

AGENDA
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025
AT 10:30 AM
MCCLOSKEY ROOM, ROOM 135
BLOOMINGTON CITY HALL
401 N MORTON STREET
BLOOMINGTON, IN 47404

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the July 17th, 2025 Regular Session
 - b. Approval of Claims - 07/25/2025 and 08/08/2025
 - c. Approval of Payroll – 07/25/2025 and 08/08/2025
4. POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS
 - a. Report on Monthly Statistics and Training
 - b. Letters of Appreciation
 - c. General Business
 - d. Personnel Issues
 - i. Promotion of Officer First Class Connor Bryan to Senior Police Officer, effective August 18, 2025
 - e. Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements
 - f. CIRT/ARV Deployment Report
5. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS
 - a. Report on Monthly Statistics and Training
 - b. Letters of Appreciation
 - c. General Business
 - d. Personnel Issues
 - e. Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements
6. OLD BUSINESS
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Proposal for updated standards regarding the Promotions, Hiring and Discipline
8. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (limited to 3 minutes per person)
9. ADJOURNMENT

BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 10:30am**, in the McCloskey Room, Room 135, City of Bloomington located at 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Timothy Brinson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Board Members Russell Kitchner, Philip Amerson, Barbara McKinney and Stephen Walker were also present.

Also in attendance were:

Police Captain Myrick Williams, Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham; and,

Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron, Deputy Fire Chief Max Litwin; and,

Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler, City Risk Administrator Jazmyn Forte Plunkett, and Police Department Office Assistant and Outreach Specialist Sarah Shahnavaz

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

Board President Timothy Brinson asked new board member Stephen Walker to introduce himself. Stephen Walker introduced himself and provided details on his background.

Board President Timothy Brinson addressed Sarah Shahnavaz, who will be the new board liaison for the Board of Public Safety. Sarah Shahnavaz introduced herself and provided details on her background.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Timothy Brinson asked if any members of the board wanted to discuss or object to any items on the consent agenda. These items included the minutes from the May 20th, 2025 Board of Public Safety regular session, Claims for dates of 06/06/2025, 06/20/2025, 07/03/2025, 07/18/2025 and Payroll from dates 05/30/2025, 06/13/2025, 06/27/2025 and 07/11/2025. None of the board members had questions or objections, all items were approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**Report on Monthly Statistics and Training:**

Monthly Statistics and Training were presented by Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham.

Board Member Russell Kitchner asked about vehicle theft stats and what they represented. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Barbara McKinney asked what the bike index training is. Police Captain Myrick Williams answered. Discussion was held.

Board Member Philip Amerson mentioned citizens being dismissed from the hospital with no transportation, and then asked if it was linked to police social work. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

General Business

General Business was presented by Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham.

Personnel Issues:

Personnel Issues were presented by both Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham and Police Captain Myrick Williams.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements were presented by Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham.

CIRT/ARV REPORT

Per Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham, there were no deployments.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESSFire Report on Monthly Statistics and Training:

Monthly Statistics and Training were presented by Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron.

Board Member Philip Amerson asked if there were new hotspots on the heat map. Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron answered.

Board Member Barbara McKinney asked if the fire department offered a service, regarding connecting citizens to licensed social workers. Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron answered.

Letters of Appreciation

The Letters of Appreciation were presented by Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron.

General Business:

General Business was presented by Deputy Fire Chief Max Litwin.

Board Member Barbara McKinney asked when the Swearing In Ceremony for the new hires would be. Deputy Fire Chief Max Litwin answered.

Personnel Issues

Personnel Issues were presented by Deputy Fire Chief Max Litwin.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Purchases: Expenditures and Procurements were presented by Deputy Fire Chief Max Litwin.

Board Member Barbara McKinney asked if there were public demonstrations of the flash chamber demos. Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron and Deputy Fire Chief Max Litwin answered.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business presented.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Timothy Brinson adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jazmyn Forte Plunkett, Risk Administrative Assistant
City of Bloomington Risk Department
Board of Public Safety

The minutes of the July 17th, 2025 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this ____ day of August, 2025.

Bloomington Police Department

Board Of Safety

Statistical Report

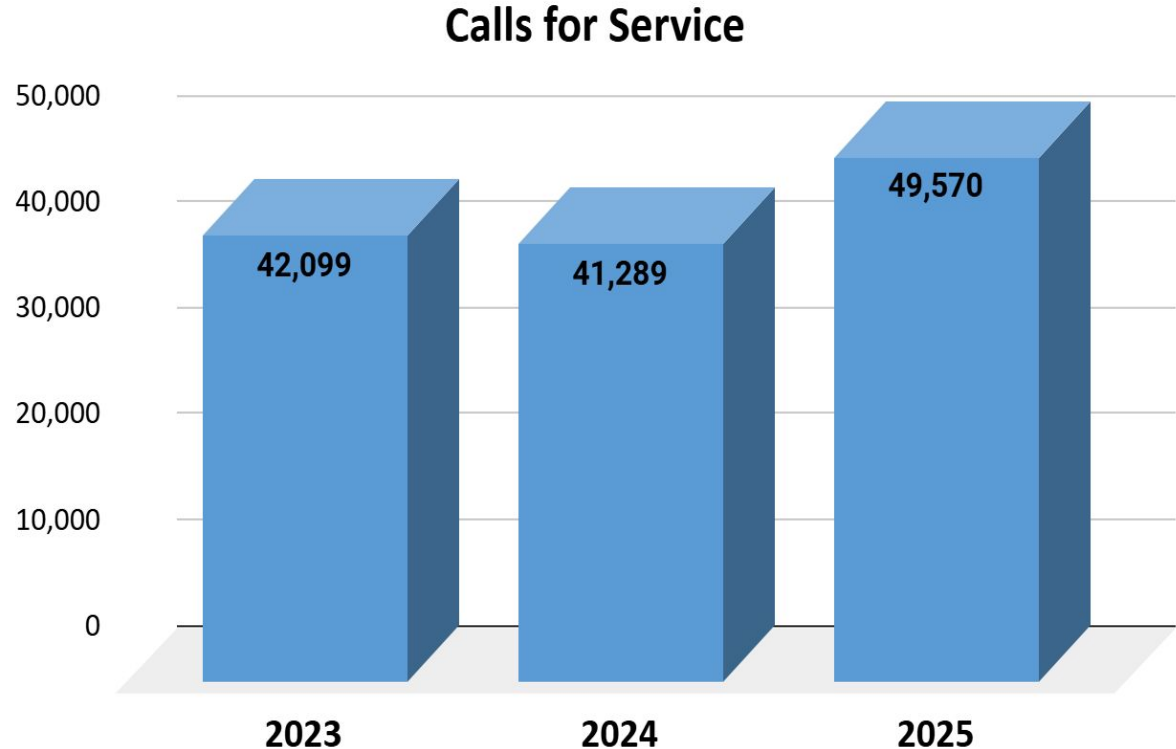
August 2025



CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Department has responded to 49,570 calls for service through July of 2025. That is an increase of 8,281 calls from the same period in 2024.

This figure represents a 20.1% increase in 2025.

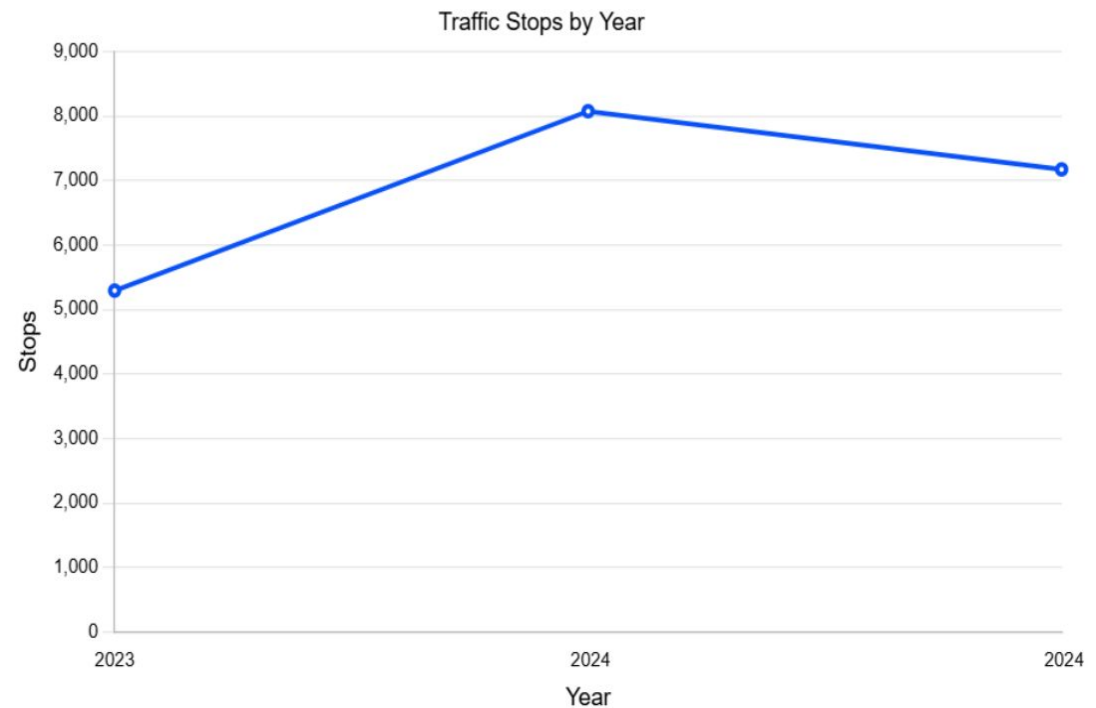


COMPARISON 2023-2025 CRIME TOTALS (YTD)

CRIME	2023	2024	2025	Percentage Change (2024-2025)
Murder	0	2	1	-50%
Rape/Forcible Sex Offense	57	52	58	11.5%
Robbery	17	28	36	28.6%
Assault	600	577	627	8.7%
Domestic Battery	210	228	232	1.7%
Child Abuse	18	20	27	35%
Neglect	16	25	19	-24%
Burglary	126	128	116	-9.4%
Larceny	942	1,110	908	-18.2%
Vehicle Theft	91	69	89	28.9%
Operating While Intoxicated	61	57	60	5.30%
Public Intoxicated	67	57	73	28%
Vandalism	474	424	427	0.7%
Graffiti	16	31	11	-64.6%

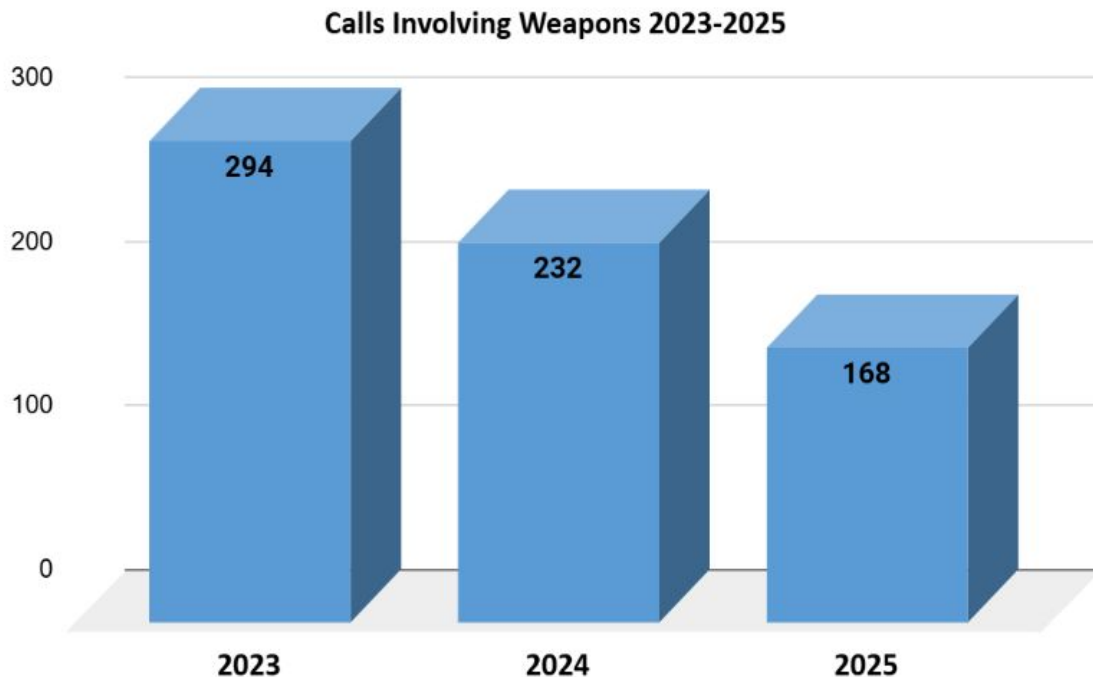
TRAFFIC STOP COMPARISON

Year	Traffic Stops
2023	5,292
2024	8,073
2025	7,171

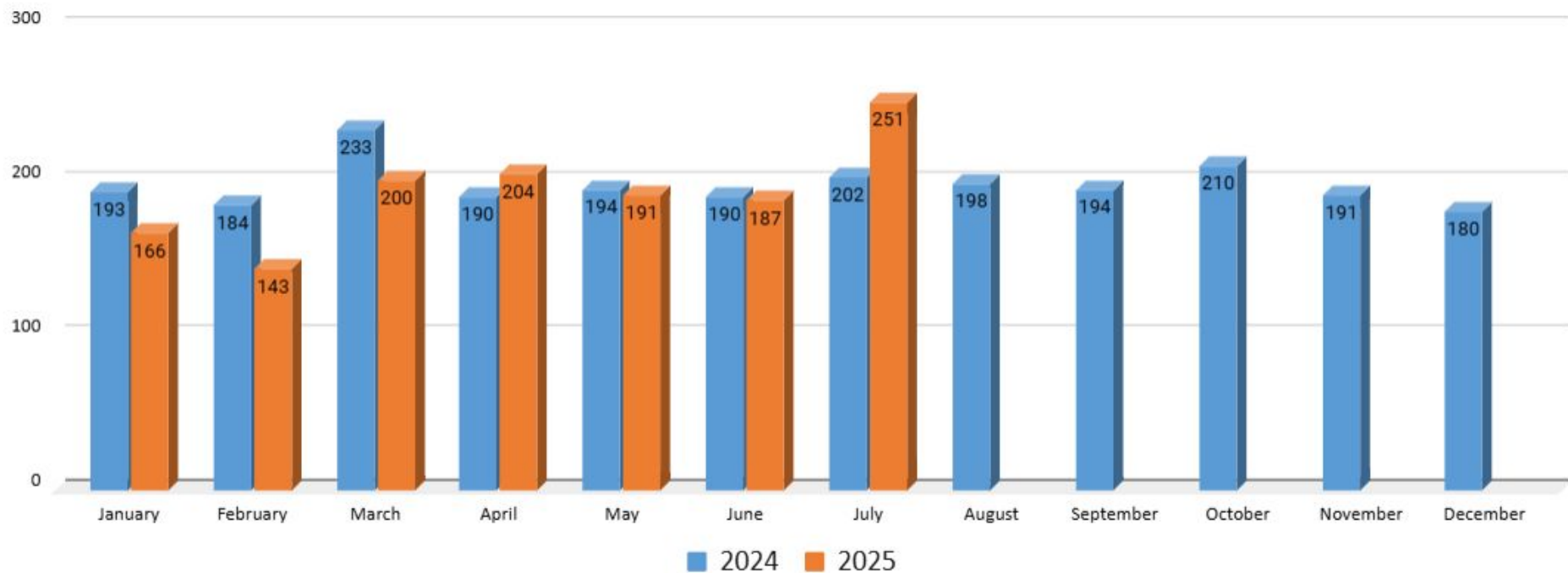


CRIME INVOLVING WEAPONS

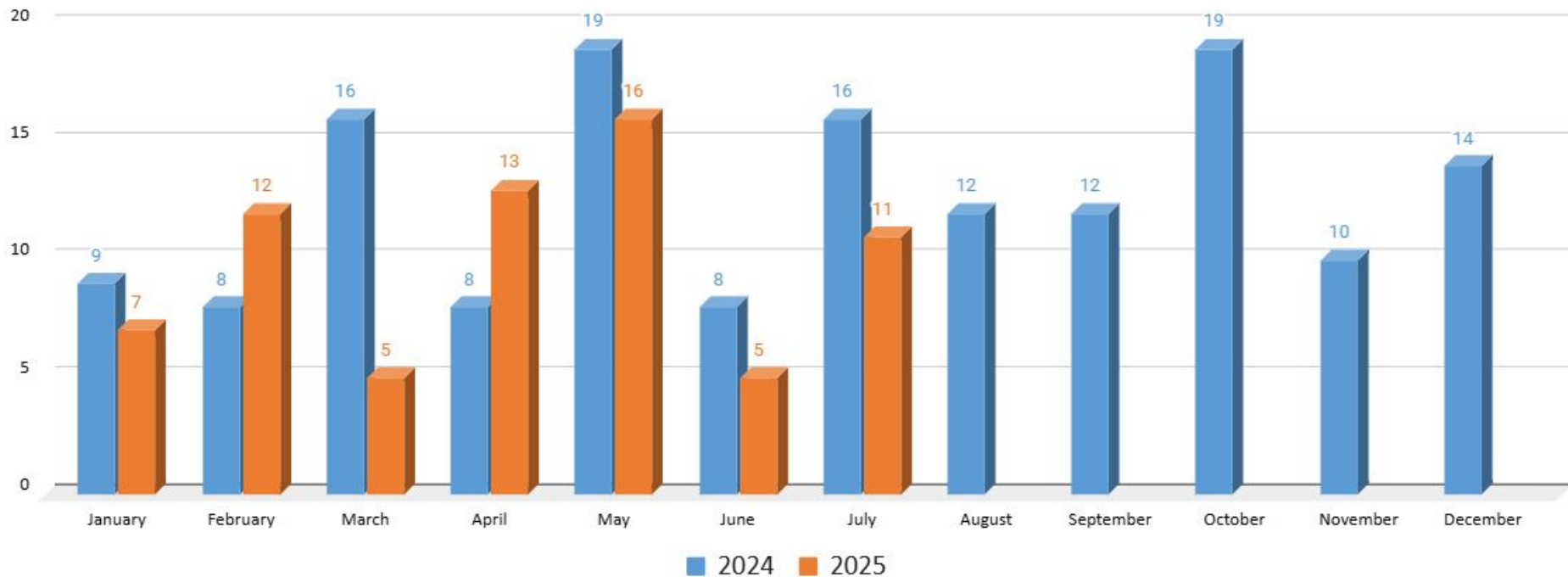
- So far in 2025, there have been 168 incidents where weapons were reportedly involved.
- A firearm has been reported in 58 incidents in 2025 and were fired at a person in 13 of those incidents.



2024-2025 Adult Arrests

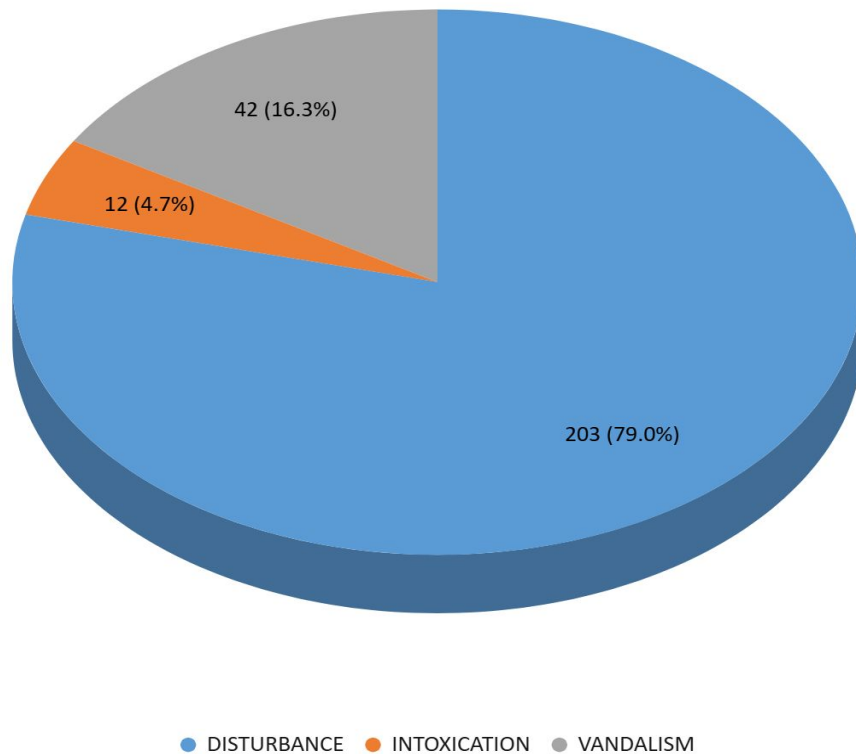


2024-2025 Juvenile Referrals



UCR/IND. HATE CRIMES		
	2024	2025
Jan-Mar	0	0
Apr-June	0	0
July - Sept	2	0
Oct - Dec	0	
TOTALS:	2	0

July 2025 Nuisance Calls for Service



Total = 257

TRAINING

Training Hours: 431

Training Highlights:

- **15 officers completed the Moyer state-mandated online training**
- **15 officers completed the 2025 legal update from MCPO**
- **Four officers attended a 24-hour Drone Tactics & Operation course**
- **One officer attended the 52-hour BPD SWAT School**
- **K9s (13 hours)**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engagement Events: 25

Community Engagement Hours: 49.25

BPD Personnel Involved: 34

Community Engagement Events - Prior:

- Touch-A-Truck at Monroe County Fair
- 4th of July Parade
- MHP outreach with PALS
- Back to School Celebrations with multiple apartment complexes
- CSS outreach/bike index training

Community Engagement Events – Upcoming

- National Night Out
- Furever Friends with MCHA

Police Social Worker

Total Number of Referrals: 104

Total Number of PSS Contacts: 650

Summary:

- Mental Health Provider (MHP) talked a newly homeless mother off an overpass and got her connected to long-term housing options.
- MHP assisted a client with creating a resume and applying for jobs.
- MHP assisted a parent with getting their child wraparound mental health services and family therapy.
- A client reached out to say thank you after successfully completing substance use and mental health treatment.
- Outreach and Resource Specialists (OARS) worked for several months with DRO Thomas to successfully house a long-time unhoused resident.
- OARS assisted clients with getting identification and food stamp cards replaced.
- OARS assisted a client with getting assistance with medication after a recent hospital stay.



Ryan Pedigo <pedigor@bloomington.in.gov>

Fwd: Thank you!

1 message

Michael Diekhoff <diekhofm@bloomington.in.gov>

Tue, Jul 22, 2025 at 3:13 PM

To: Scott Oldham <oldhams@bloomington.in.gov>, Ryan Pedigo <pedigor@bloomington.in.gov>, "Williams, Myrick" <williamm@bloomington.in.gov>, Payton Wallace <payton.wallace@bloomington.in.gov>

Payton, please see the following email. Thank you for handling this call in a professional manner. You had a positive impact on this person who has not always had positive interactions with police officers.
Thanks for doing a good job.

Michael Diekhoff
Chief of Police
Bloomington Police Department
[220 E. 3rd Street](#)
[Bloomington, Indiana 47401](#)
812-339-4477

"The mission of the Bloomington Police Department is to safeguard life and property while respecting diversity, encouraging civility, solving problems, and maintaining a high standard of individual integrity and professionalism."

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From: **Nissy Stetson-Grace** <nissystetson@hotmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 22, 2025 at 2:55 PM

Subject: Thank you!

To: Michael Diekhoff <diekhofm@bloomington.in.gov>

Chief Diekhoff,

I don't know if you remember me, but in 2019 we corresponded by e-mail and spoke by phone and had some nuanced conversations about equity and inclusion and police training around these issues.

I wanted to let you know that I spoke with Officer Wallace last night about an incident I was concerned about that happened at my home.

Officer Wallace was kind, caring, responsive and professional. As a member of a marginalized group I haven't always had the most positive experiences with law enforcement.

Officer Wallace was not aware of my trauma, but treated me with respect and dignity. All officers should be this way. I wish I could say that my fears of police officers are gone, but that would not be true.

If you could please let Officer Wallace know that this conversation with me was meaningful and it made a difference.

I do appreciate the police officers who truly understand that all sentient beings must be valued and supported, because this is what protecting and serving really means.

I am so glad that we have a Mayor that has supported law enforcement with changes that enhance their quality of life and ours.

Thank you again for Officer Wallace, it has not gone unnoticed.

Best,

Mrs. La Nicerra (Nissy) Stetson-Grace

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Ryan Pedigo <pedigor@bloomington.in.gov>

Letter of Appreciation Officer Faheem Bade

Stephen Johnson <stephen.johnson@bloomington.in.gov>

Tue, Jul 22, 2025 at 10:28 AM

To: Faheem Bade <faheem.bade@bloomington.in.gov>

Cc: "Capt. Ryan Pedigo" <pedigor@bloomington.in.gov>, Myrick Williams <williamm@bloomington.in.gov>, Sharr Pechac <sharr.pechac@bloomington.in.gov>

Letter of Appreciation

Officer Faheem Bade

Bloomington Police Department

Dear Officer Bade,

I want to take a moment to sincerely thank you for volunteering your time and energy to assist at this year's Indianapolis Black Expo. Your presence was more than helpful—it was a true credit to the Bloomington Police Department.

Throughout the event, your confidence, enthusiasm, and pride in serving as a BPD officer were unmistakable. These qualities did not go unnoticed by the public or by your fellow officers from around the state. Representatives from Lawrence County, Marion County, Capitol Police, Indiana State Police, and Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department all stopped by our booth, and many lingered—drawn in by your approachable manner and insightful perspective.

At one point, when another officer casually mentioned the use of their take-home vehicle within city limits, your polite and humorous response—that yours could be used across two counties—not only brought a smile but subtly highlighted the unique privileges and responsibilities of our department. That moment, like many others over the course of the two days, showcased both your deep understanding of departmental policy and your quiet confidence in representing it well.

More than just a helpful presence, you were a true ambassador. Your friendly demeanor and engaging attitude made our booth a welcoming space for attendees. I especially appreciated your playful yet effective recruiting line: "Take a pen, but you have to take a card and refer someone to us." It was delivered with such warmth that it earned a chuckle—and a promise—from nearly everyone who heard it.

Your participation brought great credit to the Bloomington Police Department. You represented our agency with distinction, and in doing so, helped elevate the department's visibility and reputation on a broader stage. It was a genuine pleasure to work alongside you, and I hope we have the opportunity to do so again in the future.

With sincere appreciation,

Stephen A. Johnson

City of Bloomington Human Resources

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From: **Brandon Bothell** <bothellbrandon@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jul 28, 2025 at 11:16 AM

Subject: A Sincere Thank You for the Seminary Square Crackdown

To: <mayor@bloomington.in.gov>, police@bloomington.in.gov <police@bloomington.in.gov>

Hello Mayor Kerry Thomson and Whom It May Concern at the Bloomington Police Department,

I'm writing today to sincerely thank you and the Bloomington Police Department for doing what you can to help protect vulnerable residents of Bloomington.

Many years ago, my mother was a resident of the Middle Way House/Rise as well as one of those vulnerable people at Seminary Square, being offered things you wouldn't imagine right in the public eye. She was introduced to things that ruined her whole life and family at that park.

To hear that these predatory dealers are being targeted by the city of Bloomington is absolutely amazing. All I ask is that you keep up the pressure on these monsters, before they steal another vulnerable person's (and their family's) future.

Thank you again,

Brandon Bothell

City of Bloomington Fire Department Board of Public Safety Report

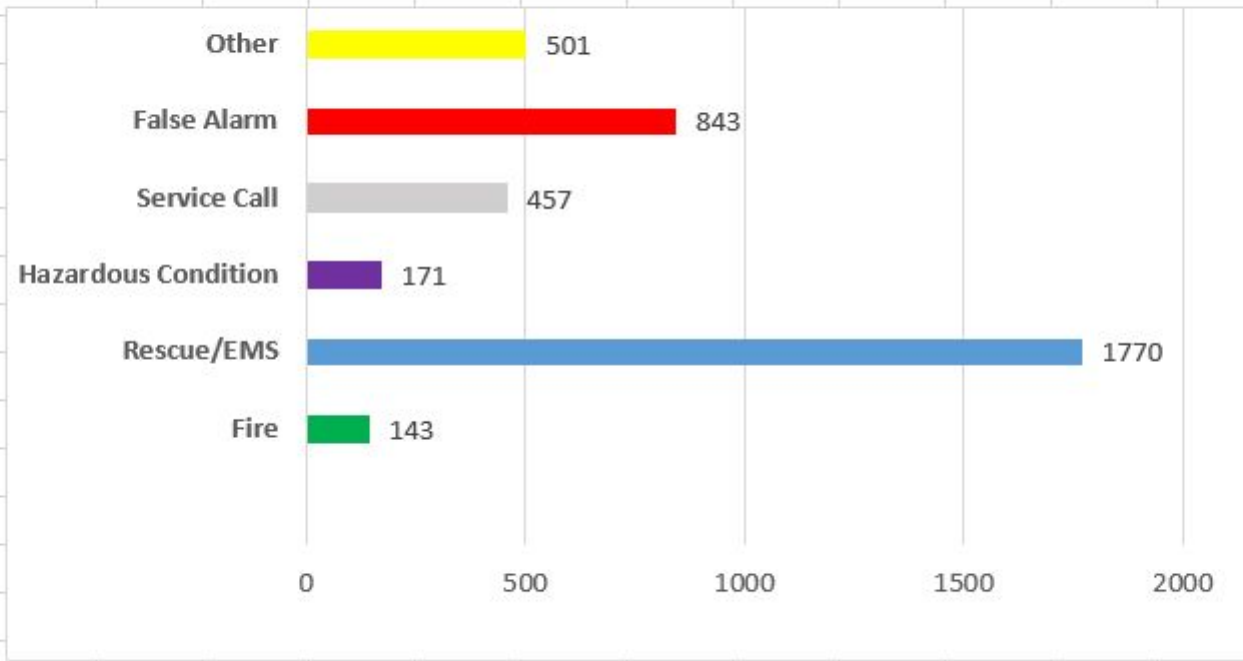


BFD Incident Types

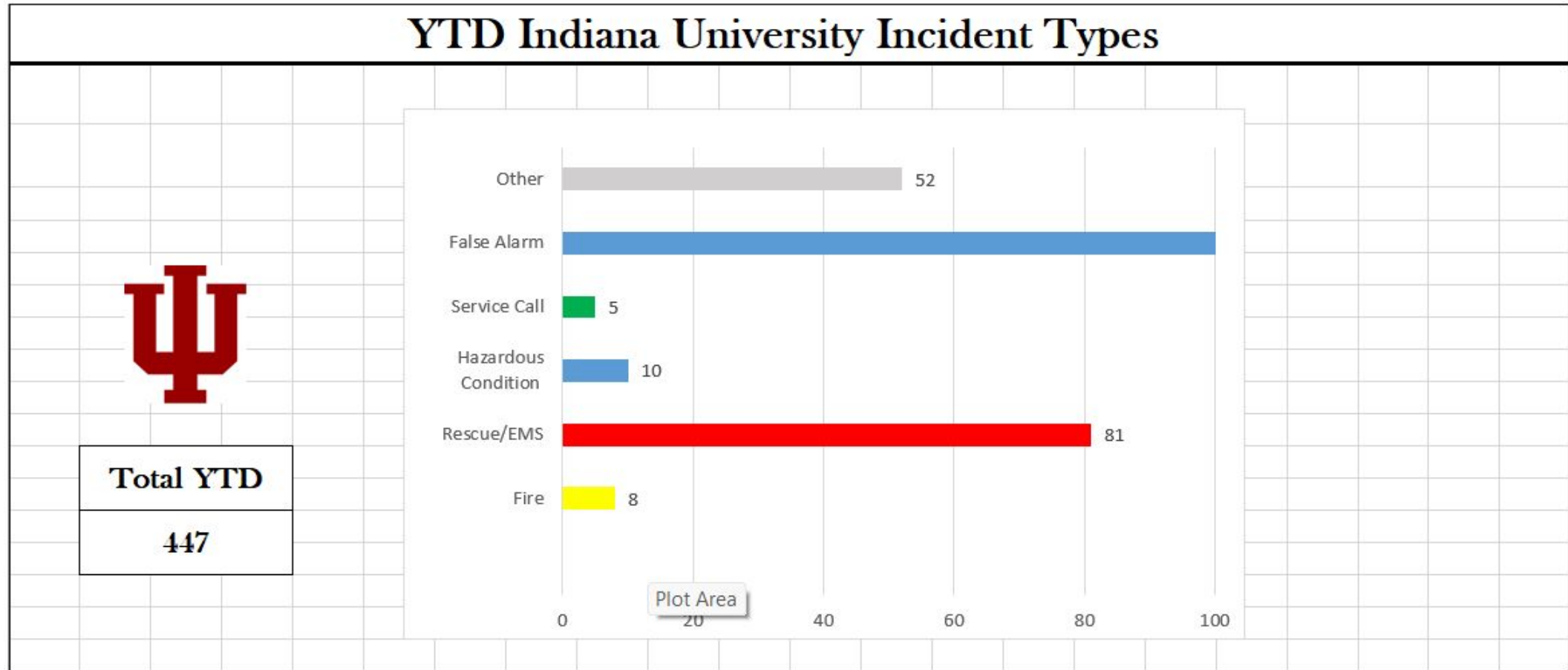
YTD Total Operational Incident Types

Total YTD

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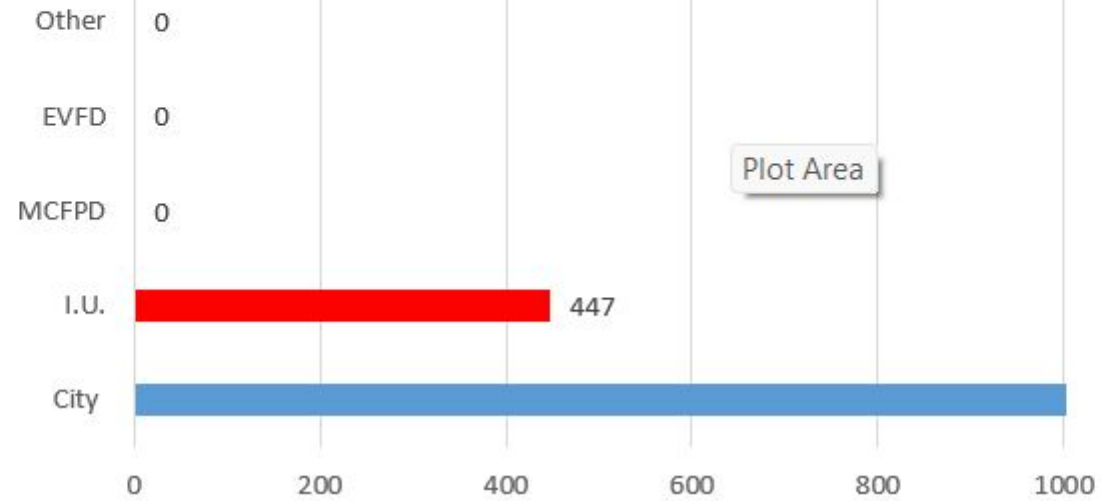
Incident Types on the IU Campus



YTD Number of Incidents by Location

Total YTD

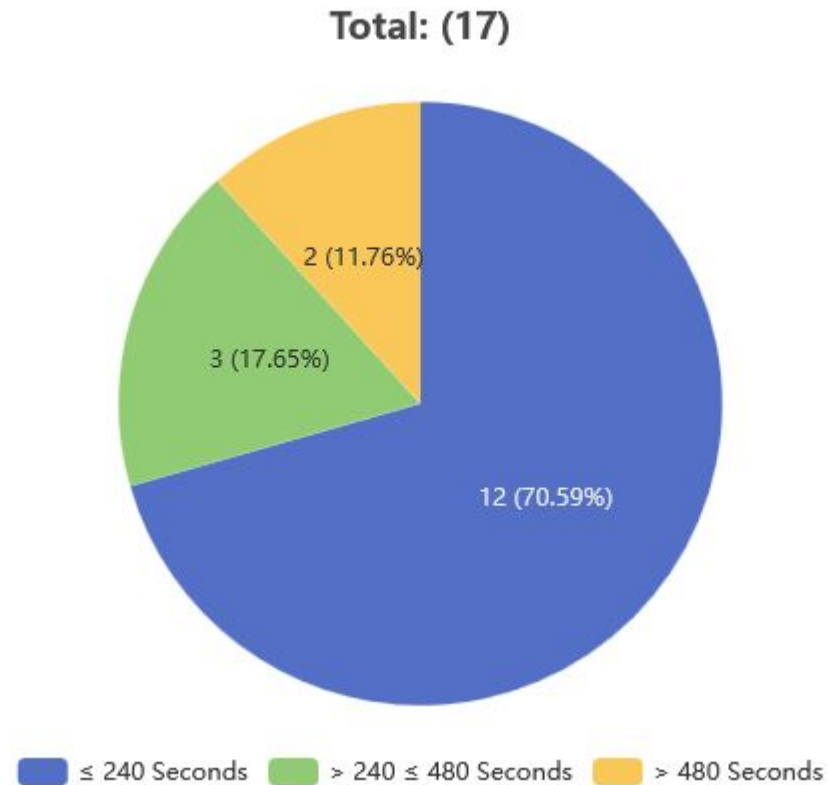
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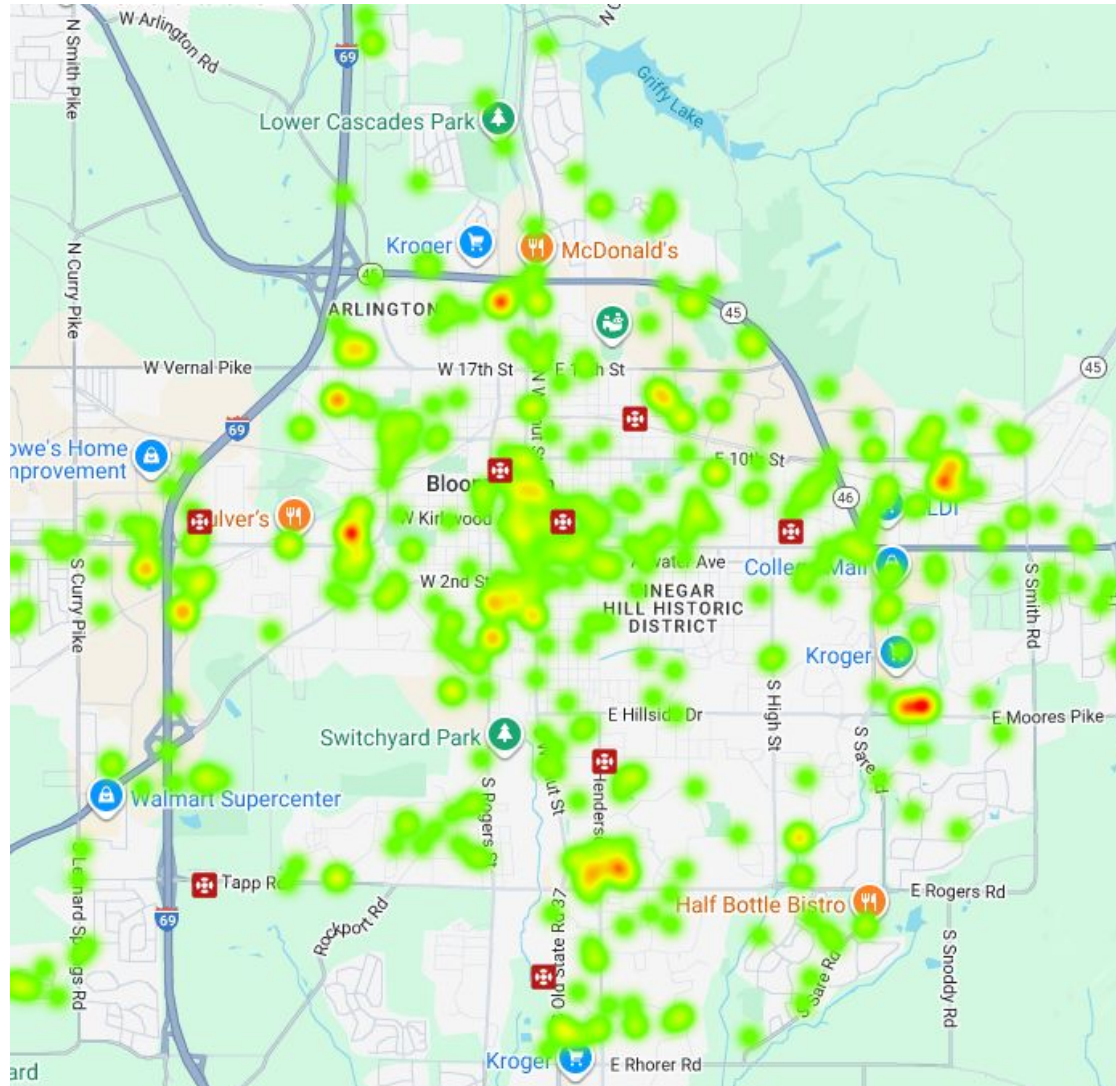
IU=11.5% of BFD's runs, City=88.5% of BFD's runs

Response Times/Goals (1st arriving) FIRE calls for July 2025

Travel Time for 1st fire suppression apparatus on fire suppression incidents 90th Percentile: 00:08:19



All Responses for July 2025

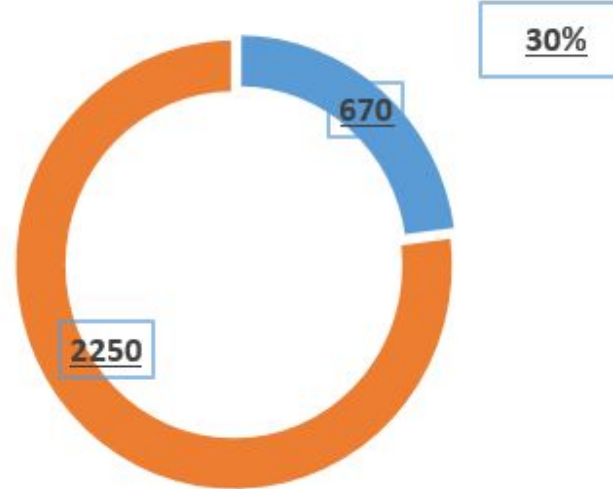


Inspection Division's Activity July 2025

Fire Inspection Activity Summary

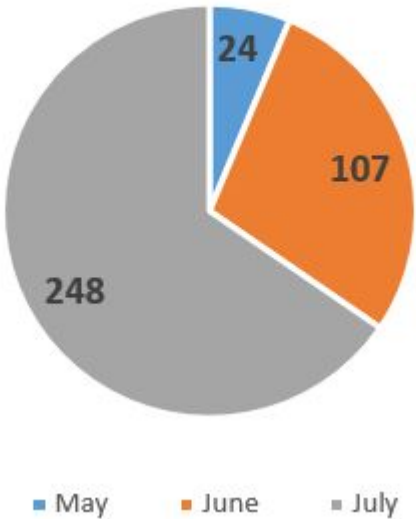
Complete 2250 general inspections per year with a focus on the highest risk occupancies within the City

Annual Activity Goal



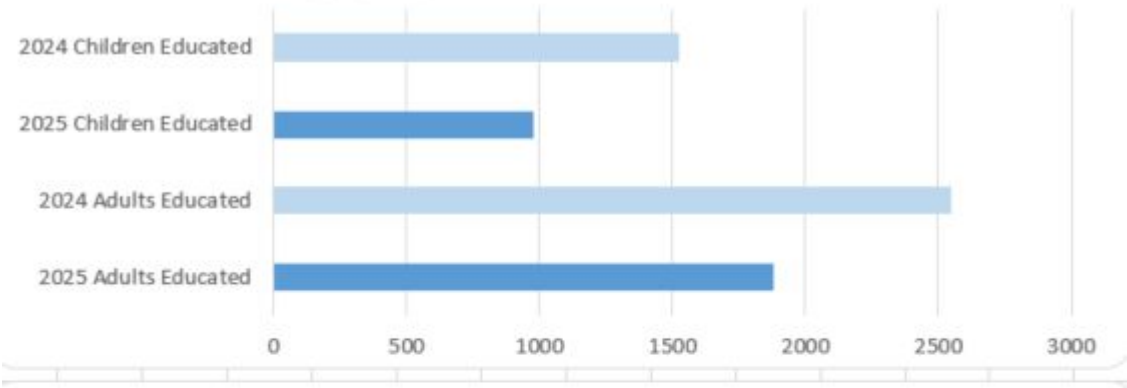
Community Engagement July 2025

Inspector's Community Outreach by Month

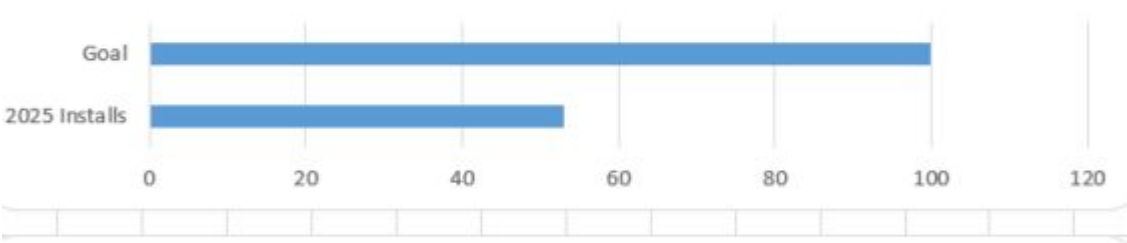


Total for past 3 months=379

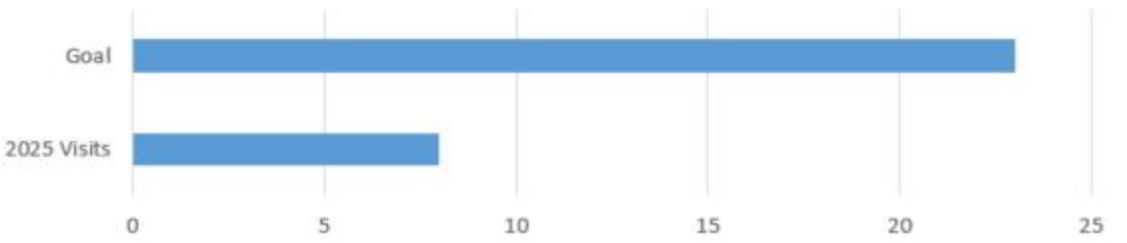
Age groups educated 2024 vs. 2025



Smoke Detector / Battery Installs



K-12 School Visits



Training Division Activity July 2025



YTD Total=26982 (64% of goal)

- Final day of the Flashover Chamber's 'Train the Trainer on July 1.
- Piper EV training conducted covering new Li+ battery extinguishers
- Fire Officer 1 certification course taught by Captain J. Elkins, twenty (20) students
- Toured Wright Quads (IU Campus dorm)
- Met with "Autism Rocks & Rolls" regarding an upcoming training session.

MIH Activity July 2025

Mobile Integrated Healthcare

Tracking Metric	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Child Car Seat Installs	32.0	3	0	0	5	4	11	9						
Avg Visit Per Client	12	12.4	10.4	11.3	12.7	13.3	12.8	12.2	0	0	0	0	0	
Services Engaged	157	49	39	10	18	18	11	12	0	0	0	0	0	
Agencies Engaged	111	32	18	10	14	17	11	9	0	0	0	0	0	
# of Referring Agencies	62	12	5	6	11	11	11	6	0	0	0	0	0	
Total # of Referrals	108	23	14	14	14	17	15	11	0	0	0	0	0	



MIH

MIH "WINS"

- The MIH team dispersed 20+ cool packs to those in local parks on high heat index days.-
- The MIH team provided first aid at two community events with over 10,000 people in attendance and rendered first aid on multiple occasions to different patrons.-
- The MIH team was able to provide a lightweight wheelchair to a patient had no other means of transportation or means to leave their home.-
- A patient advised the team that they had heeded their advice to see their MD for an infection, which saved his life. The patient was able to avoid long-term hospitalization and IV antibiotics, thanks to the MIH team.-

Notes of Appreciation



Letter of Appreciation

Amber Stewart

Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) Team

Dear Amber,

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your outstanding support and presence at this year's Indianapolis Black Expo. This marks your third consecutive year assisting with this event, and once again, your contribution was nothing short of exceptional.

You bring with you an air of calm confidence and quiet determination that speaks volumes. Your practical mindset, combined with your approachable nature and unwavering professionalism, resonates with everyone you encounter. You carry yourself with a grace that is both grounding and inspiring, and it's evident in how naturally people—especially young girls—are drawn to you.

I watched with admiration as you interacted with attendees, particularly the young women who bravely approached you and the shy ones who lingered at a distance, clearly inspired by your presence. As they heard you describe your life—as a firefighter in Terre Haute, a valued member of the MIH team in Bloomington, a college graduate pursuing further education, an active participant in community initiatives, and a devoted wife and mother—they saw more than a role model. They saw a possibility. They saw themselves.

Your story, shared with humility and quiet pride, is a powerful one. And the way you speak about your MIH team—with genuine affection and admiration—amplifies the positive impression you leave. It's clear to everyone who meets you that you not only believe in the work you do, but you embody its purpose: to serve, to uplift, and to care.

You are, in every sense, the definition of a modern-day hero: confident, capable, resourceful, and deeply compassionate. Your dedication, poise, and integrity reflect the highest values of your profession. You represent your department with distinction, and your actions bring great credit both to yourself and the community you serve.

It was, as always, a true pleasure working with you. I look forward to the opportunity to do so again in the future.

With sincere appreciation,

Stephen A. Johnson

City of Bloomington Human Resources

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