



# 2024

# ANNUAL REPORT



# Letter from the Chief

On behalf of the 175 dedicated men and women of the Police Department, I am happy to present our 2024 Annual Report. Our mission as your police department is to work with community members to enforce the law and improve the quality of life in Bloomington. As Sir Robert Peel, the founder of contemporary policing, proudly stated, "The police are the public, and the public are the police." The BPD prides itself on community engagement as a focal point of our mission. We recognize that our effectiveness is a result of our partnership with the community. This report memorializes the performance outcomes our community experienced in 2024, a testament to our joint efforts.

BPD is unwavering in our commitment to transparency and sharing information regarding our daily mission as we work on your behalf. This report not only summarizes the courageous and diligent work of our professional staff and sworn officers but also ensures that you, the community, are informed and involved in our operations. Several continuous improvements are documented, and successes are evident throughout this report. We understand it takes the commitment of the entire team to uphold our values and execute the mission to deliver exceptional service to our community. Throughout the year, our survey tools captured feedback from our community members, highlighting exceptional performance and areas of improvement we needed to work on.

Our stellar Public Safety Dispatchers serviced over 144,000 calls from our community, sending fire and police services to address emergency and non-emergency events. Police calls for service rose by 9%. You will find that the City of Bloomington experienced no gun-related homicides for two years running. However, we acknowledge that there were areas of concern related to the uptick compared to 2023 in the following NIBRS categories: overall crime up 1.5%, violent crime 2%, shootings 23%, robberies 88%, and burglaries 16%. Illegal gun seizures rose by 52%. Crime dips were realized in vehicle thefts, 27%; arson and extortion, 57%; obscene material cases, 11%; and fraud cases, down 9%. Solvability factors continue to increase with our technology-driven focus.

I hope this report provides community insight into our agency's remarkable work. As a police department and community, it is evident that our diligent partnership and work must continue. We are deeply grateful for the support and feedback we have received from our community members. We look forward to positively impacting this community and working in this noble profession to strengthen our partnerships further and exceed our community's expectations.

*Jamal A. Simington*  
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Chief of Police

# Departmental Values

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





**Jamal A. Simington**  
*Chief of Police*



**Aaron A. Veerman**  
*Assistant Chief  
Administration*



**Chad E. Wamsley**  
*Assistant Chief  
Professional Standards*



**Paul D. Williams**  
*Assistant Chief  
Operations*



**Timothy C. Stanesa**  
*Lieutenant  
1st Shift Commander*



**Ricard W. Beoletto**  
*Lieutenant  
2nd Shift Commander*



**Robert S. Kosack**  
*Lieutenant  
3rd Shift Commander*



**Clayton M. Arnold**  
*Lieutenant  
Administrative Services*



**Todd R. McClusky**  
*Lieutenant  
Criminal Investigations*



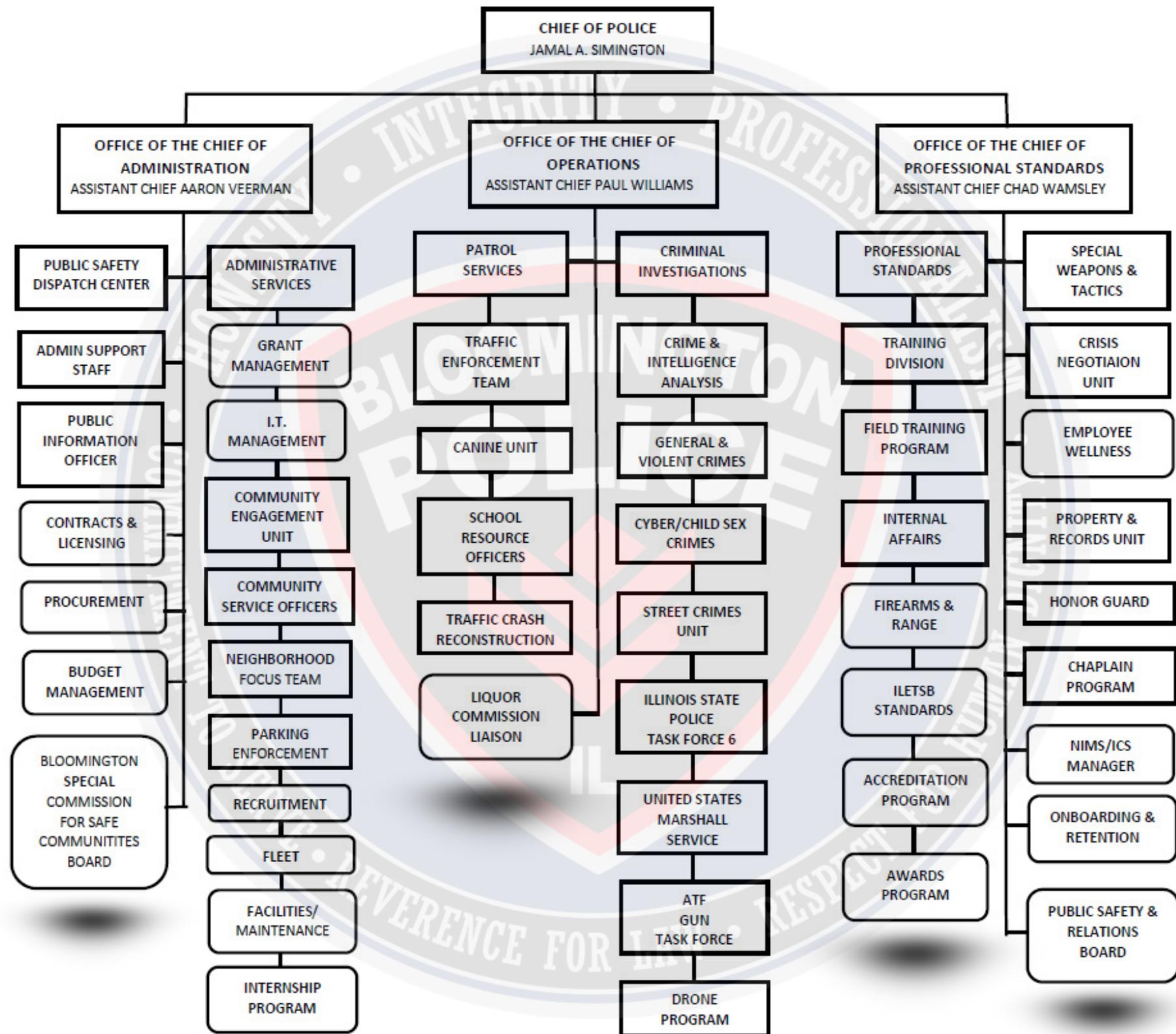
**James B. Clesson**  
*Lieutenant  
Professional Standards*

**133**  
Total  
Sworn  
Officers

**38**  
Non-Sworn  
Staff

**7**  
Part-time  
Non-Sworn  
Staff

# ORGANIZATION



# EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

is comprised of 16 full and 4 part-time dispatchers.

30,716  
911 Calls



14,353  
Dispatched Fire



The Emergency Communications Center (ECC) is the first point of telephone contact for people in need of emergency services. The ECC handles all emergency and non-emergency police, fire and emergency medical service communications within the corporate limits for the City of Bloomington. The center provides a robust safety net by coordinating the responses of both the Bloomington Police Department and the Bloomington Fire Department, while also dealing with additional public and private services across the city as they relate to emergencies. The center uses a variety of advanced technologies to coordinate and disseminate decision making information in real-time. In 2024, the ECC handled 521 text messages to 911 as emergency requests for service.

Monitoring efficiencies in ECC is crucial for improving response times and the overall effectiveness of emergency operations. In 2024, the ECC enhanced internal efficiencies while maintaining 24/7 support. They launched a new resource portal for dispatchers, deployed a mobile solution for electronic ticket writing, and streamlined priority dispatch code mapping process. Access to Computer Aided Dispatch applications was expanded to all city devices, improving coordination for officers and firefighters. Additionally, staff completed training with the department's SWAT team to ensure readiness with several new technologies.

In 2024, the center remained the only ECC in Illinois to receive a triple recognition as an "Accredited Center of Excellence" for emergency fire dispatch, emergency police dispatch, and emergency medical dispatch.



# PATROL DIVISION

is comprised of three lieutenants, nine sergeants, and 68 patrol officers.



Patrol strategies play a key role in keeping the community safe. While conducting patrols and responding to calls, officers also create a sense of security, prevent crime, and work to identify neighborhood problems that lead to future crime.

In 2024, the department focused on traffic safety by establishing a two-officer Traffic Unit. Department wide, traffic stops increased by 25%, to 13,179 with the number of citations also rising by 154% to 11,499. Additionally, traffic stops accounted for 4,853 motorist written warnings. Officers handled 1,662 vehicle accidents involving property damage, a decrease of 1.7% from 2023. Accidents with injuries (279) also decreased by 1.8%, while fatal accidents remained unchanged from 2023 at 3.

All patrol shifts continued their focus on impaired driving, making 195 arrests for Driving Under the Influence. 1st Shift expanded community outreach, handling 144 special events, a 30% increase from 2023. 2nd Shift focused on pro-active patrols in areas impacted by gun violence, recovering 52% of all handguns seized by BPD in 2024. 3rd Shift trained two officers as drug recognition experts to enhance impaired driving enforcement efforts. The canine program grew to two full-time dogs, supporting 389 deployments and 120 criminal arrests. Within 90 searches, canines led to the seizure of 13 types of illegal drugs and eight illegal firearms.

In 2024, the department improved efficiency and data sharing by issuing dockable laptops to all officers, enabling them to write reports, conduct data searches, and access real-time crime information in the field. The Patrol Division also adopted an electronic ticketing system, enhancing data accuracy and decreasing the duration of traffic stops. Additionally, live aerial drone support was introduced for high-risk calls, ground searches, and to aid real-time crime monitoring.



# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

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

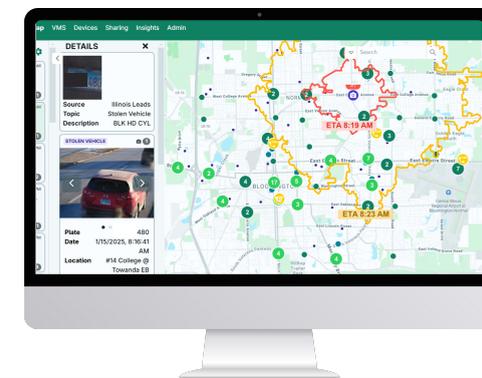
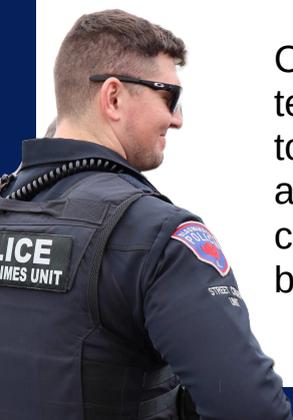
542  
Cases Assigned

1,648  
Total Evidence  
Processed (cases)

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is responsible for the investigation of serious crimes against persons, as well as property crimes. In 2024, CID handled various cases to include shootings, arsons, sexual assaults, financial crimes, and crimes against children. Detectives made 128 total arrests to include 18 sex crimes arrests, investigated 37 shootings, and carried an average of 196 cases per month. The Street Crimes Unit (SCU) focused on habitually violent offenders and gang members, making 227 street-level arrests. CID's two detectives assigned to the Illinois State Police, Task Force 6, made 30 arrests while seizing 187 grams of cocaine, 111 grams of heroin, and 81 grams of methamphetamine.

The division expanded with the addition of two new Street Crimes officers and one additional Intelligence Analyst for provision of real time crime detection across second shift. Through the addition of new lab equipment, used to increase the speed and accuracy of firearm ballistics tracing, CID lab staff processed 37 handguns and 55 fired shell casings. This new system was able to link 19 of the handguns to 18 previously unknown incidents of gunfire. A real time crime center software package was deployed to integrate 10 disparate technologies into one system - improving the department's coordination and awareness during crime responses. CID expanded Public Safety Camera coverage in the downtown corridor and at multiple intersections on Veterans Parkway. We also introduced advanced video analytics to improve the efficiency of reviewing live and recorded footage, reducing the time and staff needed. This system will also provide new traffic data to assist the City's traffic engineer in safety studies.

CID continued to make investigations more efficient through a combination of improving technologies, refining procedures, and seeking out cutting edge training. The division continued to cooperate with local, state and federal agencies in regard to sharing resources, intelligence and expertise. CID conducted a series of advanced trainings for six local police departments, covering our use of cutting-edge technologies, strategies for reducing violent crime, and team building techniques.



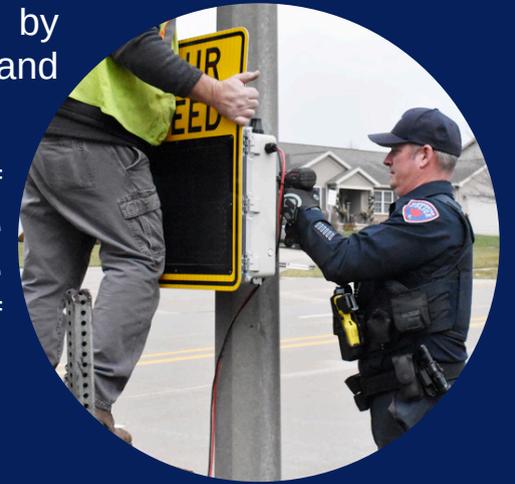
# NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS TEAM

is a three officer unit within the  
Community Engagement Unit.



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

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



## **Animal Complaint Officer/Towing:**

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

**198** Vehicles Towed

## **Sex Offender Compliance Officer**

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

**195** Sex Offender Verifications to include 31 arrests



## **Community Development Liaison Officer:**

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

**235** Property Violation Follow-Ups

# SWAT AND CNU

6

SWAT  
Activations



9

CNU  
Activations

The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team consists of 14 specially trained officers focused on resolving dangerous situations while prioritizing the preservation of life and property. In order to enhance preparedness within the community, SWAT team personnel often take part in joint training operations with other tactical teams from the area, the BPD K-9 Unit, and the BPD Crisis Negotiations Unit (CNU).

In 2024, the Bloomington SWAT team, working alongside personnel from the McLean County Sheriff's Office, successfully served multiple high-risk search warrants and resolved barricaded subject situations. They also enhanced coordination and operational efficiency by conducting trainings with the department's Drone Team, improving officer safety and situational awareness. One notable incident involved successful resolution after a shooting, where multiple subjects were safely detained and five illegal firearms were seized.



CNU consists of one supervisor and 11 police officers. They utilize specialized communication techniques to de-escalate dangerous situations and resolve conflicts. Team members train every other month on a variety of scenarios to include barricaded individuals, suicidal subjects, and hostage negotiation. This team collaborates with all other responding officers, with a clear focus on de-escalation in high pressure situations.

In 2024, CNU was involved in four incidents and participated in several scenario-based trainings with SWAT and other agencies. During a July deployment, CNU responded when an armed suspect fled into an occupied apartment building and refused to leave. After over an hour of communication with multiple individuals at the scene, the situation was peacefully resolved, and the suspect was taken into custody without further incident.



# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

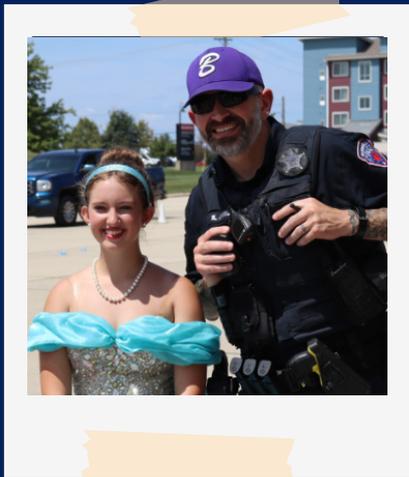
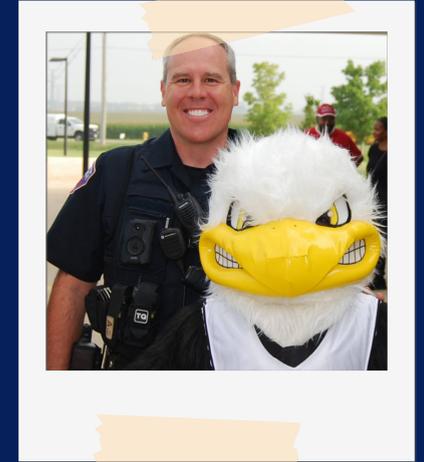
1,262  
Staff Served

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

School Resource Officers (SRO) have a diverse role in the local schools, with an officer assigned to a Evans Middle School, Bloomington Junior High School, Bloomington High School and one officer that floats between all Bloomington grade schools. They perform three main roles: law enforcement officer, counselor and mentor to children of all ages. All of BPD's SROs have been certified by the National Association of School Resource Officers and serve in excess of 5,700 students throughout each school year.

SROs work closely with each school's administration to maintain a safe environment, act as a visible deterrent, and assist in conflict resolution. They also provide day to day opportunities for students, teachers, and families to interact with officers outside of the traditional law enforcement role. They do not enforce school rules or policies.

During the summer, BPD SROs led the 2nd Annual Summer Youth Academy. The participants, nominated by teachers from both school districts, included 27 total youth who successfully completed this violence prevention program and camp. In August, BPD SROs presented to the Special Commission for Safe Communities, discussing the role of SROs in school facilities, and sharing insights into the creation of a "Safe Kids" presentation aimed at younger students.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UNIT

310  
Community  
Events

19  
Coffee With A  
Cop Events

7  
Neighborhood  
Walks

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

CEU consists of one sergeant, the Public Information Officer and three officers from the Neighborhood Focus Team. BPD's CEU has once again made significant strides in fostering relationships and enhancing public safety throughout 2024. The CEU participated in 310 community events, including visits to schools and daycares, teaching over 50 free training sessions and seminars on a variety of safety topics. CEU participated in 18 Trunk or Treats and engaged with the public at dozens of block parties, community celebrations, and cultural events.

All of these events helped strengthen ties with residents, address their concerns, and promoted safety education. BPD launched its inaugural Community Police Academy, which provided a diverse group of 18 community leaders with valuable insights into police operations. This six-session program fostered mutual understanding and collaboration between the police and the community.

Additionally, CEU partnered with several local businesses to collect donated items including new shoes, toiletries, bicycles, and sporting goods. The donations were distributed to individuals and organizations in need. These efforts reflect the CEU's commitment to building trust, enhancing public safety, and creating a collaborative, welcoming environment between BPD and the community.



# DEPARTMENTAL OUTREACH

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

72  
Press  
Releases  
309  
Social Media  
Posts  
47,000  
Facebook  
Followers

The Public Information Officer disseminates departmental information to the public through various social media platforms and public presentations. Each year, the department's use of social media continues to expand, utilizing both existing and new platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Nextdoor, and Instagram. These platforms, along with our departmental transparency portal, further support our ongoing mission to make departmental policy, data, and information readily accessible to the public.

In early 2024, BPD launched a cellphone-based survey tool to anonymously assess public perception of police effectiveness, trust, and community concerns. The data submitted by respondents helps identify potential public safety concerns that may be underreported in specific geographic areas. As a result of the feedback, areas are targeted for additional police services, neighborhood "walk and talks" and problem solving plans are implemented. BPD continually monitors and evaluates this data to further tailor community engagement and crime prevention strategies.

Community outreach remains a high priority at BPD. The department continues to host a variety of community events, each focused on informal opportunities for residents to meet officers, ask questions, and discuss concerns.





# ACCOUNTABILITY

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

CALLS FOR SERVICE

70,707



COMPLAINTS

27



.04 %

OF CALLS FOR SERVICE RESULTED IN A COMPLAINT AGAINST EMPLOYEES

CALLS FOR SERVICE

70,707



USE OF FORCE

186



.27 %

OF CALLS FOR SERVICE RESULTED AN OFFICER USING FORCE

**0**  
NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD

# TRAINING



Training is the foundation of department performance. Task specific, legal and specialized training all play a part in the operation of a highly competent and professional department.

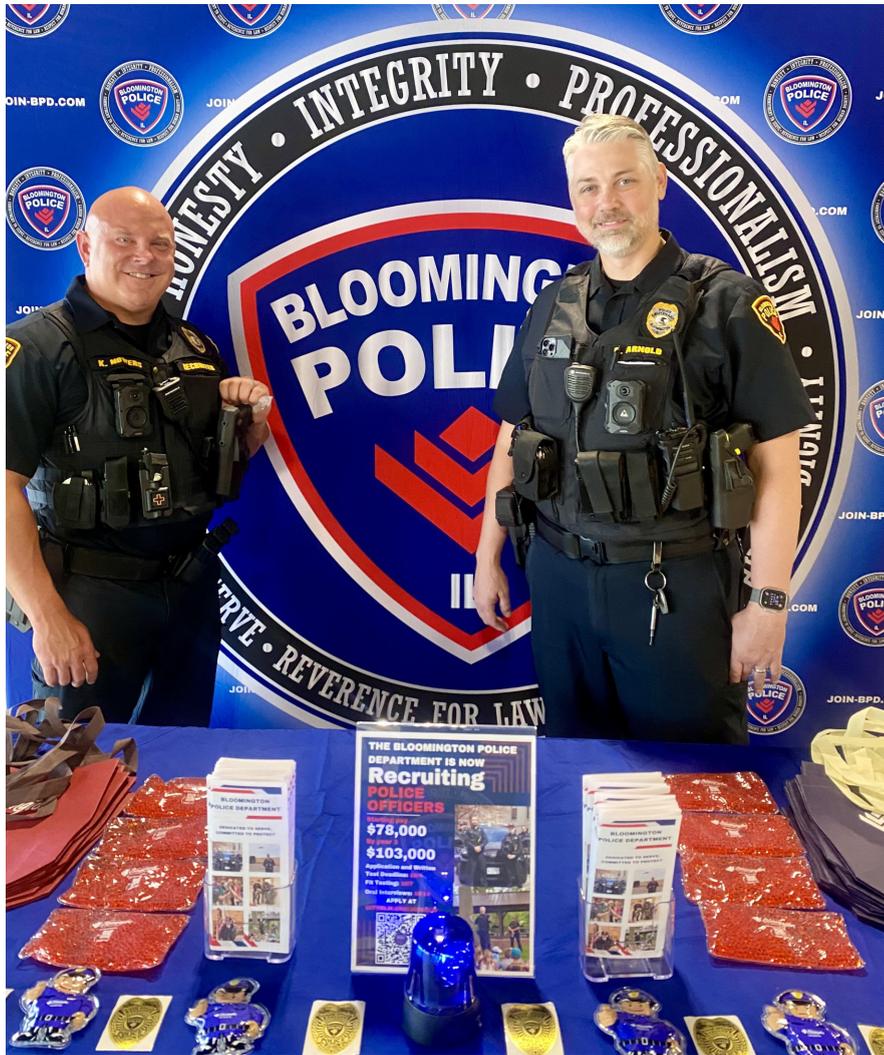
REQUIRED  
YEARLY  
TRAINING

- Blood borne Pathogens
- Crisis Intervention
- Emergency Medial Response
- Handgun and Weapons (16 hours)
- Handgun Qualification
- Firearm Restraining Act
- Legal Updates (monthly)
- Officer Wellness and Mental Health
- Psychology of Domestic Violence
- Use of Force (30 hours across 3 years)

REQUIRED  
EVERY  
3 YEARS

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

# POLICE AND DISPATCHER RECRUITMENT



The department continued an aggressive recruitment campaign in 2024

- Attended 75 job fairs / recruitment events
- Expanded the number of officers trained as recruiters
- Continued an ad campaign to support minority recruitment
- Deployed targeted ads across various on-line platforms
- Continued outreach to minority churches and groups
- Continued our 30x30 campaign to increase female applicants
- Provided "How to Get Hired" sessions at local colleges

**810**

Police Officer  
Applications Submitted

**472**

Dispatcher  
Applications Submitted

**15**

Officers Hired

**3**

Dispatchers Hired

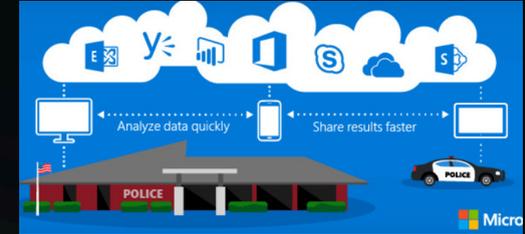
# TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES



Deployed NIBIN,  
a shell casing  
matching system



Expanded the  
Drone Program  
across multiple  
divisions/units



Developed a Microsoft Teams  
system for coordinating  
real-time communication  
across all units/divisions



Outfitted all detectives with  
portable laptop computers



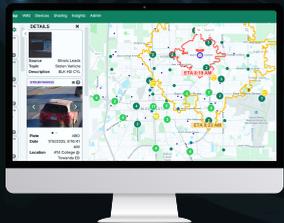
Replaced entire inventory of  
vehicle-based computers



Expanded BPD's  
Business Metrics  
System



Expanded Public  
Safety Camera  
System



Integrated additional  
technologies into  
Real-Time Crime  
Center system



Instituted a system for  
officers to access  
numerous systems  
with a single sign on



Expanded the  
automatic license  
plate reader system



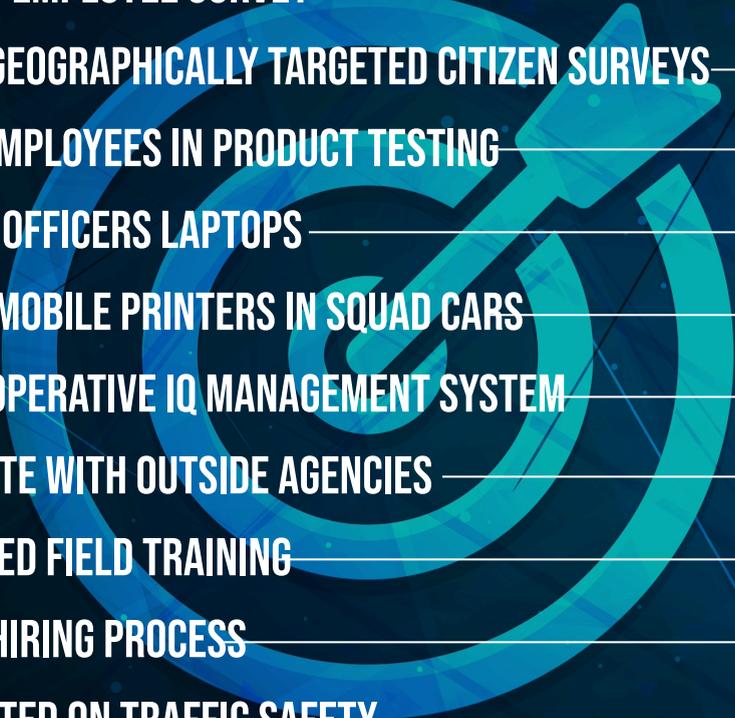
Transformed crash  
reporting system to  
improve officer  
efficiencies

# DEPARTMENTAL EFFICIENCIES

BPD focused on process improvement aimed at enhancing efficiency by improving workflows, reducing delays and making better use of personnel and technology. The following changes were made in 2024 to improve police operations.

## ACTION

## RESULT

- 
- REDESIGNED BPD WEBSITE
  - CONDUCTED EMPLOYEE SURVEY
  - DEPLOYED GEOGRAPHICALLY TARGETED CITIZEN SURVEYS
  - INVOLVED EMPLOYEES IN PRODUCT TESTING
  - ISSUED ALL OFFICERS LAPTOPS
  - INSTALLED MOBILE PRINTERS IN SQUAD CARS
  - DEPLOYED OPERATIVE IQ MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
  - COLLABORATE WITH OUTSIDE AGENCIES
  - STREAMLINED FIELD TRAINING
  - IMPROVED HIRING PROCESS
  - COLLABORATED ON TRAFFIC SAFETY
  - UPDATED PRIORITY DISPATCH PROCESS
- INCREASED SITE TRAFFIC - IMPROVED USER EXPERIENCE
  - TRACKED PROGRESS AGAINST ENGAGEMENT GOALS
  - USED DATA TO INFORM OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
  - INCREASED ADOPTION RATES AND PRODUCT ENGAGEMENT
  - ELIMINATED THE NEED TO RETURN TO BPD - TIME SAVINGS - EXPANDED DATA ACCESS
  - ELIMINATED FOUR MANUAL PROCESSES - REDUCED ERRORS - SHORTENED STOPS
  - STREAMLINED REPAIRS - IMPROVED MAINTENANCE - REDUCED OUT OF SERVICE TIME
  - PARTICIPATION IN FOUR TASK FORCES - EXTRA STAFFING THROUGH TEAM BUILDING
  - PAPERWORK REDUCED - NEW ELECTRONIC TESTING PLATFORM DEPLOYED
  - ELIMINATED MULTIPLE MANUAL RECORDS PROCESSES
  - PARTNERED WITH ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ON TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS
  - STREAMLINED CODING PROCESS - SPED UP SYSTEM - MET NEW STANDARDS

# CRIME OVERVIEW



OVERALL CRIME



HOMICIDES



VEHICLE THEFT



GUN SEIZURES  
(71)



PERSONS SHOT  
(4)



ARSON

## NIBRS Comparison 2023 vs. 2024

	2023	2024
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>		
Assault Offenses	1502	1507
Homicide Offenses	1	0
Human Trafficking	1	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	12	18
Sex Offenses	103	119
<i>Total Crimes Against Persons</i>	<b>1619</b>	<b>1644</b>
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>		
Arson	14	6
Bribery	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	151	175
Counterfeiting/Forgery	47	48
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	539	485
Embezzlement	1	3
Extortion/Blackmail	21	9
Fraud Offenses	392	358
Larceny/Theft Offenses	786	907
Motor Vehicle Theft	131	95
Robbery	17	32
Stolen Property Offenses	11	15
<i>Total Crimes Against Property</i>	<b>2110</b>	<b>2133</b>
<b>Crimes Against Society</b>		
Animal Cruelty Offenses	3	3
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	86	86
Gambling Offenses	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	27	24
Prostitution Offenses	2	0
Weapon Law Violations	103	121
<i>Total Crimes Against Society</i>	<b>221</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>3950</b>	<b>4011</b>

As reported to the FBI National Incident Based Reporting System includes all crimes against persons, property, and society. All percentages compared to 2023.

# CRIME CLOCK

ONE  
call for service  
every 7.5 minutes

ONE  
adult arrest  
every 6 hours

ONE  
burglary  
every two days

ONE  
report written  
every 30 minutes

ONE  
vehicle theft  
every 4 days

ONE  
crash  
every five hours

ONE  
theft / larceny  
every 10 hours



*The crime clock should be viewed with care. It is designed to show the relative frequency of occurrence of given acts. It does not imply the regularity of crime, rather the annual ratio of crime to fixed time intervals.*

# AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

## Awarded for Lifesaving

Ofc. R. Fryman      Ofc. J. Shepard

## Bravery

Ofc. J. Behm      Ofc. A. Chambers  
Ofc. Van Waes

## Exemplary Performance

Lt. T. Stanesa      Ofc. S. Sikora (2)  
Sgt. J. Smith      Ofc. T. Berkhusen  
Sgt. J. Lanphear      Ofc. S. Brown  
Sgt. J. Shively (2)      Ofc. J. Cunningham  
Ofc. B. Bunch      CDA C. Fever  
Ofc. B. Burns      Ofc. S. Karstens  
Ofc. R. Fryman      Ofc. S. Moreland  
Ofc. J. Gaffney      Ofc. J. Dean  
Ofc. T. Hallat      Ofc. D. DeMoss  
Ofc. C. Hilliard      Ofc. S. Statz  
Ofc. T. Jones      Ofc. S. Day  
Ofc. B. McCall      Ofc. B. Brace  
Ofc. J. Pippins      Ofc. C. Hitchens  
Ofc. L. Reinthaler      Ofc. B. McGonigle  
Ofc. J. Shepard      Det. W. Gresham  
Ofc. K. Steck      Det. M. Summers  
Ofc. J. Zavala      Det. K. Raisbeck

Ofc. E. Swartzentruber  
Ofc. C. Miller  
Ofc. M. Monohan (2)  
Ofc. M. Perry (2)  
Ofc. E. Riegelein

## Emergency Medical System Awards

PSD K. Busfield  
PSD L. McPherson (2)  
PSD S. Wolf  
PSD B. Pankonen  
PSD M. Lee  
PSD A. Jepsen (2)

## Officer of the Year (John Atteberry Award)

Det. K. Raisbeck

## Civilian of the Year

Records Manager, B. Morell

## Dispatcher of the Year

PSD K. Busfield

