

Billings Police Department 2018 Annual Report



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On the cover: Billing Police Department worked closely with other agencies to protect President Donald Trump and his staff during an overnight visit to Billings in September, 2018. The cover photo shows some officers with the President’s motorcade vehicle. *Below:* The same group with BPD command vehicles.





MISSION STATEMENT

The Billings Police Department is committed to improving the quality of life through a customer service, problem solving partnership with the community.

ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

We are committed to delivering professional police service to Billings under the philosophy of community oriented policing through:

COMMITMENT

- ✚ Being responsive to the need for increased community livability

SERVICE

- ✚ Employing a customer service approach
- ✚ Recognizing that our customers are the community, other personnel within the Department and other City employees

PARTNERSHIP

- ✚ Utilizing a strong police-community partnership for problem solving

INTEGRITY

- ✚ Applying moral, ethical and professional standards

Billings Police Department Command 2018



Chief St. John

Chief of Police
Rich St. John

**Administrative
Coordinator**
Jamie Wegner



Assistant Chief House

Assistant Chief
Jeremy House

**Animal Control
Supervisor**
Tom Stinchfield

**Captain
Operations (Patrol)**
Brian Korell

**Captain
Professional Standards**
Neil Lawrence

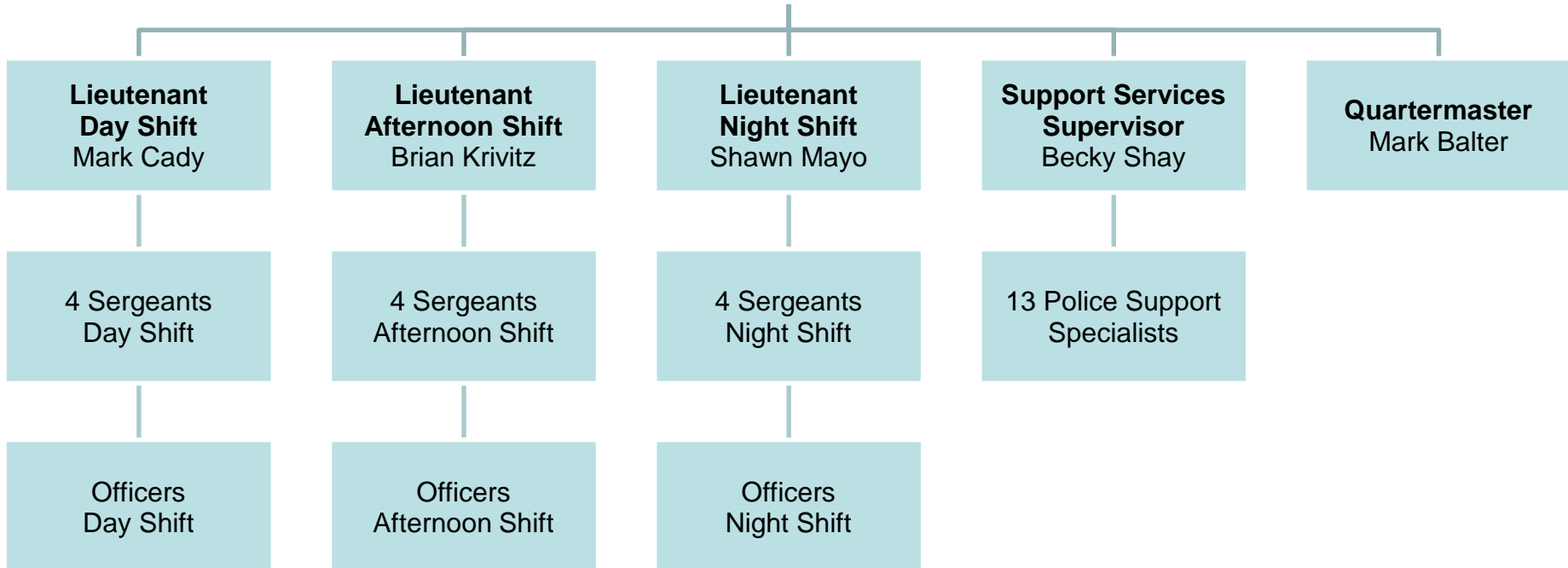
**Captain
Investigations**
R.D. Harper

Billings Police Department Operations 2018



Capt. Korell

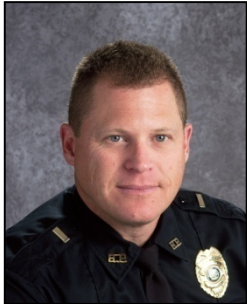
**Captain
Operations (Patrol)
Brian Korell**



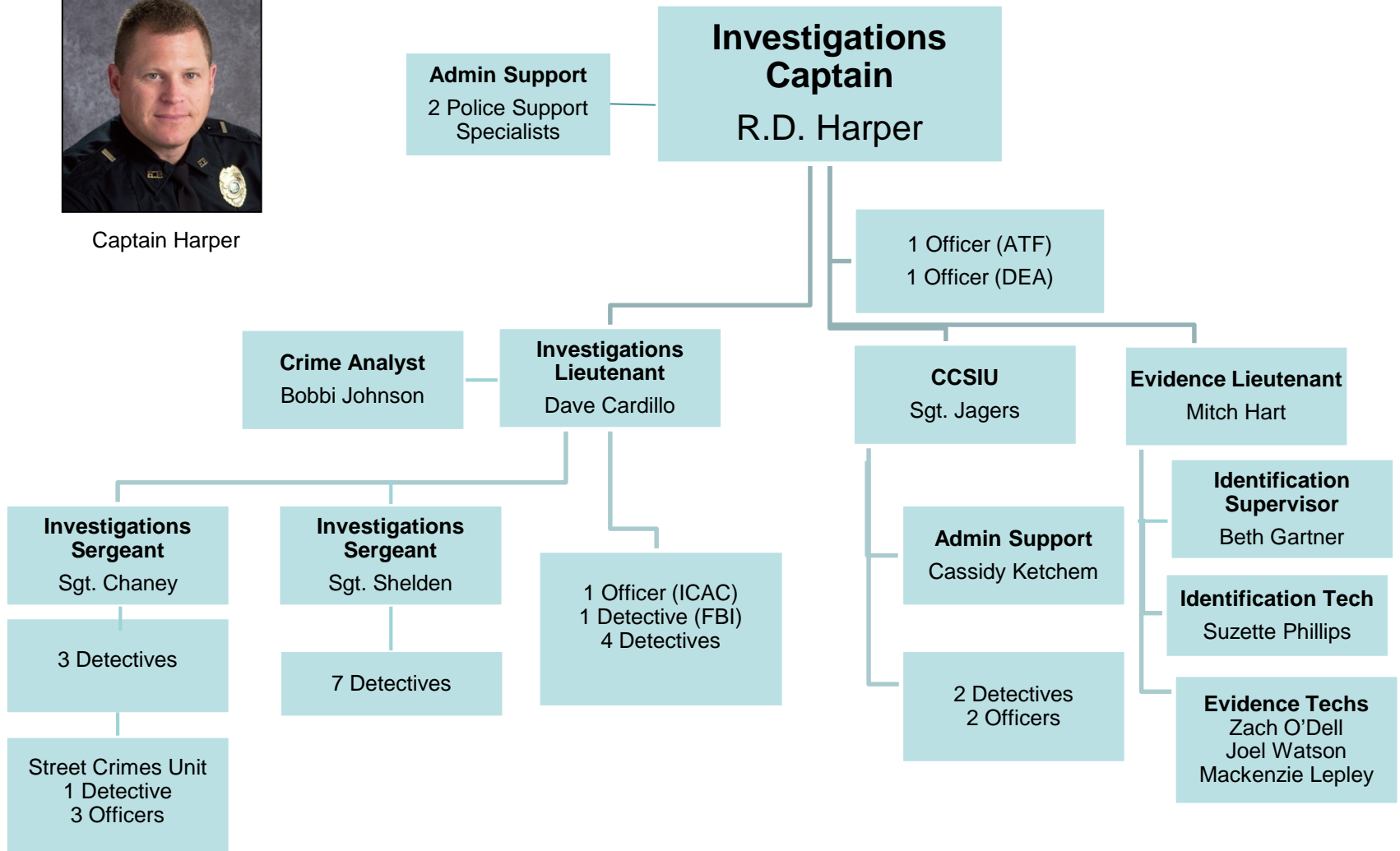
Billings Police Department

Investigations

2018



Captain Harper



Billings Police Department Professional Standards 2018



Capt. Lawrence

**Captain
Professional Standards**
Neil Lawrence

**Administrative
Lieutenant**
Brandon Wooley

Domestic Violence Investigator
Officer Nash
Training Coord./Admin Sec.
Taylor Bernhardt

**Volunteer
Program
Coordinator**
Kallie Parsons

Crime Prevention Center
Sgt. Jason Gartner

4 STEP Officers
1 Public Relations Officer
2 Downtown Officers
8 School Resource Officers

Billings Police Department Animal Control 2018



Supervisor Stinchfield

**Animal Control
Supervisor
Tom Stinchfield**



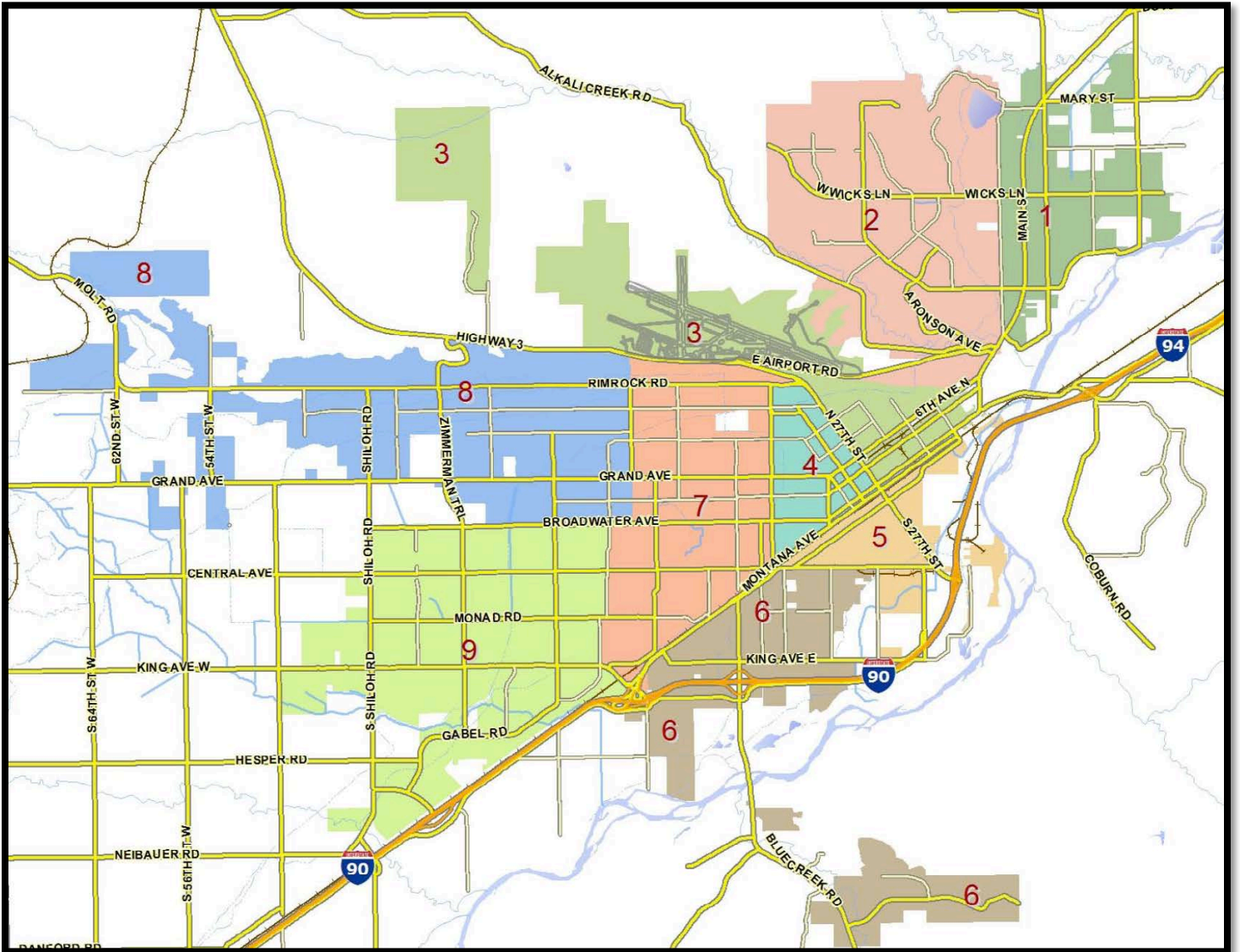
**5 Animal Control
Officers**

**Clerical Staff
Kristal Ward**

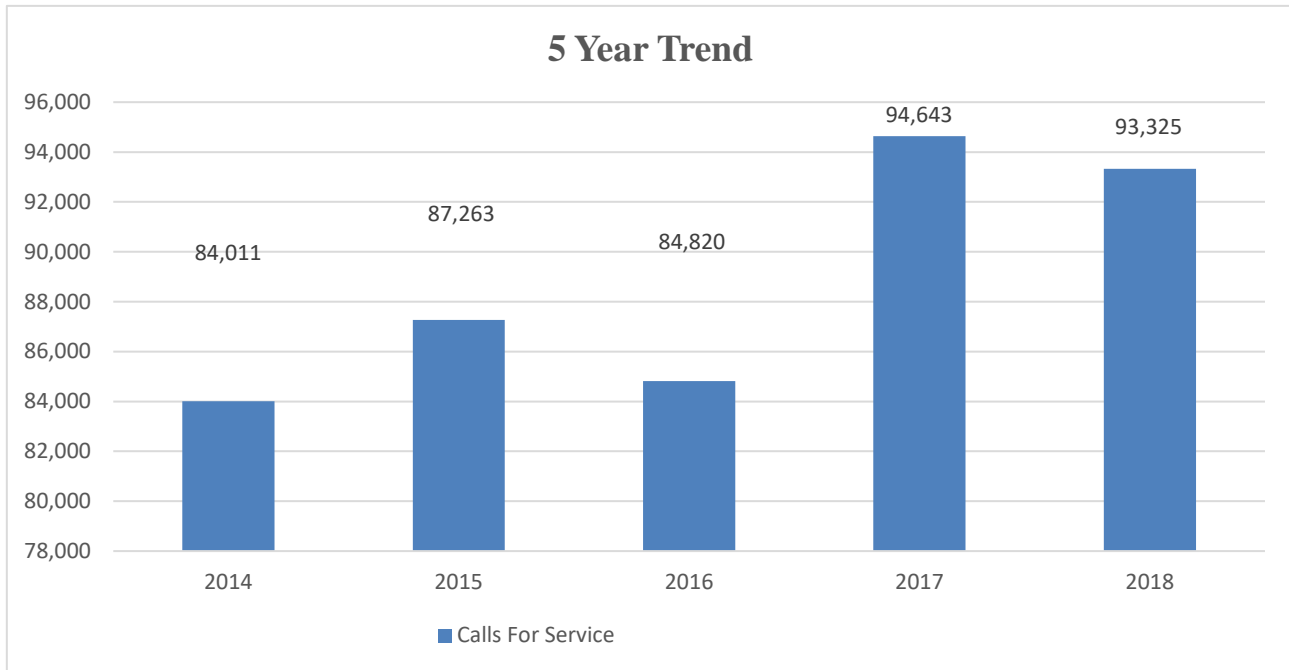
**BILLINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT
 AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL
 January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED</u>
CHIEF OF POLICE	1
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE	1
CAPTAIN	3
LIEUTENANT	6
SERGEANT	16
DETECTIVES	18
OFFICERS	78
DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BEAT OFFICER	2
COMMUNITY RELATIONS/CRIME PREVENTION	1
COURT OFFICER	1
PARKS OFFICER	1
BILLINGS CLINIC OFFICER	1
STREET CRIMES UNIT	3
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS	8
CITY/COUNTY SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UINT (CCSIU) OFFICER	1
K-9 OFFICERS	3
SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) OFFICERS	4
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INVESTIGATOR (DVI)	1
ATF OFFICER	1
DEA OFFICER	1
MARSHALS OFFICER	1
INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (ICAC) OFFICER	1
TRAINING OFFICER	0
SWORN TOTAL	153
<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1
RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1
ID SUPERVISOR	1
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	1
TRAINING COORDINATOR/ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT II	1
QUARTERMASTER	1
ADMIN. SUPPORT SPECIALIST (HIDTA GRANT)	1
EVIDENCE TECHNICIANS	3
POLICE SUPPORT SPECIALISTS	13
I.D. TECHNICIAN	1
CRIME ANALYST	1
PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNICIAN	1
CIVILIAN TOTAL	26
<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED</u>
ANIMAL CONTROL SUPERVISOR	1
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	5
SR. OFFICE ASSISTANT	1
ANIMAL SHELTER TOTAL	7
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	186

Billings Police Beats



Incident Response



Incidents By Beat (Numbers for the last 3 years)

		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Beat 1	Bench	7,431	8,455	7,746
Beat 2	Heights	5,503	5,826	5,765
Beat 3	East	10,536	14,078	13,191
Beat 4	Downtown	9,808	11,015	12,301
Beat 5	Southside	6,131	6,761	6,996
Beat 6	South Central	6,527	7,893	8,216
Beat 7	North Central	11,790	13,004	13,304
Beat 8	North West	7,574	7,789	8,353
Beat 9	South West	11,613	12,700	13,502
Initial call mapped outside of Billings		4,161	1,298	1,479
Unknown offense location		<u>3,746</u>	<u>5,824</u>	<u>2,472</u>
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE		84,820	94,643	93,325

Crime Statistics



Crime Trends for Billings are broken out into two categories:

Property Crimes

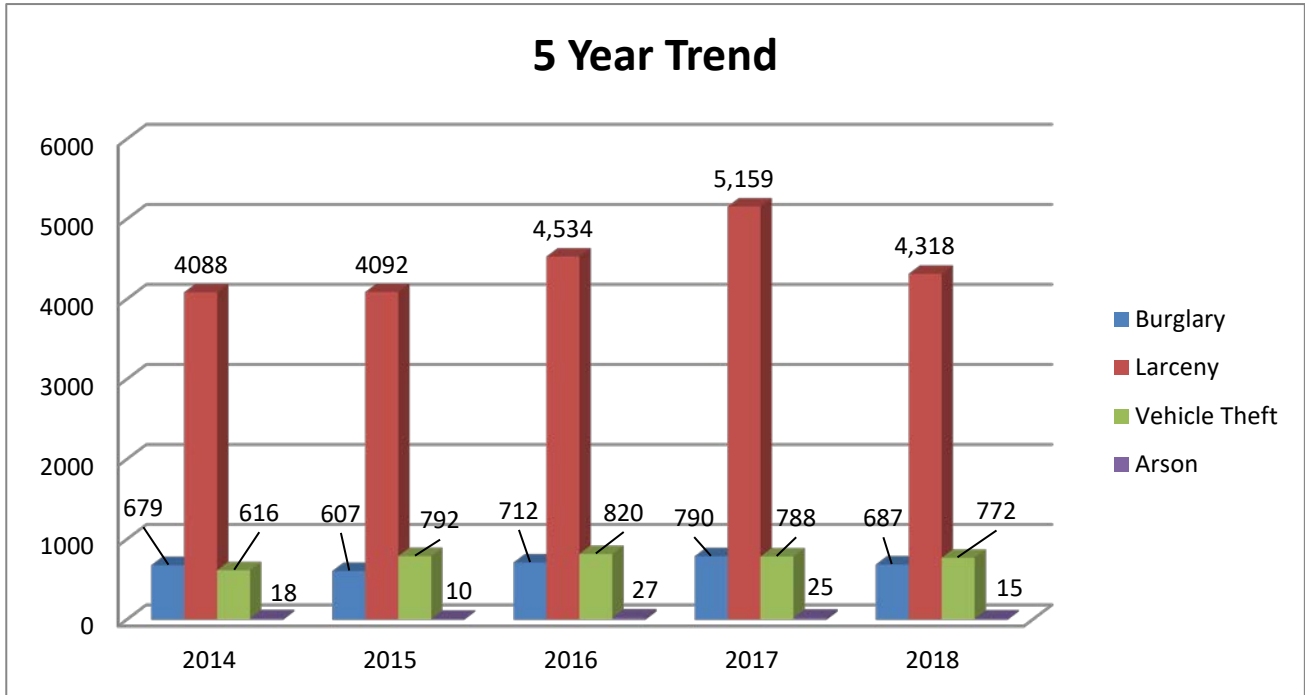
Burglary, Larceny, Vehicle Theft & Arson

Violent Crimes

Murder, Rape, Robbery & Aggravated Assault

These crimes are defined by federal reporting requirements under the National Incident-Based Reporting System.

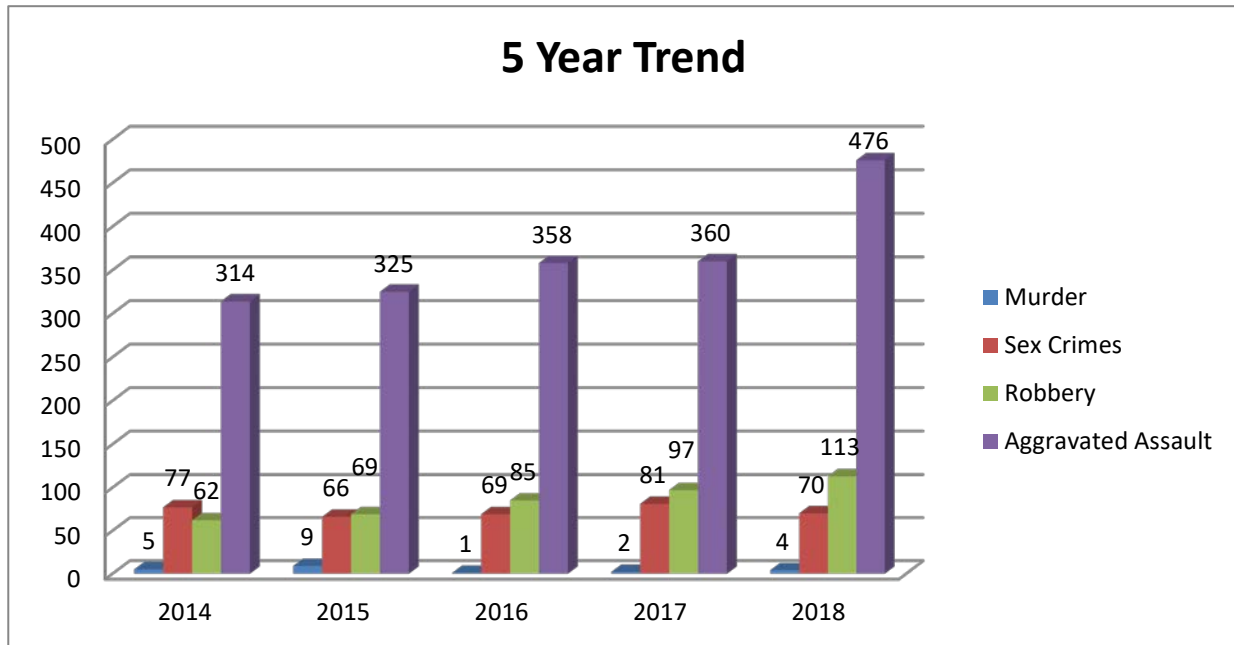
Property Crime Trends



Property Crimes Trends

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Burglary	712	790	687
Larceny	4,534	5,159	4,218
Vehicle Theft	820	788	772
Arson	27	25	15
TOTAL	6,093	6,762	5,692

Violent Crime Trends



Violent Crimes Trends

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Murder	1	2	4
Rape	69	81	70
Robbery	85	97	113
Aggravated Assault*	358	360	476
TOTAL	513	540	663

* 2018 was the first year of reporting the new Montana crime of PFMA-Strangulation which increased Aggravated Assaults by 121.

Crime Listings - Part I Offenses

Part I Offenses are collectively known as Index Crimes. This name is used because the crimes are considered quite serious, tend to be reported more reliably than others, and are reported directly to the police. The less commonly reported crimes are known as Part II Index Crimes. Subcategories are shown to provide greater accuracy.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Negligent Homicide		1	1	0	0
Justifiable Homicide				3	2
Criminal Homicide	5	9	0	2	4
Forcible Rape	77	66	69	81	70
Sexual Intercourse without consent		46	50	66	52
Sexual Intercourse (with object) without consent		8	6	2	3
Sexual Intercourse (forcible sodomy) without consent		6	8	8	12
Same-Sex Forcible rape		6	5	5	3
Robbery	62	69	85	97	113
Aggravated Assault	314	325	358	357	476
Assault, aggravated-broken bones, severe lacerations (not permanent or life threatening injury)		18	26	20	23
Assault Agg-Permanent-Life Threatening		24	26	33	12
Abuse, neglect or exploit the elderly		6	3	3	2
Assault on a minor		23	31	41	59
Assault with a weapon		95	116	122	137
Assault with bodily fluid, aggravated		3	1	0	0
Criminal endangerment		72	75	68	51
Attempted homicide		1	0	3	2
Partner or family member assault, aggravated-serious injury		70	63	49	43
Partner or family member assault, strangulation					121
Negligent vehicular assault-serious bodily injury		3	0	2	7
Assault, on a peace or judicial officer		10	17	16	19
Burglary	653	597	697	790	687
Burglary, residence		463	564	571	531
Burglary, non-residence		134	133	201	156
Aggravated Burglary	13	10	15	18	18
Intimidation-Stalking	9	12	5	8	6
Gambling Violations	2	5	2	1	1

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Larceny/Theft	4,088	4,092	4,588	5,159	4,318
Purse Snatch		2	9	14	7
Shoplift		1,004	1,076	1,344	1,203
Theft of belongings from motor vehicles		1,267	1,310	1,050	1,068
Theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories		194	267	401	402
Theft from a building		420	375	367	317
Theft from coin-op machines		3	4	8	2
Theft of lost or mislaid property		53	54	37	33
Theft, all others		1,149	1,493	1,938	1,286
Motor Vehicle Theft	616	792	820	788	772
Simple Assault	1,050	964	1,160	1,287	1,160
Assault with bodily fluid, non-aggravated		7	14	11	14
Resisting arrest		120	144	135	146
Assault, simple-minor injury		296	387	416	394
Negligent endangerment		9	4	10	7
Partner or family member assault, non-aggravated		532	611	715	599
Arson	18	10	27	25	15
Forgery/Counterfeit	145	123	219	258	226
Forgery/Counterfeit		121	219	258	225
Counterfeit or deface gambling document		2	0	0	1
Embezzlement	2	4	3	5	3
Fraud	452	412	400	369	443
Credit cards		6	4	10	11
Deceptive business practices		4	7	4	6
Deceptive practices for financial gain		218	249	232	279
Theft of identity, fraud		98	73	70	108
Theft of labor, services, or use of property		84	67	53	38
Fraud other		2	0	0	1
Stolen Property	28	42	79	182	202
Weapons Violations	58	59	48	50	50
Possession of firearm by convicted person		6	3	7	22
Carrying concealed weapon		25	29	32	16
Carrying concealed weapon while intoxicated		4	6	0	3
Carry concealed weapon while prohibited		4	1	2	3
Discharge in city limits-firing firearms		20	9	9	6

Crime Listings - Part II Offenses

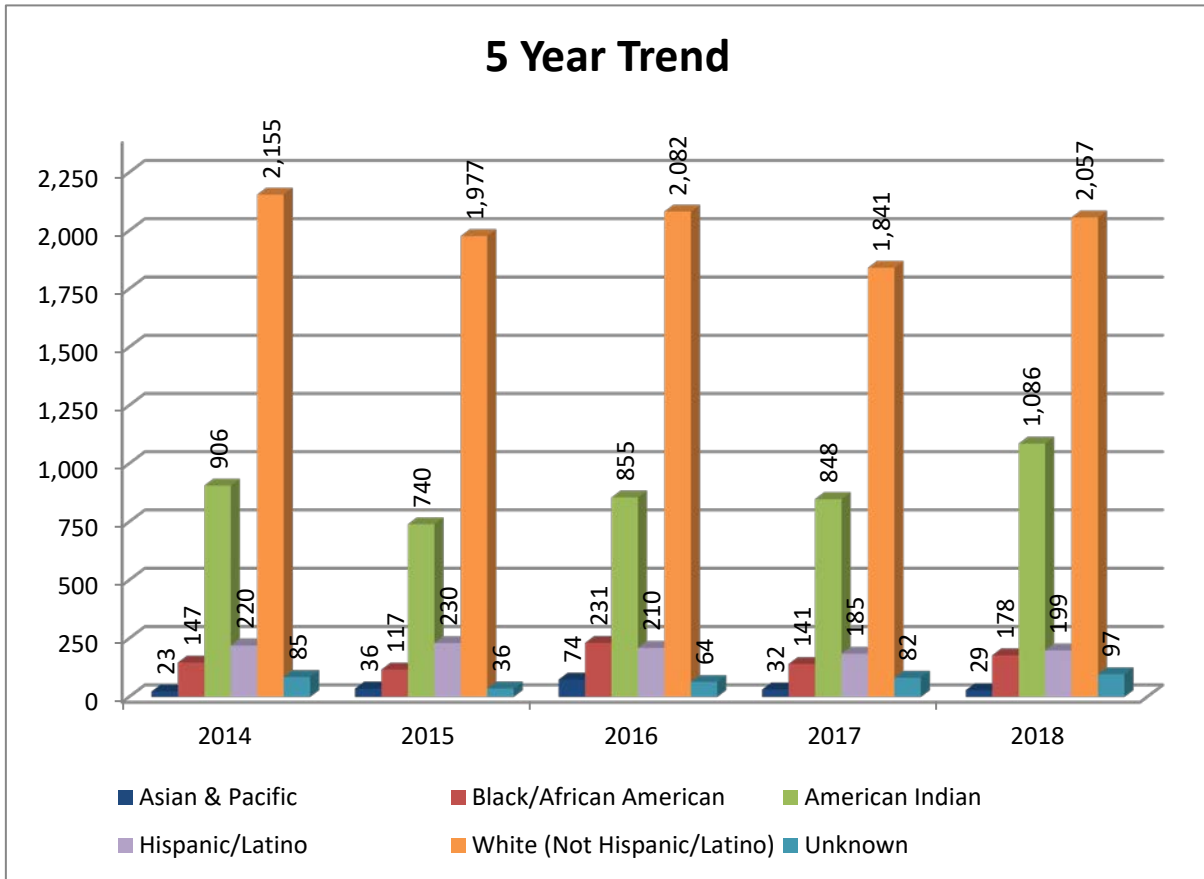
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Bad Checks	3	2	5	3	6
Disorderly	406	397	344	252	198
Disorderly conduct, physical contact*				35	32
Disorderly conduct		383	334	196	128
Failure of disorderly person to disperse*					20
Indecent exposure		14	10	21	18
DUI	639	643	635	602	574
Vehicular homicide under the influence		1	0	0	2
DUI, under 21 with BAC of 0.02-liquor		2	4	5	5
DUI, intoxication by alcohol, drugs, or under the influence of marijuana		438	467	409	405
Aggravated DUI		199	157	179	156
Criminal child endangerment (DUI)		3	7	9	6
Family Offenses	27	19	28	19	28
Endangering the welfare of children		16	27	18	23
Unlawful transactions with children		2	1	1	4
Visitation interference		1	0	0	1
Liquor Violations	1,510	1,020	802	887	997
Purchase or possess intoxicant by a minor		88	118	99	179
Providing alcohol to an intoxicated person		1	0	0	0
Unlawful transfer, or possession of alcohol		23	43	32	16
Open container		908	641	756	802
Runaway	255	322	334	333	288
Trespass	416	363	243	298	327
All Other	1,400	1,558	2,538	2,555	1,450

TOTAL PART II 4,656 4,324 4,929 4,949 3,868

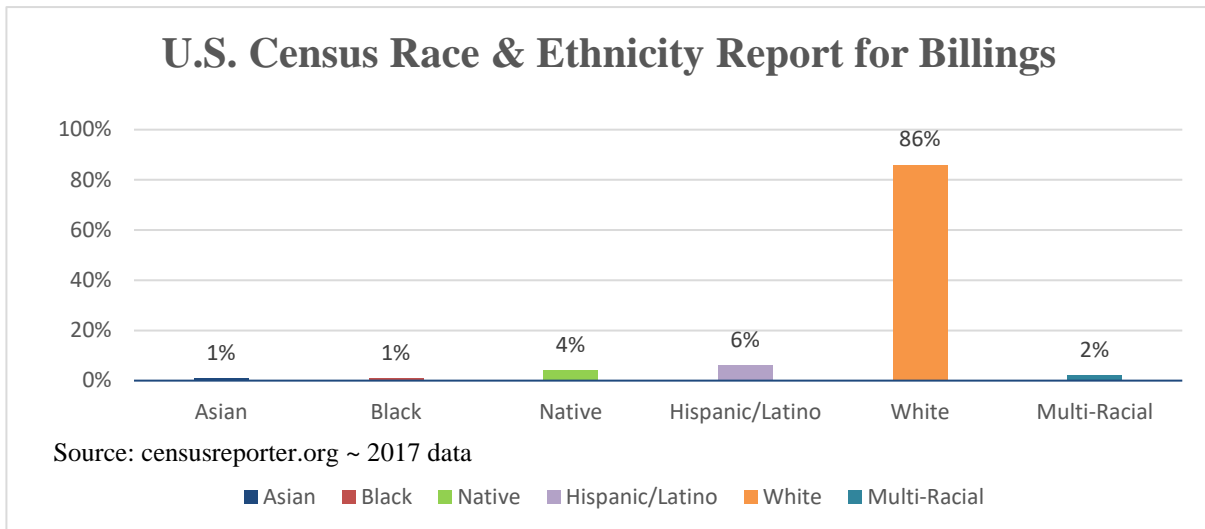
TOTAL REPORTABLE CRIMES 13,899 13,520 15,165 16,304 16,065

* New Category in 2018

Charges by Race/Ethnicity*



*Race/Ethnicity is based on observation by the investigating officer, not on self reporting.



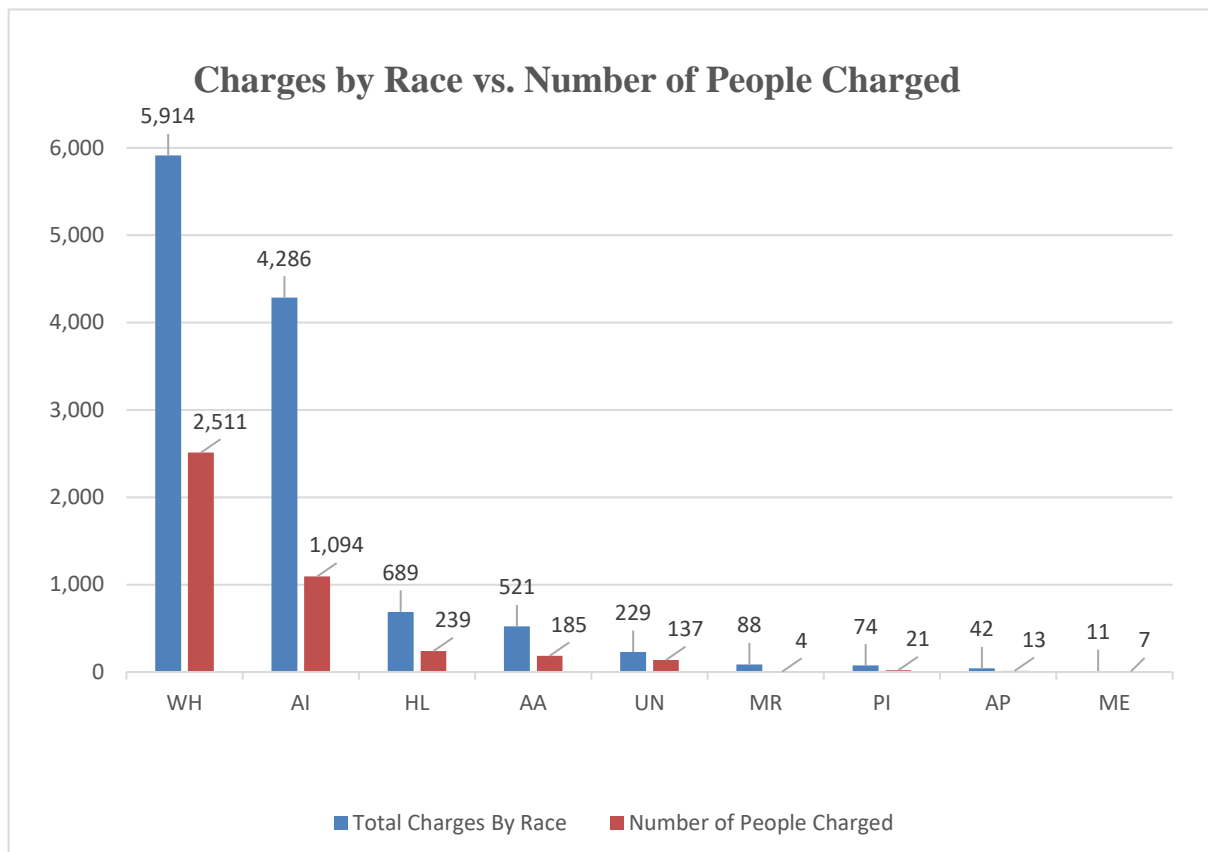
Charges by Race vs. Number of People Charged

These numbers include activity *not* mandated by Federal & State reporting requirements.

2018

	TOTAL CHARGES BY RACE	NUMBER OF PEOPLE CHARGED
White (WH)	5,914	2,511
American Indian or Alaskan Native (AI)	4,286	1,094
Hispanic/Latino (HL)	689	239
Black or African American (AA)	521	185
Unknown (UN)	229	137
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (PI)	74	21
Asian & Pacific (AP)	42	13
Middle Eastern (ME)	11	7
Other/Multi-Racial (MR)	88	4
Total	11,854	4,211

*Race is based on observation by the investigating officer, not on self reporting.



Top 30 Arrest Charges in 2018

<u>Number of Arrests</u>	<u>Arrest Charge</u>
546	Municipal Court Warrant
464	Theft
360	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
353	Warrant - Failure to Appear
211	Warrant - Revocation of Suspended or Deferred Sentence
175	Partner or Family Member Assault
170	Warrant - Contempt of Court
154	Driving Under the Influence
139	Obstructing a Peace Officer
130	Minor in Possession of Tobacco
104	Aggravated DUI
93	Warrant - Probation Violation - Revocation (felony)
74	Criminal Mischief
68	Criminal Trespass - Property
66	Possess Intoxicants Under Age of 21 (under 18)
60	Aggravated Assault
56	Possession of Dangerous Drugs
46	Resisting Arrest
40	Reckless Driving
40	Motor Vehicle Theft
33	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol - 3rd Offense
32	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol - 4th Offense
31	Violation of No Contact Order
29	Assault with a Weapons - felony
28	Partner or Family Member Assault - Strangulation (throat/neck)
27	Possession of Dangerous Drugs (felony)
24	Possess Intoxicants Under Age of 21 (over 18)
24	Disorderly Conduct - Physical Contact/Fight
23	Partner or Family Member Assault - 2nd Offense
23	Disorderly Conduct - Threats/Profanity
22	Criminal Destruction of Communication Device

Did you know?

Billings Police Department is staffed 24/7 by civilian employees who process all of the officers' paperwork. They are certified to access state and national databases to assist officers with information on missing persons, wanted people and stolen items. The staff works with the public to answer questions and provide documents. The Police Department office is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Investigations Division

Case Activity

Detectives assigned to cases	11
Total cases assigned	478
Total cases cleared	241
Cases cleared by arrest	141
Average clearance time	180 days
Suspicious deaths	29
Homicides*	7
Suicides	26
Overdoses	14
Total death investigations	76

*Homicides include attempted, justified and committed

All death investigations require a minimum of 2 Detectives

Child sex assault and abuse	371
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Reports of child sex assault and abuse in Billings that are made to the Department of Health and Human Services are assigned to Detectives and Investigations Supervisors. Of these reports, 161 were assigned to Detectives and 210 were assigned to Supervisors.

Other Critical Tasks

Photo Downloads	4,324
30 minutes each, 1 Detective assigned	
Cell Phone Extractions	50
3 to 5 hours each, 1 Detective assigned	
Forensic Interviews	69

Averaging 90 minutes each, these technical interviews are conducted by several of the Detectives who have specialized training. The interviews may be for cases assigned to their BPD colleagues or from other agencies.

Telephonic Search Warrants Returned	128
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Patrol Officers may receive a telephonic search warrant from a judge any time day or night to complete a DUI investigation. When these are issued, Detectives Supervisors ensure the proper paperwork is returned to the courts.

Billings Police Department works in cooperation with the Montana Department of Justice and the National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative. The project funds analyzing sexual assault kits and submitting the results to the national Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) database to try identifying suspects. There is 1 detective assigned to this project.

BPD has submitted 430 sexual assault kits and re-opened 14 cases based on CODIS hits.

Evidence and Identification Divisions

The Evidence and Identification Divisions are overseen by a Police Lieutenant and a civilian Identification Supervisor. Three evidence technicians process all evidence secured by Billings Police Department. The Identification Supervisor and one technician process fingerprints lifted from crime scenes and with the Crime Analyst create photo lineups for the department.

2018 activity at the evidence facility included:

20,304 items received

25,890 items auctioned, donated, released or destroyed

2018 identification activity included:

Requests for service - videos and supplements	56
Automated Biometric Identification System (ABIS) latent entries	240
Photo lineups	112
Request for service - latents	159
Latent processing supplements/documentation	141
Latent examination supplements/documentation	188
Requests for latents/completions for other agencies	2

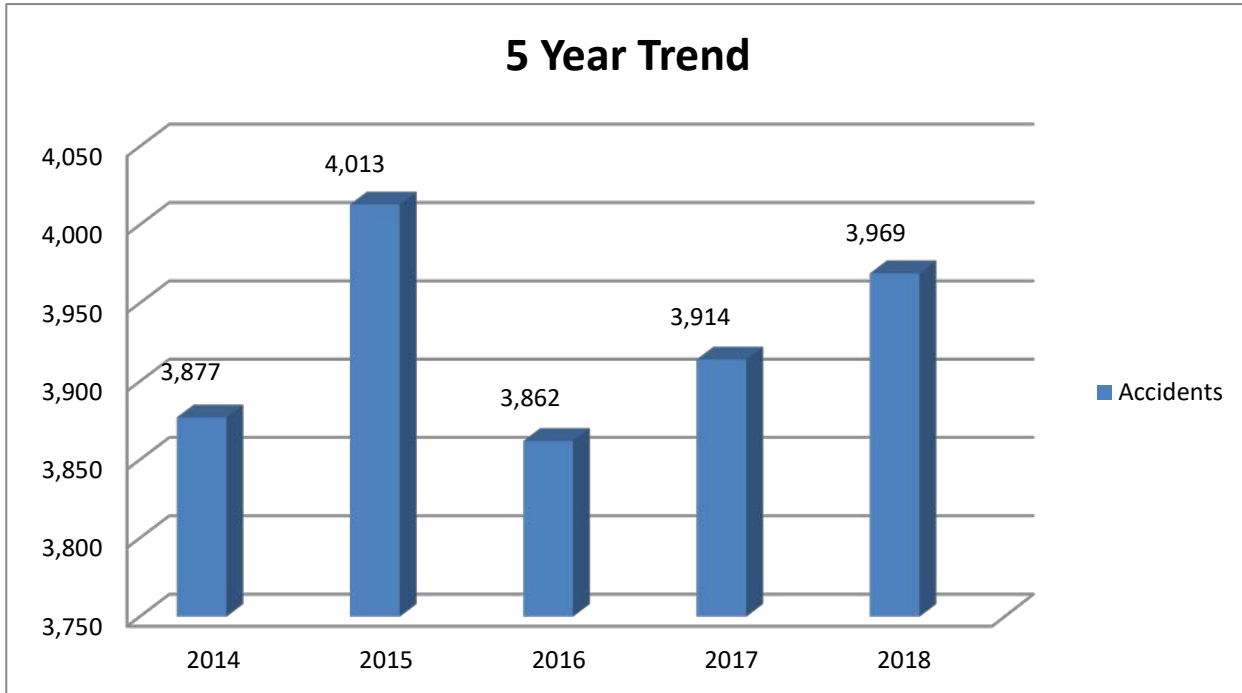


Billings Police Department SWAT team is made up of 14 officers who are highly trained and specialize in high-risk warrant service, fugitive apprehension, hostage rescue and dignitary protection. They train closely with Billings Police Negotiators and the Bomb Squad to deal with critical incidents. A few times a year they show the team's specialized equipment to the community.

Accident & Traffic Statistics



Traffic Accidents Reports



Accident Breakdown

Incident Type:	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Accident DUI	67	45	55
Accident Fatality	5	6	13
Accident Hit and Run	967	1,040	991
Accident Property Damage	2,250	2,274	2,321
Accident with Injuries	562	532	548
Accident Non-Investigated (CPC)	4	12	41
TOTAL	3,855	3,909	3,969

On days when a Police Commander finds it is not possible to investigate all accidents during a shift, an Accident Alert is issued.

This limits accident investigations to those accidents that have serious personal injuries, reports of DUI drivers or with disabled vehicles. In these times, drivers involved in accidents exchange insurance and other information and if documentation is required, can complete their own report through the BPD Crime Prevention Center or the Montana Highway Patrol. Commanders opted for Accident Alerts 36 days during 2018.

High Risk Intersections

	2016	2017	2018
King Avenue & Shiloh Road	45	37	29
6th Avenue N & N 27th Street	16	28	16
Grand Avenue & Shiloh Road	34	27	30
Lake Elmo Drive & Main Street	27	27	23
King Avenue & S 24th Street	31	24	25
Main Street & Airport Road	12	22	19
Central Avenue & 24th Street	37	21	19
King Avenue W & S 20th Street	21	21	19
King Avenue & S 32nd Street W		21	
Shiloh Road & Central Avenue		18	
King Avenue & Overland		15	
Main Street & Wicks Lane	21	15	21
Broadwater Avenue & 8th St W		14	
Grand Avenue & 13th Street W		14	
Grand Avenue & Zimmerman Trail	12	14	11
King Avenue & S 29th Street	15	13	
1st Avenue N & N 27th Street		12	
Central Avenue & 15th Street W		12	11
Monad Road & S 24th Street W	16		15
Grand Avenue & 17th Street	14		16
Main Street & Hilltop Road			16
N 27th Street & Montana Avenue			16
6th Steet W & Central Avenue			15
Main Street & 6th Avenue N			15
Rosebud Drive & S 24th Street W			15
19th Street W & Central Avenue			13
Moore Lane & Laurel Road			13
Grand Avenue & 8th Street W			12
King Avenue E & S Billings Blvd			12
7th Avenue N and N 27th Street			11

The number of intersections in this report was increased this year, so some locations don't have information for previous years.

Peak Hours for Traffic Accidents

	2016	2017	2018
1500 hours (3pm)	248	247	197
1700 hours (5pm)	300	238	206
1200 hours (Noon)	227	204	177
1600 hours (4pm)	240	185	213

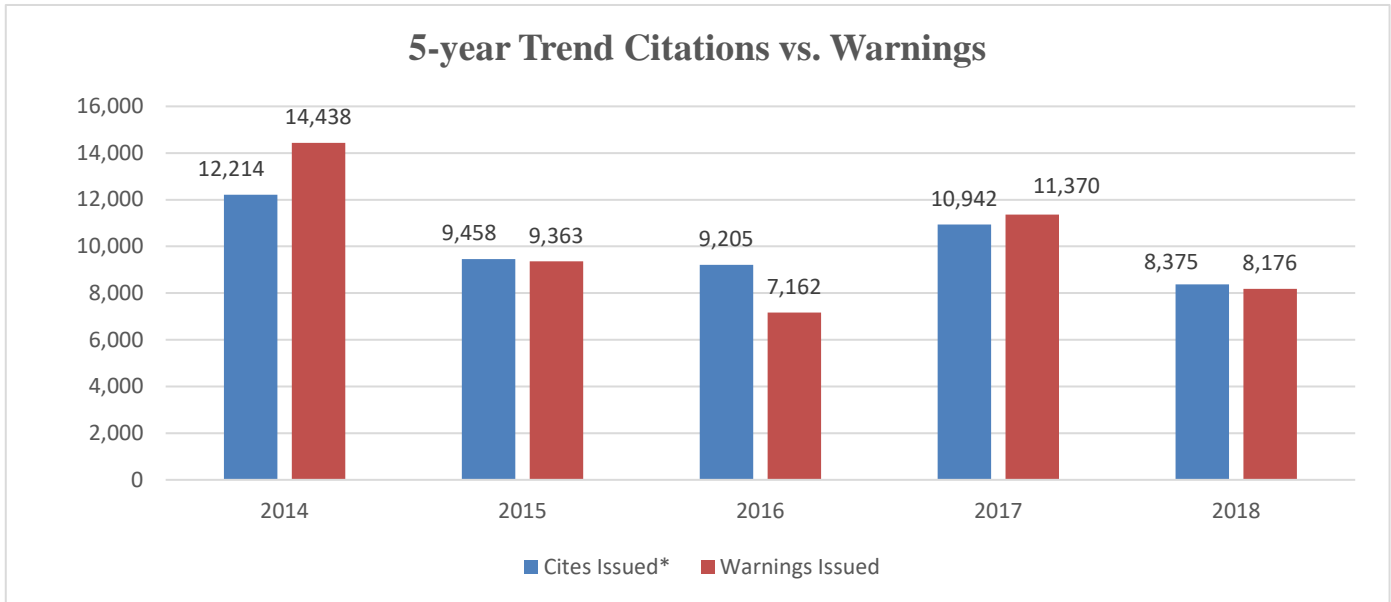
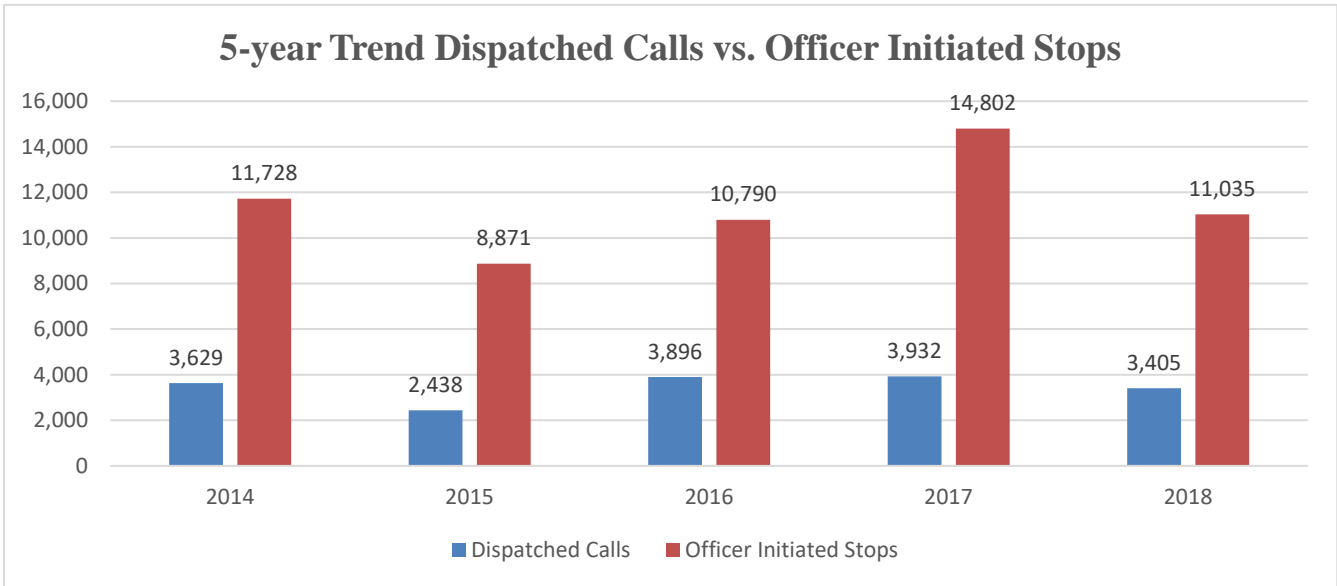
Peak Days of the Week for Traffic Accidents

	2016	2017	2018
Friday	544	473	415
Thursday	409	440	390
Wednesday	452	433	409
Tuesday	418	413	418
Monday	411	408	383



This is from the cover of the 1974 Billings Police Awareness Report. Current and retired officers have amassed a "museum" of BPD memorabilia which is being organized and will eventually be displayed.

Traffic Information



*Citations issued includes Montana Code Annotated, Municipal Infractions and Billings Municipal City Code charges

Selective Traffic Enforcement Program

The Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, known as STEP, is made up of 4 patrol officers. Two of these officers are K-9 handlers and their dogs patrol with them. The STEP team focuses on problems areas in Billings and types of traffic offenses, such as extra patrols in school zones, on cell phone details and in neighborhoods where citizens have reported traffic troubles. STEP officers also cover their coworkers on criminal calls and are sometimes needed to work shifts that are not dedicated to traffic enforcement.

2018 STEP Statistics

Warrants	533
Citations	2,578
Warnings	5,646
Cell phone (distracted driving) citations	300
Cell phone warnings	49
DUIs	55
Arrests on drug offenses	638

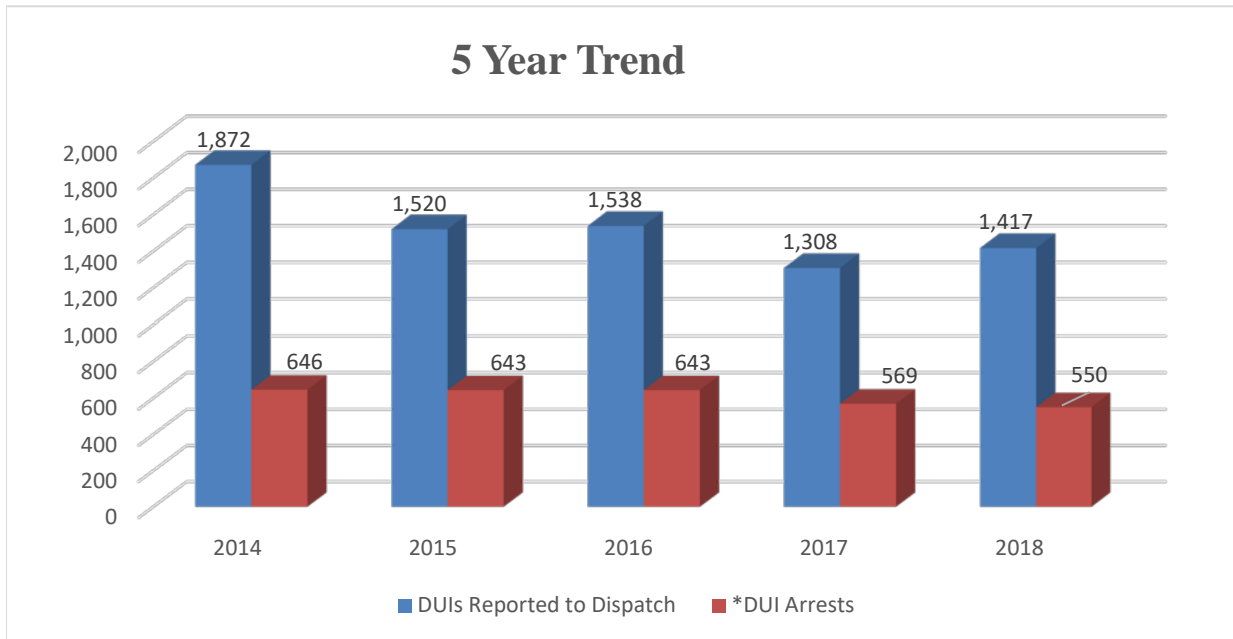
BPD Tickets Issued by Ethnicity & Gender

Ethnicity	<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>		<u>2018</u>	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
White	7,047	5,450	6,981	5,465	7,309	5,893
Native American	729	735	873	896	1,070	924
Unknown	543	435	548	468	487	462
Hispanic	495	231	525	214	440	244
Black	338	109	319	137	406	130
Asian/Pacific	60	49	41	42	49	40
Hawaiian/ Pacific	22	23	26	30	27	39
Mideastern	50	10	25	3	19	5
Totals	9,284	7,042	9,338	7,255	9,807	7,737

DUI Statistics



DUI Incidents & Arrests



* Reflects alcohol & drug offenses

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (ALCOHOL) STATISTICS FOR 2018

	Totals	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
DUI days	53	2	4	5	2	3	6	5	8	2	3	6	7
DUI noons	166	16	23	12	9	11	9	12	11	15	9	22	17
DUI nights	331	40	36	34	28	32	23	21	31	22	19	22	23
Total:	550	58	63	51	39	46	38	38	50	39	31	50	47
Samples	269	32	31	22	25	21	18	17	22	20	12	24	25
Refusals	218	19	25	23	12	20	16	18	21	14	17	17	16
% Refusals	40%	33%	40%	45%	31%	44%	42%	47%	42%	36%	55%	34%	34%

K-9 Program



Police Officers' patrol vehicles are their offices and officers with K-9 partners need extra space. During 2018, BPD added this specialized vehicle which provides space for the dog and still has room to transport prisoners. Three more K-9 vehicles will be completed during 2019. K-9 Kooko is pictured here with the first vehicle to be deployed.

Billings Police Department extends a heart-felt thank you to the many generous members of the community who made it possible to purchase a new K-9 and provide training for its handler during 2018.

K-9 Program Report

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>K-9 Visits to Schools, Civic Groups, & Other Organizations</u>	25	18	21
<u>Calls for Assistance from Other Agencies</u>	108	74	123
<u>K-9 Deployments</u>			
Drugs	508	385	613
Patrol	512	305	333
Search Warrants	95	92	44
<u>Arrests</u>			
	232	206	349
<u>Seizures</u>			
Cash	\$243,217	\$312,443	\$543,072
Drugs	\$2,662,567	\$2,532,592	\$720,136
Paraphernalia	\$34,706	\$9,544	\$9,068
Weapons	\$20,105	\$13,550	\$14,850
Stolen Property	\$26,100	\$10,600	\$15,000
Vehicles	<u>\$31,500</u>	<u>\$6,500</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Value of Seizures	\$3,018,195	\$2,885,229	\$1,302,126



Officer Firebaugh & K-9 Dutch



Officer Adams & K-9 Susan

Task Force Activity



The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program (HIDTA) is a component of the President's National Drug Control Strategy which provides additional federal resources to help eliminate or reduce drug trafficking and its harmful consequences. Law enforcement organizations within HIDTAs assess drug trafficking problems and design specific initiatives to reduce or eliminate the production, manufacture, transportation, distribution and chronic use of illegal drugs and money laundering and to reduce drug trafficking and related crime and violence. The Eastern Montana HIDTA Drug Task Force was created in 1996 and is part of Rocky Mountain Region which covers Colorado, Montana, Utah, & Wyoming. In 2018, the Billings-based task force was named the “Outstanding Task Force of the Year” for the members’ work combating major drug trafficking organizations.

2018 Stats for the Eastern Montana HIDTA Drug Task Force

Felony Arrests	217
Assets Seized	\$617,272
Weapons Seized - Firearms	112
Drugs Seized:	
Methamphetamine	129.74 lbs.
Marijuana	33.23 lbs.
Heroin	2.83 lbs.
Cocaine	6.08 lbs.
Pharmaceuticals	4,253 Pills
Drug Trafficking Organizations:	
Targeted:	
International-	1
Multi-state-	12
Local-	5
Disrupted/Dismantled:	
International-	1
Multi-State-	10
Local-	3



District of Montana Task Force Information

The Montana Violent Offender Task Force was established in January 2005 with a stated mission to apprehend persons wanted for felony crimes with a focus on violent offenders. Task force operations began in the Billings office and have since expanded to include the offices in Missoula and Great Falls. The task force officers have apprehended fugitives all across Montana, in several other states, and in other nations. Partner agencies joining the U.S. Marshals Service on the Montana Violent Offender Task Force include the Yellowstone County Sheriff’s Office, Billings Police Department, Montana Department of Corrections Probation & Parole Division, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

2018 Stats for the Montana Violent Offenders Task Force

Warrant Closures	660
Cash Seized	\$36,819
Weapons Seized:	
Handguns	24
Long guns	12
Vehicles Recovered	21
Drugs Seized:	
Marijuana	6,908 grams
Cocaine	17.7 grams
Meth	6,411 grams
Heroin	487.5 grams
Pills	303



DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

“Joint task forces like the Billings Tactical Diversion Squad (TDS) allow us to pool resources to include money, equipment, manpower, and knowledge of local criminals. Success is only possible when agencies and investigators combine knowledge and resources and work together.” Billings TDS Data Analyst

2018 Stats for the Officer Assigned to the DEA

TDS Arrests:	36
TDS Seizures:	\$29,086



Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives

ATF recognizes the role that firearms play in violent crimes and pursues an integrated regulatory and enforcement strategy. Investigative priorities focus on armed violent offenders and career criminals, narcotics traffickers, narco-terrorists, violent gangs, and domestic and international arms traffickers. Sections 924(c) and (e) of Title 18 of the United States Code provide mandatory and enhanced sentencing guidelines for armed career criminals and narcotics traffickers as well as other dangerous armed criminals.

2018 Stats for the Officer Assigned to the ATF

2018 Cases Initiated:	20
Cases Referred for Prosecution:	20
Cases Closed/Did not meet prosecution guidelines:	94
Firearms Recovered:	49



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



The FBI's investigative authority is the broadest of all federal law enforcement agencies. The FBI's investigative philosophy emphasizes close relations and information sharing with other federal, state, local, and international law enforcement and intelligence agencies. A significant number of FBI investigations are conducted in concert with other law enforcement agencies or as part of joint task forces.

The United States Federal Bureau of Investigation operates 56 field offices in major cities throughout the US and Puerto Rico. Many of these offices are further subdivided into smaller resident agencies which have jurisdiction over a specific area. Billings has a resident office that reports to a field office in Salt Lake City, Utah.

2018 Stats for the Officer Assigned to the FBI's

Intermountain West Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (IWR CFL)

Cases Investigated:	29
Times Subpoenaed to District Court:	3
Times Subpoenaed to Federal Court	1
Times Technical Assistance provided to BPD Detectives:	20

Internet Crimes Against Children



The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force program is a nationwide initiative under the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention. The ICAC program encourages partnerships between local law enforcement and federal agencies. These partnerships ensure proper prosecution[s] of those responsible and victim identification & assistance when applicable. The following statistics reflect state-wide efforts by the Task Force, including in Billings.

Measures		2016	2017	2018		
Documented Complaints	Traveler	Proactive	6	5	1	
		Reactive	9	10	9	
	Enticement	Proactive	26	7	2	
		Reactive	100	116	81	
	Obscenity Directed to Minors	Proactive	2	21	1	
		Reactive	41	51	39	
	Child Prostitution	Proactive	11	1	5	
		Reactive	10	11	10	
	Child Pornography	Manufacture	Proactive	11	7	12
			Reactive	75	108	133
		Distribution	Proactive	99	17	39
Reactive			126	200	160	
Possession		Proactive	52	18	37	
		Reactive	213	464	307	
Case Information	# of Investigations		752	879	680	
	Arrests		27	35	35	
	Cybertips Received		244	253	269	
	Case Dispositions	Unfounded	62	82	54	
		Suspended	87	72	50	
		Plea	21	28	16	
		Trial	5	9	7	
	Case Referrals	Federal	62	26	25	
		State	62	32	44	
		Local	24	23	17	
Submitted for Federal Prosecution		21	32	25		
Accepted for Federal Prosecution		14	30	26		
Goals	CVIP Submissions (Cases)		13	35	23	
	Affiliated Agencies Added				0	
	Child Victims Identified	Historical CVIP	61		0	
		Historical Cases	13		0	
		Child Victims Identified w/images	88	113	34	
		Child Victims Identified w/o images	1	2	1	

Internet Crimes Against Children 2018 Statistics Continued

Court Actions	Subpoenas or Court Orders	Federal	309	195	294
		State/Local	58	65	34
	Search Warrants	Federal	14	7	24
		State/Local	176	169	155
Historical Forensic Exam Data					
Technical Assists	Technical Support		70	64	50
	Forensic Exams	# of Hard Drives	149	98	115
		# of Cell Phones	179	135	322
		# of CDs/DVDs	55	21	15
		# of Other (Thumb drives, SD cards, etc)	149	47	64
	Previews	# of Items Previewed	198	79	55
Training	Training Sessions Provided		20	30	20
	Law Enforcement Trained		335	1315	678
	Prosecutors Trained		2	34	8
	Other Professions Trained		101	380	11
	# Sent to ICAC T&TA Training		18	29	26
	# Sent to Other Training		16	16	35
Community Outreach	Presentations		140	145	253
	# of Attendees (Presentations)		9,806	12,730	12,409
	Public Events		8	11	12
	# of Attendees (Public Events)		4,014	1,177	820
	Public Awareness		305	3	197
TOTALS			52,372	80,046	66,480

Street Crimes Unit Statistics

In 2018, Billings Police Department established a Street Crimes Unit to focus on property crimes. The unit consists of a Sergeant, one detective and 3 patrol officers.

	<u>2018</u>
Cases opened or worked	434
Physical arrests (other than warrants)	139
Warrants served	571
Citations/warnings written	395
Drug seized	About 65 pounds
US currency seized	\$82,000

Stolen Items Recovered

Vehicles	94
Firearms	71
Billings Street Signs	2
Trailers	3

Recovered Items of Note:

	<u>Value</u>
Bicycle	\$5,800
Federal Agent's equipment	\$8,000
Insulin pump	\$5,000
Welder	\$12,000
Steel	\$20,000



Billings Police Department Bomb Squad is made up of 6 members, including a sergeant. The bomb technicians and the Department's specialized equipment may be called on to respond to critical incidents in Eastern Montana but can deploy anywhere in the state if needed.

Community Relations

Billings Clinic – Billings Police Partnership

In August 2018, the Billings City Council and Billings Clinic entered a 3-year agreement to have an officer dedicated to patrolling the hospital campus. The first officer started in June and a second is expected to be assigned. Officers responded to the Clinic about 125 times last year. More than a quarter of those calls were handled by the Clinic Officer after the assignment began.

School Resource Officers

Billings Police Department SRO positions are funded in cooperation with School District 2. The officers are assigned to individual high schools or middle schools and visit several elementary schools as part of their duties. The 7 SROs working in 2018 wrote 567 cases. These statistics reflect only the months school was in session.

OFFENSE	COUNT	ARREST
PURCHASE OR POSSESS INTOXICANT BY A MINOR	101	101
CASES WITH NO OFFENSE LISTED	86	0
MENTAL HEALTH/SUICIDE ATTEMPTS OR THREATS	76	0
POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS	66	64
POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	57	54
ASSAULT, SIMPLE (MINOR INJURIES)	30	20
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	28	4
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	18	7
UNDER AGE TOBACCO POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION	16	16
RESISTING ARREST	9	8
SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITHOUT CONSENT	8	3
DISORDERLY CONDUCT,PHYSICAL CONTACT	7	4
THEFT FROM BUILDINGS	7	4
OBSTRUCTING A PEACE OFFICER	7	6
THEFT, ALL OTHERS	6	4
TRESPASS, CRIMINAL, TO PROPERTY	5	3
THEFT OF BELONGINGS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES	4	0
RUNAWAY, JUVENILE	4	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT	4	0
SHOPLIFT	3	3

School Resource Officers 2018 Statistics Continued

OFFENSE	COUNT	ARRESTS
SALE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS	3	3
TRESPASS, CRIMINAL, TO VEHICLES	2	0
OBSCENE PHONE CALL - PRIVACY IN COMMUNICATION	2	2
DUI, INTOXICATION BY DRUGS OR ALCOHOL OR MARIJUANA	2	2
ASSAULT ON A MINOR	2	0
BURGLARY, RESIDENCE	2	2
PARTNER OR FAMILY ASSAULT (NON-AGGRAVATED)	2	1
STATUTORY RAPE - SEXUAL INTERCOURSE W/O CONSENT	2	0
FORGERY/COUNTERFEIT	1	0
ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN	1	0
DECEPTIVE PRACTICES FOR FINANCIAL GAIN	1	0
GUNS IN SCHOOLS	1	1
THEFT OF IDENTITY, FRAUD	1	0
VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER	1	0
STRANGULATION	1	0
ASSAULT WITH A WEAPON	1	1

Billings Police Bicycle Patrol

Summer Bicycle Detail Statistics

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Overtime Details	131	77
Hours Riding	810	454
Citations	250	158
Warnings	70	23
Arrests	134	41
Total citations, warnings & arrests	454	222



Officers who qualify through training are able to patrol on bicycles during good weather. Officers must ride a minimum of 6 hours each year to maintain their standing on the specialized detail.

Parks Officer



In October of 2017, Parks & Recreation proposed to the Billings Police Department funding a Parks Officer. Officer Nick Lam, while still a sworn officer with the Billings Police Department, works with Parks & Recreation patrolling the parks and trails within the City Limits.

As the new Parks Officer, Officer Lam made contact with as many citizens as possible near the parks, passing out more than 800 business cards, and explaining his position.

A look at the number of disturbances, suspicious, trespass, and alcohol-related calls in nine of the City's largest parks showed a 30% reduction in calls for 2018, compared to 2017. In 2018, Officer Lam made 117 arrests and issued 402 citations at City Parks.

Officer Lam was also tasked with working on the graffiti problem within the City of Billings. Looking at national models of combating this problem, Officer Lam, sought out funding through a grant to receive training on a model he believed was beneficial to the City of Billings.

Officer Lam is implementing this investigative technique and working towards criminal charges for these offenders.

Officer Lam is aided by two weekend volunteers, Justin & Matt Hanes, who travel the City of Billings photographing and logging the locations of graffiti. This is just another example of how important the Volunteers from the Crime Prevention Center are in aiding the officers of the Billings Police Department.



Office of Professional Standards



Annual Statistical Report

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Introduction

The Office of Professional Standards is directed by a Police Captain who reports directly to the Chief of Police and Assistant Chief. The primary function of this office is the receipt, assignment and investigation of complaints received from citizens or initiated by the department regarding the actions of employees. This office monitors all investigations for timely completion and reports the findings to the complaining parties and subject employee(s).

Other functions include tracking citizen commendations of employees, use of force, pursuits, and assigning staff for follow-up when required. The Office of Professional Standards also manages and tracks the Department's discipline process.

For purposes of this report, the term 'employee' denotes both sworn (officer) and non-sworn (civilian) members of the Billings Police Department.

Complaints

A *complaint* is an incident which gives rise to one or more allegations of misconduct. A single complaint may allege misconduct by multiple employees and/or multiple violations of departmental policies. The number of complaints filed may not equal the number of allegations and findings resulting from the investigation.

Citizen Complaints and Inquiries

Citizen complaints are classified in one of two categories. *Class I* complaints are more serious and include allegations such as excessive force, violations of criminal law, breach of civil rights, bias policing, patterns of similar Class II complaints and other more serious allegations. *Class II* complaints include allegations of inadequate service, discourtesy, minor performance issues, improper procedure and other less serious and non-criminal conduct.

Department Initiated Complaints

If a complaint is initiated by a BPD supervisor or brought to supervisory attention by any BPD employee, it is classified as a department-initiated complaint.

Comparison of the Number of Investigations by Year

	2016	2017	2018
Citizen Complaints - Class I	7	14	5
Citizen Complaints - Class II	71	47	68
Department Initiated – Class I	10	14	11
Department Initiated – Class II	53	69	82
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS	141	144	166

Classification of Complaints

A single complaint may result in multiple allegations of misconduct. Since the types of allegations may be vastly different, it is difficult to categorize complaints.

	Citizen Class I Complaints	Citizen Class II Complaints	Dept. Initiated Class I Complaints	Dept. Initiated Class II Complaints
Conduct Unbecoming	1	3	0	6
Constitutional Rights Violation	2	0	0	0
Criminal Conduct	2	0	5	0
Demeanor/Rudeness	0	11	0	3
Driving Violation	0	2	0	29
Duty Performance	0	47	2	43
Use of Force	0	0	4	1
Failure to Report	0	1	0	0
Failure to Take Action	0	3	0	1
TOTAL	5	67	11	83

Allegations and Findings

Allegations represent a distinctly different category than complaints. They are assertions of an employee's behavior that, if proven, would amount to a violation of department policy. A single complaint may result in multiple allegations of misconduct against one employee, single allegations against multiple employees, or any combination thereof.

Findings are issued for each allegation in an investigation, including those made by the complainant as well as any allegations of misconduct not included in the original complaint, but that may be discovered during the investigation. Findings are also issued when policy violations are discovered during a review of employee performance following an incident such as a pursuit, a use of force or an employee vehicular accident. For these reasons, the number of findings issued will exceed the number of complaints reported.

Although complaints are the primary basis for our statistical reporting, we also track the findings for each allegation, rather than a single overall finding for each individual complaint. Examining allegations separately from complaints is useful in gaining a more accurate understanding of areas of concern to citizens and to the department.

Findings fall into one of seven categories. The following table represents the findings issued for 2018 cases.

Findings From Allegations During 2018

	Citizen Class I Complaints	Citizen Class II Complaints	Dept. Initiated Class I Complaints	Dept. Initiated Class II Complaints
Proper Conduct	3	25	2	9
Improper Conduct	0	10	2	63
Training Deficiency/ Policy Failure	0	0	0	2
Insufficient Evidence	1	2	2	2
Unfounded	1	20	1	2
Resolved w/ Complainant	0	9	0	4
Pending	0	1	4	1
TOTAL	5	67	11	83

PROPER CONDUCT/TRAINING DEFICIENCY/POLICY FAILURE (Exonerated) – The acts, which provided the basis for the complaint or allegation did occur, but were justified, lawful and proper. This finding also may be used when the acts complained of did occur and were not proper or justified, but resulted from a lack of policy or training.

IMPROPER CONDUCT (Sustained) – The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to clearly prove the allegations(s) made.

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE (Not Sustained) – The investigation failed to discover sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegations made.

UNFOUNDED – The investigation conclusively proved that the act or acts complained of did not occur. This finding also applies when individual officer(s) or employee(s) named were not involved in the act or in acts, which may have occurred.

RESOLVED W/ COMPLAINANT – This only applies to Class II Complaints. The determination of guilt may not be clear (Sustained or Not Sustained) whereas the complainant is satisfied with results of investigation.

PENDING – The investigation is still on-going and the findings have not yet been determined.

Citizen Commendation of Employees

Citizens frequently contact the Department to thank or commend employees for acts of service or their response to a particular incident. We also track positive feedback on employee performance. These commendations are received in the form of letters, e-mail messages and phone calls as well as numerous face-to-face comments of appreciation. While written feedback is tracked, some phone calls and personal contacts go unreported. The written feedback on employee performance is routed to and tracked by the Office of Professional Standards.

	2016	2017	2018
Officer Commendations	47	55	49
Number of Employees Involved	75	68	88



Billings Police Department joins the Downtown Billings Alliance Trick or Treat each Halloween. The events gives children a chance to have positive interaction with Officers and provides adults an opportunity to have a fun visit to the Police Department.

2018 Response to Resistance Report

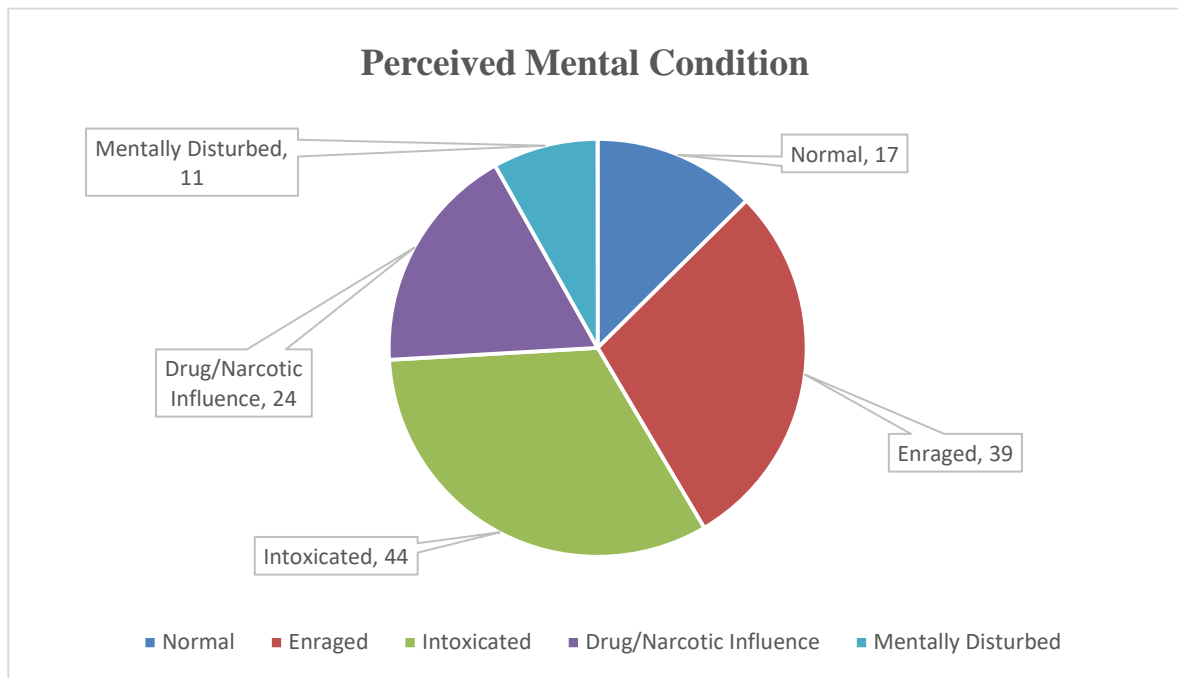
Billing Police Officers used Use of Force 90 times during 2018. The officers record the details of the incident for commanders to assess. The Office of Professional Standards evaluates the incidents throughout the year. Officers are trained on various techniques and may use any level of force, at any time, to meet the circumstances of the situation.

Time	Count	Percentage
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	52	57.7
Night (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.)	38	42.3

Beat	Count	Percentage
N/A	2	0
1	7	1.48
2	3	1.27
3	14	8.88
4	12	10.15
5	10	10.57
6	7	8.88
7	15	22.2
8	7	11.84
9	13	24.75

Suspect Race	Count	Percentage
White	57	63.33%
American Indian	23	25.56%
Unknown	6	6.67%
Black	3	3.33%
Hispanic	1	1.11%

Suspect Gender	Count	Percentage
Female	12	13.3
Male	78	86.6



Officers may select multiple options so the total number of conditions is larger than total incidents.

Point At Which Resistance Began	Count	Percentage
Initial Contact	22	18.82%
Initial Contact & During Arrest	33	4.72%
Initial Contact, During & After Arrest	8	25.88
Initial Contact & After Arrest	2	2.35
During Arrest	16	38.82
During & After Arrest	4	9.41

Reason Physical Control/Weapons Used	Count	Percentage
Take Custody of Suspect	83	92.2
Protect Self	67	74.4
Prevent Escape	47	52.2
Prevent Felony	7	7.77
Protect Another	32	35.55
Humanely Destroy Animal	0	0
Maintain/Regain Control	66	73.3
Place Person in Protective Custody	6	6.66

Officers are required to list all of the elements of security for the suspect and situation. Categories in this section may reflect multiple reasons in one incident. Because of these combined factors, the total count is greater than 90 incidents. The percentage reflects rate of occurrence out of the 90 incidents.

Number of Officers Present at Incident	Count	Percentage
2 or fewer	42	46.66
3 to 5	40	44.44
6 or more	8	8.88

Weapons Used by Non-Compliant Suspect	Count	Percentage
Hands	44	48.88
None	35	38.88
Feet	12	13.3
Vehicle	4	4.44
Handgun	4	4.44
Knife	2	2.22
Bite	2	2.22
Club	0	0
Animal	0	0
Long gun	0	0
Officer Weapon	0	0
Explosive Device	0	0
Accidental Discharge	0	0

Multiple weapon types may be used during an incident. These numbers reflect combinations of weapons. The percentage reflects rate of occurrence out of the 90 incidents.

Level of Resistance	Count	Percentage
Verbal Non-Compliance	5	5.56
Verbal to Passive or Active Agression	48	53.33
Verbal to Active to Passive Agression	24	26.67
Active to Passive Agression	1	1.11
Passive Agression	3	3.33
Active Agression	4	4.44
Verbal to Active to Deadly Force	2	2.22
Active to Deadly Force	2	2.22
Deadly Force	1	1.11

Force may change, starting at one level and increasing or decreasing to one or more other levels. This section reflects each level the officer reported. Deadly Force may be used by the suspect or the officer. The percentage reflects rate of occurrence out of the 90 incidents.

Officer Level of Injury	Count	Percentage
Officers reported 22 injuries		
No Visible Injury/No Complaint of Pain	67	75.28
Minor Visible Injury/No Medical Attention	13	14.61
Injury Requiring 1st Aid or Outpatient Treatment	5	5.62
No Visible Injury/Minor Pain - No Medical Needed	4	4.49
Injury Requiring Overnight Hospitalization	0	0
Fatal	0	0

Suspect Level of Injury	Count	Percentage
Suspects reported 58 injuries		
Minor Visible Injury/No Medical Attention	31	34.44
No Visible Injury/No Complaint of Pain	30	33.33
Injury Requiring 1st Aid or Outpatient Treatment	15	16.67
No Visible Injury/Minor Pain - No Medical Needed	10	11.11
Fatal	2	2.22
Injury Requiring Overnight Hospitalization	1	1.11

Weapons Used By Officer	Count	Percentage
Empty Hands Technique	1	1.11
Verbal to Empty Hands Technique	41	45.56
Verbal to Other	1	1.11
Verbal to K-9	2	2.22
Verbal to Taser	13	14.44
Verbal to Empty Hands to K-9	1	1.11
Verbal to Empty Hands to Baton	1	1.11
Verbal to Empty Hands to Taser	25	27.78
Verbal to Empty Hands to Flashlight to Taser	1	1.11
Verbal to Taser to Duty Weapon	1	1.11
Verbal Commands to Duty Weapon	1	1.11
Verbal Commands to Patrol Rifle	1	1.11
Duty Weapon	1	1.11

Weapon Pointed at Suspect	Count	Percentage
Yes	21	23.3
No	69	76.7

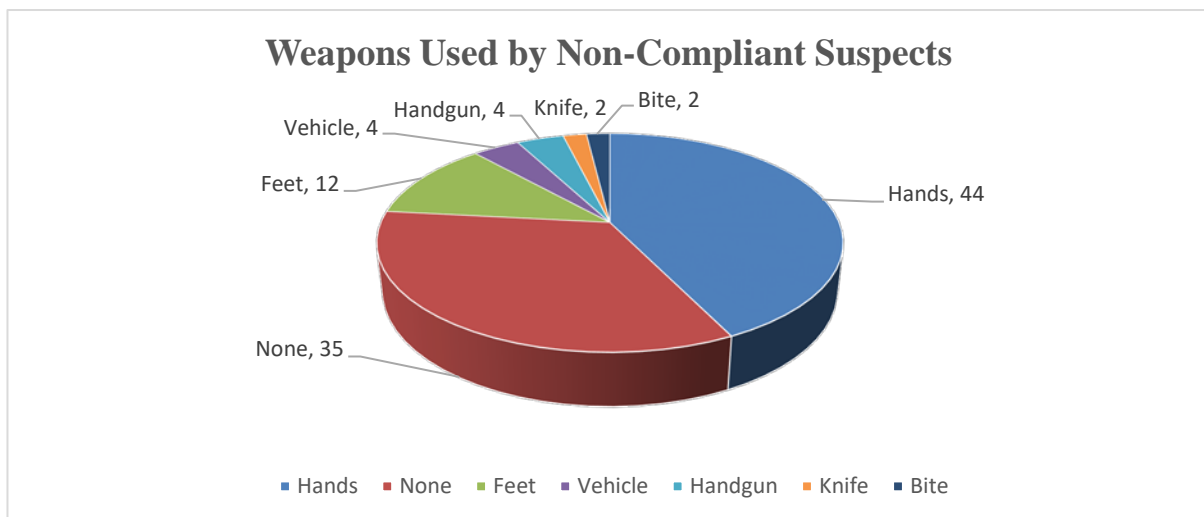
Within Policy

Yes	89
No	1

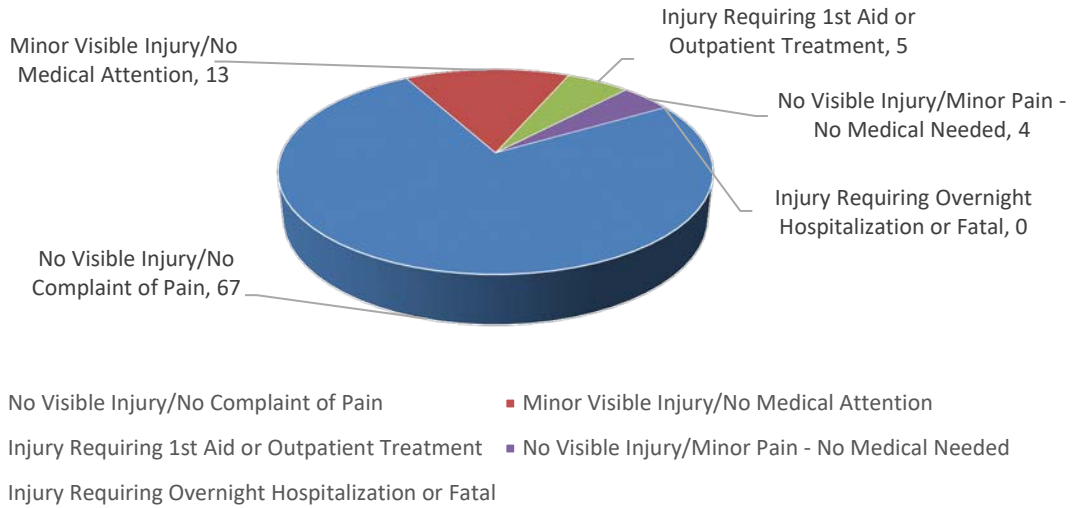
Consistent with Training

Yes	89
Not Yet Determined	1

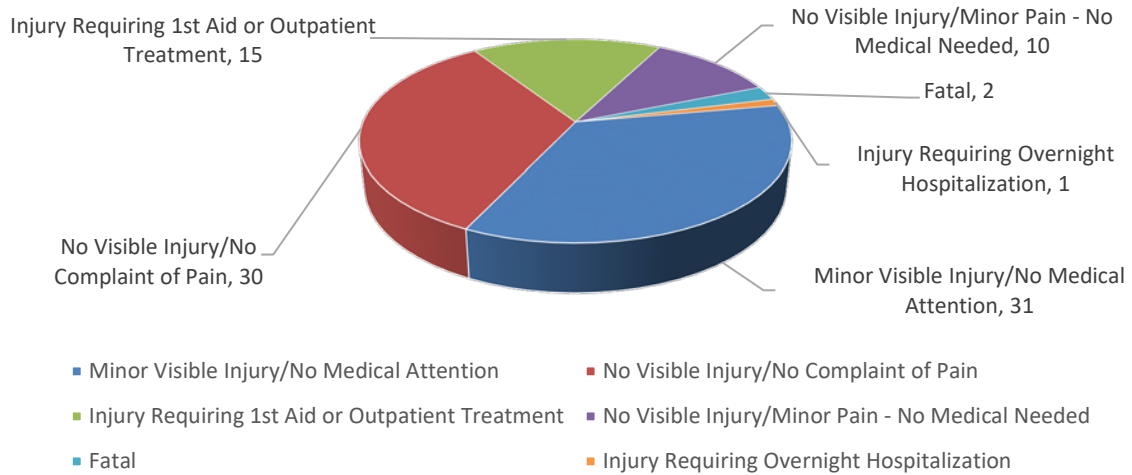
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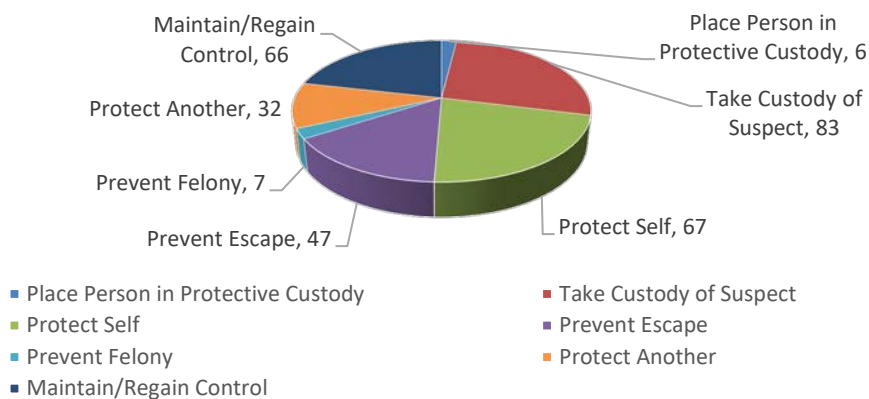
Officer Level of Injury - 22 Injuries Reported



Suspect Level of Injury - 58 Injuries Reported



Reason Physical Control/Weapons Used



Animal Control



ANIMAL CONTROL 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD

Animal Control Board meetings included the following dates: April 3, 2018; September 11, 2018 and November 13, 2018. Public meetings included Animal Education efforts and events, Animal licensing review and proposed fee increase.

The main focus of the Board was to attend public events and put out education materials to inform the public about animal related issues. Animal Control as well as Board members attended the following events: Bee Keepers Event; Zoo Montana Family Events; Special Olympics BBQ; and Saturday Live.

FACILITY

No major improvements were made to the facilities.

YEAR	2016	2017	2018
Total Stray Cats Handled	1048	1224	1078
Total Stray Cats Claimed	142=14%	160=13%	165=15%
Total Stray Dogs Handled	1050	945	1012
Total Stray Dogs Claimed	777=74%	774=76%	854=84%
OTHER *	507	483	575

* Represents different strays other than Dogs and Cats.

YEAR	2016	2017	2018
Total Dogs/Cats Available for Adoption	1444/1429 2873	1443/1768 3211	1354/1486 2844
Total Dogs/Cats Adopted	558/924 39%/60%	552/1042 38%/59%	553/1088 41%/73%
Total Dogs/Cats Euthanized	79/371 5%/26%	110/562 8%/32%	84/517 6%/35%

* Numbers equal more or less than 100% as the animals that were on hand at the beginning of year, or at end of year, are not included in some of the totals. These numbers also show all animals that could have been placed for adoption, when many may have been designated as un-adoptable because of behavior, age, health, or other issues. Animals transferred to other organizations have been included in the adopted animals. (These numbers were provided by Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter Staff.)

ANIMALS RECEIVED AT SHELTER

SOURCE	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR
	2016	2017	2018
CITY ANIMAL CONTROL	1,214	1,226	1,173
BILLINGS POLICE	18	31	34
BROUGHT BY PUBLIC FROM WITHIN CITY	2,122	2,430	2,533
COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL	2	4	6
BROUGHT IN BY PUBLIC FROM OUTSIDE CITY	173	171	174
LAUREL (CITY) RESIDENTS	33	47	35
LAUREL POLICE	11	8	8
OTHER – OUTSIDE COUNTY	133	122	94
TOTAL	3,706	4,039	4,057

ENFORCEMENT

In 2018 - 82% of the officer's total time worked was spent in the field, 4% writing reports, 8% preparing for the field and training, 4% on kennel duties and 2% assisting or working in the Animal Control Office. Animal Control Officers traveled 70,205 miles on the City streets enforcing animal control ordinances.

YEAR	2016	2017	2018
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	5,602	5,464	5,646
TOTAL CITATIONS	996	868	1,262
TOTAL ON-VIEW INVESTIGATIONS*	327	181	265

*Animal complaints initiated by Animal Control Officers

LICENSES SOLD	2016	2017	2018
DOG	4,236	4,340	3,957
CAT	985	992	1,044
TOTAL SOLD	5,221	5,332	5,001
CURRENT LICENSED ANIMALS	10,373	11,019	11,414

*These numbers provided by Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter.

CALLS FOR SERVICE RECEIVED

	2016	2017	2018
Animal Noise	659	498	687
Small Animal at Large/confined	1315/756	1344/804	1377/814
Potentially Dangerous Animal	151	129	109
Animal Bite/Dangerous	291/8	333/0	283/2
Wildlife	559	568	462
Cruelty/Neglect/Abandoned/Hot	87/244/19/367	54/350/15/328	45/250/18/296
Other	1146	1041	1403
Total	5602	5464	5646

OFFENSES CITED/WARNING

	2016	2017	2018
Small Animal at Large	156	303	209/338
Unlicensed Small Animal/Void*	374/203*	193/144*	421/9/223*
Potentially Dangerous Behavior	64	120	57/85
Dangerous Behavior	19	0	2/0
Cruelty to Animals	31	14	13/9
No Rabies Vaccination/Void*	338/203*	185/144*	432/6/223*
Other	14	53	128
TOTAL	996	868	1262/447

* Void = 7 Day grace period license and rabies only.
 New = 2018 Citations / Written Warnings.

Crime Prevention Center



2910 3rd Avenue North

Crime Prevention Center Hours:

9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday

Fingerprinting by appointment only

Crime Prevention Center Volunteer Program Report

<u>Reports Completed by Volunteers</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Incident Reports	3,075	3,537	3,450

Break Out of Incident Reports Taken at the Report Writing Center

Abandoned Vehicles Reports	672	614	741
Vandalisms	931	764	669
Thefts	1,658	1,613	1,664
Non-investigated Accident Reports	41	35	33
Found Bikes	60	75	69
Graffiti	63	37	59
Other	199	399	215

<u>Fingerprint Cards</u>	961	925	2,284
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Volunteer Patrol Unit

Unable to Locate Vehicles Reported as Abandoned	447	463	556
Vehicles Tagged for Towing	1,086	1,181	1,273
Vehicles Moved Prior to Towing	1,163	1,230	1,244
Vehicles Towed	196	229	231
Handicapped Parking Cites Issued	191	63	45
Bikes Found	56	45	9
Parking Tickets	794	205	232



City Attorney Brent Brooks competes in Beat The Heat. The 2019 race is on August 24th.

Neighborhood Watch Programs

	2016	2017	2018
Neighborhood Watch Presentations Given	20	12	10
Total Number of Neighborhood Watch Programs	68	71	75
Child ID Kits Given Out	320	40	0*
Crime Prevention Presentations Given	35	31	32

* All packets were given away in 2017



Beat the Heat gives racers a fun chance to outrun Billings Police Officers. These 2018 competitors dressed the part.

Billings Police Chaplains Report

Currently there are 10 volunteer chaplains on the roster: Charles Bott, Stephen Heppner, David Kenat, Ed Sermon, Dennis Sharbono, Phil Stombaugh, Dave Thompson, Gary Waddingham and Jerry Jasmer.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Call-outs and follow-up	126	93	111
Briefings	501	533	224
Ride-alongs	32	40	27
Training	119	10	10
On-call hour			365
Car maintenance	16	12	21
General assistance			26
Special Events, including prep time	147	125	115
Chaplains meetings	93	87	115
Executive Committees & Public Relations	91	132	123
Time spent with department personnel, including time spent at CPC	151	165	66
Jail & other detention facilities	<u>46</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>35</u>
Total number of hours logged	1,322	1,308	1,238

*An on-call hour was added during 2018



Billings Police Department marked the 30th anniversary of the death of Officer Alex Mavity, the only Billings officer killed in the line of duty. A small memorial at the Police Department included wreath from the Billings Police Protective Association and a cut-steel piece of art from the Montana Concerns of Police Survivors group which lists Mavity's "End Of Watch" date Feb. 14, 1989.



Chat With the Chief

Chief St. John hosts public meetings at least twice a year in a format called *Chat With the Chief*. In 2018 Chief St. John was a guest of Talk Radio KYYA several times to answer questions and comments from the public that were emailed to the radio host in advance of the show.

He held a live *Chat With the Chief* at Lewis & Clark Middle School on April 12, 2018, and again on November 14, 2018; and then at Peace Lutheran Church on September 23, 2018. He participated in a Safety Symposium at the Northern Hotel on November 14, 2018.

During the *Chat With the Chief* sessions, citizens are able to take advantage of the opportunity to not only ask questions, but share with Chief St. John their ideas, thoughts, concerns, observations, or whatever else might be on their minds.

Keep up with Billings Police Department information any time, any where



The public is notified of upcoming events via our Facebook page.



Citizens can also stay abreast of information by following the Department's Twitter account, @BillingsPD. The Department is adding more information to its pages on the City's Web site at

<https://www.ci.billings.mt.us/101/Police>

Billings Metro VISTA Project

Each year the City of Billings Community Development Division hosts Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) volunteers. These volunteers delve into community issues in an effort to identify causes and develop solutions.

Among the 2018-19 VISTA assignments is a Community-Wide Opioid and Methamphetamine Response Initiative.

Volunteers Amy Trad and Nick Fonte have gathered information from stakeholders throughout the community as part of this initiative. They spend several hours each week at Billings Police Department, combing through drug cases investigated by officers and learning about meth, opioid and other drug crimes.

The following pages summarize the data they compiled on cases from the fourth quarter of 2018.

Fourth Quarter 2018 Drug Offense Cases

Data collected and analyzed by AmeriCorps VISTAs Amy Trad and Nick Fonte

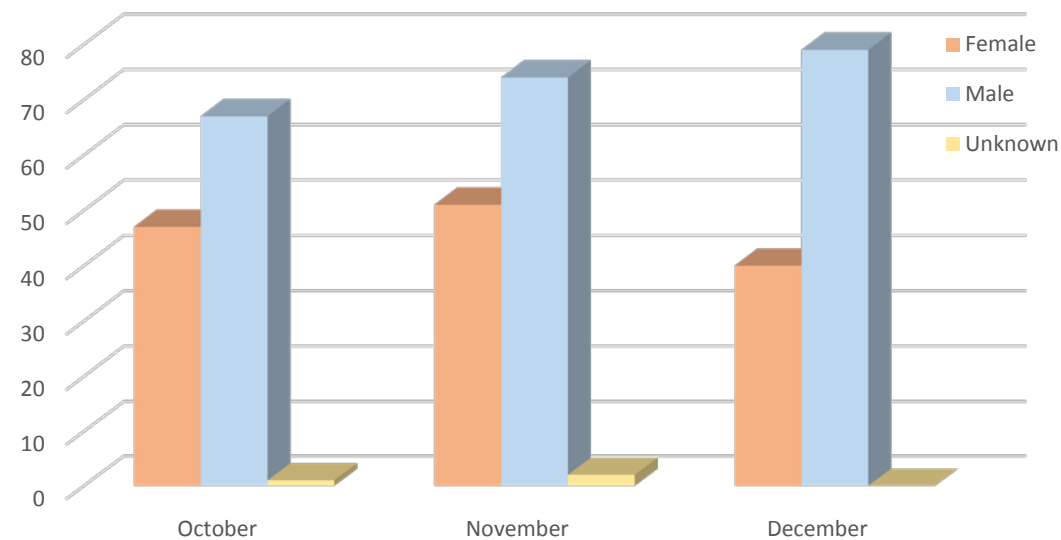
	Total Drug Offense Suspects	Total Drug Offense Cases	Total Cases	Percentage of Drug Offense Cases
October	109	69	1446	4.77%
November	127	82	1505	5.45%
December	119	75	1480	5.07%

The above chart displays the total number of drug offense suspects, the total number of drug offense cases, and the total number of calls that resulted in a case for each month of the fourth quarter of 2018 (October, November, and December). The far right column displays the total number of drug offense cases as a percentage of the total number of cases for each given month.

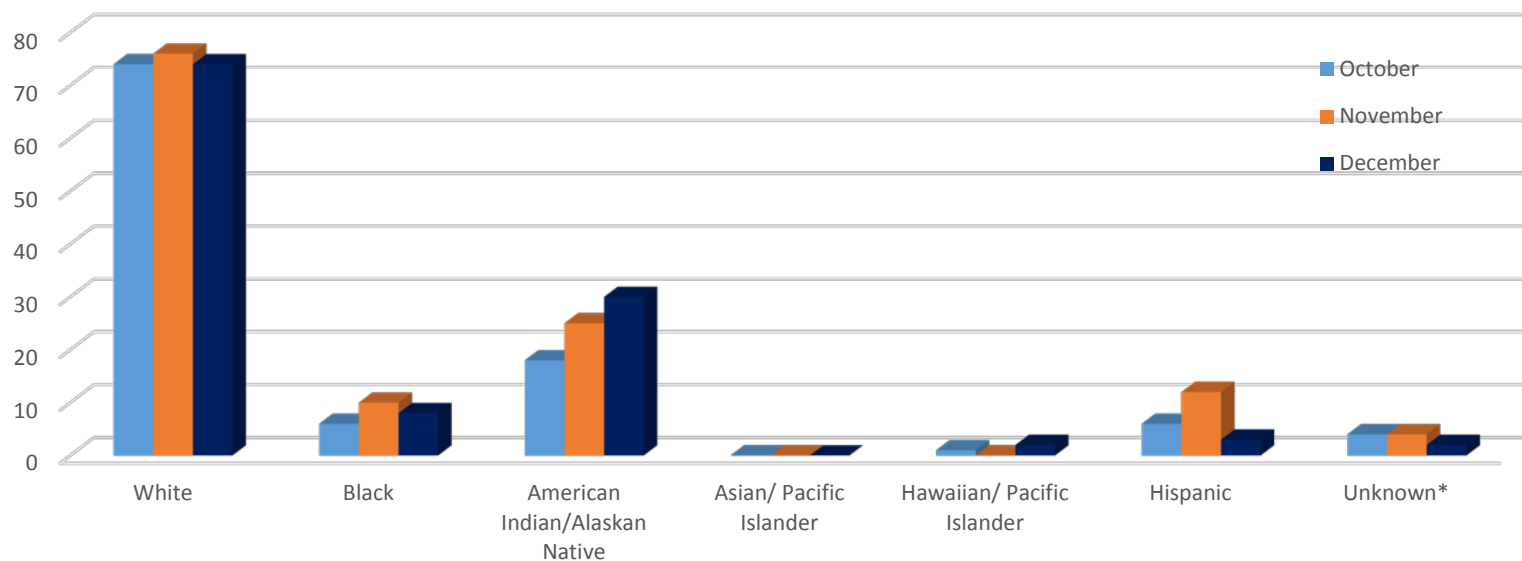
Demographic Data for Drug Offense Suspects

The graph to the right displays the gender of the individual suspects involved in drug offense cases in the fourth quarter of 2018. For the months of October and November the number of male suspects is only slightly higher than the number of female suspects. For the month of December, however, there is a slightly larger disparity, with 79 male suspects and 40 female suspects.

Gender of Case Suspects

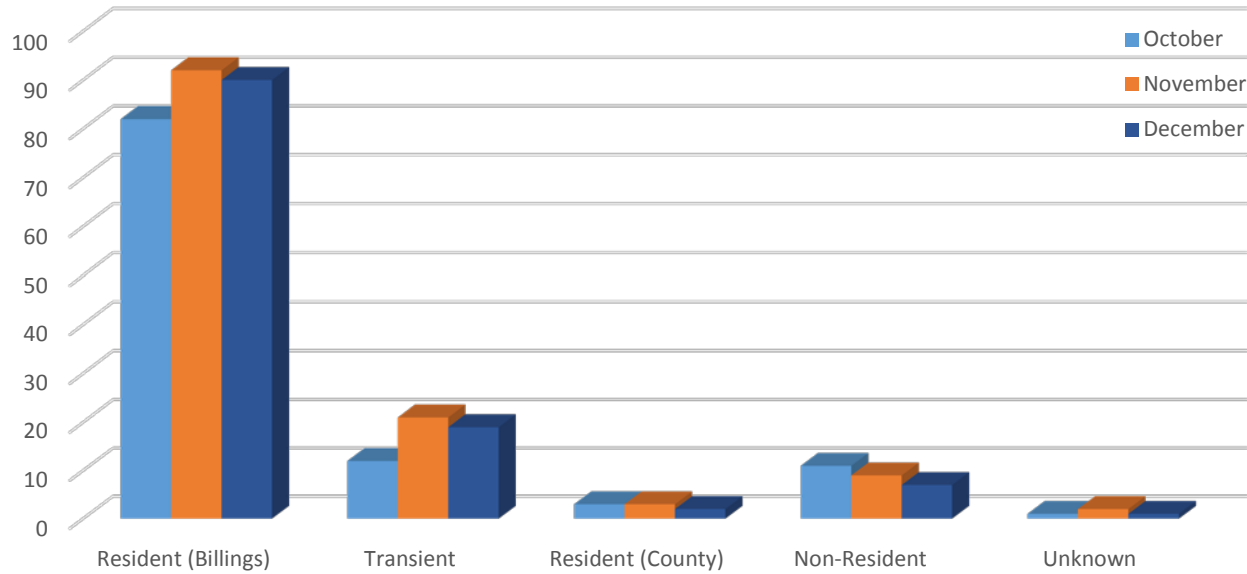


Race of Case Suspects



The figure to the left displays the race of individual suspects involved in drug offense cases in the fourth quarter of 2018. There are a large majority of White individuals involved with drug offenses over this three month period, which correlates with the racial breakdown of Billings, MT being 86% white (according to 2015 census data).

Case Suspect Resident Status



The graph to the left shows the resident status of the case suspects involved in drug offense cases in the fourth quarter of 2018. It is clear that a majority of case suspects have a residential street address in Billings. This is an important point, considering a number of conversations involving drug crime tend to point out the transient population, which is a small portion of individuals involved.

Displayed in the chart to the right are the age ranges of case suspects involved in drug offense cases during the fourth quarter of 2018. Consistently, the largest age group of case suspects is the 30 to 40 age range. The average age for a drug offense case suspect for the month of October was 31, for November was 33, and for December was 30.

Age	Number of Case Suspects in Age Range		
	October	November	December
13-17	14	8	10
18-21	16	10	18
22-29	24	32	33
30-40	36	46	44
41-50	17	19	8
51 and above	2	10	6
Average (mean) Age	31	33	30

Recidivism Rate

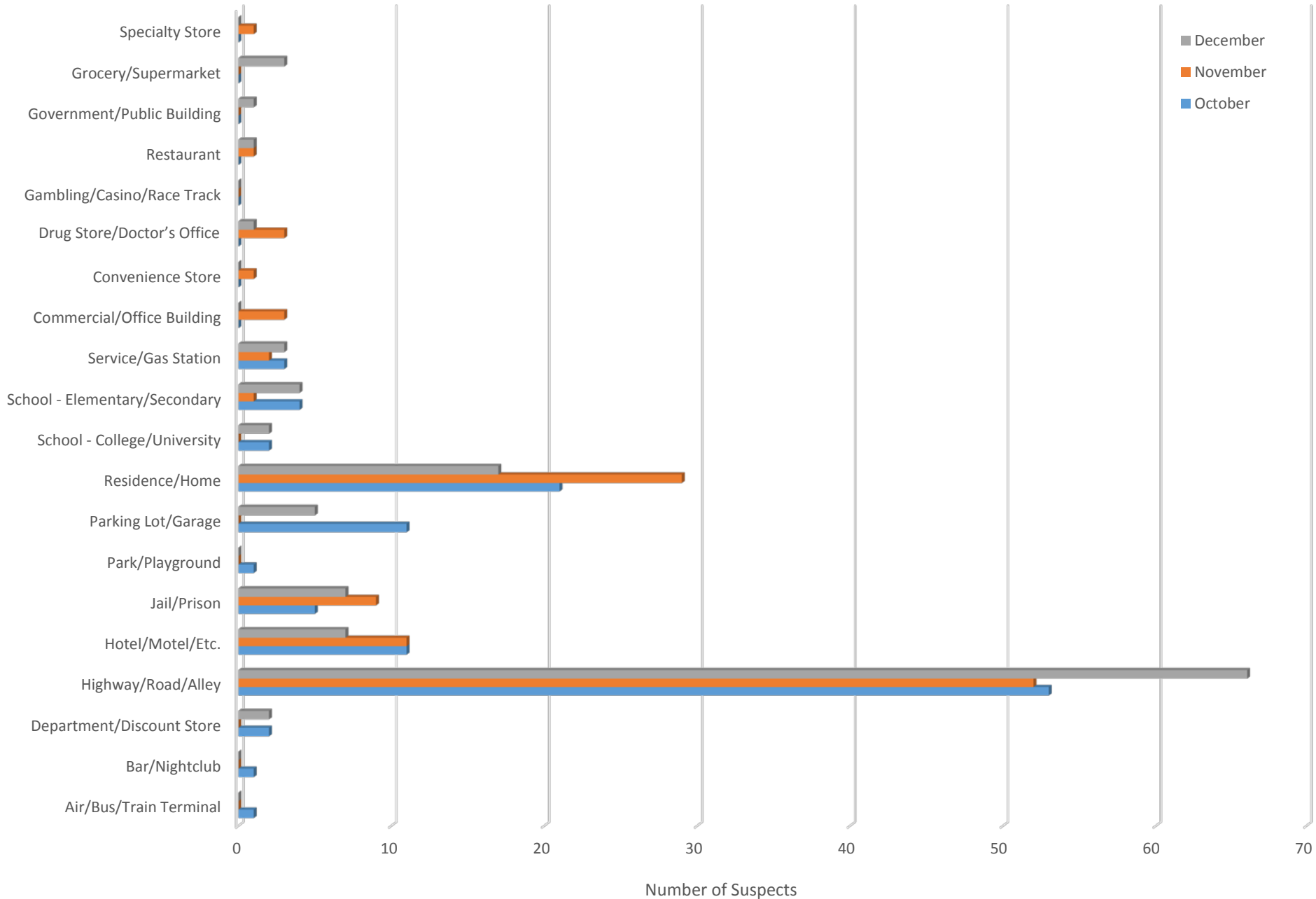
There were a total of 305 unique individual drug offense suspects for the fourth quarter of 2018, not including unknown suspects.

There were a total number of 53 instances where a previous drug offense suspect, from one of these three months, was charged a second or third time.

Of those 305 individuals, 25 were charged with a drug offense more than once.

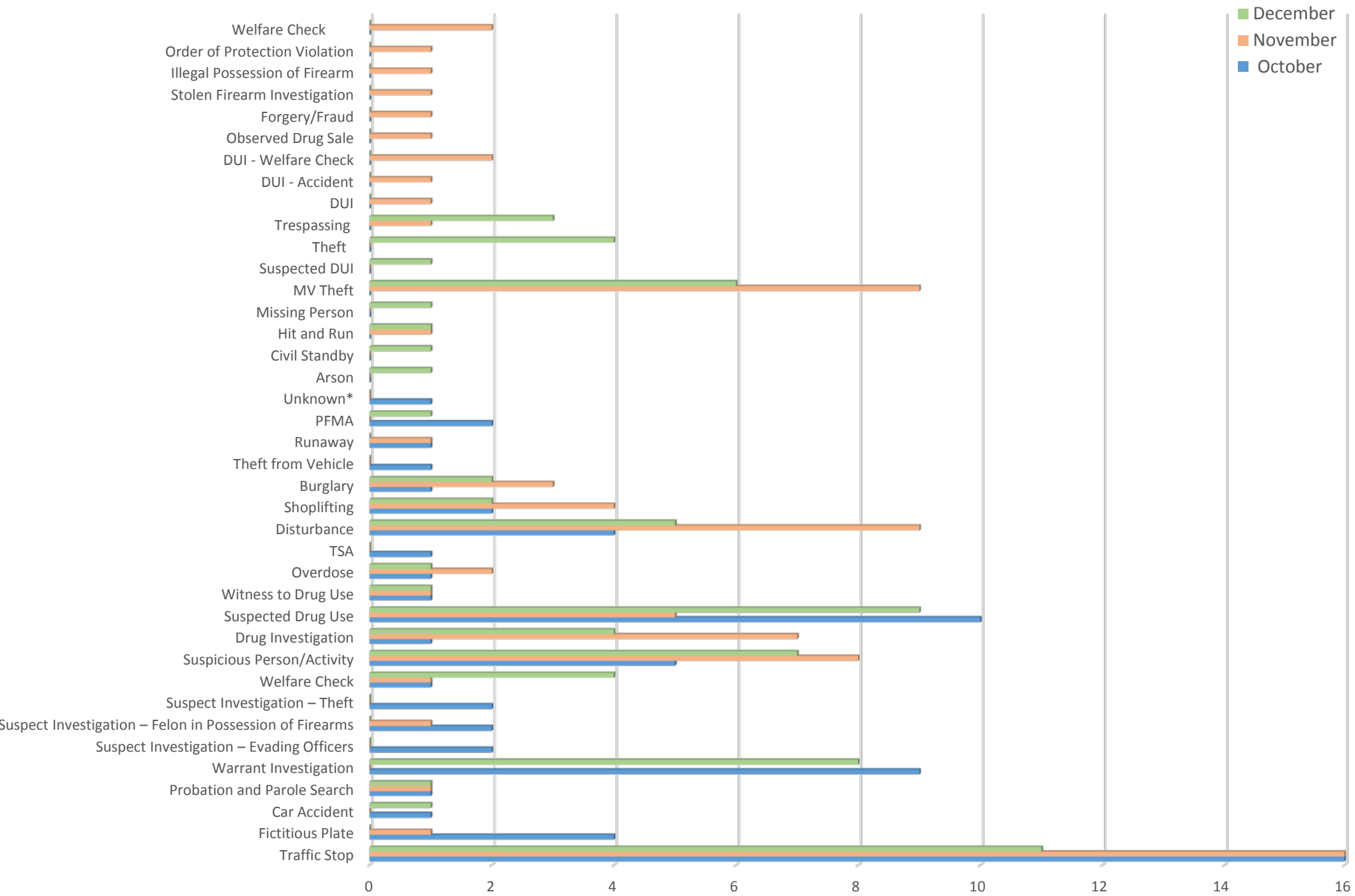
Thus meaning the recidivism rate for the months of October through December would be **8.2%**

Suspect Arrest Locations



The graph to the left shows the various scene locations where suspects were found to be in possession of drugs and/or drug paraphernalia and thus charged with a drug offense during the fourth quarter of 2018. Across all three months, the most individuals were arrested at a Highway/Road/Alley. The reason Jail/Prison shows up as a drug offense arrest location, is drugs and/or paraphernalia was found on an individual as they were being searched during the booking process.

Initial Cause of Drug Offense Incident



This graph (left) shows the various initial causes of drug offense incidents in the fourth quarter of 2018. Across all three months, the number one cause for a drug offense incident was traffic stops. Other common reasons why calls were made to dispatch that resulted in drug cases were Suspected Drug Use, Warrant Investigations, Disturbances, Motor Vehicle (MV) Theft, Drug Investigations (typically involving the Street Crimes Unit), Suspicious Person/Activity, and Welfare Checks.

Top 5 Drug Combinations by Month

Top 5 Drug Combinations in October 2018	Number of Cases
Marijuana	35
Methamphetamines	31
Marijuana, Methamphetamines	11
Prescription Opioids	4
Methamphetamines, Prescription Opioids	3

Top 5 Drug Combinations in November 2018	Number of Cases
Methamphetamines	26
Marijuana	14
Marijuana, Methamphetamines	9
Prescription Opioids	2
Heroin	2

Top 5 Drug Combinations in December 2018	Number of Cases
Methamphetamines	22
Marijuana	22
Marijuana, Methamphetamines	8
Prescription Opioids	2
Heroin	2

The three charts, shown to the left, display the top five drug combinations for each month of the fourth quarter in 2018. The number of cases corresponds to the number of times a drug offense case involved possession of drugs/paraphernalia related to the specified drug(s). Some of the top combinations were not combinations at all, but rather one specific drug. When listed with a comma, the various drugs listed were found in the same case. For October, November, and December the top three drug combinations for drug offense related cases were Methamphetamines, Marijuana, and Marijuana and Methamphetamines (not always in this order). The remaining top combinations included Prescription Opioids, Methamphetamines and Prescription Opioids, and Heroin.

Top 5 Drugs by Weight Seized by Month

To the right, the three charts display the top five drugs seized by Weight (measured in grams or number of pills) for each month of the fourth quarter in 2018. Methamphetamine and Marijuana appear in the top five list for October, November, and December. The amount of drugs seized each month varies dramatically, and this is in part due to the consumable nature of these illicit substances, as well as the possibility there may have been a bigger drug investigation going on in a given month yielding a greater quantity of drugs seized.

Top 5 Drugs by Weight in October 2018	Weight/Amount
Methamphetamines	203 g
Amphetamines	102 g
Marijuana	51.8 g
Prescription Opioids	51.5 pills
Heroin	46 g

Top 5 Drugs by Weight in November 2018	Weight/Amount
Marijuana	168.35 g
Methamphetamines	43.1 g
Prescription Opioids	97 pills
Antidepressants	39.5 pills
Fentanyl	32 pills

Top 5 Drugs by Weight in December 2018	Weight/Amount
Heroin	185.5 g
Marijuana	168.59 g
Methamphetamines	136.42 g
Clonazepam	107 pills
Alprazolam	39 pills