



# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

# POLICE CHIEF'S MESSAGE

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On behalf of the officers and staff of the Bozeman Police Department, it is my honor to present the department's 2017 Annual Report.

In 2017, Bozeman continued to be a very safe place to work, play and live and had the lowest crime rate amongst the large cities in Montana. We saw some crime categories increase and saw a decrease in others.

Recruiting, hiring and retention remained a big focus this year, as well as implementing a new radio communications system and records management system in collaboration with Gallatin County which will continue into 2018. The vast improvement in radio communications has dramatically improved officer safety and has directly increased the safety of the public as well.

We continued to stay engaged with our community with day to day positive contacts by the officers on the street as well as a number of community programs including our annual Citizen's Police Academy, Coffee with a Cop, Community Resource Officer, and our Law Enforcement Explorer program.

In closing, we remain committed to delivering best practice police services and proactively partnering with community members to address public safety issues and working to keep Bozeman The Most Livable Place.

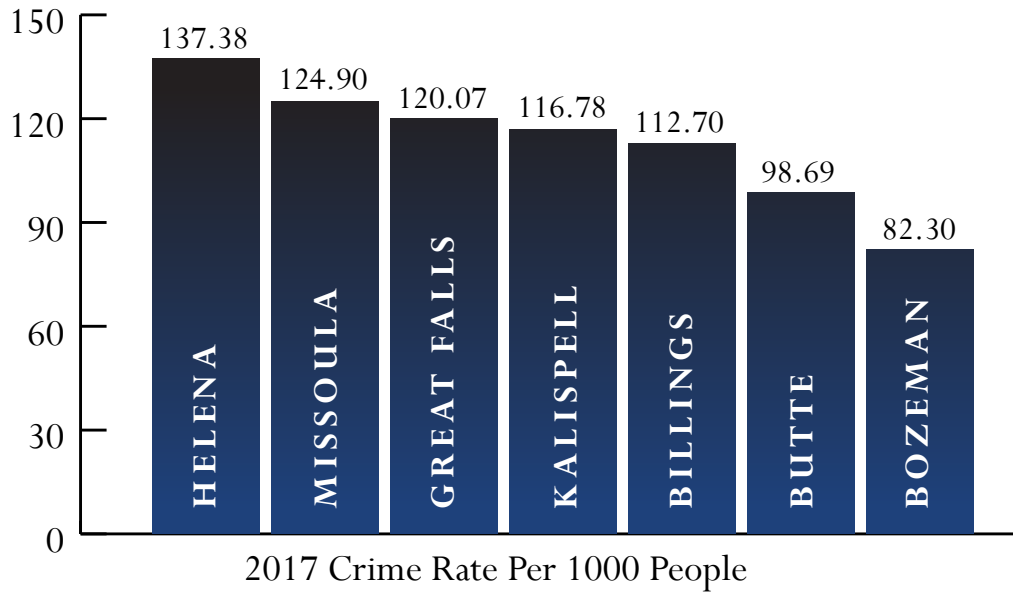
Sincerely,



Chief Steve Crawford

Our mission is to keep **BOZEMAN<sup>MT</sup>** the most livable place through public safety and community partnerships.

# STATISTICS



## CRIME RATE

In 2017, Bozeman continued to maintain a high level of public safety with the lowest crime rate amongst other large cities in the state.

# STATISTICS

## POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE

A call for service can mean a 5-minute interaction with a citizen with one officer, or hundreds of hours of time spent with multiple officers.

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Traffic Stops	9,083	7,675
Subject Stops	1,591	1,181
Misdemeanor Citations	6,450	4,940
Motor Vehicle Crashes	1,637	1,958
Animal Complaints	2,005	1,746
Public Assist	1,988	1,900
Disturbances	1,699	1,865
Assaults	209	224
Domestic Disturbance	335	336
Rape	51	41
Trespass	918	869
Vandalism	530	431
Theft	1,401	1,268
Motor Vehicle Theft	172	179
Burglary	132	90
Formal Criminal Reports	5,373	5,085
Total Arrests	2,377	2,314
DUI Arrests	439	384
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>50,359</b>	<b>47,136</b>

# PATROL DIVISION

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Patrol is staffed with four shifts that provide 24 hour police services everyday of the year. Officers are deployed in three different beats to provide proactive and responsive service to keep Bozeman “**the Most Livable Place.**” The Patrol Division responds to a wide variety of calls for service from the public. When not handling these calls, officers conduct proactive patrols to identify and prevent criminal activity, change driving behavior, conduct property checks as well as daily community engagement and education opportunities. When emergencies occur, our patrol officers are the first to respond to the domestic disturbances, thefts, trespasses, assaults, traffic crashes, and many other types of calls.

The 36 Officers assigned to the Patrol Division are highly trained and provide many specialized services including Mountain Bike Patrol, K9 Unit, Crisis Intervention Team, Crash Investigation, and Drug Recognition Experts. For their actions in 2017, 9 members of the Patrol Division were awarded the Life Saving Award, having directly contributed to saving several lives. 3 members received awards for Valor for their actions in safely de-escalating an armed and suicidal subject.

The Patrol Division is supported by a civilian Crash Investigator who provides prompt attention to crashes that occur, handling about 32% of the crashes we respond to. The division is also supported by an information specialist who assists the public with requests, helps officers conduct investigations, and performs other administrative duties.

# SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION



The goals of the Support Services Division are to support the patrol and detective divisions, to increase the quality of life of the citizens of Bozeman, and to encourage and promote positive interaction between the department and the community. In order to meet these goals, the division is staffed by a police captain, a police sergeant, a police officer serving as a Community Resource Officer, a full-time and a part-time animal control officer, a full-time and a seasonal code compliance officer, a fleet maintenance coordinator, a police information specialist, and several volunteers. These staff members performs numerous functions, including equipment and vehicle purchasing and maintenance, officer hiring, departmental training, managing public relations events and activities, maintaining the website and social media sites, animal control education and enforcement, code compliance efforts, and a wide variety of other tasks. This division is located at our substation at 30 North Rouse.

# DETECTIVE DIVISION



The Detective Division investigates felonies and complex misdemeanor crimes. The Division is home to 1 Sergeant who oversees the work of the 5 general detectives, 4 School Resource Officers, 2 Drug Task Force Officers, 1 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Detective as well as the Evidence Technician and the newly created Digital Forensic Evidence Technician.

Detectives receive specialized training in crimes against children and sexual assault investigations. The continued community team approach to these crimes offers a safe place for victims to make reports to law enforcement, helping them find healing and justice from these traumatic events.

Detectives maintain a full time Montana Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) investigator. This program helps state and local law enforcement work together to educate the public, investigate cases and arrest those who use computers to exploit children.

The division assigns two investigators to the Missouri River Drug Task Force (MRDTF) whose focus is primarily drug trafficking and manufacturing crimes. MRDTF opened 154 new cases in 2017, made 138 arrests, and gave 38 public talks regarding drugs.

The General Detectives specialize in sexual assault, crimes against children, robbery, domestic violence, burglary, forgery and elder abuse. These Detectives opened 369 new cases in 2017. These included 151 Crimes Against Persons (93 of these were sex crimes), and 158 Property Crimes (112 Thefts, 12 Forgeries and 12 Burglaries).

Our School Resource Officers work with school administrators to develop good relationships and provide students a safe place to learn.

# STAFFING



By working together, the sworn officers and civilian staff of the Bozeman Police Department are better able to serve the needs of our community. During 2017, we continued working toward our goals of transferring appropriate tasks and duties to civilian staff and of filling our sworn officer positions. We also completed a staffing analysis which will be used to provide direction regarding future staffing needs.

## CIVILIAN STAFFING

We had 10 civilian positions in 2017. We hired two new civilian staff members to replace vacancies and we hired another staff member as our new Digital Forensic Analyst. Our civilian positions include:

- 2 Police Information Specialists
- 1 Police Information Manager
- 1 Evidence Technician
- 1.5 Animal Control Officers
- 1 Fleet Maintenance Specialist
- 1 Code Compliance Officer
- 1 Crash Investigator
- 1 Digital Forensic Analyst
- 1 Full-time Volunteer

## SWORN POLICE OFFICER STAFFING

During 2017, we hired 6 new patrol officers to fill recent vacancies, which required holding 3 hiring processes. At the end of 2017, we had 4 vacant officer positions. During 2017, our 65 authorized officers filled the following positions:

- 5 Command Officers
- 10 Detectives/Sergeant
- 4 School Resource Officers
- 2 Training/Operation Sergeants
- 1 Community Resource Officer
- 6 Patrol Sergeants
- 37 Patrol Officers



# PARTNERSHIPS



Having strong partnerships with other law enforcement agencies, governmental departments, and public service organizations is critical to our success.

During 2017, we worked closely with numerous other federal and local law enforcement agencies, including a combined Special Response Team with the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office, drug interdiction efforts as part of the regional Missouri River Drug Task Force, and increased cooperation with the MSU Police Department.

Within the City of Bozeman, we worked extensively with Community Development regarding the Code Compliance Program, Bozeman Fire on daily calls for services, the Bozeman Library regarding collaboratively solving issues and community engagement, and the City Attorney's office on criminal cases.

Within the community, we are consistently involved with the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT), mental health services, The Human Resource Development Council (HRDC), Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, the DUI Task Force, Bozeman School District 7, and numerous others.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



The Bozeman Police Department recognizes that it is vital to interact positively with the community. During 2017, we held the 10th session of our ongoing Citizen’s Police Academy. A National Night Out Against Crime event was held in August. We hosted “Coffee with a Cop” events, held a “Shop With a Cop” event, and participated in the Polar Plunge, Tip-a-Cop, and Law Enforcement Torch Run. We continued our Explorer post for youth interested in law enforcement and our volunteer continued assisting us. The department also maintained a booth with giveaways, information, and games at Music on Main, the Farmer’s Market, the Christmas Stroll, Kidabaloo, Bobcat Fest, and many other area events. We also gave numerous talks and presentations, provided “Run, Lock, Fight” training, participated in parades and drug take-back efforts, and gave patrol “ride-alongs” and department tours.

We also recognize the importance of providing ongoing information and education to our community. Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter were consistently used in 2017. Media interviews and press releases provided case-specific information and education. In addition, weekly crime updates were posted and sent to the media, and a Crime Mapping tool was maintained on our website.

# CORE VALUES

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## VALUES

### Leadership

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in the community that is proactive and innovative

### Integrity

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at all times with transparency and accountability

### Teamwork

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that promotes collaboration and leads to success

### Service

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above self that is personal, prompt, and respectful

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