high quality candidates was also a focus in 2022. We held three hiring processes for officers, resulting in the hiring of three police officers, one lateral from Hawaii and two new officers. We also hired three Courts and Security Officers and an additional information specialist.

RECRUITMENT

Officer **John Ng** came to the Bozeman Police Department after serving on the police department in Honolulu for almost 7 years. John is married and has one daughter.

Officer **Trevor Webb** is new to law enforcement after having spent several years as a 4th grade teacher at Heritage Christian. Trevor is married and has 2 children.

Officer **Tatum Selway** is not new to law enforcement having served as a detention officer for Gallatin County for a year. Her desire to work more directly with her community led her to the Bozeman Police Department.

Special Services Officer **Jonah Chinman** came to the department after a three-year contract teaching English in Japan. Jonah most recently worked with Allied Universal as a security officer for Bozeman Deaconess.

Special Services Officer **Chesa Solorzano** is a Navy veteran who recently returned home to Montana. Chesa was previously employed by the California Department of Corrections in Folsom.

Special Services Officer **Eric Veca** came to the Police Department with 16 years' experience as a detention officer with Gallatin County. Eric formerly performed security at the Law and Justice Center in Bozeman.

PROMOTIONS



Ben King was promoted to the Detective Sgt position in 2022. Ben had previously served the detective division from October 2018-December 2022 for the Bozeman Police Department. Ben's former public safety experience was with the Petersburg, Alaska Police Department as well as the Department of Corrections in Boise, Idaho.



Brett Logan was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 2022. Brett had previously served the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks division as a warden from 2009 – 2017 and as an FWP sergeant from 2017-2019. He joined the Bozeman Police Department as a patrol officer in 2019.

Retirements



Officer Derek Dyk and his K9 partner Ivan retired in December after an almost 8-year career with the Bozeman Police Department. Derek was a certified K9 handler, a Montana Physical Agility Testing (MPAT) proctor as well as serving on the Special Response Team from 2016 – 2020. Derek previously served as a deputy on both the Douglas County Sheriff's and Gallatin County Sheriff's offices.



Sergeant Bill Klundt was promoted to sergeant on September 24, 2016. Bill spent almost 10 years with the department serving as patrol and bike patrol officer. Bill started and had a long, successful career with the Great Falls Police Department starting in 1997; a 25-year commitment to law enforcement.



Operations Sergeant Chris Randle was promoted to the position in January of 2021. Throughout his 20-year career, Chris held a multitude of both teaching and departmental positions. Chris worked with the drug task force, was a patrol sergeant, and support services sergeant. Chris was a rifle, handgun, baton, OC, WRAP and active shooter instructor as well as an armorer for the Glock, AR-15 and Remington 870.

Awards

Certificate of Commendation

February 2022

Officers Shay Stephens, Ale Derrick, Hannah Helsby, Anthony Taylor

Distinguished Service

March 2022

Crash Investigator Mike Williams

Lifesaving Award

February 2022

Officer Brett Logan

Lifesaving Award

April 2022

Officer Tommie Franscioni, Sgt Justin Chaffins

Medal of Valor

August 2022

Officers Alex Derrick, Gerard Ligotti, Braden Peterson, Lindsay Shepherd, Shay Stephens, Nic Schultz

Lifesaving Award

October 2022

Officers Alexander Derrick, Shay Stephens

Lifesaving award

October 2022

Nathan Patrick

NEW PARTNERSHIP

Gallatin Mobile Crisis



In 2022, the Bozeman Police Department partnered with the Gallatin Mobile Crisis Team (GMC) to help provide services to those experiencing crisis. Staffed by Connections Health Solutions, GMC is an emergency mental health program that is comprised of local behavioral health professionals who provide on-scene evaluation, treatment, and crisis intervention. Services are provided to anyone experiencing a mental health emergency. The team currently operates 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

When officers identify someone who would be better served by proper mental health professionals, they can ask for GMC to respond. In the first month of service in 2022, GMC responded to 26 calls for the Bozeman Police Department alone. These are often situations where, as the result of a psychiatric condition or a major life event, the person may be a danger to themselves or others. Evaluations and additional services are provided to individuals who are experiencing:

- Suicidal threats/thoughts
- Suicide survivor
- Substance use/abuse
- Domestic disturbance
- Trauma or other tragic events

For all situations, individuals will receive a psychosocial evaluation which will help the team determine which resources may be best for the situation. The team will work with the individual and their support system to coordinate any referrals, complete safety plans, or assist in connecting the individual to an appropriate facility if the situation requires additional resources to help keep them safe. The GMC will also follow-up with the individual to ensure they have received what they needed.

The mobile crisis team is trained to deliver interventions and treatment that diffuse the situation onsite. When necessary, the team is authorized to recommend and facilitate treatment to a higher level of care.

Since the program's launch in the fall of 2022, the team has seen great success providing interventions and support to the community. Looking forward, the team is hoping to expand operations to be available to the community 24/7.