

AGENDA
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025
AT 6:00 P.M.
MCCLOSKEY CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 135
BLOOMINGTON CITY HALL
401 N MORTON STREET
BLOOMINGTON, IN 47404

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the January 21, 2025 Regular Session
 - b. Approval of Payroll – 1.24.25 and 2.7.25
 - c. Approval of Claims - 1.31.25 and 2.14.25
 - d. Certification of Executive Session
3. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS
 - a. Personnel Issues
 - i. To Promote the following individuals from Firefighters First Class to Lieutenants, effective 02/01/2025:
Bill Abram, Austin Brown, Ray Cazee, Brandon Hudson, Devin Owens, Joe Richards, Scott Scrogam, Greg Bare, Jordan Canada, Brian Hollars, Scott Milne, Joe Radanovich and Brett Rorem
 - ii. To Promote the following individuals from Firefighters First Class to Chauffeur, effective 02/01/2025:
Kayla Hammel, Shaun Huttenlocker, James Johnson, Joseph Piercy, Scott Scrogam and Seth Staggs
 - b. Report on Monthly Statistics and Training
 - c. General Business
 - d. Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements
4. POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS
 - a. Report on Monthly Statistics and Training
 - b. Personnel Issues
 - i. Conditional Offer of Employment to Jason Shaevitz
 - ii. Conditional Offer of Employment to Tony Thomas
 - iii. Conditional Offer of Employment to Zachary Hawkins
 - iv. Conditional Offer of Employment to Matthew Pearson
 - v. Conditional Offer of Employment to Andrew Tillett
 - vi. Conditional Offer of Employment to James Shields
 - vii. Conditional Offer of Employment to Shelby Megnin
 - viii. Conditional Offer of Employment to Caleb Brinson
 - ix. Conditional Offer of Employment to Garrett Day
 - x. Conditional Offer of Employment to Jason Bell
 - xi. Conditional Offer of Employment to Brandon Bedolla
 - c. General Business
 - d. Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements
 - e. CIRT/ARV Deployment Report
 - f. Letters of Appreciation and Commendation
5. OLD BUSINESS
6. NEW BUSINESS – Rules and Procedures for Electing Merit Commission Members
7. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (limited to 3 minutes per person)
8. ADJOURNMENT

BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**, 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 6:00 p.m. Board Members Russell Kitchner, and Philip Amerson were present in person. Board member Barbara McKinney was absent.

Also in attendance were Police Chief Mike Diekhoff, Deputy Police Chief Scott Oldham, Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron, Deputy Fire Chief Max Litwin, Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler, and Legal Department Risk Administrative Assistant Jazmyn Forte Plunkett.

DECLARATION/REVIEW OF BOARD MEMBER CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Board President Timothy Brinson read the conflict of interest disclosure statement. No conflicts of interest were declared.

BOARD BUSINESS

Board President Timothy Brinson asked for a motion to nominate a member for Board President. Board Member Philip Amerson moved to nominate Timothy Brinson for Board President. Board Member Russell Kitchner seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Board President Timothy Brinson motioned to nominate a member for Board Vice-President and nominated Philip Amerson. Board Member Russell Kitchner seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Timothy Brinson asked for a motion to approve the presented consent agenda, which included the latest payroll, claims and minutes from the December 2024 meeting. Board Member Philip Amerson motioned the approval. Board President Timothy Brinson seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:**

Deputy Police Chief Scott Oldham presented the monthly statistics, training and incident reporting.

Board Member Philip Amerson asked about the numbers involving child abuse. Police Chief Mike Diekhoff answered.

General Business and Personnel Issues:

Police Chief Mike Diekhoff presented on general business and personnel issues.

Board Member Russell Kitchner asked about a public meeting that would be taking place at the police department. Police Chief Mike Diekhoff answered.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Police Chief Mike Diekhoff discussed the purchases.

CIRT/ARV REPORT

Police Chief Mike Diekhoff indicated no deployments of the CIRT vehicle.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESSReport on Monthly Statistics and Training:

Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron presented the monthly statistics, training and incident reporting.

General Business:

Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin presented general business.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin discussed the purchases.

Personnel Issues:

Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron presented personnel issues.

Board Member Philip Amerson asked about the type of equipment that is sent out for false alarms and the fire department's response to false alarms. Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin answered.

Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler asked what the dollar amount behind false alarms was. Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin answered and stated he would bring more stats at next month's meeting. Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron also added insight into false alarms.

Board President Timothy Brinson asked if the fire department got involved in freshmen orientation at Indiana University. Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron answered.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Board President Timothy Brinson asked how the police and fire departments would be affected by the new administration in federal government. Police Chief Mike Diekhoff, Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron, Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin answered.

Board Member Philip Amerson asked about Resource Officers and Downtown Resource Officers. Police Chief Mike Diekhoff answered.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Timothy Brinson adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jazmyn Forte Plunkett, Risk Administrative Assistant
Board of Public Safety

The minutes of the January 21, 2025 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 18th day of February, 2024.

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
BY THE
BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

An Executive Session of the City of Bloomington Board of Public Safety was held on:

February 18, 2025 5:30 p.m.

in the McCloskey Conference Room of City Hall, 401 N. Morton St., Bloomington, IN 47404.

The purpose of the Executive Session was to receive information about current employees as authorized by IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(B) and to receive information about prospective employees as authorized by IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5).

The following Board Member(s) attended the meeting in person:

Phil Amerson	_____
Barbara McKinney	_____
Tim Brinson	_____
Russell Kitchner	_____

Also in attendance at the meeting were: Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler, and Recording Secretary Heather Whitlow.

No final decisions were made or subject matter discussed in the Executive Session other than the subject matter specified herein and in the posted notice of the actual session.

So certified and signed this **18th of February, 2025.**

Tim Brinson, Board of Public Safety, President

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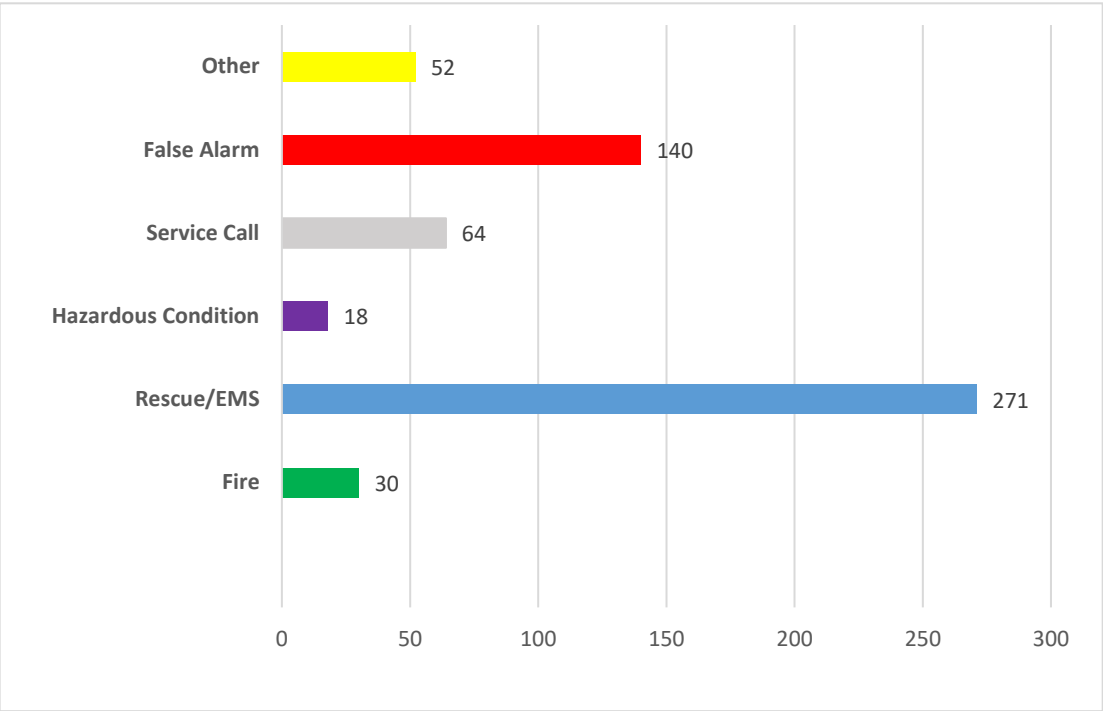
Heather Whitlow, Recording Secretary
Board of Public Safety

City of Bloomington Fire Department
Board of Public Safety Report

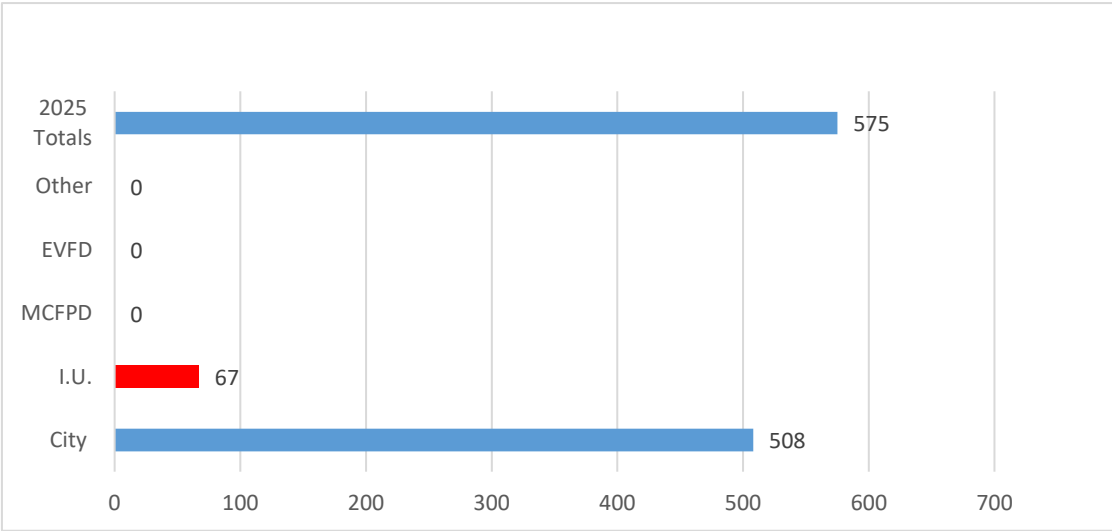


Jan-25

YTD Total Operational Incidents



Total YTD
575



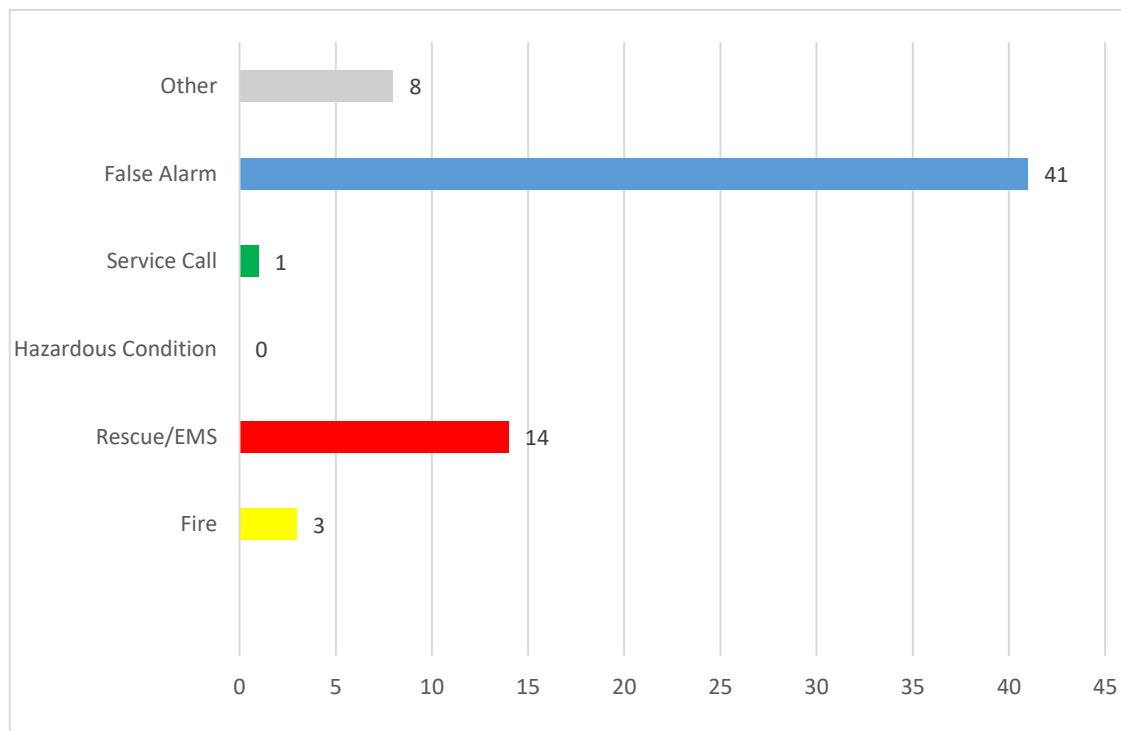
YTD Incident Types on the IU Campus

Total YTD

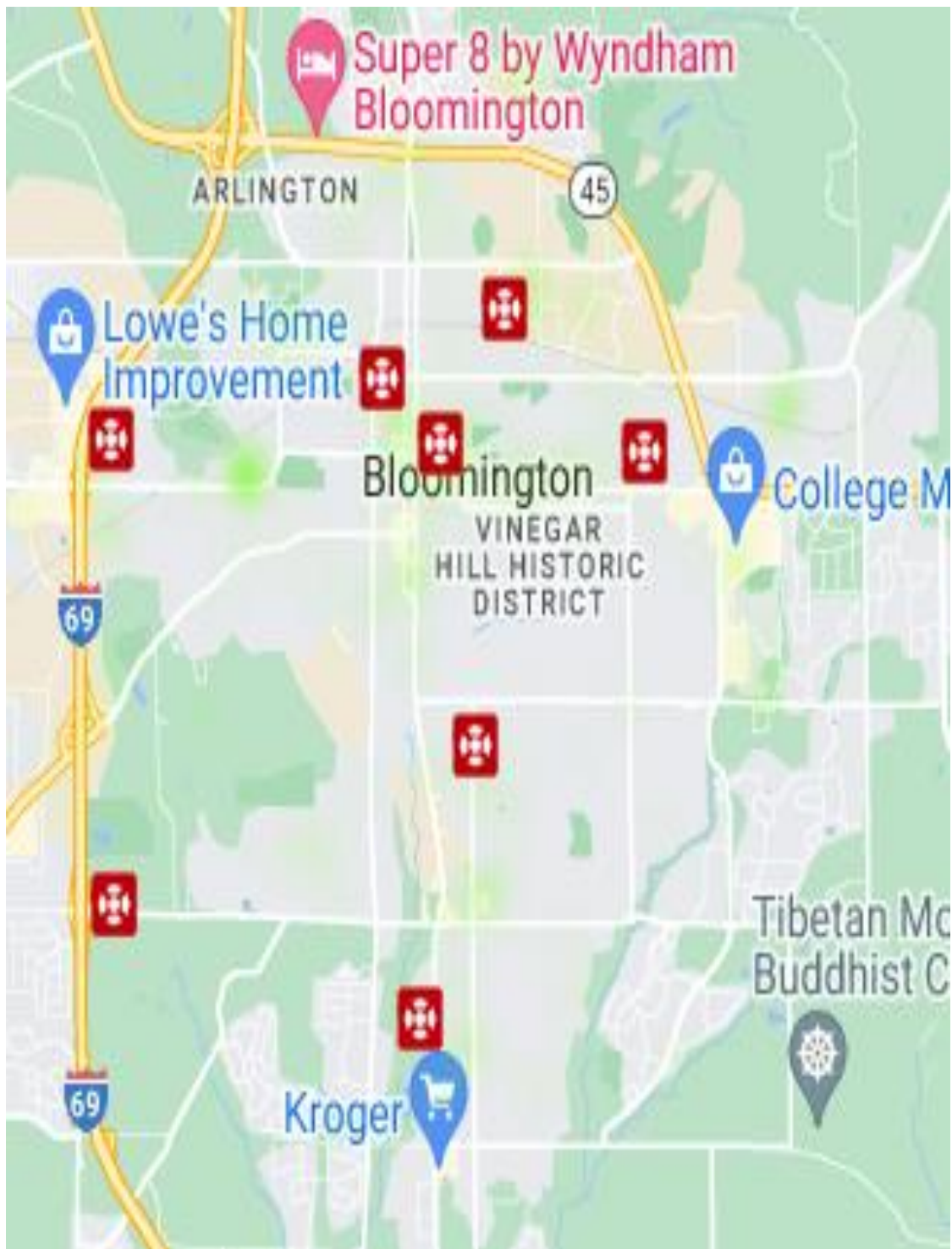
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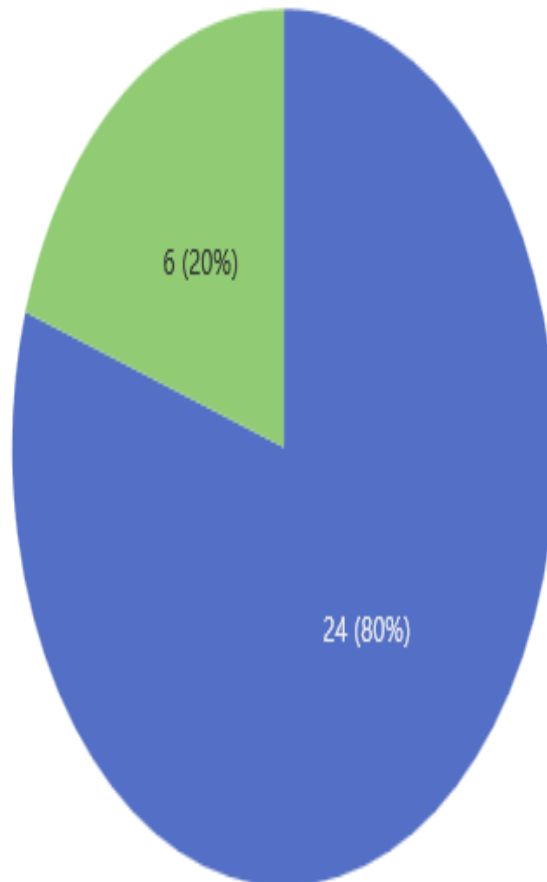
Heat Response Map for All Incidents January 2025



Travel Time for 1st Fire Suppression (January 2025)

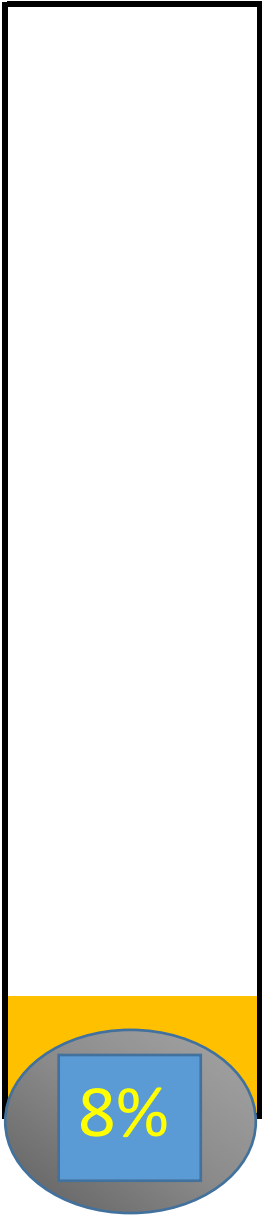
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Total: (30)



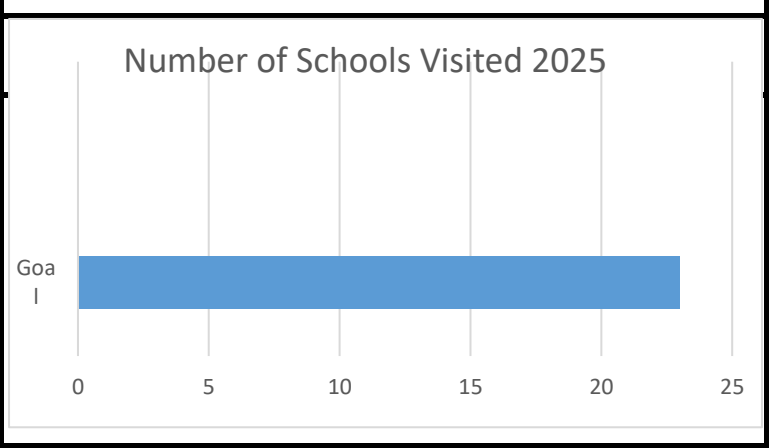
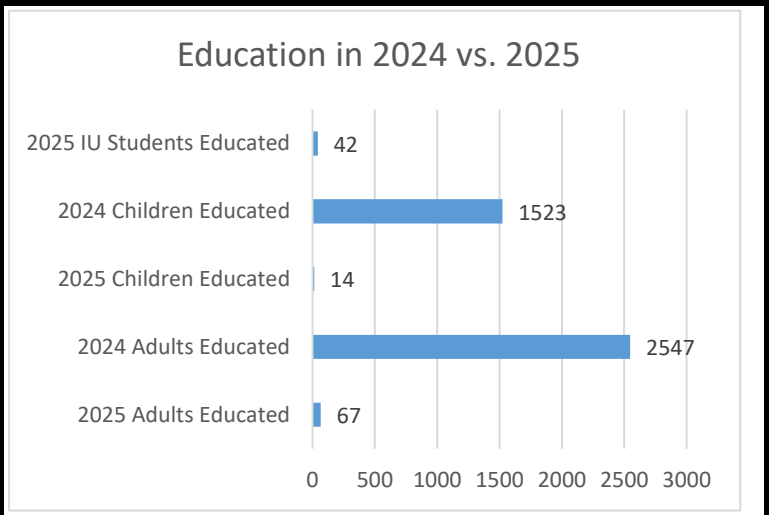
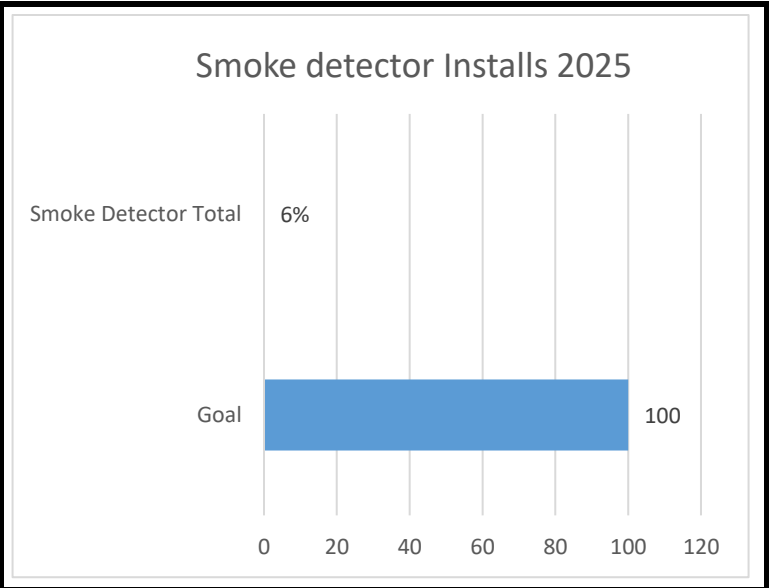
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Prevention Statistics and Goals



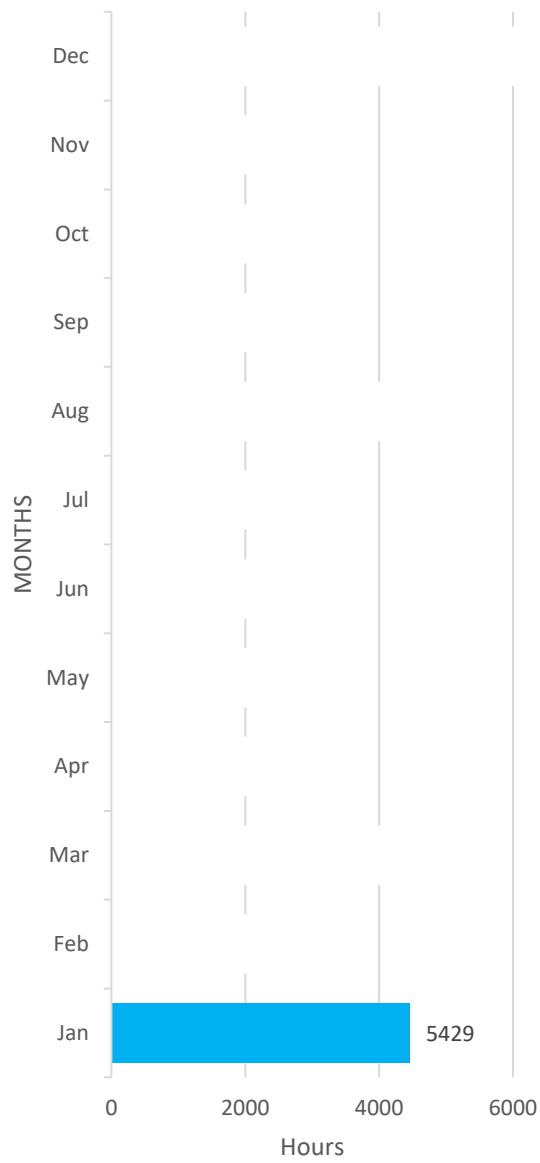
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property inspections

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Training and Education

This Month's Training Notes



First ever joint recruit academy began January 13th. (BFD & MFD)

Rescue training conducted on all three operational shifts, coordinated by R2 personnel.

Eighteen (18) students participated in a Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics (FOST) class held at BFD.

Mobile Integrated Healthcare



MIH

Tracking Topics	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ave Vists Per Client	12	12											
Services Engaged	49	12											
Agencies Engaged	32	32											
# Referring Agencies	12	12											
Total # Referrals	23	23											

MIH "WINS"

The MIH team collaborated with STRIDE to get a patient connected with a therapist immediately AND established with a rehabilitation facility.

The MIH team witness an overdosed patient go into cardiac arrest. The team, alongside BFD, were able to obtain ROSC (return of spontaneous circulation) prior to the arrival of EMS.
(The patient is still alive.)

The MIH team was able to help secure permanent housing for an unhoused patient.

The MIH team collaborated with the local health department to get an expectant mother who uses the transit system for transportation a stroller/carseat combo to ensure safe transport for the new baby.

The MIH team was able to disperse warm wear from a coat collection drive to various community partners working with the unhoused after hours.

Bloomington Police Department

Board Of Safety

Statistical Report

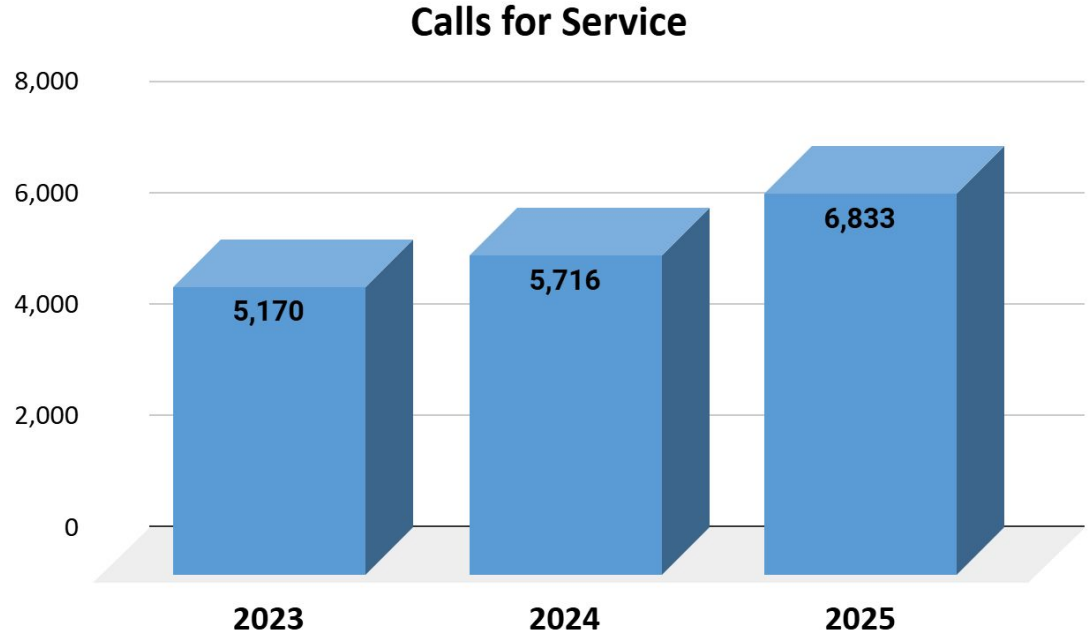
January 2025



CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Department has responded to 6,833 calls for service through January of 2025. That is an increase of 1,117 calls from the same period in 2024.

This figure represents a 19.5% increase in 2025.

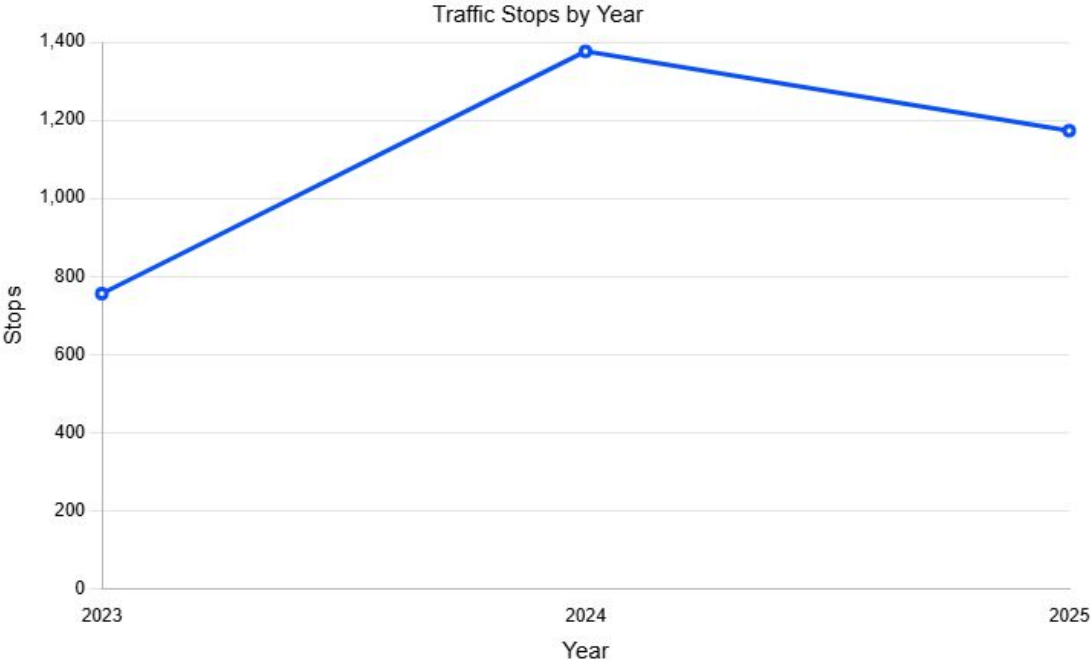


COMPARISON 2023-2025 CRIME TOTALS (YTD)

CRIME	2023	2024	2025	Percentage Change (2024-2025)
Murder	0	1	1	0%
Rape/Forcible Sex Offense	7	4	8	100%%
Robbery	0	2	2	0%
Assault	99	75	71	-5.3%
Domestic Battery	43	34	33	-2.9%
Child Abuse	2	2	4	100%
Neglect	2	3	2	-33.3%
Burglary	13	17	14	-17.6%
Larceny	122	118	104	-11.90%
Vehicle Theft	14	7	13	85.7%
Operating While Intoxicated	11	4	8	100%
Public Intoxicated	7	7	7	0%
Vandalism	80	49	41	-16.3%
Graffiti	4	5	1	-80%

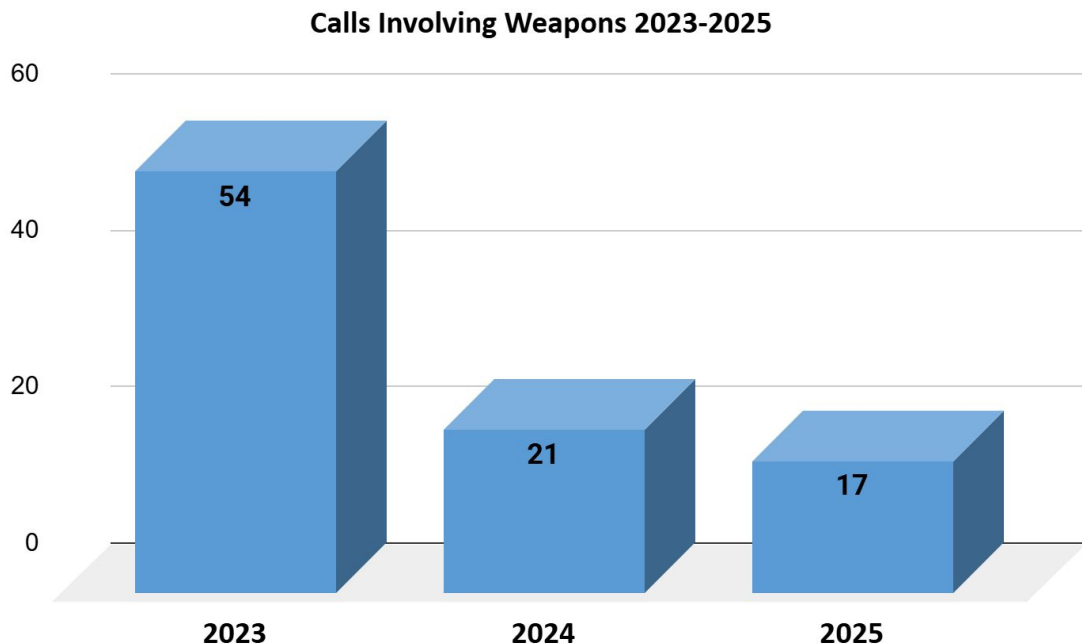
TRAFFIC STOP COMPARISON

Year	Traffic Stops
2023	756
2024	1,376
2025	1,173

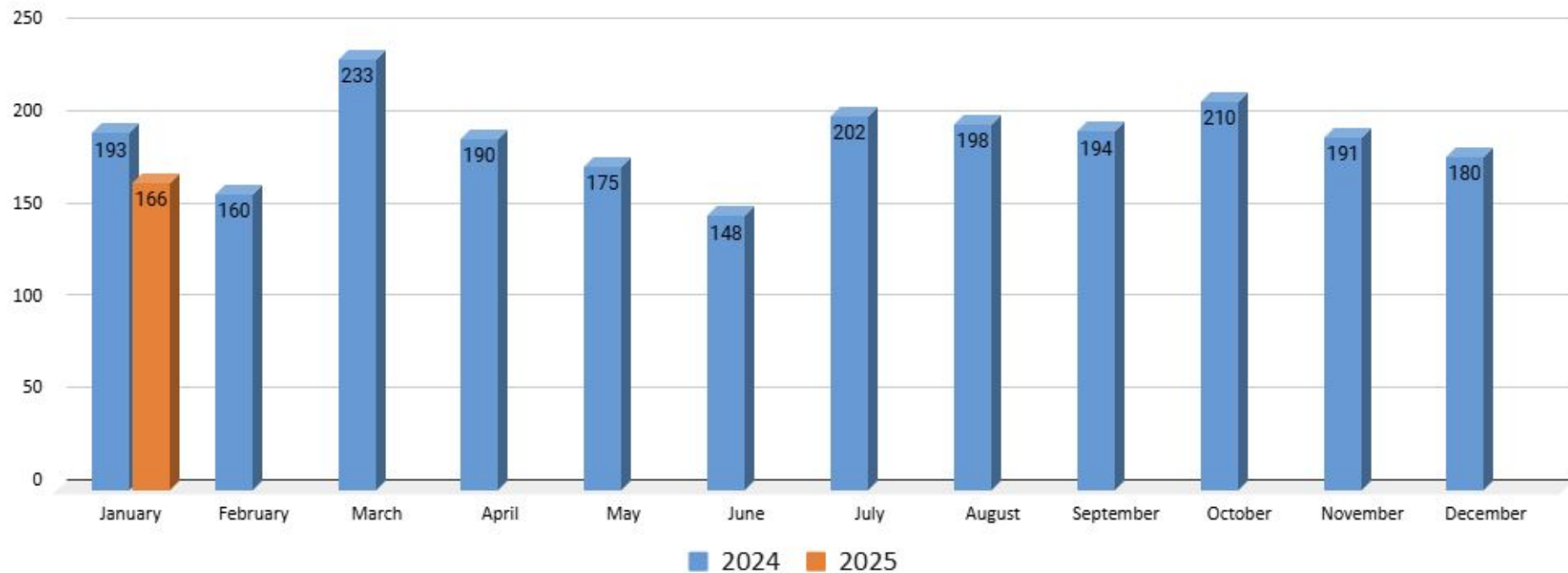


CRIME INVOLVING WEAPONS

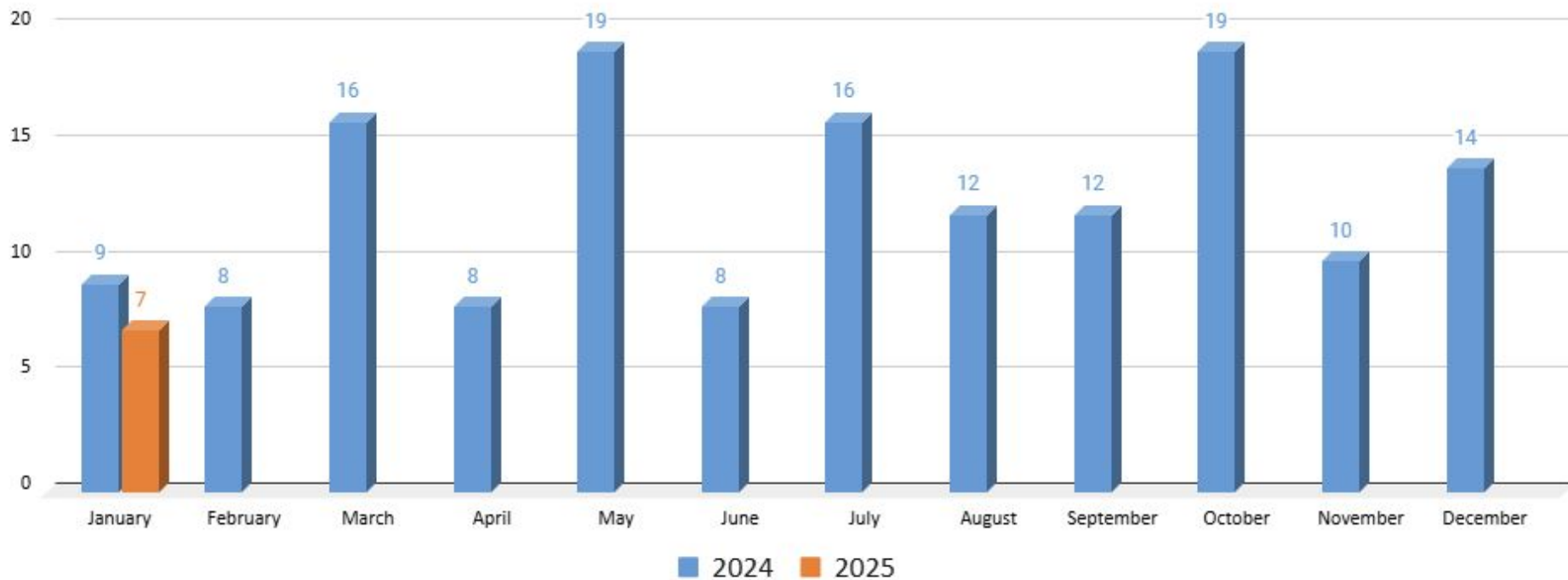
- So far in 2025, there have been 17 incidents where weapons were reportedly involved.
- A firearm has been reported in 11 incidents in 2025 and firearms were fired at a person in 3 of those incidents.



2024-2025 Adult Arrests

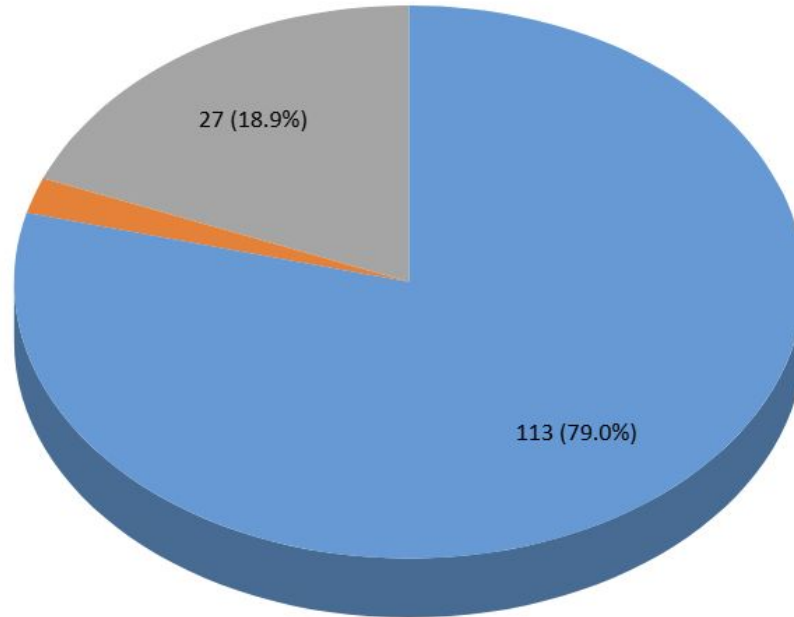


2024-2025 Juvenile Referrals



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

January 2025 Nuisance Calls for Service



● DISTURBANCE ● INTOXICATION 3 (2.1%) ● VANDALISM

Total = 143

TRAINING

Training Hours: 126

Training Highlights:

- **25 officers completed two hours of Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement**
- **One officer attended a two hour course on Communication Skills for Effective Leaders**
- **CIRT training (9 officers/14 hours each), CDU (5 officers/7 hours each)**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engagement Events: 13

Community Engagement Hours: 18

BPD Personnel Involved: 20

Community Engagement Events - Prior:

- Child carseat checks
- DRO/service provider meetings
- Exposure therapy session for individual with fear of police

Community Engagement Events – Upcoming

- Furever Friends
- Multiple ride-alongs with students from IU School of Law

Police Social Worker

Total Number of Referrals: 139

Total Number of PSS Contacts: 429

Summary:

- BPD began its partnership with PALS (equine learning) for 13-18 year olds and their caregivers.
- Senior PSW Stone and SGT Fabris worked a full shift together as the first true co-response unit at BPD.
- Mental Health Provider (MHP) connected a client to a recovery center and arranged for their dog to be temporarily housed at MCHA.
- Outreach and Resource Specialist (OARS) completed multiple CHATs (newly coordinated entry housing assignments).
- OARS assisted eight community members with food stamp and healthcare applications.
- OARS responded with a DRO to a call for service and connected a community member with STRIDE and a Centerstone intake application.



Ryan Pedigo <pedigor@bloomington.in.gov>

BOPS Note

Ryan Pedigo <pedigor@bloomington.in.gov>
To: Ryan Pedigo <pedigor@bloomington.in.gov>

Fri, Feb 7, 2025 at 1:59 PM

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From: **Carole Damon** <cdamon@homefinder.org>
Date: Tue, Jan 14, 2025 at 3:53 PM
Subject: Officer Apprciation
To: Scott Oldham <oldhams@bloomington.in.gov>

Hi Scott,

I called for a welfare check on one of our residents in Sherwood today. I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciated your officers and their kindness. Luckily, Miss Ginny was not deceased but having a medical issue. Please let your officers know how much I appreciate them!

Thanks so much,

Carole Damon

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Captain Ryan Pedigo
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Bloomington, Indiana 47401
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Ryan Pedigo <pedigor@bloomington.in.gov>

A Thankful Note

Isak Asare <isak.asare@bloomington.in.gov>

Fri, Jan 17, 2025 at 6:47 PM

To: Michael Diekhoff <diekhofm@bloomington.in.gov>, Ryan Pedigo <pedigor@bloomington.in.gov>

Dear Chief Diekoff and Captain Pedigo:

I want to take a moment to commend Officer Jennifer Arden for a small but incredibly meaningful act of kindness. This evening, Theodore, my 3 year old, was having an evening typical of tired 3 year olds after being picked up from daycare and I had to stop at the convenient store near our home. Officer Arden noticed him and bought him a handful of lollipops then gave him a police sticker. It was a simple gesture, but its impact was profound—it lifted his spirits and lightened my heart. The type of thing that to me reflects once again and exemplifies the high standard of our police. We do not say thank you enough, so just taking this moment to say it. Officer Arden represents this city and the department well and I wanted to be sure her excellence does not go unnoticed.

Also thank you and all the deputy chiefs and captains for your leadership and consistency.

Gratefully yours,
Isak


P.s. picture attached if you want to include in your Board of Public Safety report, you can't let fire have all the cute pictures! Ha!

Isak Asare
Bloomington City Council - Member At Large
812-351-9092

2 attachments



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Ryan Pedigo <pedigor@bloomington.in.gov>

Officer Recognition on SR-54 Call

Tarlton, Megan E <mtarlton@iuhealth.org>

Wed, Jan 22, 2025 at 2:03 PM

To: "pedigor@bloomington.in.gov" <pedigor@bloomington.in.gov>

Officer Pedigo,

Hello! My name is Megan Tarlton and I am a paramedic with IU Health LifeLine out of Lawrence County. I apologize for the delay of this email getting to you to recognize your officer that was involved in an incident we had in Lawrence County on SR-54 in late December of 2024.

To give an overview of our scene without getting into too much detail, your officer was one of the first on scene to a serious two vehicle MVC where the driver of one vehicle was rendered unconscious from the wreck. Upon our arrival, he provided a thorough report that allowed us to focus our assessment on the patient and have an understanding of the events leading up to the wreck. The driver of our vehicle was seriously injured, and all four occupants of both vehicles required extrication.

Your officer jumped right into action and helped alongside our VFDs and paid department to assist me and our other crews with extricating our patients and assisted with coordinating between Lawrence County and Monroe County dispatch and attempting to ascertain availability of HEMS units we desperately needed. Without his efforts and coordination, our scene would not have run as smoothly as it did. All patients were able to be safely transported to Bloomington Hospital in stable condition, with some eventually making their way to Indianapolis area hospitals later on due to severity of injuries.

I, again, apologize for the delay in this email! Your officer has my thanks, my crew members thanks, and the thanks of all other responders that were on that scene the day of the incident.

Thank you for your time,
Megan Tarlton, BS, EMT-P, PI
IU Health LifeLine (Lawrence/Monroe)
(260) 797-8421
mtarlton@iuhealth.org



Ryan Pedigo <pedigor@bloomington.in.gov>

BOPS Dorman Thank You

Ryan Pedigo <pedigor@bloomington.in.gov>
To: Ryan Pedigo <pedigor@bloomington.in.gov>

Fri, Feb 7, 2025 at 2:01 PM

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From: **Isak Asare** <isak.asare@bloomington.in.gov>

Date: Fri, Jan 10, 2025 at 1:35 AM

Subject: Thank You

To: Chad Dorman <chad.dorman@bloomington.in.gov>

CC: Kerry Thomson <kerry.thomson@bloomington.in.gov>, Gretchen Knapp <gretchen.knapp@bloomington.in.gov>,

Michael Diekhoff <diekhofm@bloomington.in.gov>

Dear Officer Dorman,

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for your service and bravery in protecting the citizens of Bloomington. I read in the Herald Times about the events surrounding your recent injury: another powerful reminder of the risks our officers take every day to ensure the safety of our community.

Your courage in facing danger head-on, even in the most unpredictable and dangerous circumstances, exemplifies the highest standards of public service. I cannot thank you enough for your dedication and sacrifice. I also want to extend my deepest appreciation to your family, who undoubtedly shares in the challenges and sacrifices that come with your role.

I know I speak for so many in this community when I say that we are here to support you during your recovery. On a personal level, if there is anything I can do—whether for you or your family—please don't hesitate to let me know. I attach my cell phone below.

On behalf of a grateful community, I wish you a speedy and complete recovery. Thank you again for your selflessness and commitment to keeping Bloomington safe.

With deep respect and gratitude,

Isak

Member at-Large

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