

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT





# LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

To the Bloomington Community:

At the onset of 2022, the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) adopted a 3-year Strategic Plan which established 4 goals: 1) Reduce Crime and the Fear of Crime; 2) Improve the Quality of Life in Neighborhoods; 3) Maintain Advances in Law Enforcement Technology; and 4) Strengthen and Diversify our Workforce. With leadership as well as collaboration and diligent teamwork, many successes have been accomplished.

BPD's staffing grew, although several officers and other staff retired. A recruitment team was established which aided the department's success with onboarding 21 new police officers, 4 public safety dispatchers and 3 civilian employees. The Office of Administration re-established 3 Assistant Chiefs which assisted with a department re-organization. A department metrics system was developed to assist with accountability, real-time performance monitoring, and overall awareness. Each patrol officer was equipped with a cellular phone to increase field capability and communication. Additionally, BPD began utilizing Automatic License Plate Reader technology and realized several successes with this new tool.

BPD refocused on community engagement with a goal of solidifying stronger and more trusting relationships with our community. Officers participated in a summer art mural with the youth, several Illinois Special Olympic events, recovery court, and numerous other community events.

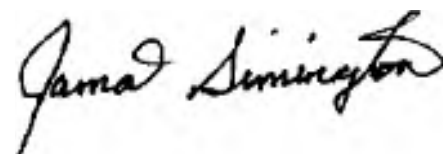
BPD continued to increase training offerings, including ensuring all command and supervisory staff participated in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training, officer and family wellness, resiliency training, and law enforcement action in democracy.

Although our city realized an increase in shootings, persons shot, and homicide by gun, the overall crime against persons decreased by 5%. Crimes against persons increased by 3%, with increases in thefts, including motor vehicles. Burglaries and robberies were reduced by 10% and 17%, respectively. Officers worked hard to reduce illegally possessed and used weapons by seizing a record number of 88 guns.

Bloomington's Emergency Communications Center (ECC) handled over 31,000 9-1-1 calls as well as 66,000 calls for service for the police department and 13,000 for the fire department. The ECC received 2 National Dispatch Accreditations for Excellence in Emergency Fire and Police Dispatch.

I am beyond proud of the selfless and professional efforts of each member of this committed and talented group of public servants. It is an honor to serve with this law enforcement organization. I am very thankful for the community support which allows our residents to work with us to solve public safety issues.

Respectfully,



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## *Values*

**HONESTY**  
**INTEGRITY**  
**PROFESSIONALISM**  
**REVERENCE FOR LAW**  
**COMMITMENT TO SERVE**  
**RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY**





# COMMAND STAFF

122  
Total Sworn  
Officers

28  
Non-Sworn  
Staff

10  
Part-time  
Non-Sworn  
Staff



Jamal A. Simington  
Chief of Police



Kenneth A. Bays  
Assistant Chief  
Administration



Chad E. Wamsley  
Assistant Chief  
Professional Standards



Paul D. Williams  
Assistant Chief  
Operations



Timothy C. Stanesa  
Lieutenant  
1st Shift Commander



Ricard W. Beoletto  
Lieutenant  
2nd Shift Commander



James B. Clesson  
Lieutenant  
3rd Shift Commander



Clayton M. Arnold  
Lieutenant  
Administrative Services



Todd R. McClusky  
Lieutenant  
Criminal Investigations

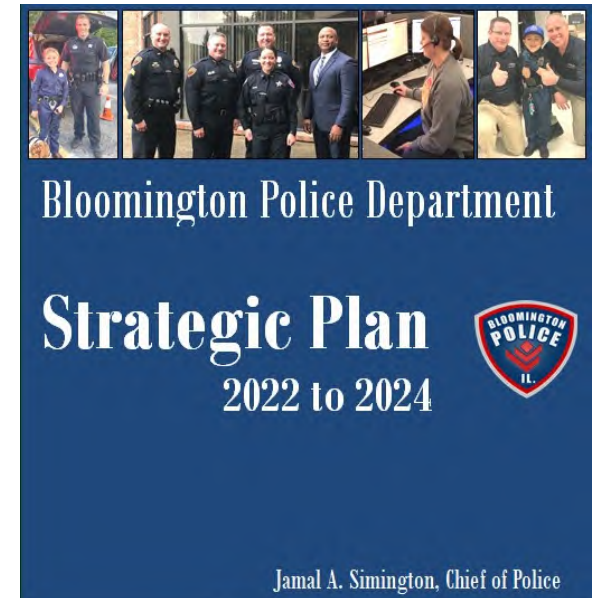


Aaron A. Veerman  
Lieutenant  
Professional Standards



# STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The mission of the Bloomington Police Department is to work in partnership with the community members of Bloomington to enforce the laws and to enhance the quality of life in our community.



Reduce Crime and the Fear of Crime

Improve the Quality of Life in Neighborhoods

Maintain Advances in Law Enforcement Technology

Strengthen and Diversify Our Workforce





# EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

is comprised of 21 full and part-time dispatchers.



30,011  
911 Calls

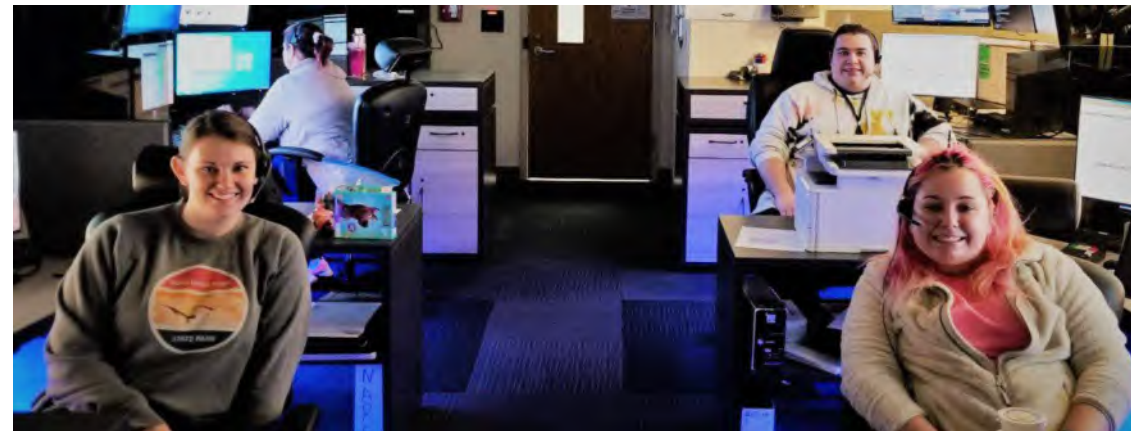
84,639  
Non-Emergency  
Calls

66,232  
Dispatched  
Police

13,517  
Dispatched  
Fire

The Emergency Communications Center handles all emergency and non-emergency police, fire and emergency medical service communications within the corporate limits for the City of Bloomington. The center provides a robust safety net by coordinating the responses of both the Bloomington Police Department and the Bloomington Fire Department while also dealing with additional public and private services across the city as they relate to emergencies. The center uses a variety of advanced technologies to coordinate and disseminate decision making information in real-time.

In 2022, the center met or exceeded performance levels each month to remain Accredited as a Center of Excellence from the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch in Police and Fire dispatch. Throughout the year, numerous Public Safety Dispatchers (PSD) were recognized for exemplary performance and their contributions to positive patient outcomes. The Center onboarded four new PSDs in 2022. On the technology front, the Center rolled out Text-To-911 to enhance the service to our community and make 911 more accessible.





# PATROL DIVISION

is comprised of three lieutenants, nine sergeants, and fifty-four patrol officers.

**69,093**  
Calls for Service

**1,637**  
Total Arrests

**10,335**  
Traffic Stops

**2,005**  
Total Crash Reports

In 2022, 1st Shift officers handled a wide variety of calls for service, conducted focused traffic stops in high crash areas and increased their focus on school zone enforcement during school days. Officers were assigned problem-oriented tasks ranging from acting as a police/business liaison in the downtown corridor to working with social service agencies on transient and homeless populations. 2nd Shift officers developed a targeted traffic enforcement detail to reduce speeds at or near high accident locations and attended numerous neighborhood level community engagement events. 3rd Shift officers engaged with City Legal and community partners in the downtown corridor to support specialized downtown patrol details to enhance public safety. Patrol divisions also deployed targeted DUI patrols in high traffic areas of the city resulting in 217 DUI arrests.



All shifts maintained a strong focus on the removal of illegal firearms through various enforcement efforts. These efforts led to the seizure of 88 illegal firearms, up from 57 the previous year. In 2022, the twin cities experienced an 11% increase in traffic crashes when compared to 2021. Shift-level supervisors used data driven approaches to direct traffic enforcement at high-accident locations in our ongoing efforts to reduce crashes, vehicle fatalities and distracted driving across the city.

Our two K9 units were utilized 246 times, seizing 600 grams of drugs and 9 handguns. The K9 units also participated in numerous community demonstrations.





# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

is comprised of a lieutenant, three sergeants, twenty detectives, three officers and three analysts.

511  
Cases Assigned

1,678  
Pieces of Evidence  
Processed

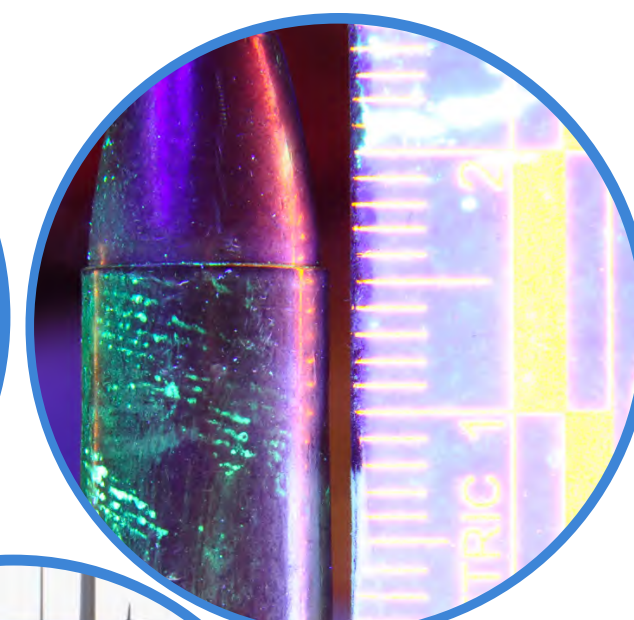
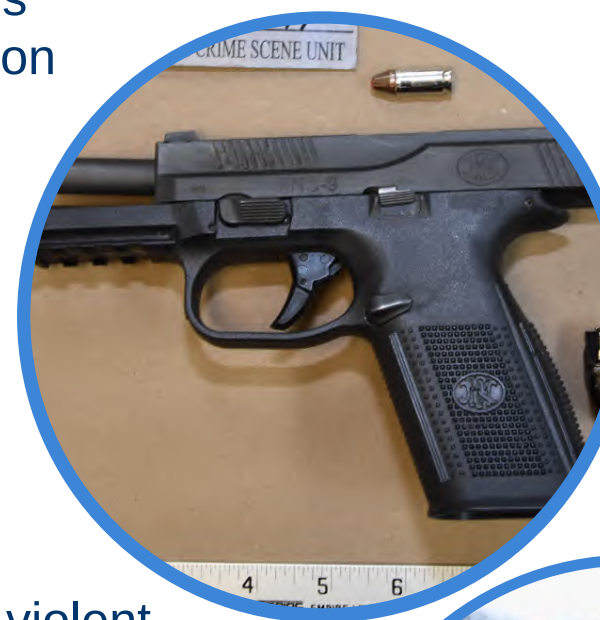
The division's 20 detectives are responsible for the investigation of serious crimes against person as well as property crimes. In 2022, Criminal Investigations Division investigated a variety of crimes to include 5 homicides, 42 shootings, multiple arsons, sexual assaults, financial crimes, and crimes against children.

In 2022, the division added and trained two new detectives. Our two existing Cyber Crimes detectives were certified as Forensic Computer Examiners and three detectives completed National Fire Academy certification in Fire (Arson) Investigation.

The Street Crimes Unit and its four officers were incorporated into the Criminal Investigations Division to better coordinate departmental responses to habitually violent offenders and handgun violators. Their efforts led to 143 arrests and the seizure of multiple illegally possessed firearms.

The Crime and Intelligence Analysis Unit continued to coordinate and support the department's Intelligence-Led Policing efforts as well as provide investigative support in over 1,000 cases in the region. Two notable projects deployed by CIAU in 2022 were the acquisition and deployment of automatic license plate reader cameras in Bloomington and the creation and management of a new department-wide metrics management program.

During 2022, the department's Vice Unit was relocated from our agency to the Illinois State Police, Task Force 6, a multi-county multijurisdictional narcotics investigation group.





# NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS TEAM

is a three officer unit within the  
Community Engagement Unit.

This team is responsible for resolving various neighborhood concerns, ranging from minor and chronic nuisances to criminal matters.

Duties assigned to the team can be a wide spectrum of activities ranging from consistently disruptive properties, code enforcement issues, nuisance properties, nuisance vehicle towing, sex offender registration and dissemination of information concerning quality of life issues.

## Towing/Animal Complaint Officer:

Oversees the tagging and towing of abandoned vehicles, and issues related to animal bites, including assuring animal owners are compliant with city codes regarding animals.

## Community Development Liaison Officer:

Works closely with the city's Community Development inspectors to assist them in code enforcement, inspections, and property maintenance violations.

## Sex Offender Compliance Officer

Maintains registration records and oversees compliance checks on all Sex Offenders and other violent offenders required to register with the police department.



**796**  
Vehicles Towed



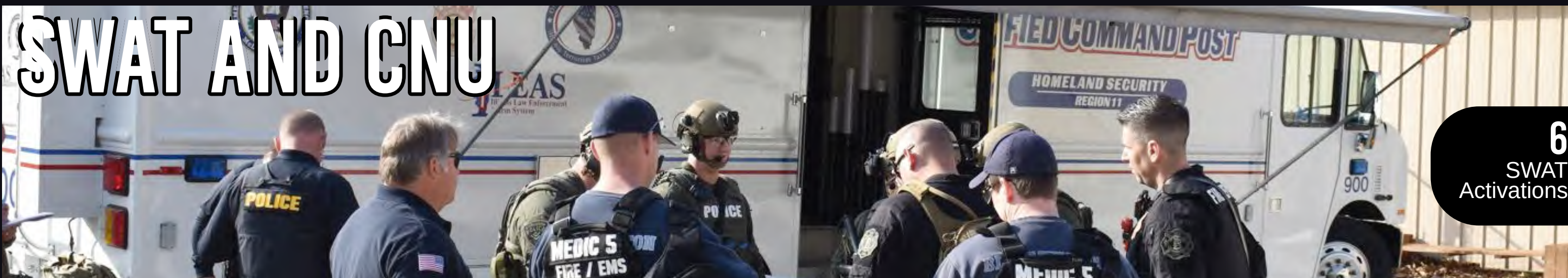
**329**  
Property Violation  
Follow-Ups



**275**  
Sex Offender  
Verifications



# SWAT AND CNU



6  
SWAT  
Activations

The CNU (Crisis Negotiation Unit) consists of one supervisor and eleven police officers. Team members train every other month on a variety of scenarios to include barricaded individuals, suicidal subjects and hostage negotiation. This team works in conjunction with all other responding officers in an effort to peacefully resolve emergencies through direct communication with at-risk subjects. In May, the team successfully resolved a stand-off with a mentally-ill subject that had threatened to kill his neighbors. Also in May, a team member was able to de-escalate a suicidal subject during a call, leading to the subject receiving mental health care. In November, team members responded to a subject making homicidal threats while refusing to exit his address. Team members were able to resolve this incident without using force by communicating with the subject.



The SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team consists of a group of officers for use in swift and complete responses to high-risk situations. Team members train each month in a variety of scenarios including hostage rescue, barricaded subjects and engagement with heavily armed subjects. In November, BPD SWAT, CNU, Illinois State Police, and K-9 Unit conducted a large scale training exercise to preparedness locally and regionally.



# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

are housed in three schools within Unit 5 and District 87 school systems.

School Resource Officers have a diverse role in the local schools, with an officer assigned to a middle school (Evans), a junior high school (BJHS) and a high school (BHS). They perform three main roles: law enforcement officer, counselor and mentor to children of all ages. All three officers are certified by the National Association of School Resource Officers.

They work with each school's administrator to maintain a safe environment, act as a visible deterrent, and at times assist in conflict resolution. They do not enforce school rules or policies.

In July, our SROs led active shooter training at a local grade school in partnership with multiple agencies.



3,371  
Students Served  
by BPD SROs





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UNIT

The Community Engagement Unit is responsible for initiating new relationships, while also strengthening and maintaining current positive relationships within the community through various methods of outreach, responsiveness, and education.

231

Community Events

18

Coffee With A Cop Events

6

Neighborhood Walks



The Community Engagement Unit (CEU) provides the opportunity and safe space for community members to get to know officers and ask questions. The unit consists of one sergeant, the Public Information Officer and three officers from the Neighborhood Focus Team.

Our Neighborhood Walks provide an intimate opportunity for residents to tell us how we can provide better service and to let us know of any local issues they would like addressed. The CEU has also reached out to and met with various community groups and leaders, such as the NAACP, The Immigration Project, Prairie Pride, PFLAG, Moses Montefiore Temple, The Islamic Center of McLean County, Sai Samsthan Hindu Temple, Asia Connect, Mt. Pisgah, St. Mary's Church, Eastview Christian Church, and many others.

The CEU has also joined up with local partners like the YWCA, The Boys & Girls Club of BN, the YMCA, Western Avenue Community Center, Mid-Central Community Action, Marc First, 100 Caring Adults, St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry, BN Parents and others for dozens of events.



# DEPARTMENTAL OUTREACH

is conducted through a variety of means as a way to directly engage with the community.

78 Press Releases  
386 Facebook Posts  
43,000 Facebook Followers

The Public Information Officer (PIO) disseminates departmental information to the public using a variety of social media platforms as well as public presentations. The department's use of social media continues to increase each year with the leveraging of existing and new platforms (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Nextdoor and Ring Neighbors). These platforms, in conjunction with our departmental transparency portal, also support our ongoing mission to make departmental policy, data and information readily available to the public.



Three officers are assigned as departmental liaisons to McLean County's alternative to incarceration programs; Drug Court, Mental Health Court as well as Veterans Court. These programs provide vital mentoring services as a way to support their reintegration into daily life in a way that does not lead to future incarceration.

The department also hosts bi-monthly public meetings where the public is invited to bring any questions, concerns or issues they have. A variety of police department and city staff (Legal and PACE) are in attendance at these meetings to assist in problem-solving dialog.

In 2022, officers also participated in Trunk or Treat, downtown holiday caroling, multiple Coffee with a Cop events, and back to school student events.





# ACCOUNTABILITY

The Bloomington Police Department is committed to providing fair and impartial law enforcement. We demonstrate this commitment through the use of our Office of Professional Standards (OPS).

## 69,093 POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE

### COMPLAINTS

**0.03 %**

calls for service  
resulting in a complaint

**21**

Formal Complaints Filed  
Down from 32  
in 2021

**3**

Complaints  
referred to the  
Public Safety  
Community  
Relations Board



### USE OF FORCE

**0.30 %**

calls for service  
resulting in a use or display of  
force

**209**

of 69,093 calls, where  
officers used or  
displayed force

# TRAINING

Training is the foundation of department performance. Task specific, legal and specialized training all play a part in the operation of a highly competent and professional department. The department conducts 20 core trainings for all officers, some on a yearly basis, some over the course of three years in a rotating fashion.



### FOCUS - YEARLY

- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Crisis Intervention
- Emergency Medical Response
- Handgun and weapons (16 hours)
- Handgun Qualification
- Firearm Restraining Act
- Legal Updates
- Officer Wellness and Mental Health
- Use of Force (30 hrs across 3 years)

### FOCUS - EVERY 3 YEARS

- Civil Rights
- Constitutional Use of Law
- Enforcement Authority
- Cultural Competency
- De-escalation
- High Risk Traffic Stops
- Human Rights
- Law Concerning Stops, Seizure and Use of Force
- Officer Safety Techniques
- Procedural Justice
- Reporting of Child Abuse
- Sexual Assault Trauma Response

In 2022 all departmental supervisors took part in Brill Law Enforcement Action in Democracy (LEAD) Training. This training focused on understanding abuses of authority, responding to hate crime and bias, and balancing the rights of individuals with societal protection.





# CRIME STATISTICS

As reported to the FBI, NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System) includes all crimes against persons, property and society. Totals may be adjusted over time due to re-classification are being investigated or reports filed after year-end.

**18,596**  
Reports Written

**1,598**  
Adult Arrests

**83**  
Juvenile Arrests

## Shootings / Weapons

	2021	2022	5 Year Average
<b>Gun Violence</b>			
Shootings	31	42	30
Persons Shot	12	15	13
Homicide By Gun	3	5	3
<b>Gun Seizures</b>			
Handguns	53	81	47
Rifles	3	2	3
Shotguns	1	5	3
<b>Guns Reported Stolen (in Bloomington)</b>			
Stolen Guns	52	26	42

## NIBRS Comparison 2021 vs. 2022

	2021	2022	Change
<b>Crime Against Persons</b>			
Assault Offenses	1615	1570	-3%
Homicide Offenses	4	5	25%
Human Trafficking	0	1	
Kidnapping/Abduction	27	18	-33%
Sex Offenses	104	74	-29%
<i>Total Crimes Against Persons</i>	1750	1668	-5%
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>			
Arson	11	8	-3%
Bribery	0	0	
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	140	126	-10%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	54	56	4%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	579	529	-9%
Embezzlement	1	0	-100%
Extortion/Blackmail	11	9	-18%
Fraud Offenses	399	384	-4%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	719	857	19%
Motor Vehicle Theft	76	84	11%
Robbery	24	20	-17%
Stolen Property Offenses	12	18	50%
<i>Total Crimes Against Property</i>	2026	2094	3%
<b>Crimes Against Society</b>			
Animal Cruelty Offenses	7	15	114%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	76	91	20%
Gambling Offenses	0	4	
Pornography/Obscene Material	31	29	-6%
Prostitution Offenses	4	7	75%
Weapon Law Violations	113	173	53%
<i>Total Crimes Against Society</i>	231	319	38%
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>4007</b>	<b>4081</b>	<b>2%</b>



# POLICE RECRUITMENT

The department launched an aggressive recruitment campaign in 2022



**531**  
Applications Submitted

**21**  
Officers Hired

## Enhancements to the Recruitment Process

Stood up a Recruitment Committee at BPD

Created applicant text messaging system to increase communication with applicants

Trained 18 officers as recruiters

Use of online testing

Elimination of application and testing fees

Improved physical testing to make the process more equitable

Created an ad campaign to support minority recruitment

Deployed targeted ads on Facebook and Instagram

Expanded outreach to minority churches and groups

Incorporated the 30x30 campaign to broaden our reach to female applicants





# TECHNOLOGY



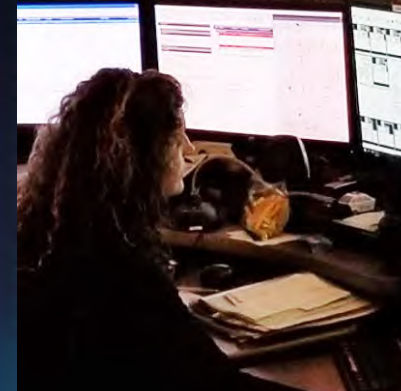
Deployed automatic license plate readers



Developed a metrics-based management system



Upgraded body-worn cameras and hardware



Upgraded computer-aided dispatch system



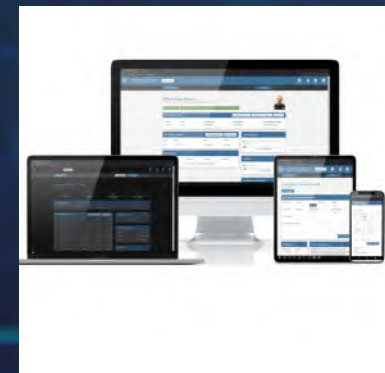
Launched new expanded 911 communication tool



Deployed smart phones To all patrol officers



Purchased portable speed signs



Purchased a new electronic field training program



Expanded Public Safety Cameras on intersections using fiber optics



Expanded use of electronic forms



Hired a full-time Information Technology Specialist



Certified two detectives in electronic vehicle forensics

As part of our Strategic Plan, our agency is committed to the use of various technologies, both internally and externally, to stay current with advancements to ensure we are serving the public most effectively and efficiently.





Ofc. Steck receives Commanders Choice Award at MCLETC



Sgt. Fermon receives Law Enforcement Commendation Medal



TC Richmond receives Life Saving Award



Ofc. Hurt receives Life Saving Award



Ofc. McCall recognized for leading in DUI arrests

# AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

## Awarded for Lifesaving

Ofc. Evan Hurt  
PSD Amanda Richmond

## Awarded for Meritorious Service

Sprv. Jack McQueen  
Sgt. John Fermon

## Awarded for Exemplary Performance

PSD Ayana Allen	Det. Marty Krylowicz	Sgt. Jared Roth
Det. David Ashbeck	Det. Jesse Lanphear	Ofc. Calvin Rueb
Ofc. Brad Buchanan	Det. Jake Law	PSD Bobbi Jo Jones
PSD Kevin Busfield	Ofc. Anna Legner	Det. Paul Swanlund
Ofc. Hunter Clark	PSD Emilee Marshall	Det. Josh Swartzentruber
CDA Carl Fever	Det. Tim Marvel	Ofc. Jaime Tabeling
Ofc. Alex Freshour	Ofc. Bryan McCall	Sgt. Ivy Thornton
Ofc. Robert Fryman	PSD Tabitha McCall	Ofc. Nicholas VanWaes
Ofc. John Gaffney	Sprv. Jack McQueen	Ofc. Alex Vasquez
Det. John Heinlen	Ofc. Elias Mendiola	PSD Heather Webb
Ofc. Nicholas Hines	Ofc. Steve Moreland	PSD Erin White
Ofc. Jared Johnson	CIA Sharon Murphy	Ofc. Jeff Widmer
Ofc. Nik Jones	Ofc. Patrick Nelson	PSD Sarah Wolf
Det. Paul Jones	Ofc. Michael Perry	Ofc. Jose Zavala
Ofc. Tre' Jones	PSD Kacey Pettit	Ofc. Dave Ziemer
PSD Tiffany Koehne	Ofc. Joe Rizzi	

## Awarded Letter of Commendation

Det. Steve Brown	Ofc. Bryan McCall	Ofc. Taylor Turner
PSD Robert Castillo	PSD Tabitha McCall	Ofc. Nicholas VanWaes
Ofc. Andy Chambers	Ofc. George McGonigle	Ofc. Brent Smallwood
Ofc. Hunter Clark	Ofc. Hector Melchor	Ofc. Evan Hurt
PSD Tessa Derby	Ofc. Molly Monahan	
Ofc. Logan Fosdick	PSD Kacey Pettit	
Ofc. Alex Freshour	Ofc. Ben Smith	
Ofc. Robert Fryman	Ofc. Adam Stone	
Ofc. Weston Gresham	Det. Ryan Strebing	
Ofc. Kerri Johnson	Ofc. Matthew Summers	