

# 2018 A REPORT TO OUR CITIZENS

## ABOUT THE BOISE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Boise Police Department (BPD) works to achieve the city's vision of making Boise the most livable city in the country by focusing on maintaining and improving the safety of the community. BPD has over 400 sworn and civilian employees dedicated to serving the people who work, live and play in Idaho's beautiful capital city.

## THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN'T DO BETTER

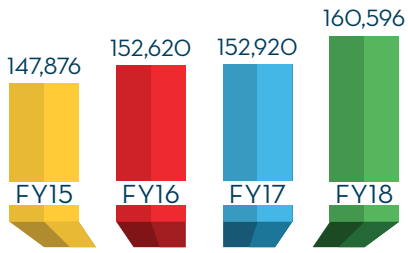
The Boise Police Department is constantly analyzing policy and procedures to determine what we can do better, and sometimes that involves purchasing new items. In FY 2018, BPD made several purchases to update safety gear and equipment for officers.

BPD added the Wrap Restraint System after data-driven analysis into the arrest and transportation of combative subjects. Officers have been trained to use the Wrap and it's proven effective in keeping subjects safe, as well as the officers and medical staff responding to help them.

This year BPD also launched an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) program to improve emergency response, expedite crime scene investigations and increase citizen and officer safety. We spent over a year evaluating and analyzing UAV policies from other agencies and developed specific policies and procedures for BPD. For example, the UAV will help us expedite traffic investigations and reduce the time roads need to be closed after a serious or fatal crash. A UAV can also be used for large crime-scene mapping and emergency responses for safety and search and rescue operations.



## CALLS FOR SERVICE



### FY18 TOP 5 CALLS

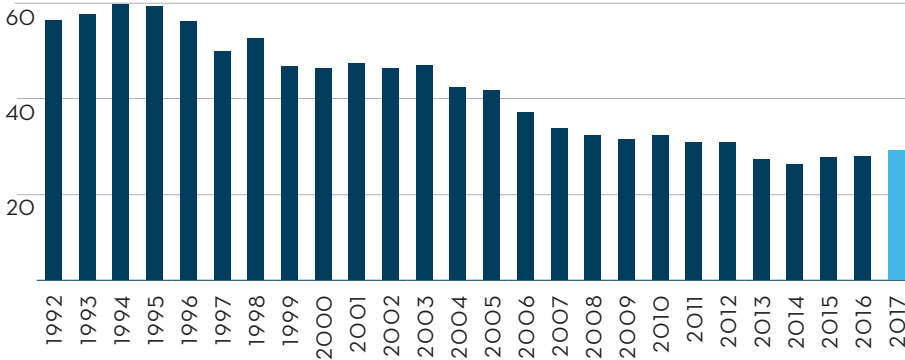
1. Welfare Check
2. Citizen Contact
3. Traffic Accident
4. Theft Report
5. Suspicious Vehicle



## BY THE NUMBERS

FY17	RESPONSE TIME	emergency calls	0:04:02
		average	0:09:15
FY18	RESPONSE TIME	emergency calls	0:03:50
		average	0:08:15
FY17	TIME PER CALL	emergencies	1:29:13
		average	0:50:25
FY18	TIME PER CALL	emergencies	1:42:03
		average	0:41:16

## TOTAL CRIME INDEX RATE PER 1,000 CITIZENS



## SAFETY IN BOISE

A 2018 community survey showed residents feel that Boise is a safe city. 50% think crime is only a small problem and 9% said it's not a problem at all. Only 6% feel crime in Boise is a big problem.

Residents who indicated crime was somewhat or a big problem followed up by saying traffic offenses (speeding and running lights/stop signs) was the most serious problem in their neighborhood.

### SURVEY RESULTS



## CRIME TRENDS

**8.1% DECREASE**

in Group A Crime

(serious crime including murder, rape, robbery, burglary, assault, fraud, etc.)

**4.9% DECREASE**

in reportable crime

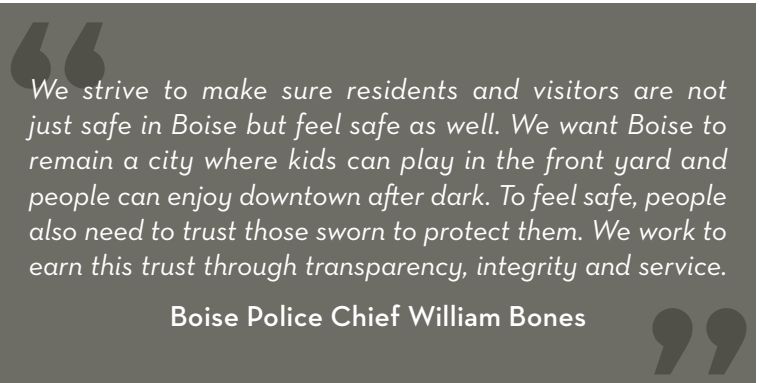
Proactive drug enforcement efforts led to an

**18% INCREASE**

in related charges as well as an **88% CLEARANCE RATE**

**15% DECREASE**

in burglary from the previous year, which remains at a historic low



MISSION: *To Protect, Serve and Lead our Community to a Safer Tomorrow*



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND CRIME PREVENTION



**1,409** BIKES  
REGISTERED IN  
BIKE INDEX



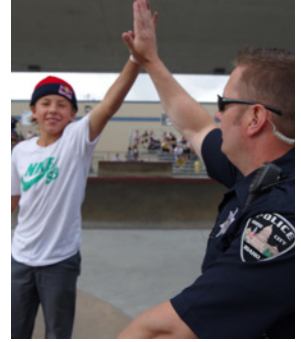
**2,850** STUDENTS  
SAFETY & DRUG  
EDUCATION



SCOUT **250+**  
VISITS &  
COUNTLESS TRICKS



**1,500** PEOPLE  
ACTIVE SHOOTER  
RESPONSE CLASS



**308**  
COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH EVENTS

## PATROL ACADEMY

The Boise Police Patrol Academy and the Planning and Training Section are key to maintaining the strength of the police force. In FY 2018, the Boise City Council approved adding seven additional officer positions to the police force. BPD also said farewell to 12 officers who retired after long careers in Boise, furthering the need for additional resources. In FY 2018, over 300 people applied for the June Academy and BPD hired 14 recruits. In FY 2019, BPD will run two 20-week Patrol Academies for new officers followed by a Field Training Officer program for 14-16 weeks.

## HONOR THE FALLEN BY TRAINING THE LIVING

BPD recognizes that we can't take care of a community if we don't take care of ourselves. This year, BPD continued to increase the focus on safety and wellness with the Below 100 program. Some of the tenets of the program remind officers to wear their seatbelt, wear their vest, watch their speed and remember that complacency kills. The goal is to reduce preventable line of duty deaths and injuries. BPD also offers free professional counseling services through an Employee Assistance Program and has an internal peer support team.

## BUDGET - \$64,083,156

Patrol	33%
Community Outreach Division (COD)	22%
Criminal Investigation Division (CID)	13%
Internal Affairs and Training	3%
Information Services	28%

## ON THE JOB

Police participated in  
**110** SPECIAL EVENTS  
in the City of Boise

**109** TRAINING HOURS  
PER OFFICER

Higher than previous years and above  
average for comparable cities

**102** BPD VOLUNTEERS  
donating their time and energy for  
**9,600+** HOURS  
adding an immeasurable value  
to the police department

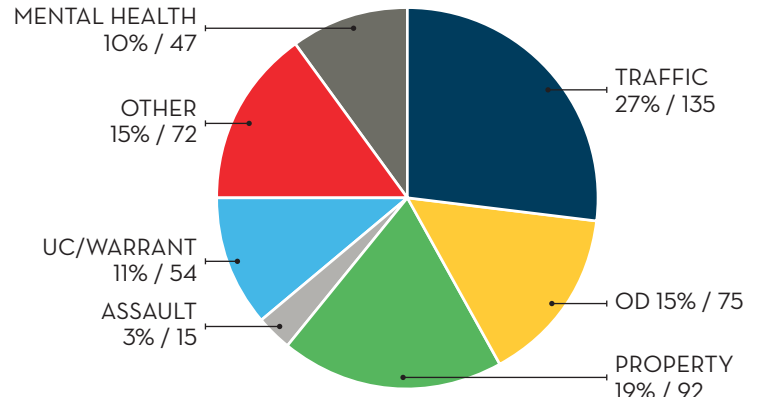
**222** NEWS RELEASES  
**600+** STORIES  
on social media

# STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BATTLING OPIOID ABUSE

The Boise Police Department joined the City of Boise and the Treasure Valley Partnership to launch a strategic plan for battling the growing opioid crisis. Opiate-related deaths jumped significantly in recent years across the nation and to a smaller degree in the Treasure Valley. To combat this trend, our plan outlines tactics and strategies for achieving five key goals by the summer of 2021. As part of the plan BPD is helping educate students about the dangers of opioids. After a successful pilot program last year, BPD, in partnership with the Boise School District, is teaching opioid education in 8th grade and 11th grade classrooms across the school district. BPD, in partnership with Health and Welfare, also established a diversion program to identify and assist individuals who may be amenable to treatment.

- Average: 40 opiate-related contacts for BPD per month
- 50-75% opiate-related cases involve heroin

## FY19 OPIOID RELATED CONTACTS



# CHIEF'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL



The Chief's Community Advisory Panel is part of BPD's commitment to a community policing model. The mission of the Panel is to serve as a resource for the Chief in solving issues impacting the community and to help define what community policing means in the City of Boise. The 12-member panel meets every six weeks and has been involved in discussions around the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle program, revisions to the body camera policy and procedures, strategies to increase school safety, Boise City's camping ordinance, opioid response and more.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Each year officers with the Boise Police Department respond to calls for help and witness some of the most trying times in families' lives. This year, in one tragic incident, we responded to maybe the most trying time for multiple families and an entire community when we lost three-year-old Ruya. She and eight other recent immigrants were stabbed during her birthday party. In the days and weeks that followed we saw as those families, the officers, other first responders and an entire community defined who we are as a City by showing overwhelming care, support and love. The continued drive to serve those in need is at the core of who we are as a community and the Boise Police Department. I am thankful for each officer and every member of the community, and grateful to be part of such an incredible city.

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