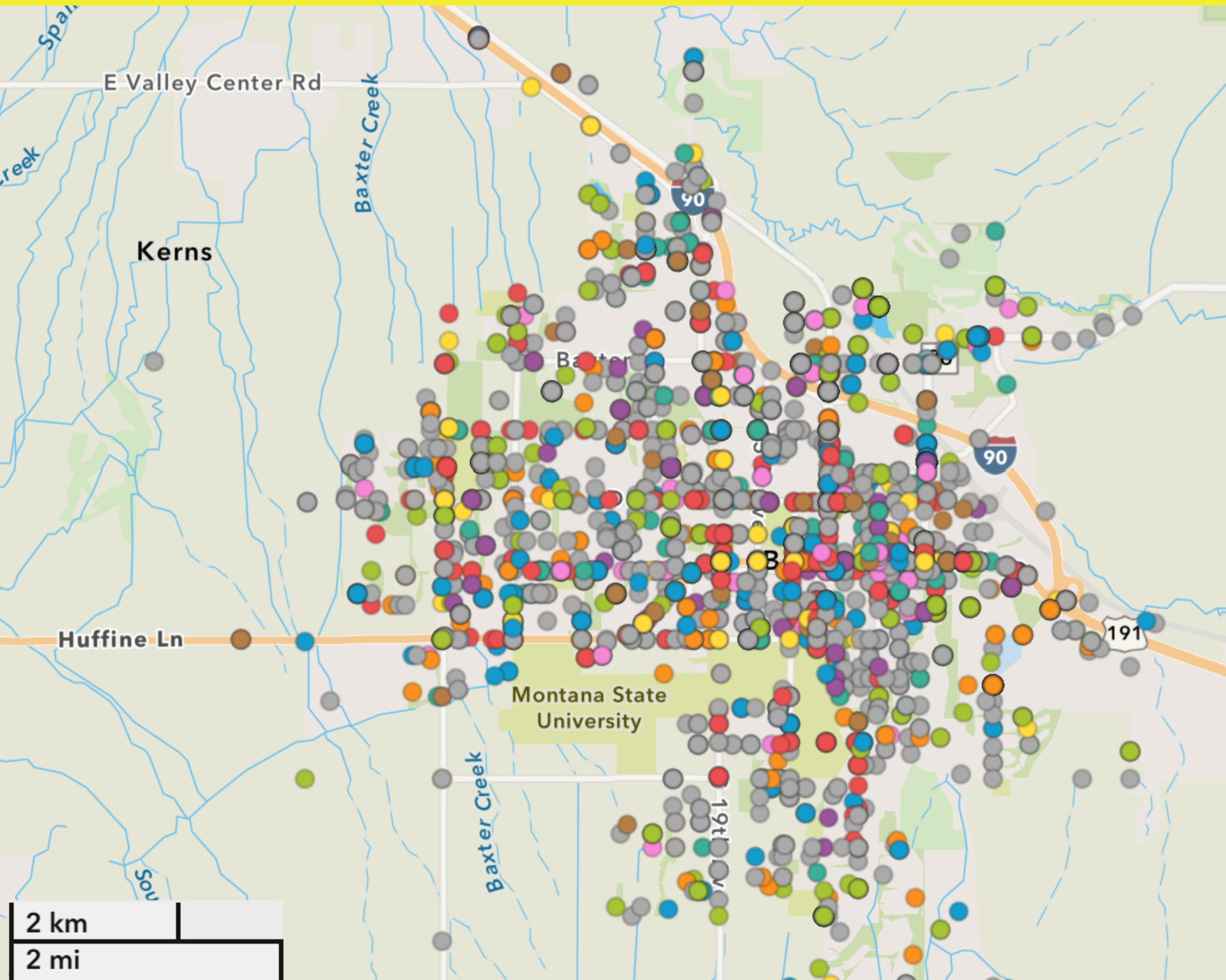




Monthly Report

Recap for September 2025

CFS Report



4,530

total calls into 911 needing a response
from a Bozeman Police officer

Case Report

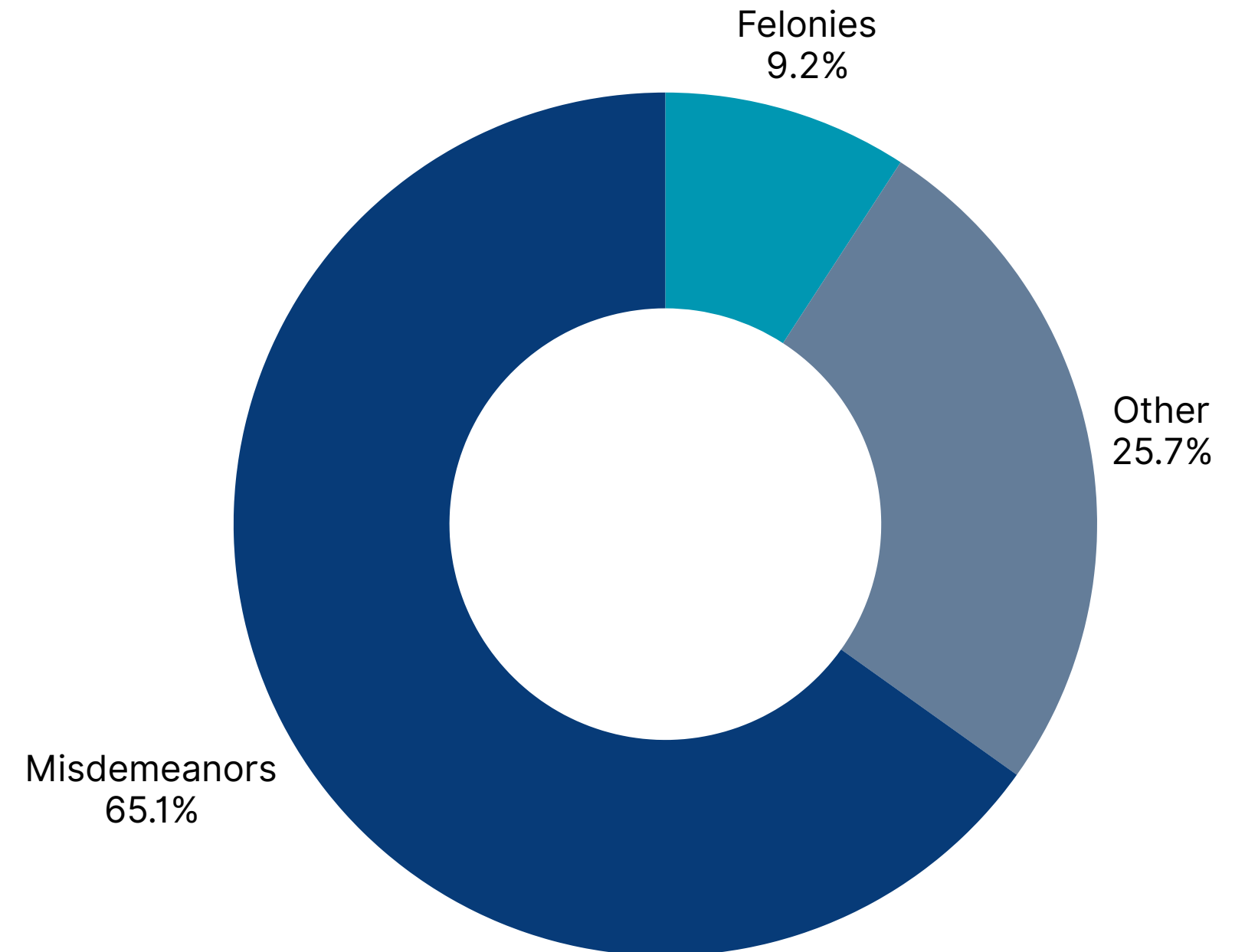
480 new cases opened

Of the 4,530 calls, **9% resulted in a case.**

Offense Severity Level

- Misdemeanors: 355
- Other: 140*
- Felonies: 50

**Other includes: warrant arrests, lost/found property, solicitation, protective custody, search and rescue, agency assist, animal infractions, unattended death, and domestic disturbances*



Case Highlights

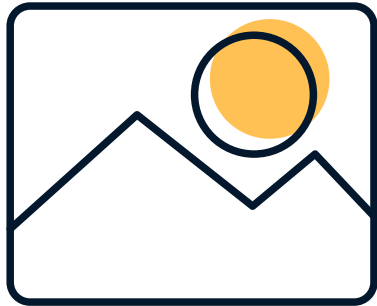
203

**Disorderly Conduct
Cases**

During September, officers responded to a total of 203 calls that were initially dispatched as either “disorderly conduct” or some form of a “disturbance,” coded by the dispatcher based on the best information they had at the time of the call.

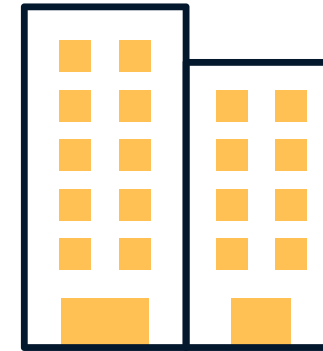
Officers responding to these calls often do not know exactly what they will find, so they must be prepared for nearly any scenario. At times, these kinds of calls may end up being just a movie turned up too loud next door, or one person acting erratically or making excessive noise. At other times, they may encounter an emotionally charged domestic disturbance, a road rage incident, a group of people fighting, or an assault that sometimes includes a weapon.

Notable Cases



On Sept. 9, officers were at Bozeman Beach, searching the area for a woman who had been reported to have thrown luggage into the lake and was swimming in the water fully clothed at night. Witnesses had seen her go in and asked her if she was okay prior to her entering the water. They then left and did not see her go under or exit. Based on the description and luggage contents, officers believed it was an unhoused female they had recently encountered.

Officers confirmed she did not check into the warming shelter or the hospital and exhausted all other avenues to locate her. They then searched the shoreline extensively and had Search and Rescue search the area with dogs and drones. The dive team also searched the lake for a potential recovery. She was later found safe in Belgrade, and the divers helped to recover her items from the lake.



On Sept. 18, at around 3:48 PM, officers were dispatched to the 200 block of E Main for a weapons disturbance. This was a busy time of day, and there were a lot of people in the area, including families with small kids. Officers had received information that a man was pointing a gun at two people from a balcony on the second floor before going back inside. Police arrived and began setting up units in the front and back of the building. While doing so, a man matching the description from the call came to the balcony and appeared to be in some distress. Officers entered the building, where they encountered approximately eleven people, and began clearing people from the area. They recovered a gun from one of the people.

Officers were able to locate the suspect and the people who had a gun pointed at them. The suspect had been sitting on a balcony when he saw his co-workers/friends, at which point he spat towards them and pointed a gun at them. About the same time, a passerby told him not to jump, and he said he was going to kill himself. The man admitted to pointing the gun at them and said that he understood that if he had seen something like that, he would have called the police as well. He was arrested for Criminal Endangerment.

Traffic Update

We've been focusing heavily on traffic enforcement. Here is our strategy for tackling this important safety issue in our community:

1. We're bringing back our Traffic Enforcement Unit this November.
2. We're prioritizing traffic enforcement when not on a high-priority call.
3. Our School Resource Officers are helping with school zone traffic enforcement.
4. We're supplementing patrols with radar and message trailers.
5. We're educating on traffic enforcement through videos and traffic law updates on our social media accounts.



Outreach Highlights



September Activities:

- We joined the American Legion Post 14 in honoring the lives lost on 9/11 in a Remembrance Ceremony.
- We attended a GHS football game. Go Raptors!
- Two command staff members were on the morning programs of a local radio station.
- A patrol team spent 4 hours doing “non-enforcement contacts”: stopping by local businesses to meet employees and build relationships.

People Update

September was a significant month for the people in our department.



Happy Retirement, Dana McNeil

Captain Dana McNeil retired after 21 years. Thank you for your service!

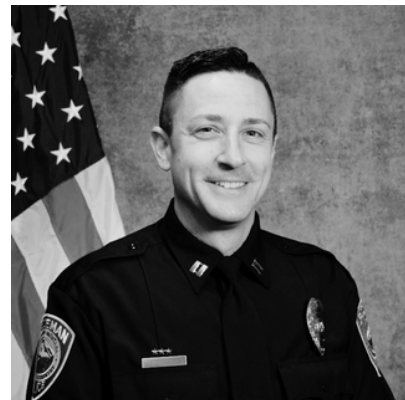
Welcome, Eight New Officers!

We had our largest swearing-in ceremony ever in our 140-year history, with eight new officers. Welcome to the team!



People Update Cont'd

We had several promotions across our Command Team.



**New Deputy Chief,
Joe Swanson**

Joe has been with the department since 2007 and was promoted from Support Services Captain.



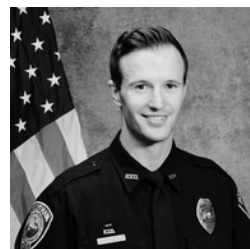
**New Detective Captain,
Anthony Hutchings**

Anthony has been with the department since 2007 and was promoted from Lieutenant.



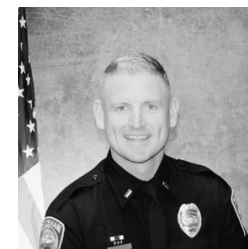
**New Support Services Captain,
Ben King**

Ben has been with the department for 10 years and was promoted from Lieutenant.



**New Lieutenant,
Ian Anderson**

Ian has been with the department for 10 years and was promoted from Sergeant.



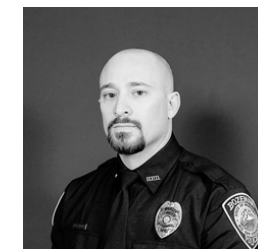
**New Lieutenant,
Quinn Ellingson**

Quinn has been with the department for 13 years and was promoted from Sergeant.



**New Sergeant,
Jake Ahmann**

Jake has been with the department for 10 years and was promoted from the officer level.



**New Sergeant,
Dante DiMercurio**

Dante has 11 years of experience as an officer, with 4 of them being at BPD. He was promoted from the officer level.

Department Highlight

Dani Baca (pictured right), the department's Digital Forensics Analyst, runs the Digital Forensics Unit.

She is responsible for identifying, seizing, and documenting digital evidence from computers and mobile phones. She then preserves it, analyzes it, and organizes it into reports to aid in criminal investigations. Housed in the evidence area of the department, she works in conjunction with the evidence technician responsible for all physical evidence. Aside from assisting our department, she frequently assists other law enforcement agencies without the same resources.

Dani's knowledge and passion for this unit have ensured the department's capabilities and resources are of the highest quality possible.





Thank you!

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Resource Page

Commonly used acronyms

ACO stands for Animal Control Officer

CFS stands for Calls for Service

CPA stands for Citizens Police Academy

CRO stands for Community Resource Officer

SRO stands for School Resource Officer

SSO stands for Special Services Officer