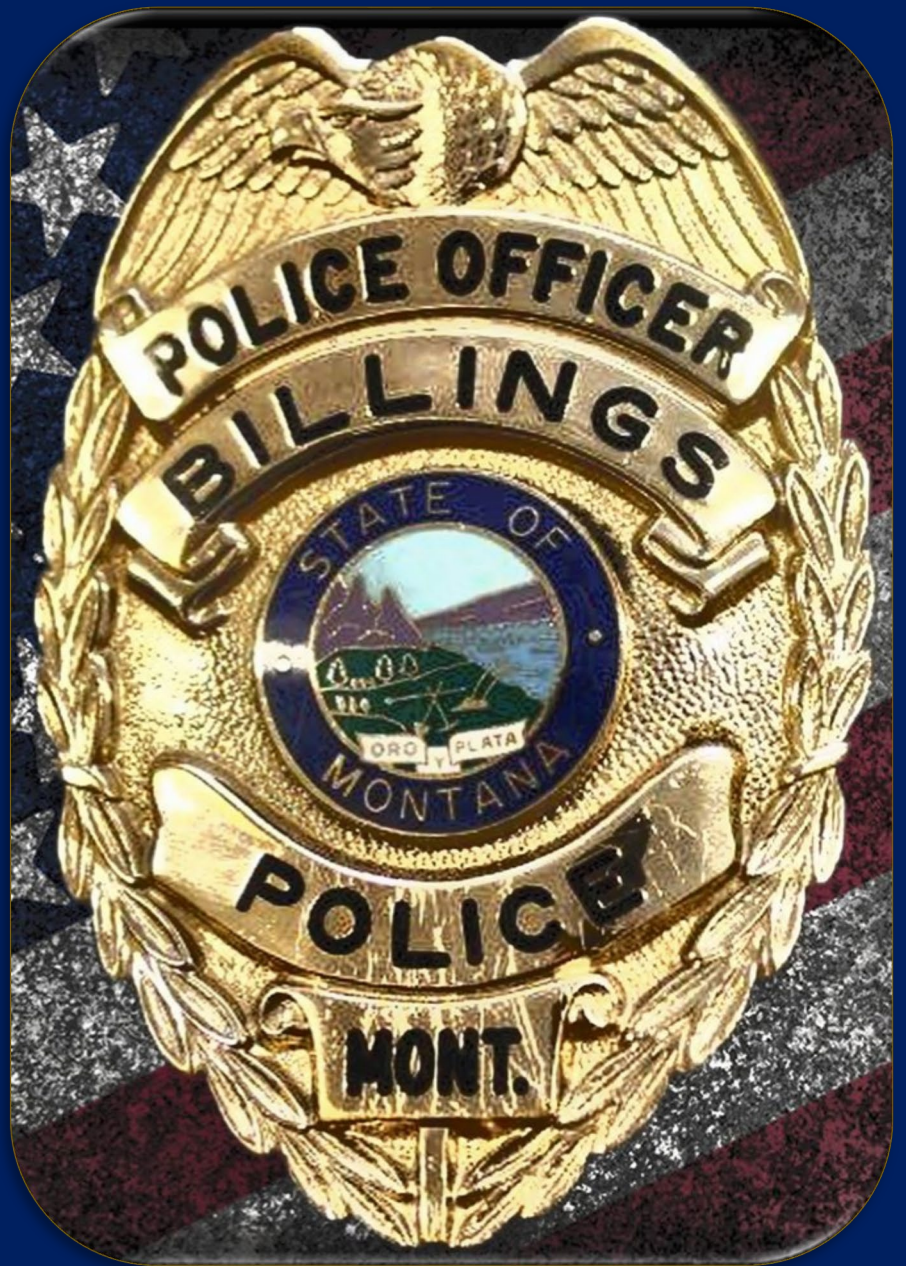


Billings Police Department

**2025
ANNUAL
REPORT**



MESSAGE FROM CHIEF ST. JOHN

As we look back on the past year, the Billings Police Department remains dedicated to its mission to serve and protect our community with integrity, professionalism, and accountability. This annual report offers an overview of our efforts, achievements, and challenges, emphasizing the progress we've made in enhancing public safety while building trust and collaboration with Billings residents.

Throughout the year, our officers and staff committed themselves to addressing community concerns, enhancing public safety, and building valuable partnerships. We tackled emerging challenges with agility and a focus on continuous improvement in every aspect of our service.

Within these pages, you will find key data, major initiatives, and representative examples of our work. From crime prevention and emergency response to community engagement and problem-solving efforts, our focus remains on providing effective, fair, and professional policing that meets the needs of our community.

We thank our residents for their ongoing support, our officers and professional staff for their dedication, and our local, state, and community partners for their collaboration. Moving forward, the Billings Police Department remains dedicated to building trust, delivering justice, and strengthening our relationship with the community we serve.

Respectfully,



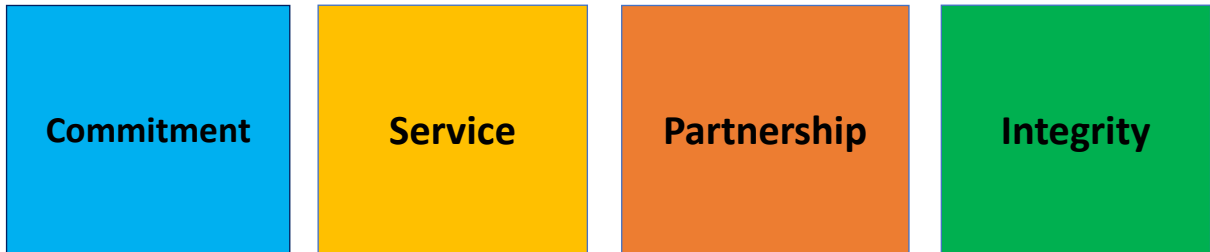
Rich St. John
Chief of Police

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:



DEPARTMENT FACTS

The Billings Police Department was founded in 1885 and is the main law enforcement agency in Billings, with 177 authorized sworn officers and 30 civilian employees. There are currently nine police zones.

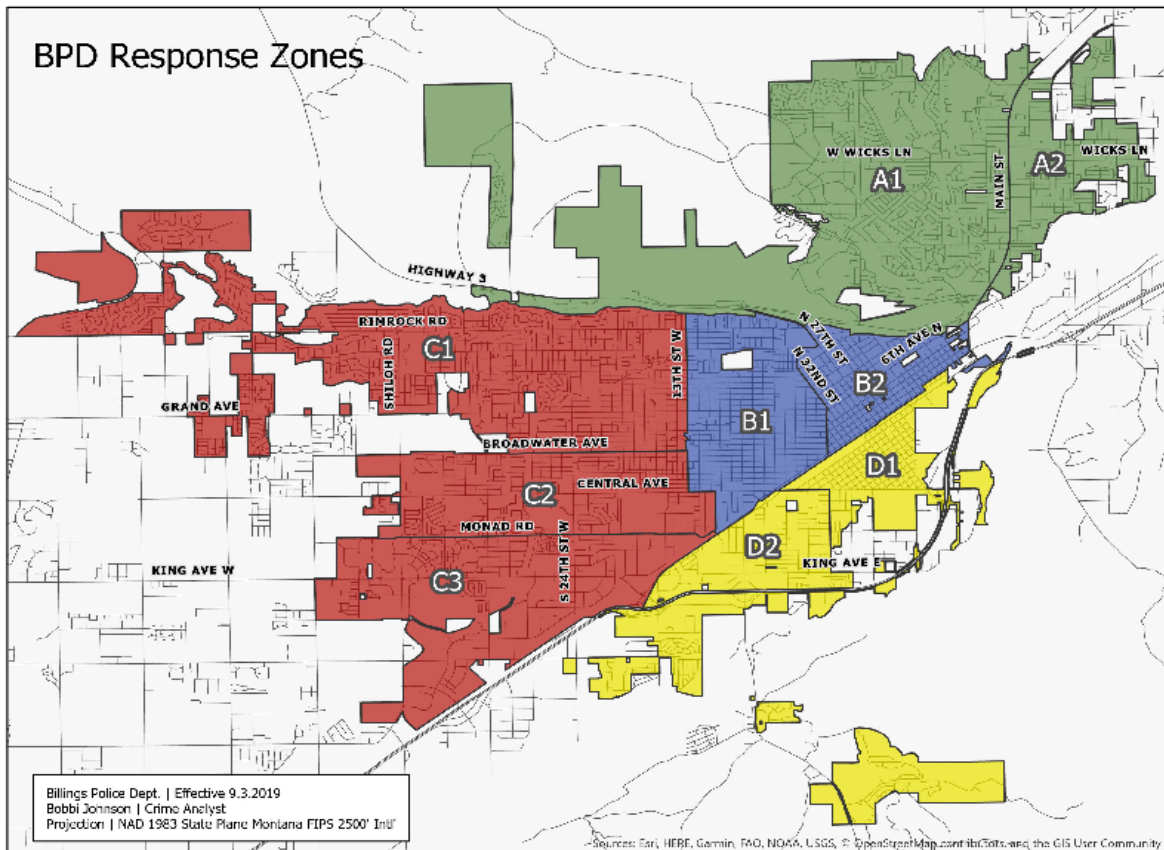
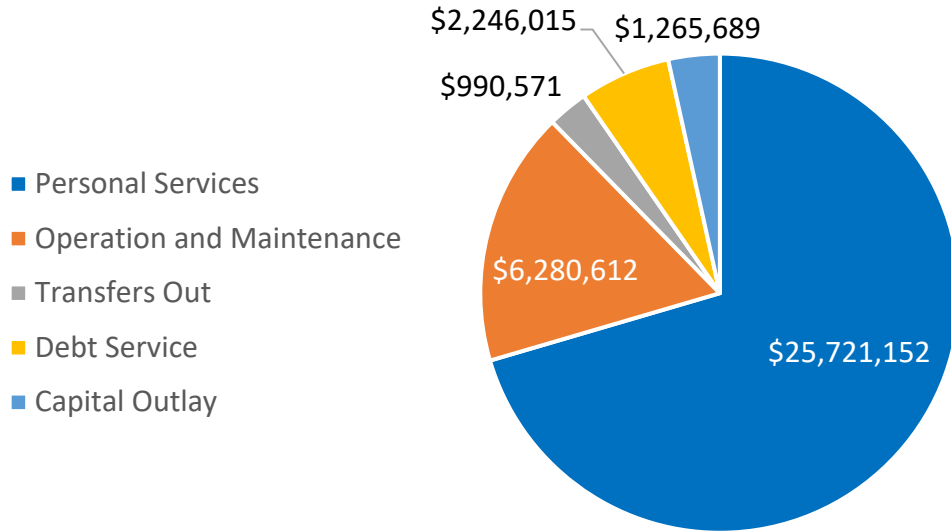


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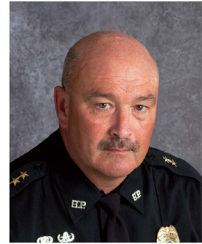
2025 BUDGET

2025 Budget- \$36,504,039



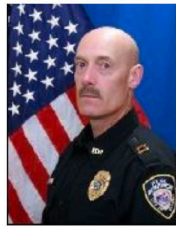
Grant	Uses	Amount
2025 COPS Hiring Grant	Salary and Benefits for full-time Officer Positions	1,075,000
2025 STOP Violence Against Women Act	Domestic Violence Investigator overtime, training, supplies	92,313
Railroad Trespassing Enforcement Activities Program	Overtime for railroad trespass enforcement	120,000
2024 High Intensity Drug Traffic Areas Program	Purchase equipment and supplies to support investigation of violent street crimes	41,000
2025 High Intensity Drug Traffic Areas Program	Funds salaries, overtime, supplies and training to support drug investigations	235,390
2024 Homeland Security Grant	Bomb Squad training and equipment	130,000
2022 Homeland Security Grant	Explosive Ordinance Disposal transport vehicle	365,000
2022 Homeland Security Grant	Bomb Squad training and equipment	80,000
2022 Justice Assistance Grant	Purchase equipment for Billings Police Department and Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office	123,669
2023 Justice Assistance Grant	Purchase equipment for Billings Police Department and Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office	152,772
2024 Justice Assistance Grant	Purchase equipment for Billings Police Department and Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office	126,080
2025 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act	Training and Supplies to implement Regional Law Enforcement Wellness Initiative	200,000
State Highway Traffic Safety Grant	Salary, equipment and overtime for DUI officer and DUI Patrols	161,500
2025 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant	Pays intern salaries to analyze violent crime data	34,000
Total Grants 2024-2025		\$2,936,724.00

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Chief of Police
Rich St. John

Administrative Coordinator
Jamie Wegner



Assistant Chief
Shawn Mayo

Professional Standards Captain
Brian Krivitz

Operations Captain
Brandon Wooley

Investigations Captain
Matthew Lennick

Animal Control Supervisor
Tom Stinchfield

Administrative Lieutenant
Samantha Puckett

Day Shift Lieutenant
Eric Schnelbach

Noon Shift Lieutenant
Bret Becker

Night Shift Lieutenant
Ryan Kramer

Investigations Lieutenant
Shane Shelden

CCSIU Sergeant
Kodi Kaiser

Evidence Lieutenant
Mitch Hart

5 Animal Control Officers
Administrative Assistant

Administrative Sergeant
Brad Mansur

4 Sergeants

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4 Sergeants

Investigations Sergeants
Tony Jensen
Steven Gaertner

2 Detectives
2 Officers
Administrative Support

Identification Supervisor
Beth Gartner

Public Relations Sergeant
Jeff Stovall

23 Officers

24 Officers

24 Officers

Street Crimes Sergeant
Ben Beck

2 ID Techs & 4 Evidence Techs

Administrative Support II
Taylor Bernhardt

8 School Resource Officers

4 STEP Officers

Support Services Supervisor
Becky Shay

DVI Investigators
Katie Nash
Kristie Funk

17 Detectives

Volunteer Coordinator
Jesus Ochoa

Quartermaster
Dave Cardillo

Crime Analyst
Cal Renner

12 Support Services Specialists

Investigative Analysts
Alcesha Chaney
Rachel Nieves

5 SCU Detectives & Officers

Crime Prevention Officer
3 DBA Officers
Parks Officer
10 Community Service Officers

OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Billings Police Department Operations Division is made up of 78 officers, 13 Sergeants, 3 Lieutenants, and 1 Captain. The Operations Division is the backbone of our commitment to public safety and improving quality of life, providing around-the-clock service to the community through three dedicated uniformed patrol shifts. These shifts ensure that our officers are always available to respond quickly and effectively to calls for service, maintain a visible presence in neighborhoods, and proactively address crime and safety concerns. With a strong emphasis on community engagement and problem-solving, our patrol teams work tirelessly to keep Billings safe and secure.

In addition to patrol duties, the Operations Division includes specialized assignments that enhance our ability to serve the public. School Resource Officers (SROs) foster safe learning environments and build positive relationships with students and staff, while our STEP unit focuses on traffic enforcement to reduce crashes and improve roadway safety. DUI Enforcement officers are dedicated to removing impaired drivers from our streets, and our highly trained K9 teams provide critical support in locating suspects, detecting narcotics, and ensuring officer safety. Comprised of 128 skilled and committed professionals, the Operations Division exemplifies the department's mission to protect and serve with commitment, integrity, and professionalism.



INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Investigations Division is made up of 14 detectives, 2 sergeants, 1 lieutenant, and 1 Captain. They investigate felony cases including homicides and crimes against children.

Detective Cases: 530

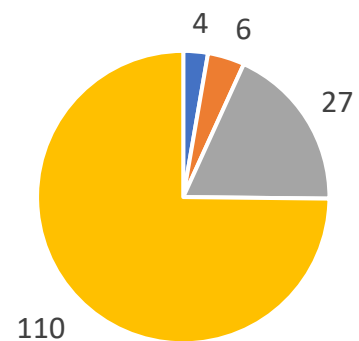
Cleared Cases: 349

Arrest/Warrant: 69 (20%) of cleared cases

Investigations still open: 181

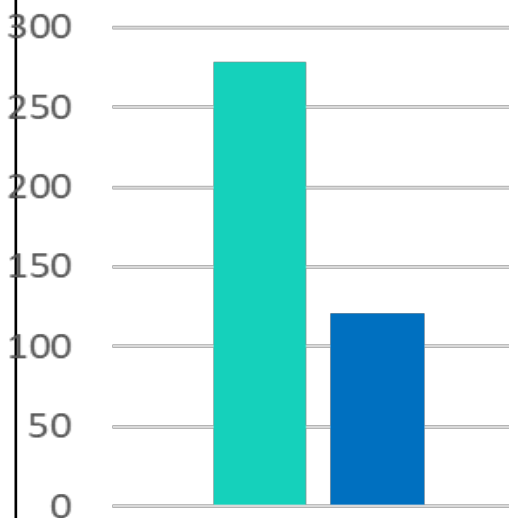


Investigation Division Cases



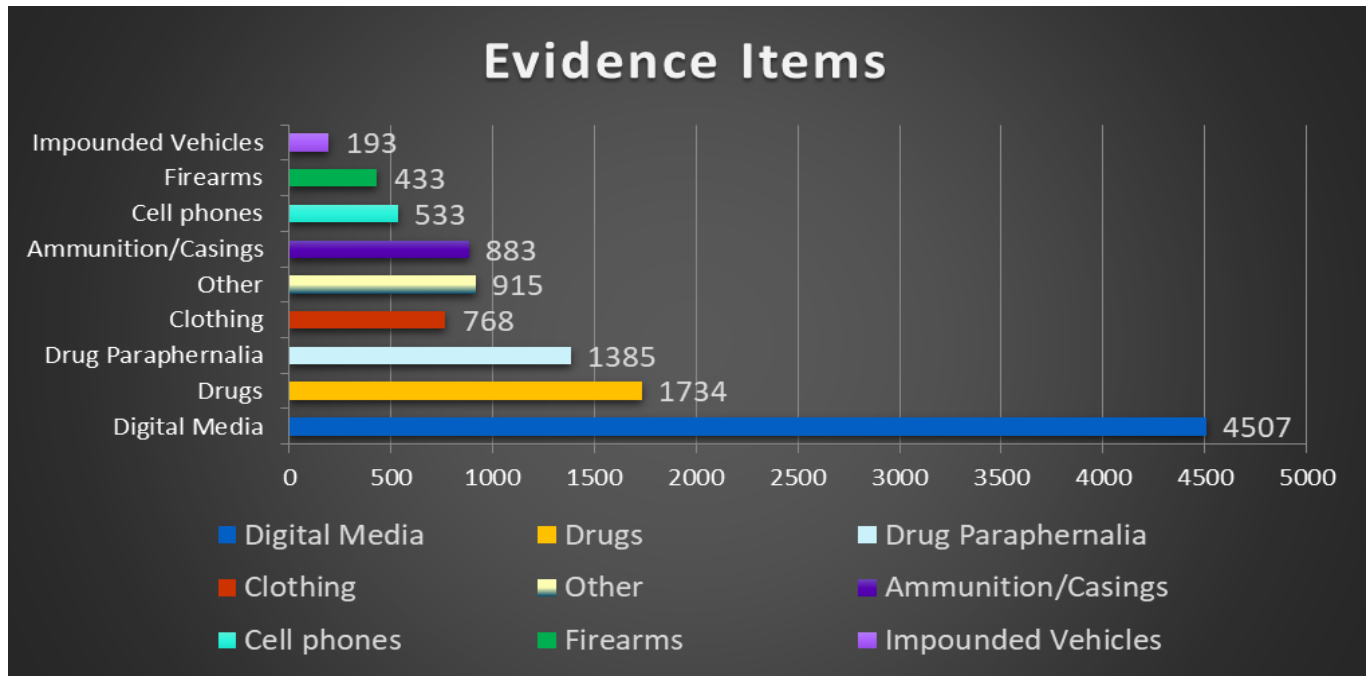
- Homicides (3 cleared by arrest)
- Infant Deaths
- Call Outs
- DPHHS cases-660; 110 assigned

Forensic Evidence

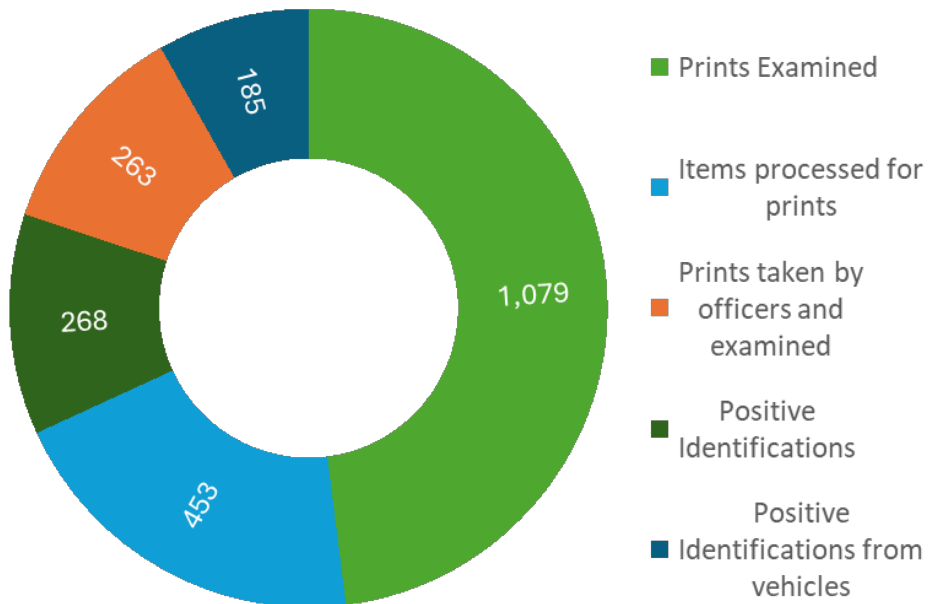


- Devices processed by Investigative Analysts-278
- Child Forensic Interviews-121

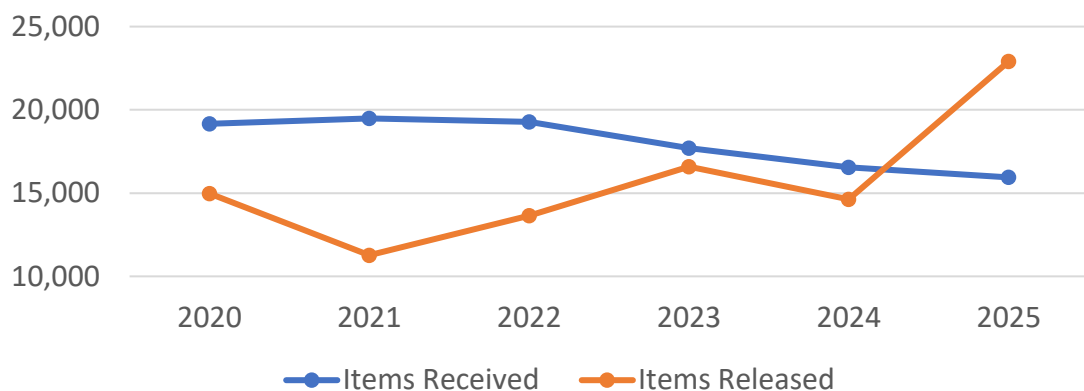
INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION-EVIDENCE



Identification Statistics



Evidence Received and Released



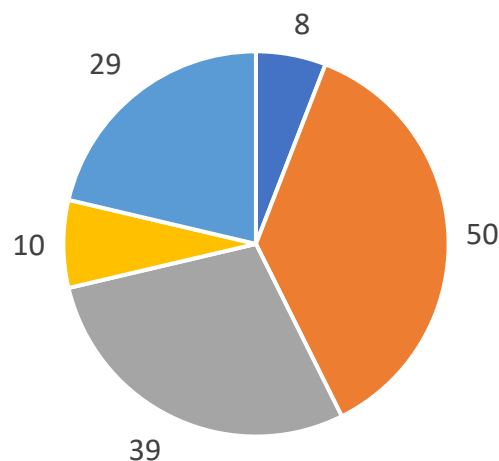
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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 to receive, assign and investigate complaints on employee actions received from citizens or initiated by the department. This office monitors all investigations for timely completion and reports the findings to the complaining parties and subject employee(s).

In 2025 there were 136 total Response to Resistance Reports.

Suspects by Race	Suspects by Ethnicity	Suspect Gender	Suspect Age	
White 71	Hispanic 11	Male 104	13-17	15
American Indian 53	Non-Hispanic 121	Female 32	18-25	32
Black 11	Unknown 4		26-35	43
Unknown 1			36-45	33
			46-55	6
			56-65	7

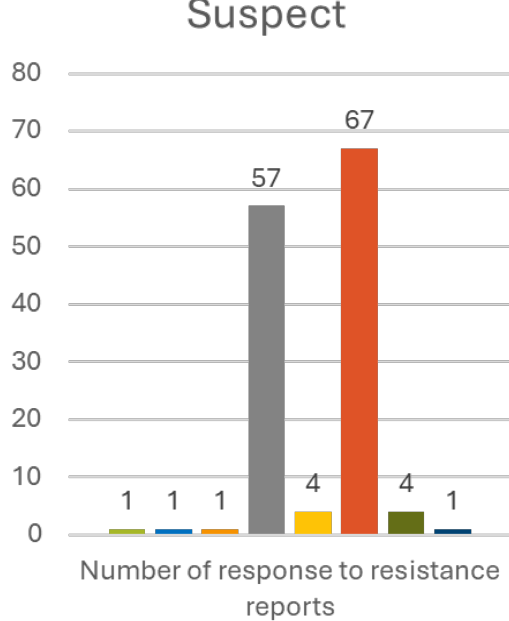
Suspect's Perceived Mental Condition



■ Drug/Narcotic Influence ■ Enraged ■ Intoxicated ■ Mentally Disturbed ■ Normal

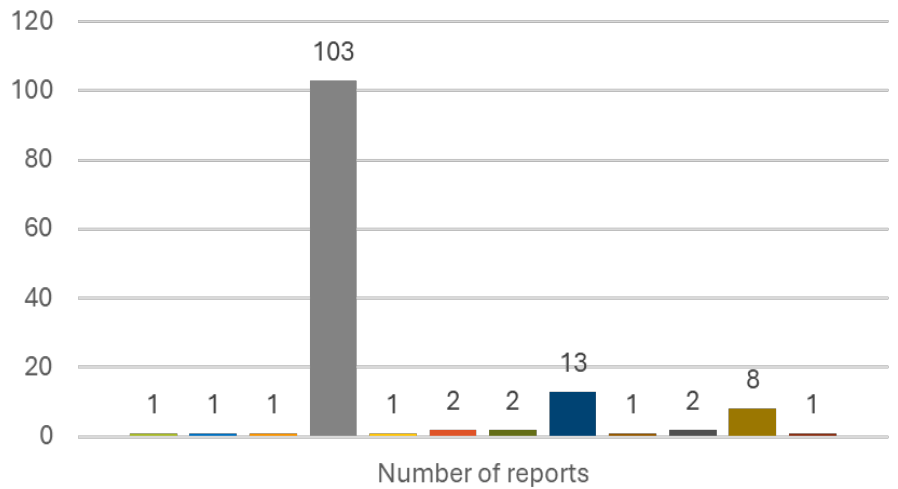
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Resistance Used by Suspect



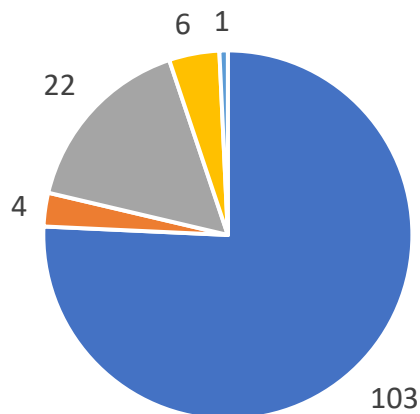
- Bike
- Bite
- Bodily Fluids
- Personal Weapons (hands, feet, etc.)
- Knife
- None
- Vehicle
- Other access to weapon

Response Used by Officer



- Verbal Commands, Bean Bag
- Verbal Commands, Bean bag, Pepperball
- Verbal Commands, Duty gun
- Verbal Commands, Empty Hand Techniques
- Verbal Commands, Empty Hand, K9
- Verbal Commands, Empty Hand, OC Spray
- Verbal Commands, Empty Hand, OC Spray, Taser
- Verbal Commands, Empty Hand, OC Spray, Taser2
- Verbal Commands, Empty Hand, OC Spray, Taser, Beanbag
- Verbal Commands, K9
- Verbal Commands, Taser
- Verbal Commands, Taser, Beanbag

Highest Level of Response used by Officers



- Empty Hand techniques
- K9
- Taser
- Intermediate Weapons
- Lethal Force-1

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Suspect Level of Injury	
Injury requiring 1st Aid or outpatient treatment	14
Injury requiring overnight hospitalization	3
Minor visible injury, no medical attention required	24
No visible injury, complaint of minor pain	21
No visible injury, no complaint of pain	74
Total	136

Officer Level of Injury	
Injury requiring 1st Aid or outpatient treatment	6
Injury requiring overnight hospitalization	0
Minor visible injury, no medical attention required	18
No visible injury, complaint of minor pain	3
No visible injury, no complaint of pain	109
Total	136

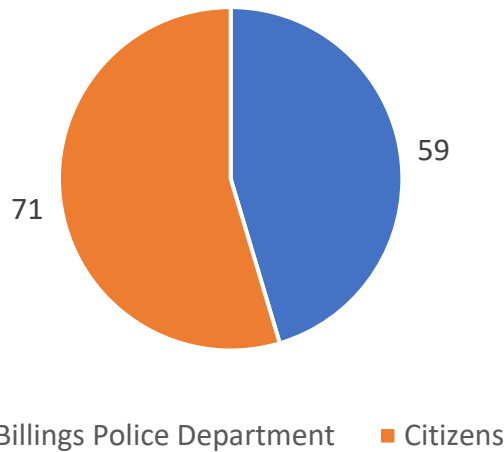
Response to Resistance Findings	
Within Policy-Yes /Consistent with Training-Yes	132
Within Policy-Yes /Consistent with Training-No	3
Within Policy-No /Consistent with Training-No	1
Withing Policy-No /Consistent with Training-Yes	0
Total	136

Response to Resistance Incidents that led to complaints

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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

2025 Number of Complaints-130



-Class I Complaint:

Excessive force, violations of criminal law, breach of civil rights, bias policing, corruption, false arrest, patterns of similar Class II complaints, and other more serious allegations. These complaints will be investigated by the Office of Professional Standards. A sustained finding could result in discipline up to and including termination.

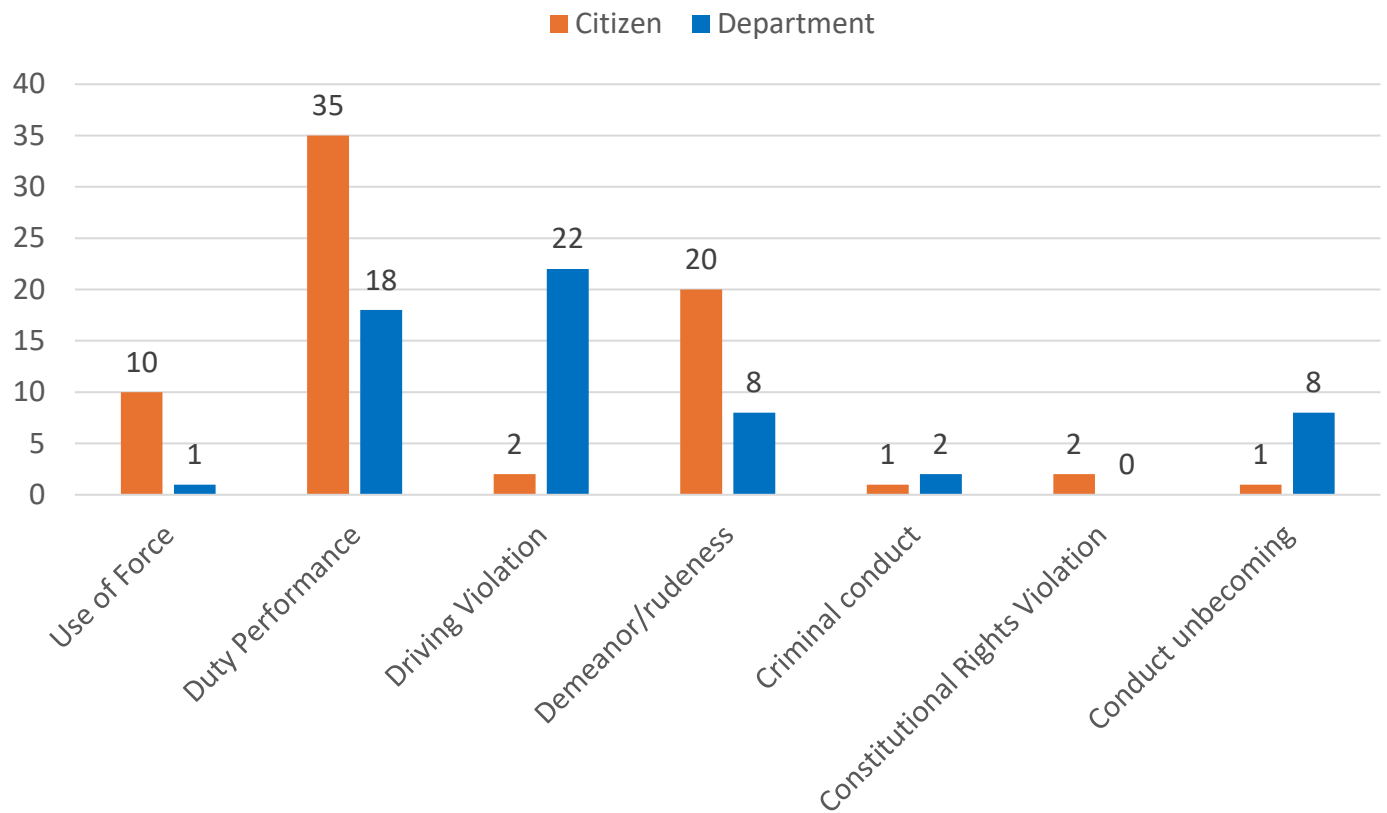
-Class II Complaint:

Allegations of inadequate service, discourtesy, minor performance issues, improper procedure or other less serious and non-criminal conduct. Typically, Class II complaints will be investigated by the officer's commander or other commander.

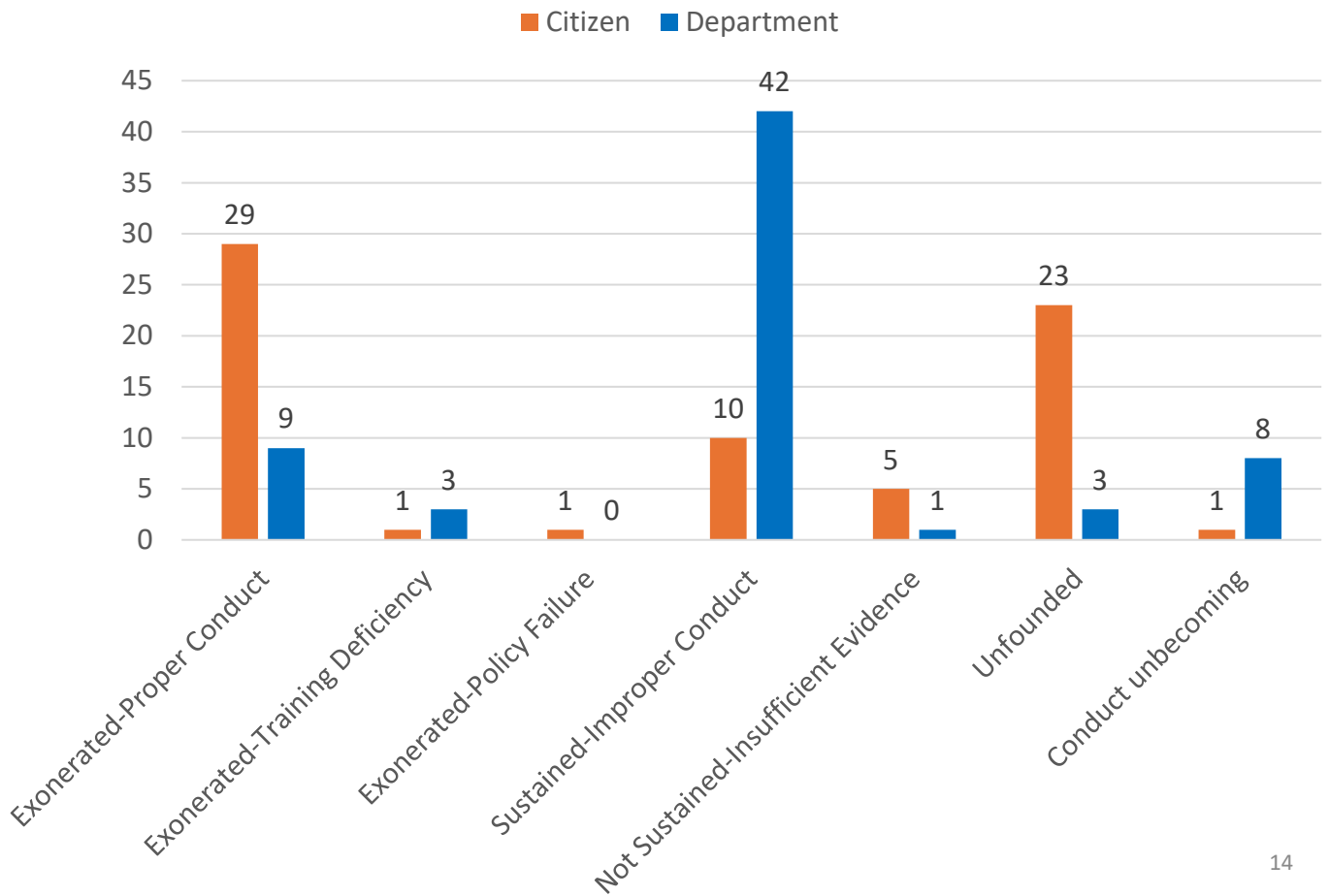
Complaints by Class & Source	# of Complaints
Class I-Citizen	1
Class I-Department	7
Class II-Citizen	70
Class II-Department	52
Total	130

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Complaint types

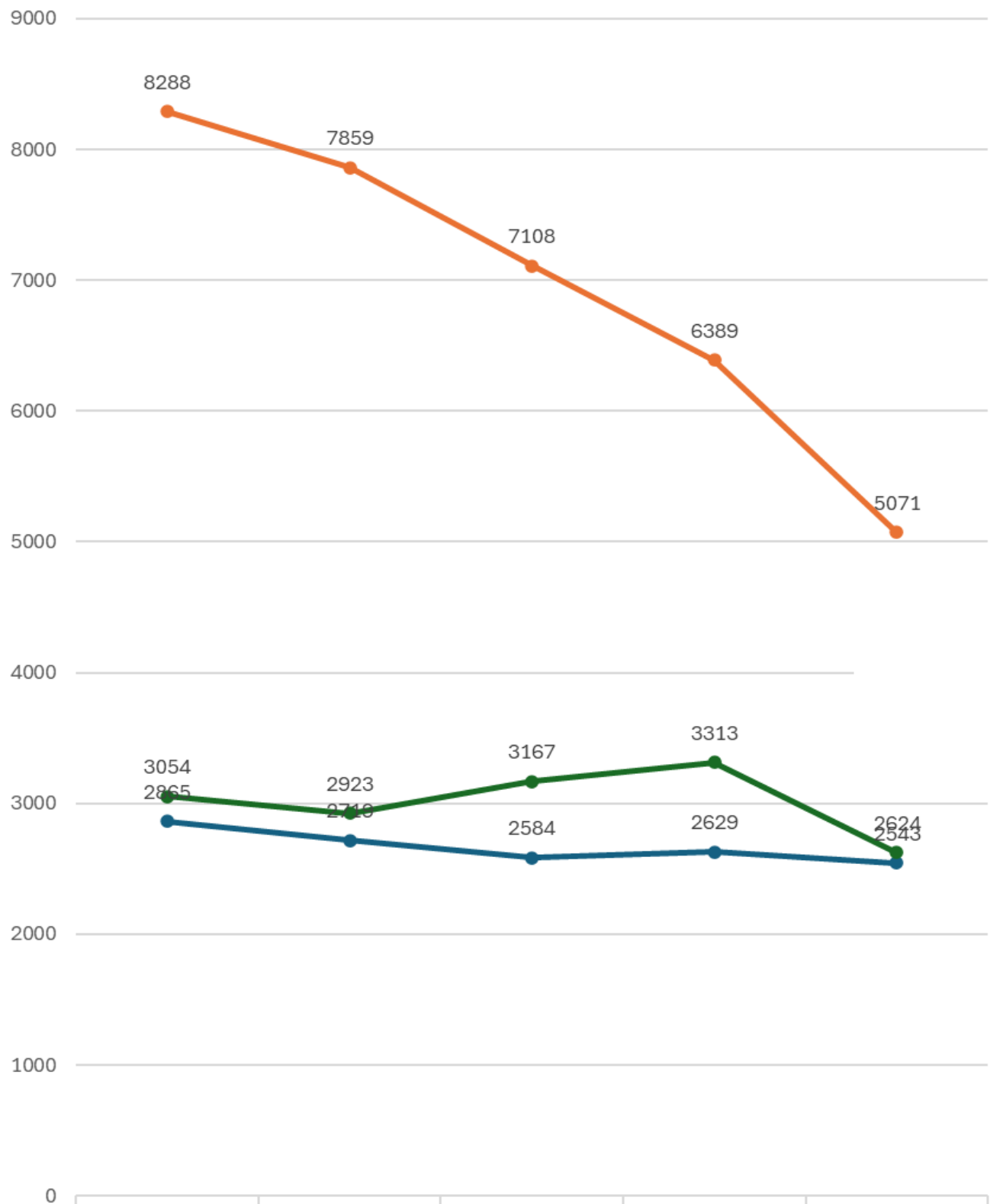


Total Complaint Findings



Case Offense Trends

Case Offense Category Totals By Year



	Year 2021	Year 2022	Year 2023	Year 2024	Year 2025
Persons	2865	2719	2584	2629	2543
Property	8288	7859	7108	6389	5071
Society	3054	2923	3167	3313	2624

Crime Stats Table

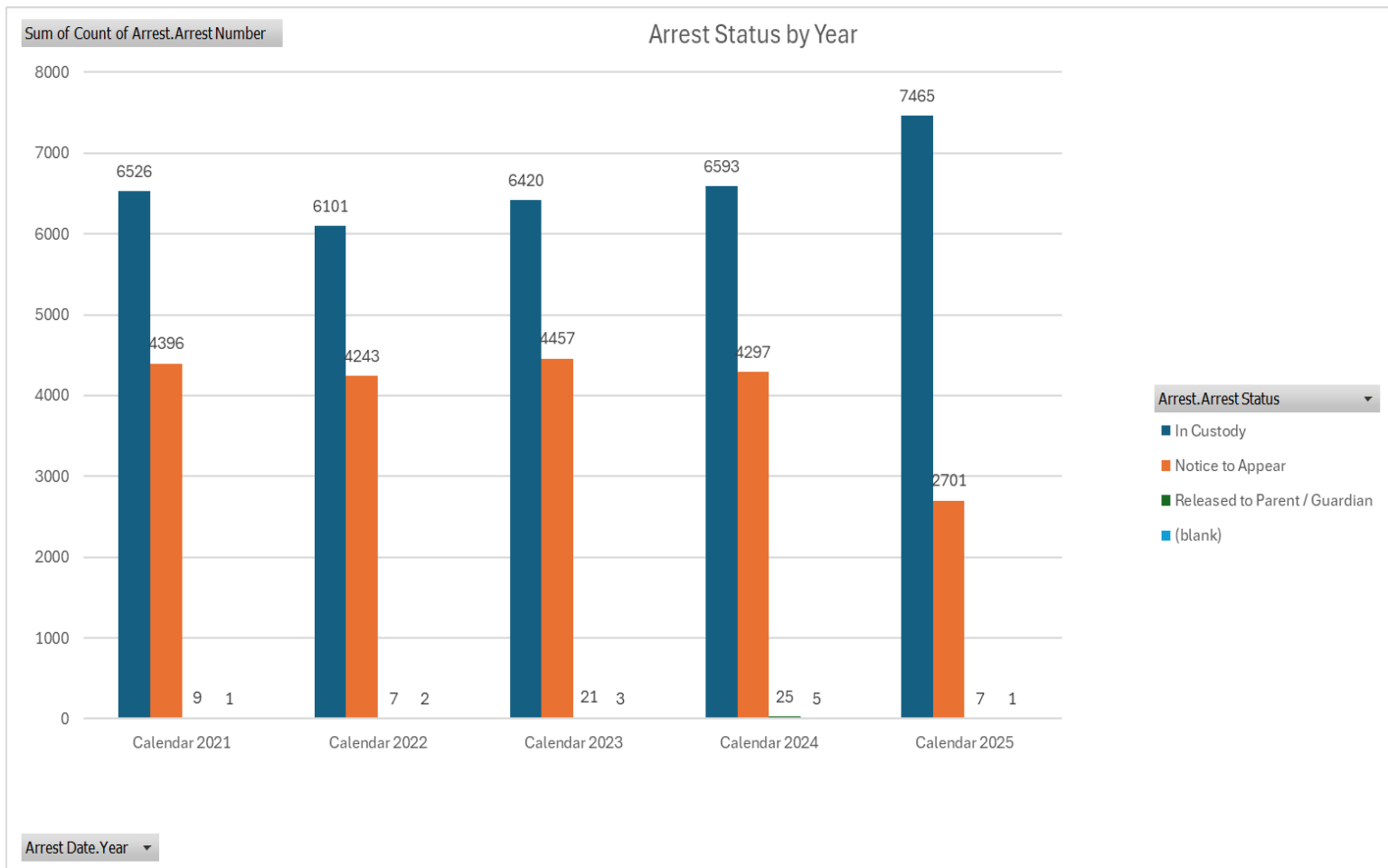
PART A OFFENSES					
<i>Crimes Against Persons</i>	Offenses	% of Category	Arrests	Clearance %	Rate / 100,000
Aggravated Assault	931	10.2%	502	53.92%	762.5
Forcible Fondling	123	1.3%	40	32.52%	100.7
Forcible Rape	96	1.1%	38	39.58%	78.6
Incest	6	0.1%	7	100.00%	4.9
Intimidation	350	3.8%	172	49.14%	286.6
Involuntary Servitude	1	0.0%	0	0.00%	0.8
Kidnapping	96	1.1%	52	54.17%	78.6
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	4	0.1%	3	75.00%	4.1
Negligent Manslaughter	1	0.1%	1	100.00%	4.1
Sexual Assault w/an Object	0	0.0%	1	0.00%	0.0
Simple Assault	1170	12.8%	652	55.73%	958.2
<i>Crimes Against Persons Total</i>	2778	30.5%	1468	50.91%	207.2
<i>Crimes Against Property</i>	Offenses	% of Category	Arrests	Clearance %	Rate / 100,000
All Other Larceny	965	10.6%	125	12.95%	790.3
Arson	18	0.2%	6	33.33%	14.7
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	314	3.4%	78	24.84%	257.2
Counterfeit/Forgery	131	1.4%	39	29.77%	107.3
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	65	0.7%	1	1.54%	53.2
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	1095	12.0%	241	22.01%	896.8
Embezzlement	19	0.2%	5	26.32%	15.6
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	196	2.1%	22	11.22%	160.5
Hacking/Computer Invasion	6	0.1%	0	0.00%	4.9
Identity Theft	109	1.2%	7	6.42%	89.3
Motor Vehicle Theft	382	4.2%	74	19.37%	312.8
Robbery	113	1.2%	58	51.33%	92.5
Shoplifting	844	9.2%	423	50.12%	691.2
Stolen Property Offenses	110	1.2%	71	64.55%	90.1
Theft from Building	195	2.1%	18	9.23%	159.7
Theft from Motor Vehicle	587	6.4%	30	5.11%	480.7
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Access	121	1.3%	9	7.44%	99.1
<i>Crimes Against Property Total</i>	5270	57.7%	1207	22.09%	253.9
<i>Crimes Against Society</i>	Offenses	% of Category	Arrests	Clearance %	Rate / 100,000
Animal Cruelty	12	0.1%	9	75.00%	9.8
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	1	0.0%	4	100.00%	0.8
Drug Equipment Violations	394	4.3%	311	78.93%	322.7
Drug/Narcotic Violation	608	6.7%	472	77.63%	497.9
Prostitution	7	0.1%	0	0.00%	5.7
Weapon Law Violations	52	0.6%	15	28.85%	42.6
<i>Crimes Against Society Total</i>	1074	12%	811	60.07%	146.6
Part A Grand Total	9127	100%	3490	44.36%	163.4
PART B OFFENSES					
<i>Offenses</i>	Offenses	% of Category	Arrests	Clearance %	Rate / 100,000
All Other Offenses	3345	65.28%	6349	-	2739.4
Bad Check *	7	0.14%	2	28.57%	5.7
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	0	0.00%	3	0.00%	0.0
Disorderly Conduct	601	11.73%	526	87.52%	492.2
Driving Under the Influence	415	8.10%	405	97.59%	339.9
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	135	2.63%	107	79.26%	110.6
Liquor Law Violations	6	0.12%	4	66.67%	4.9
Peeping Tom *	3	0.06%	1	33.33%	2.5
Trespassing of Real Property	612	11.94%	527	86.11%	501.2
Part B Grand Total	5124	100%	7924	59.88%	466.3

The national average NIBRS clearance rates vary by offense type, but here are the most recent nationwide patterns based on FBI Crime Data Explorer releases (2022–2023), which are the latest full NIBRS-compliant years:

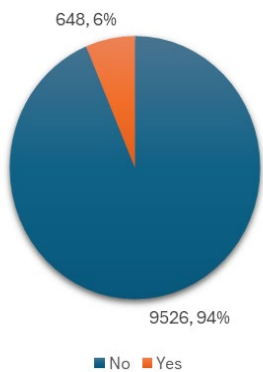
Overall NIBRS clearance (all offenses combined) Typically falls around **32–35%** nationwide.

By major offense categories (approximate national averages): Crimes Against Persons: 45–50%; Crimes Against Property: 18–22%; Crimes Against Society: 80–85% (Society offenses are mostly drug and weapon violations, which are often cleared at arrest.)

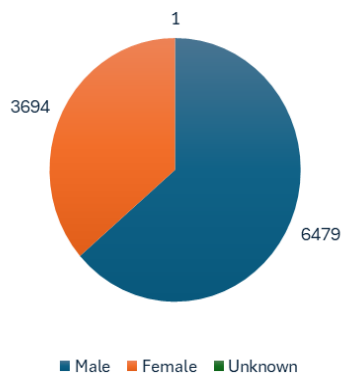
Arrest Trends and Demographics



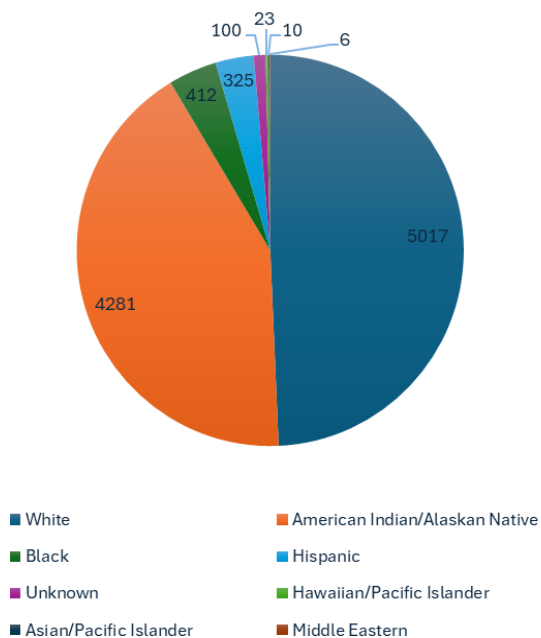
Count of Juvenile Arrest



Count of Arrest by Gender

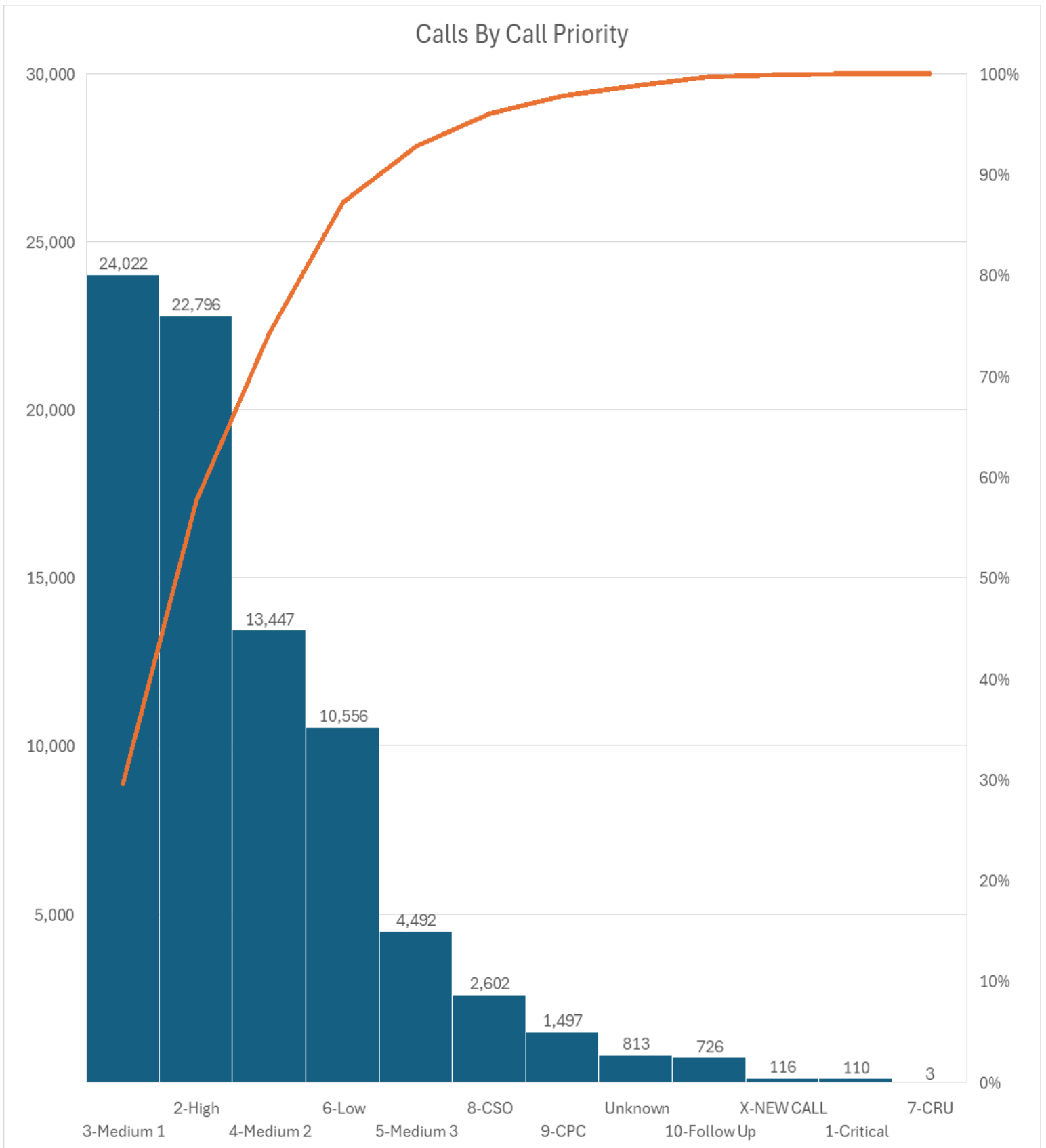


Count of Arrest.Arrest Number



Calls For Service Incidents

Total 81,180



HOMICIDES



*Homicide 5-Year Trend is the total of all homicides. Below are the definitions of the types of homicides included in the numbers.

The FBI defines crimes that are reported through its National Incident Based Reporting (NIBRs) program. The NIBRs definitions for homicide:

Negligent Homicide (Manslaughter) - the killing of another person through negligence

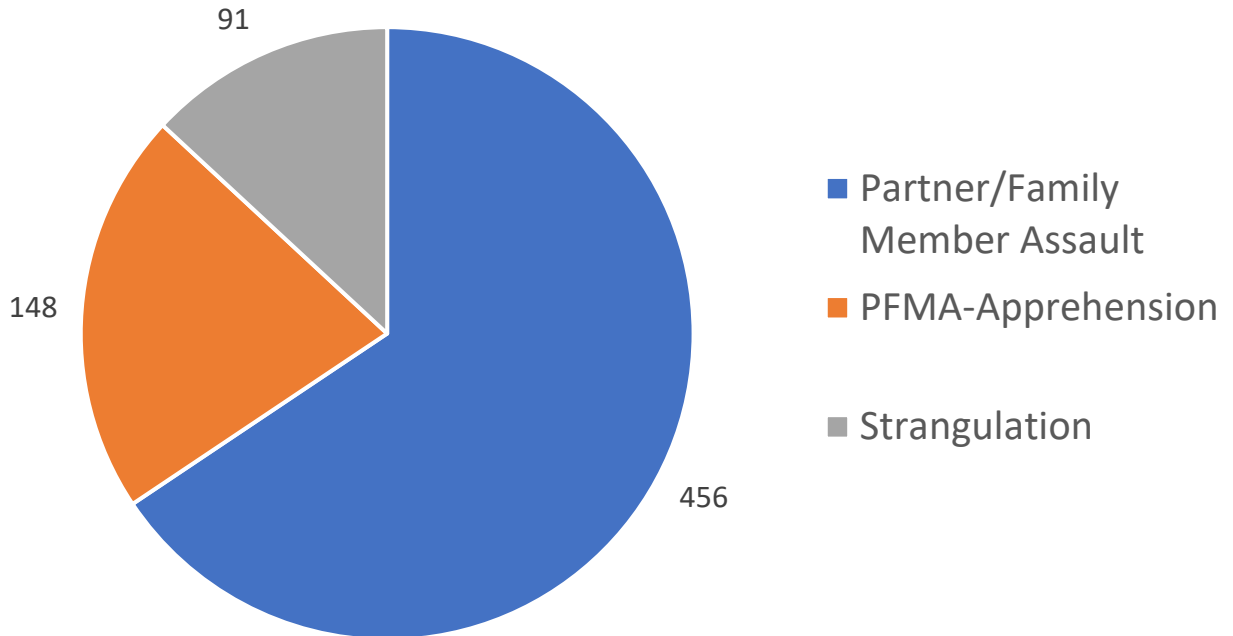
Justifiable Homicide - the killing of a perpetrator of a serious criminal offense by a peace officer in the line of duty, or the killing, during the commission of serious criminal offense, of the perpetrator by a private individual

Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter—The willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another

In 2025 Detectives were able to make arrests in 3 of the 4 homicides and submit a request for a warrant in the 4th homicide case. The offenses shown in the chart above do not include deaths of infants and other suspicious deaths that were treated as homicide investigations that did not rise to the definition of intentionally caused deaths.

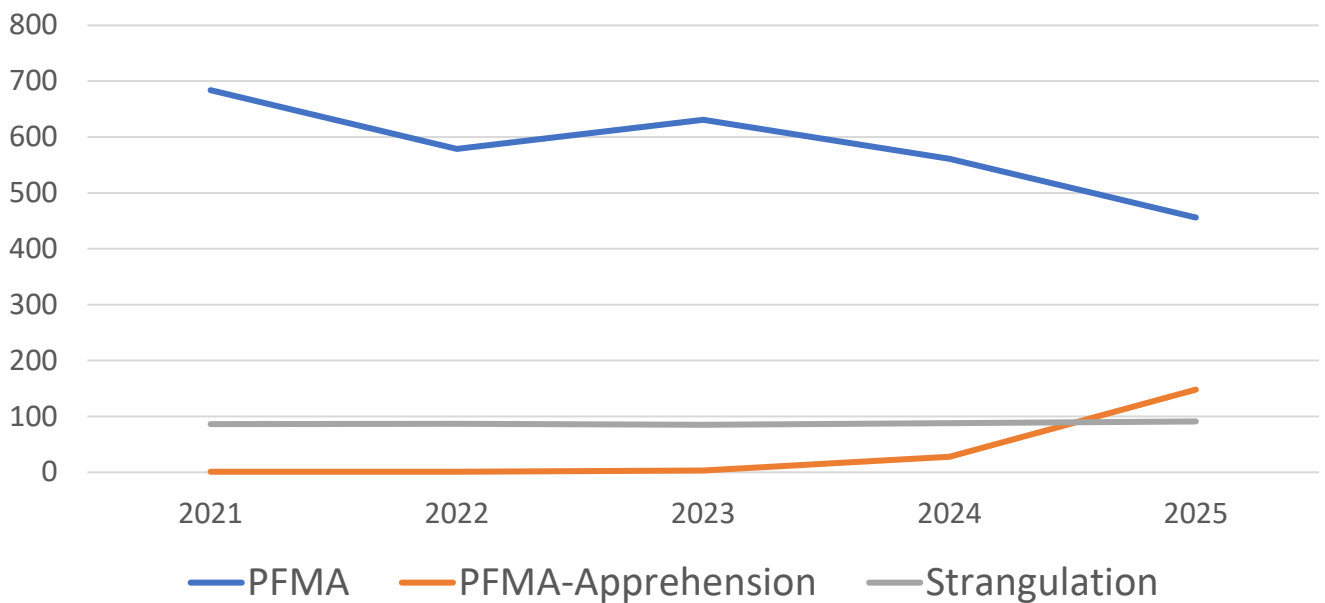
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic Violence Arrests

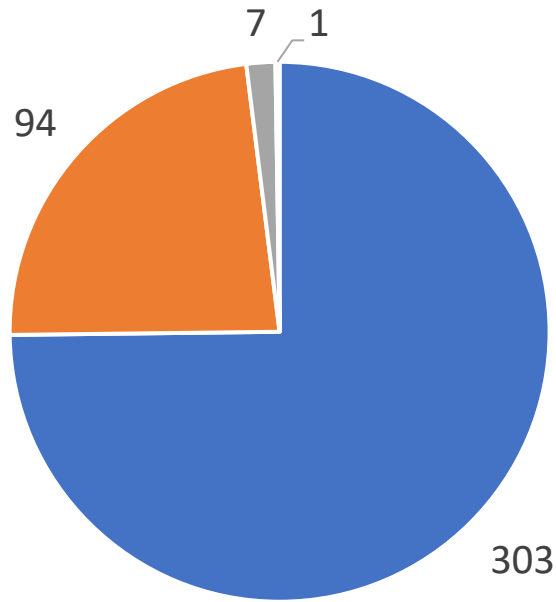


*Numbers include arrests for both adults and juveniles

Domestic Violence Arrests 5-Year Trend

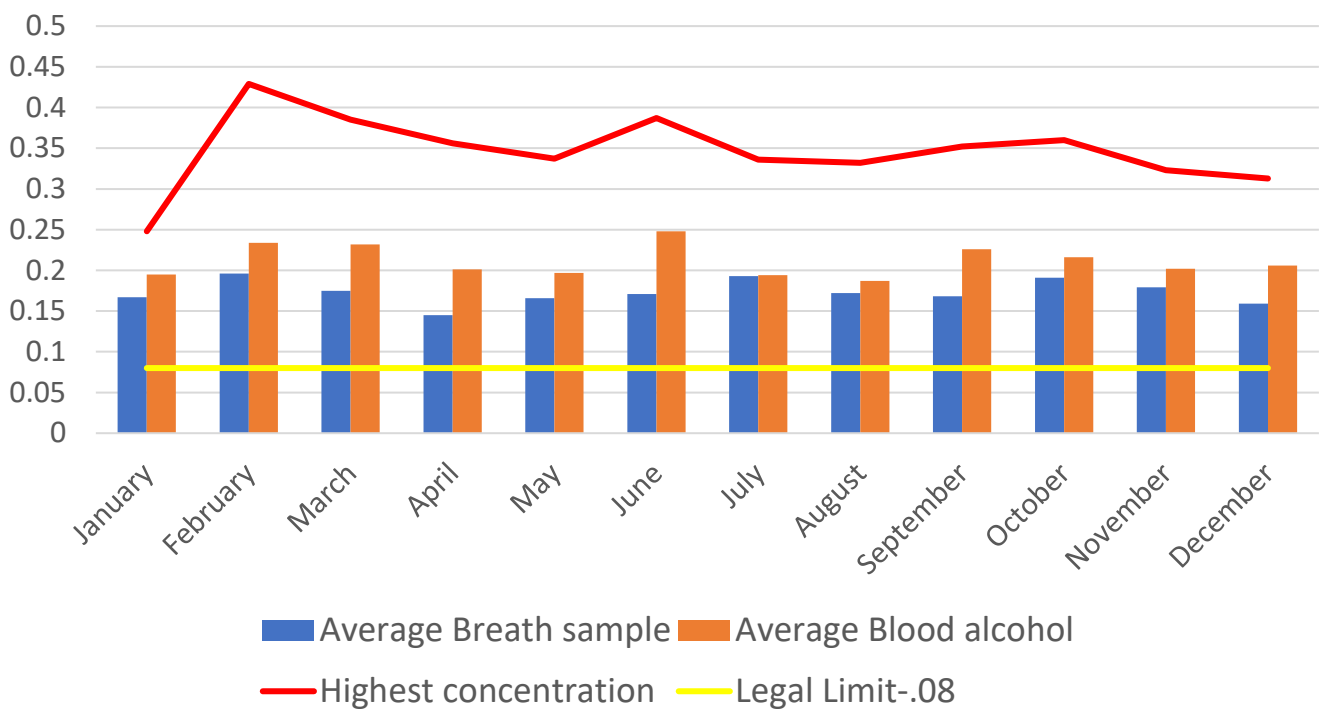


DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE



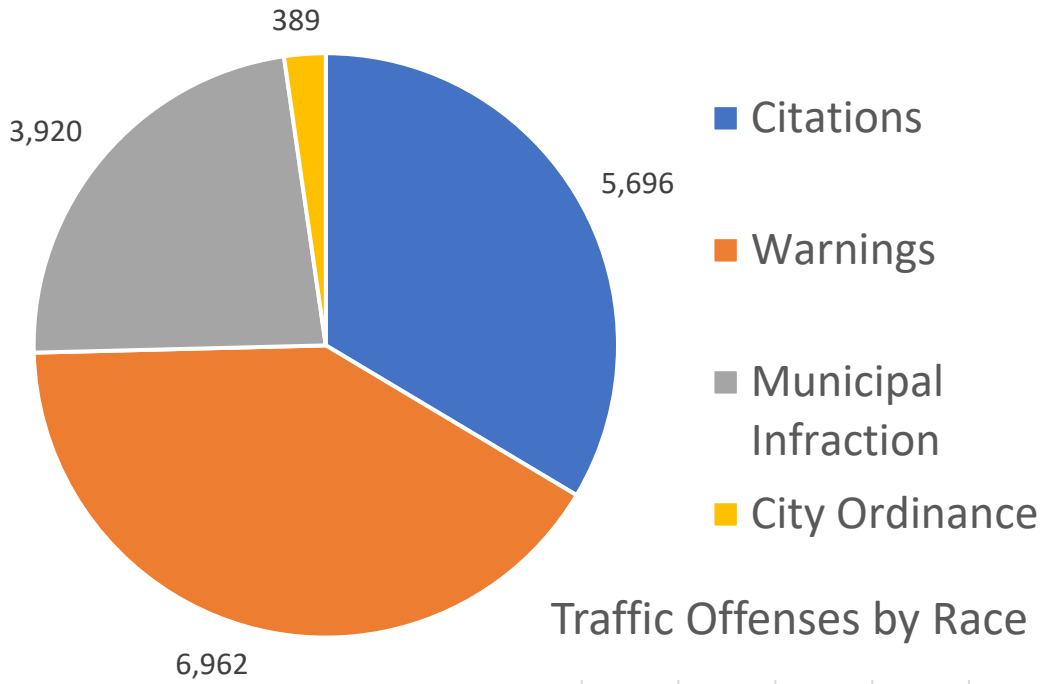
- Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs
- Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs
- Criminal Child Endangerment
- Vehicular Homicide

Breath and Blood Alcohol Concentrations by Month

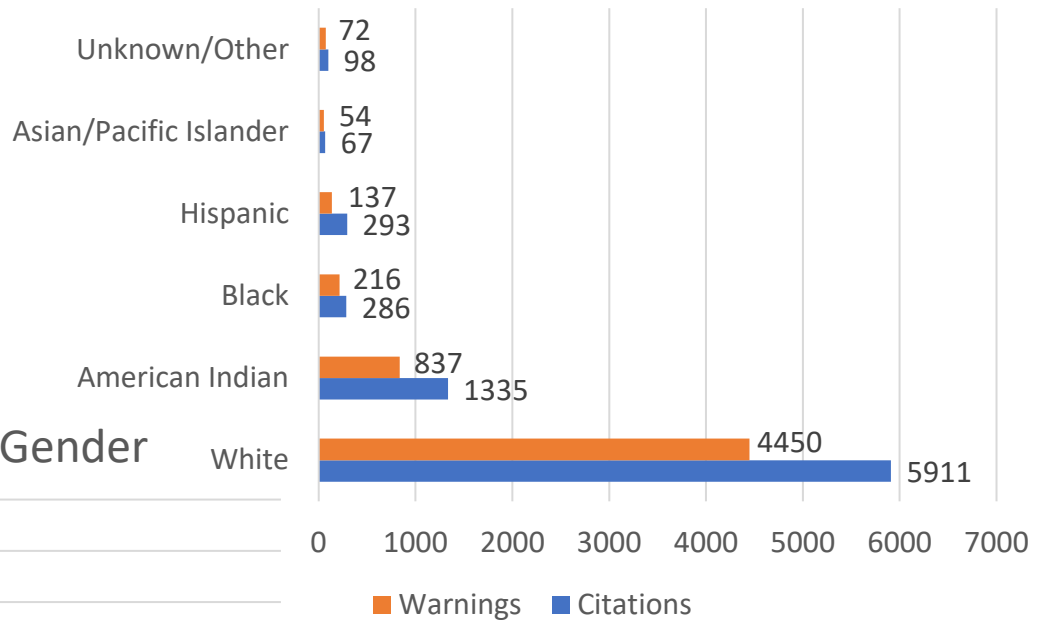


TRAFFIC CITATIONS & WARNINGS

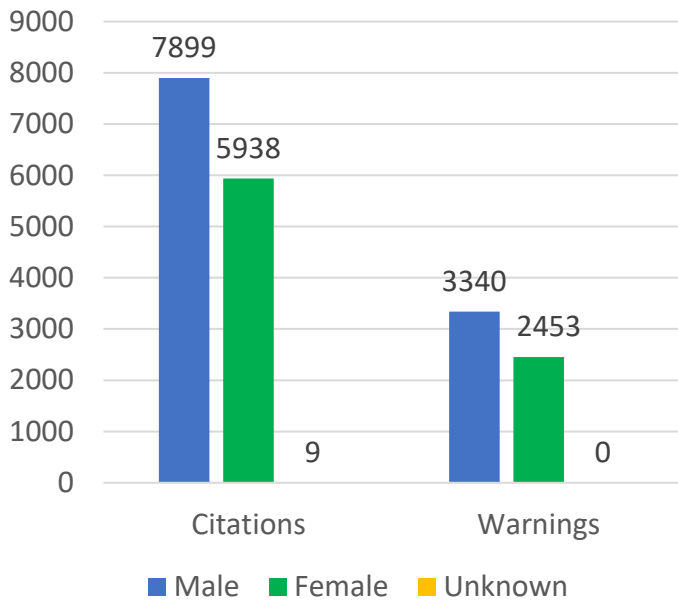
Type of Citation or Warning



Traffic Offenses by Race

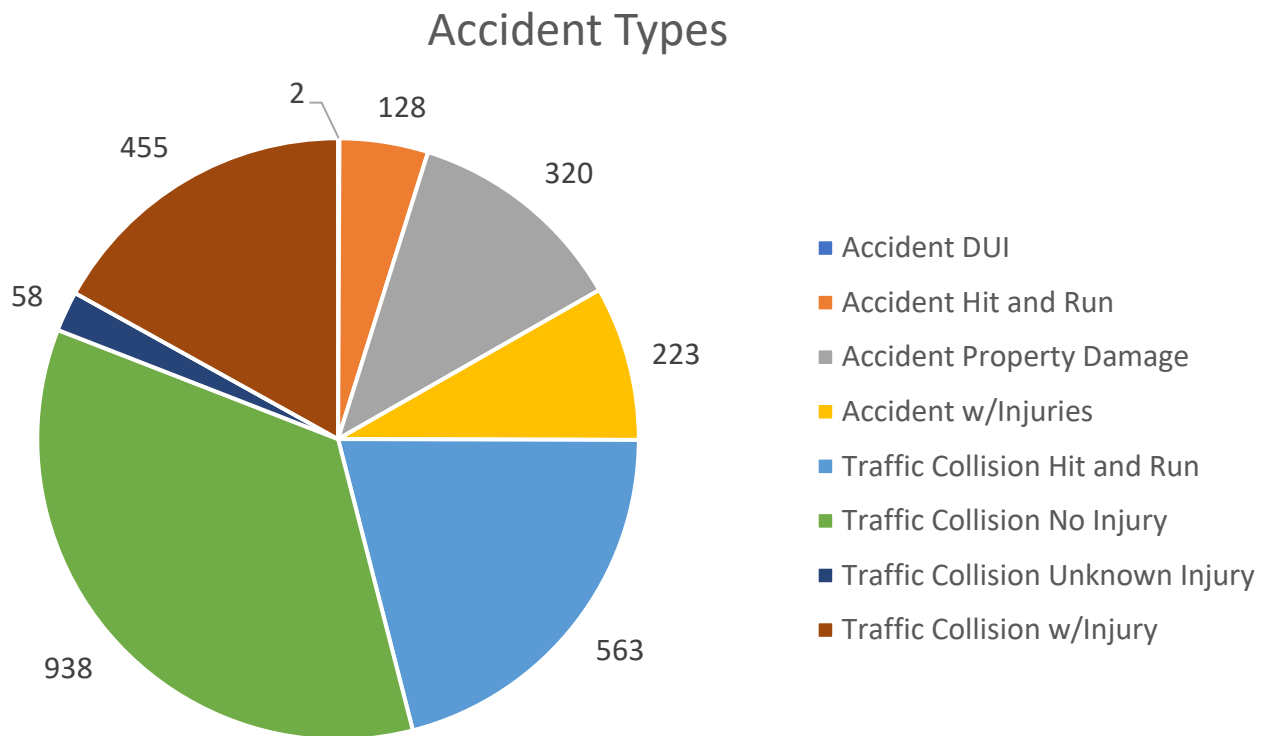


Traffic by Gender



MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Total Accidents **2687**



*In 2025 we changed call types from Accidents to Traffic Collisions.

Top 10 Most Frequent Crash Intersections	Accident Count
S SHILO RD/ KING AVE W	50
SHILOH RD/ GRAND AVE	29
CENTRAL AVE/ SHILOH RD	26
MAIN ST/ LAKE ELMO DR	25
S 24 TH ST W/ KING AVE W	25
S 29 TH ST W/ KING AVE W	25
CENTRAL AVE/ 24 TH ST W	24
E AIRPORT RD/ MAIN ST	24
MAIN ST / WICKS LN	22
S 32 ND ST W/ KING AVE W	22

SPECIALIZED UNITS

Montana Violent Offender Task Force

One Billings Police Department officer serves with the Billings District Violent Offenders Task Force of the U. S. Marshals Service. This groups makes high-risk arrests, predominately on warrants.

Eastern Montana HIDTA

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. 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. Among its goals is to reduce drug availability by eliminating or disrupting drug trafficking organizations.



EMHIDTA and MTVOTF 2025 Statistics

Seizures

Methamphetamine	106.57 pounds	Marijuana (bulk)	37.83 pounds
Cocaine	5.37 pounds	Marijuana edibles	4.06 pounds
Fentanyl pills	47,698	THC Resin	26.35 pounds
Fentanyl powder	158.4 grams	THC Vapes	2,028 vapes
Heroin	123.4 grams		
Psilocybin mushrooms	47.34 pounds		
MDMA (Ecstasy)	7.4 grams	Cash	\$377,782
Ketamine	27.35 grams	Vehicle (value)	\$149,000
	1,214 pills, 2,640		
Pharmaceuticals	ML(liquid)	Firearms	89

Investigation Activities

Felony Arrests	215
Federal Indictments	60

Drug Trafficking Organizations

Total DTO's worked	30
New DTO's	13
Dismantled	3
Closed DTO's	10
Disruptions	36

SPECIALIZED UNITS



Bomb Squad

Billings Police Department has 1 of the 2 FBI accredited bomb squads in Montana. The squad's six bomb technicians, all of whom work as officers, 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. In 2025 they responded to 20 calls for service, ranging from found explosives to suspicious packages. The Bomb Squad also presented to both Citizen's Police Academy classes and assisted other agencies with VIP details.

SWAT

BPD has a group of 15 highly trained officers who specialize in high-risk warrant service, fugitive apprehension, hostage rescue, response to people barricaded with guns as well as active shooters, dignitary protection and sniper/observer support of these activities. The SWAT team is activated when a situation requires advanced training or tools that are not commonly available to the patrol division. In 2025, the SWAT Team had 9 full team activations and 9 partial team activations for armed barricades, high risk warrant services, hostage situations, and arrest operations.

Hostage Negotiators

The 12-person team of negotiators are called out to situations with hostages, barricaded people and other situations where de-escalation is needed, including with suicidal subjects. The SWAT team, negotiators, bomb squad, and drone team, work in conjunction on critical incidents. In 2025, they responded to 9 callouts and had 10 trainings for approximately 40 hours of additional training.

Drone Team

The BPD Drone Team flew on 83 missions during 2025 as well as assisting other agencies. The drones are flown by officers who are licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to pilot the Department's eight drones. The team also provided demonstrations to CPA, classes at Career Center, and National Night Out. Overall for 2025, the team logged 314 flights which is down from 2024 due to two pilots now assigned to the Investigations Division.



Crash Investigations

The BPD Crash Investigations team consists of 13 sworn officers from patrol and 2 CSO's, supervised by one Sergeant. In 2025 they responded to 22 call-outs and investigated 11 fatalities, 11 serious injury accidents, and 4 Vehicular Homicides.

SPECIALIZED UNITS

Street Crimes Unit

The Billings Street Crimes Unit includes a sergeant, one detective and three patrol officers. A second detective, who is assigned to pawn shops works closely with the unit.

SCU Activities		Seizures	
Cases	236	Vehicles	20
Arrests	499	Firearms	77
Warrants Served	313	Fentanyl Pills	30,194
Citations/Warning	224	Currency	\$174,798

Drugs excluding Fentanyl 9850.26 grams

K9 Program

The Billings Police K9 team in 2025 had 3 active teams.



Unit Activity		Seizures	
Deployments	596	Firearms Seized	8
Vehicles Sniffed	103	Methamphetamine	11,161 grams
Parcels Sniffed	80	Liquid Methamphetamine	312 ounces
Arrests	132	Cocaine	791 grams
Public Demonstrations	5	Fentanyl Powder	3,771.76 grams
		Psilocybin mushrooms	194 grams
		Currency	\$125,146
		Heroin	57.35 grams
		Marijuana	39,913 grams

*In 2025, part of the K9 unit was re-tasked with regular patrol duties to assist with shift staffing.

Domestic Violence Investigations

There are two officers assigned to the Domestic Violence Investigator program that operates out of the Family Justice Center.

All BPD officers investigate domestic violence, but these officers are tasked with completing additional follow up and documentation to strengthen the cases. In 2025 they completed 781 follow-up assignments and 206 new cases. They also did 7 DV-related trainings/presentations to the community.

There are 6 officers that are part of the DVI Team and in 2025 they served 20 warrants and 4 TROs.

SPECIALIZED UNITS

Downtown Resource Officers

The Downtown Billings Alliance and Billings Police Department partnership provides officers who focus on downtown safety. The officers who work downtown strive to engage with business owners and staffs.

In 2025 DBA Officers did approximately a dozen De-escalation Trainings with various businesses in the BID District, helping to bring up to date, practical training in how people can safely deal with and help others in crisis. Officers also pushed for updates in access to mental health services for people experiencing mental illness.

They also had a successful event season, working the St. Patrick's Day Festival, Strawberry Festival, Alive After 5 Concert Series, Holiday Parade and Holiday Stroll Events downtown.



School Resource Officers

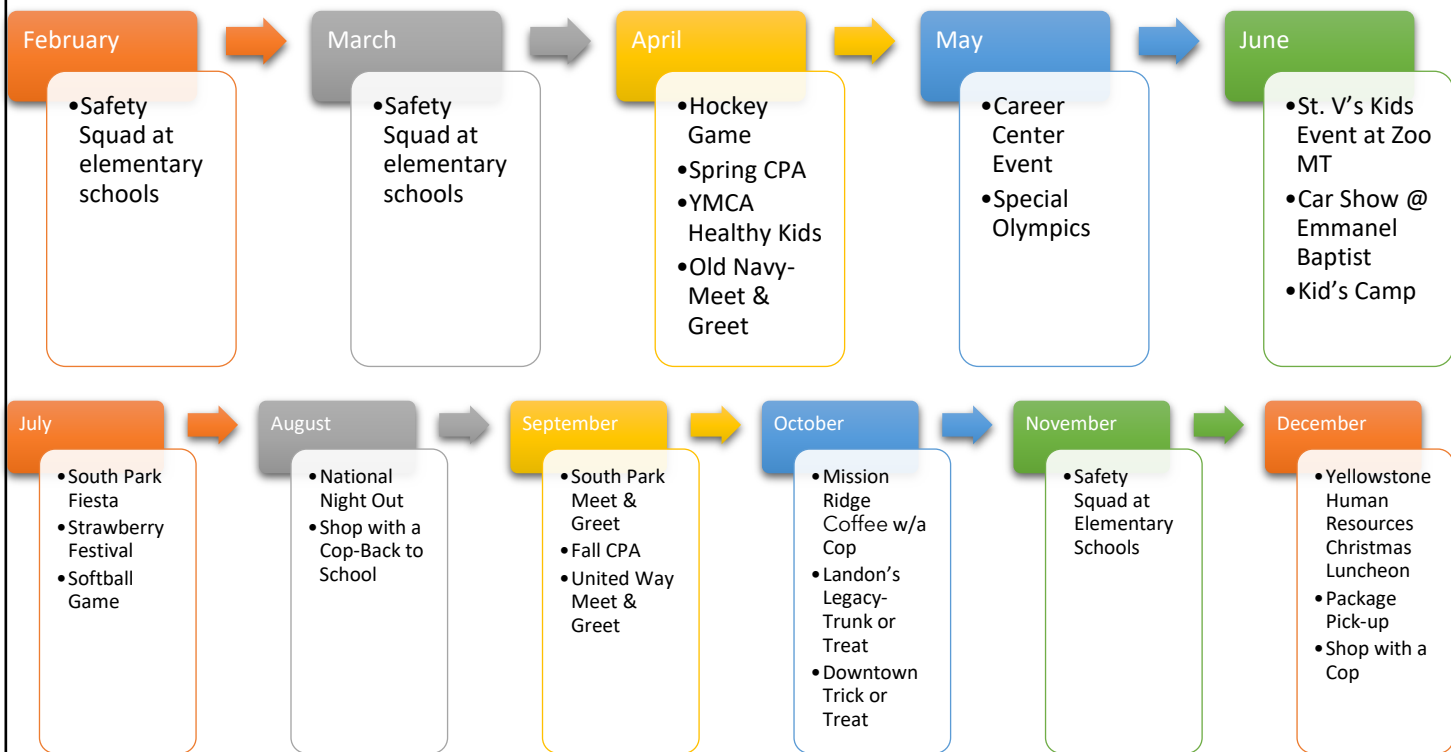
School Resources Officers are funded in cooperation with School District 2. There are 8 SROs and a Sergeant who work in schools. The officers are assigned to individual high schools or middle schools and visit several elementary schools as part of their duties.

In 2025, the SROs wrote 497 cases. They provided 10 armed intruder classes, 12 CPTED assessments, and 13 Drug and Alcohol presentations. They held Camp Blue, a 5 day camp for 6th grade students for team building and positive interactions with LE. They were the 1st SRO unit in Montana to earn the NASRO Model Agency Award and were selected as #1 SRO team in the state at the Jeremy Bullock 2025 Safety School Summit.



PUBLIC RELATIONS

2025 SNAPSHOT: Events



Social Media Posts: Safety Warnings/Scams

We continually are updating the community about safety concerns and scams occurring. In 2025, in addition to incident/case updates, we made 31 posts on social media to educate citizens.



2025 Presentations

Each year officers and commanders do presentations for local and state businesses on safety, scams, and mental health. In 2025 they did 29 presentations on those topics and 14 on active shooter threats.

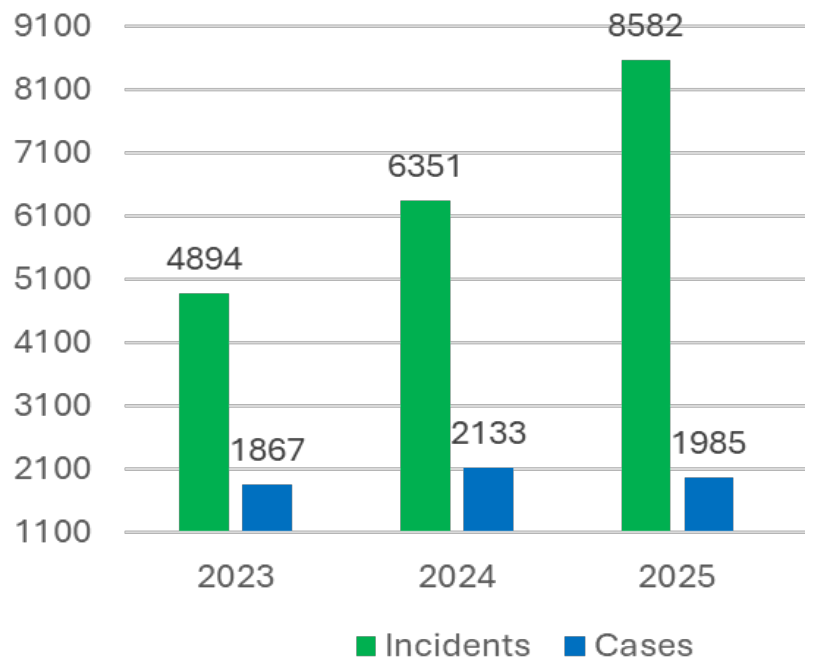
COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER PROGRAM

The program was started in November 2022 and currently consists of 10 non-sworn CSO's who serve as "good will ambassadors" for Public Safety by providing friendly, helpful customer service to the public. They perform a variety of duties to include investigating cold property crimes with no suspects, traffic control, VIN inspections, and minor traffic accidents. The CSOs also assist patrol officers with follow-up and investigations.

One of the CSO's is currently assigned to the Investigations Division to assist with cases and two CSO's are part of the Crash Investigations Team as an extra assignment.



CSO Calls for Service



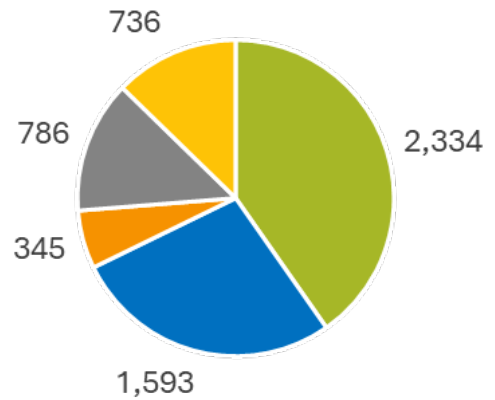
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Billings Police Department's volunteers donated 3,666 hours to the Department and community during 2025.

The 26 volunteers range in age from 24 to 93 and serve in several capacities based on their interests. Their time is given enforcing abandoned vehicle and parking ordinances, fingerprinting the public and new City employees. They also assist with special events and completing data entry of some police reports and digitizing files.



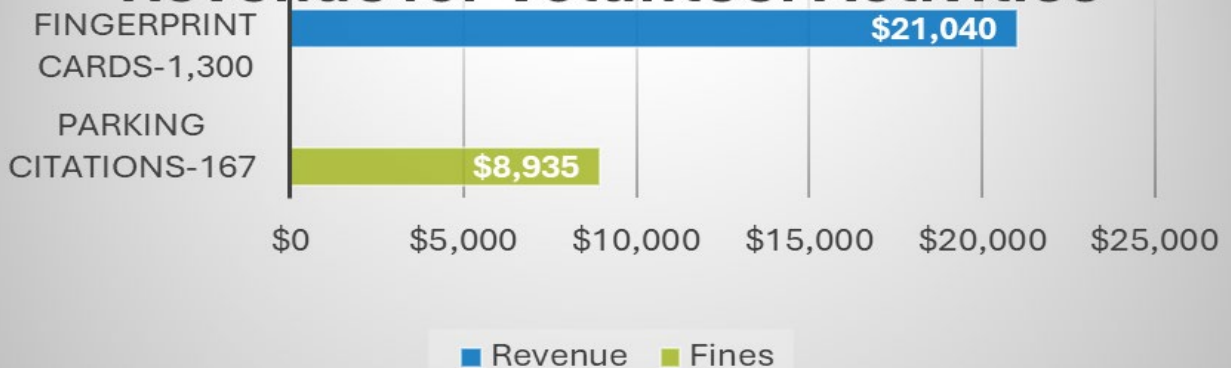
Volunteer Activities



- Abandoned Vehicle Calls
- Vehicles Tagged
- Vehicles Towed
- Reports Completed
- False Alarm Notices



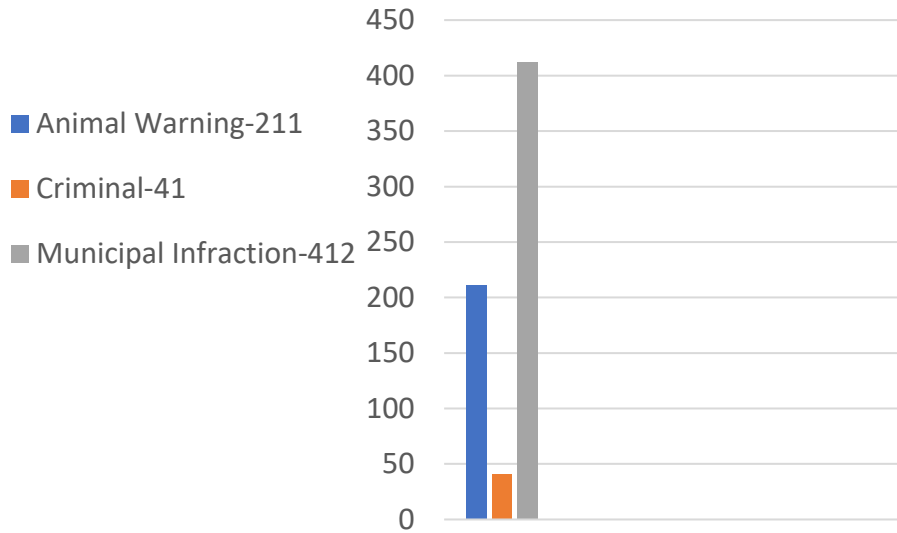
Revenue for Volunteer Activities



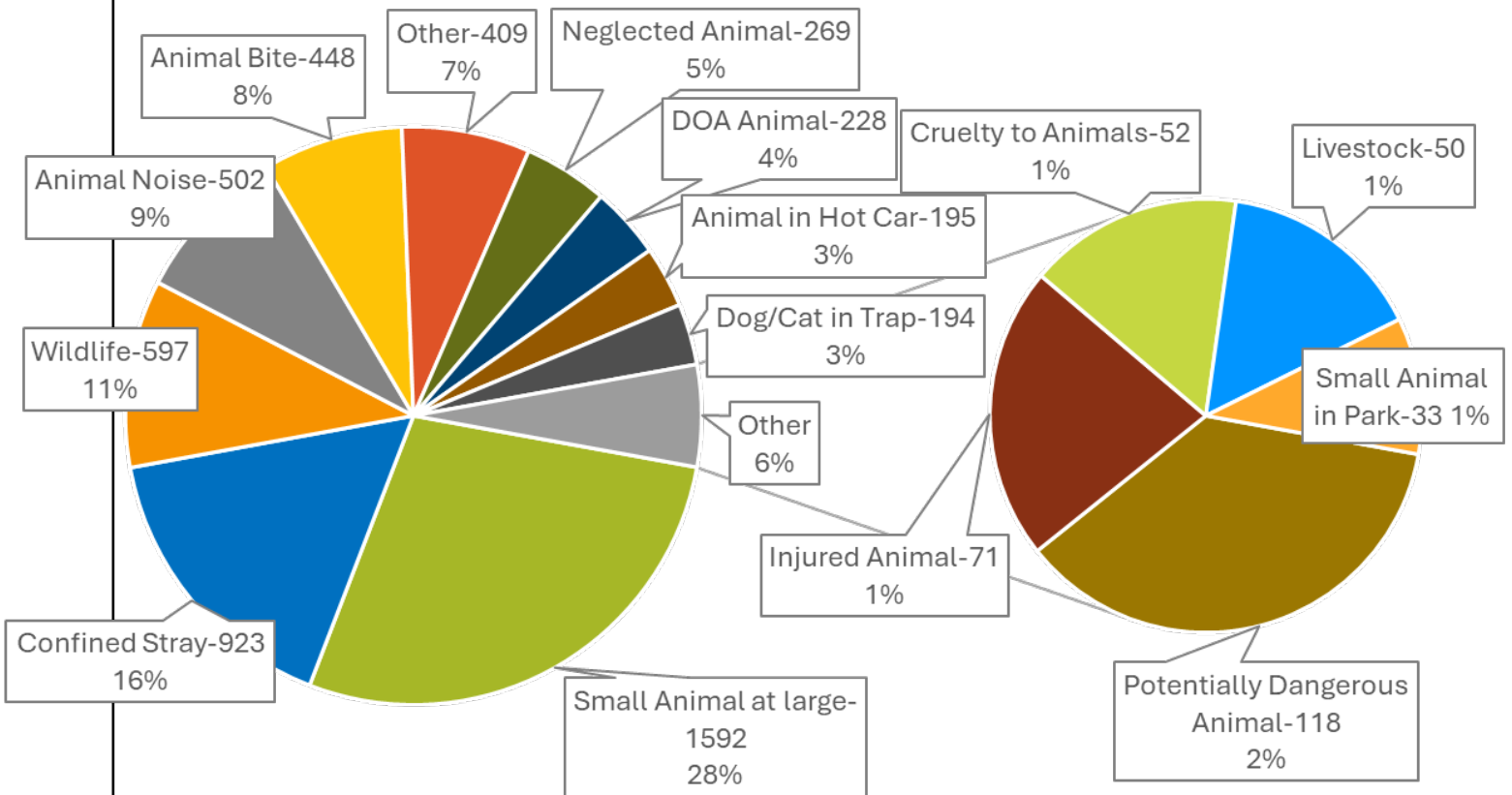
ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Supervisor Tom Stinchfield has a staff of 5 Animal Control Officers and an Office Assistant. Animal Control Officers are authorized to cite animal owners and write criminal cases to submit to Billings Municipal Court.

Citation Type



ACO Calls for Service



STAFFING & AWARDS

New Officers Hired

Coltin Wevley	1/20/25	Jed Olson	7/14/25
William Ullery	1/20/25	Makale Kembel	8/25/25
Nathan Finn	1/20/25	Jacob Long	8/25/25
Braydon Johns	1/20/25	James Friede	8/25/25
Ethan Chaney	1/20/25	Jake Routh	8/25/25
Doug Dumont	1/20/25	Nathan Achziger	8/25/25
Connor Reilly	4/14/25	Benjamin Brown	8/25/25
Shelbi Block	4/14/25	Wednesday Avedisian	11/24/25
Kaiden West	4/14/25		



Retirements

Brian Korell	1/9/25	James Nyquist	6/26/25
Neil Lawrence	2/21/25	Richard Gilmore	8/12/25
Shawn Wichman	3/20/25	Daniel Shreeve	12/17/25
Robert Vickery	6/12/25		

Annual Awards

Officer of the Year: David Woody

Alex Mavity Memorial Respect for Law: Hunter Cook

Shawn Finnegan Memorial Dedicated Service Award: Stephen Mierke

Commander of the Year: Garrett Peterson

Deb Unruh Memorial Civilian Employee of the Year: Jesus Ochoa



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