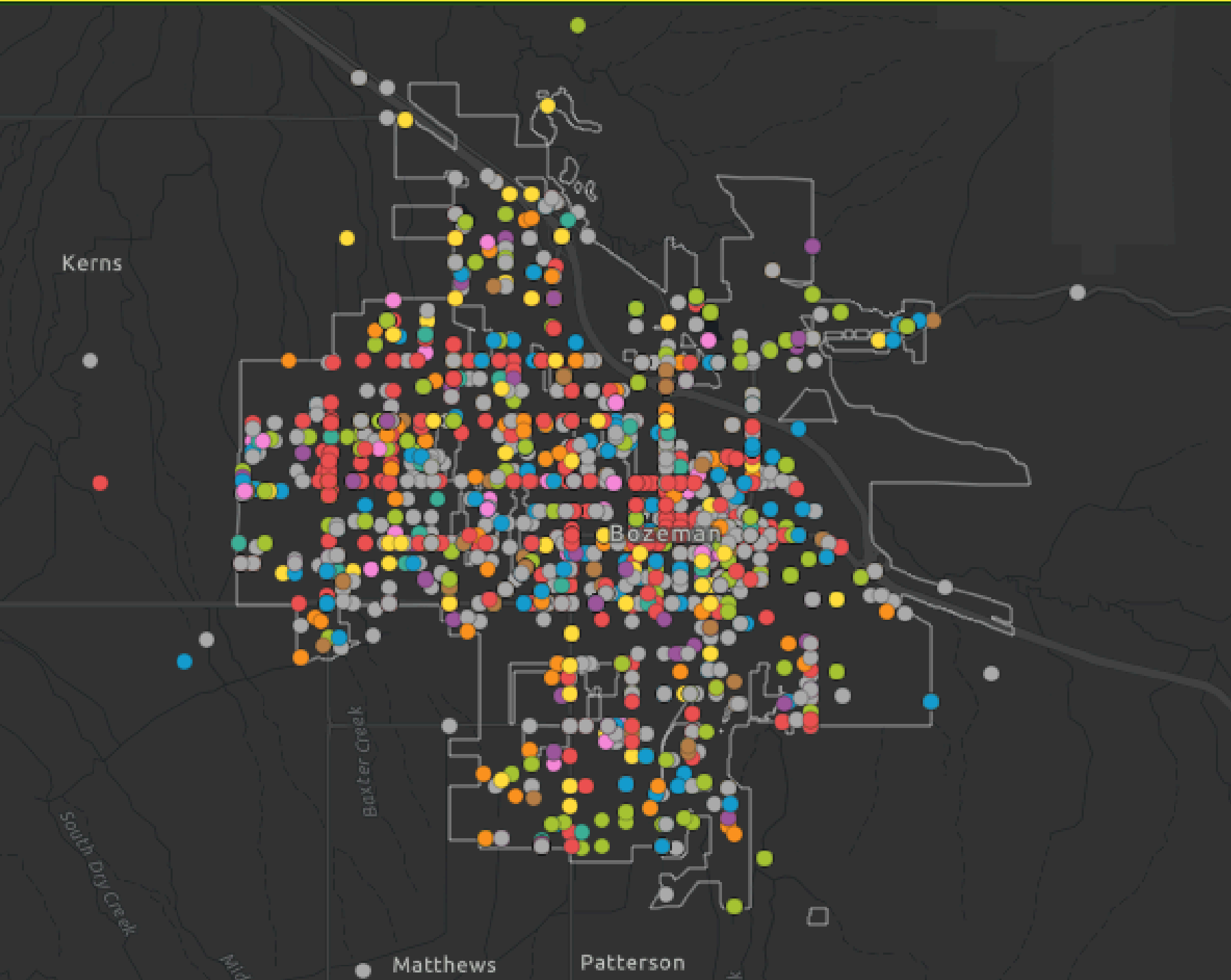




Monthly Report

Recap for November 2025

CFS Report



4,599

total calls for service, including 911 calls,
BPD non-emergency line calls, and
officer-generated calls

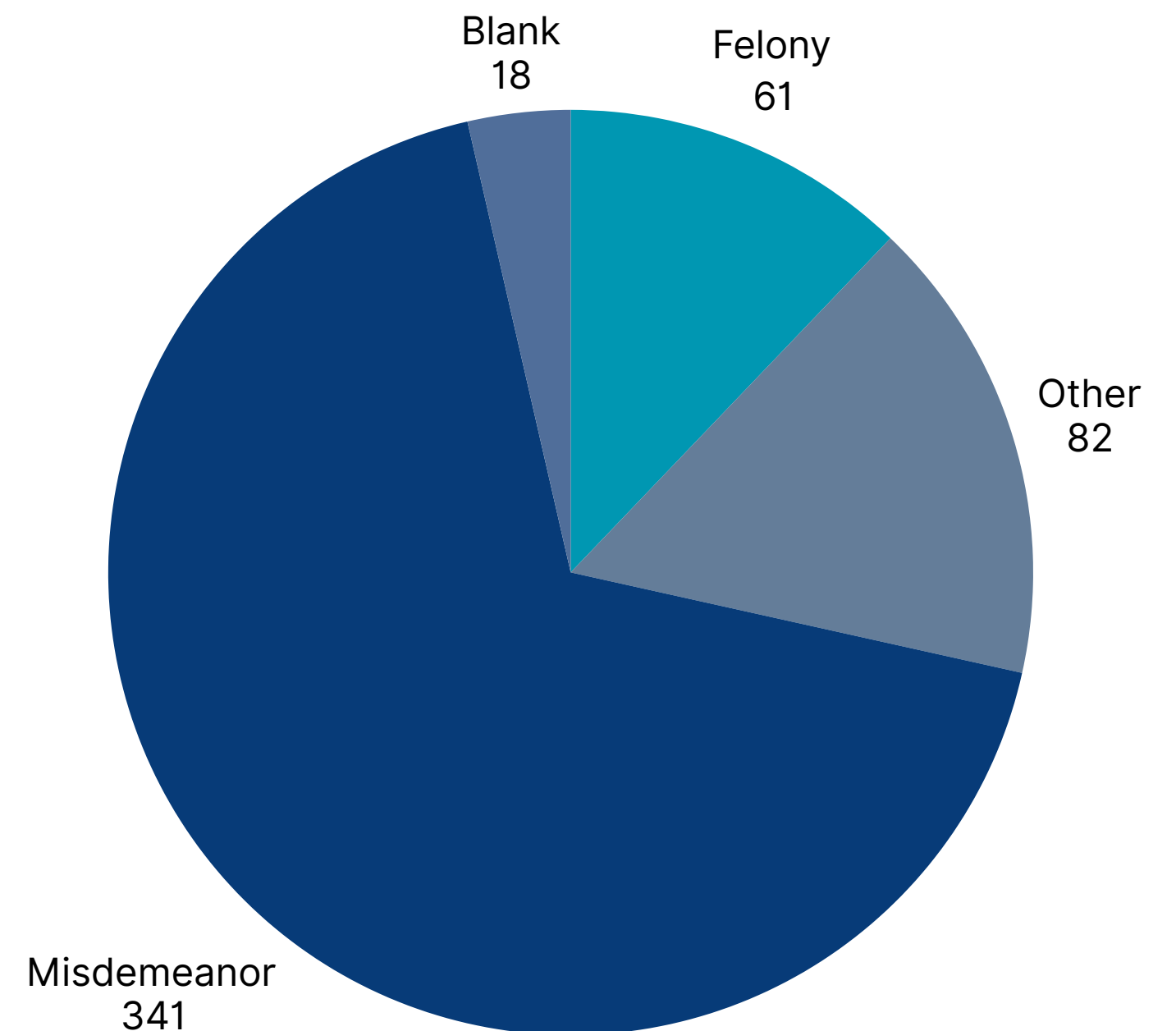
Cases Vs. Offenses

411 new cases opened

During November, the department opened 411 new cases. Some of those cases include one “offense” (a specific crime) while other may show multiple offenses. For example, a theft case may only have “theft” listed as the crime, with no related crimes, while a DUI or an assault case may show multiple related crimes.

For November, 39 cases currently have no offense listed, generally due to an officer or detective still working to determine whether a crime actually took place. In the next month or two, most of these cases will have offenses added.

The remaining 372 cases currently show a total of 502 offenses. Some of these are preliminary crimes since the cases are still being investigated. “Other” contains Bozeman municipal codes and things like “warrant arrest,” often related to a previously counted crime. “Blank” often indicates the severity has not been determined.



Offenses within Cases

Assault	11
Partner/ Family Member Assault	9
Sexual Assault	3
Assault on a Minor	3
Strangulation of Partner or Family Member	2
Felony Sexual Assault Felony - Victim is Less than 16/ Offender 3 Years Older	2
Aggravated Assault	2
Assault With Weapon	2
Sexual Intercourse Without Consent	2
Assault With Bodily Fluid	2
Sexual Intercourse Without Consent - Victim is Less than 16/ Offender 4 Years	1
Aggravated Sexual Intercourse Without Consent	1
Sexual Intercourse Without Consent- Victim 12 or Younger / Offender 18 or Older	1

There were 41 total offenses listed in the “assault” category, including those listed in this table. Separately, there were 16 incidents that were reported and documented as “domestic disturbances” but not counted in the assault category, since no crime was identified as having taken place.

In the “theft” category, there were 76 offenses listed, including identity theft, theft by deception, theft of labor, theft of motor vehicles, and thefts from buildings, vehicles, and other locations. Nineteen thefts were listed as felonies. and 57 were listed as misdemeanors.

Additional Offenses Highlights

Warrant Arrest	34
Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol and or Drugs	31
Criminal Trespass To Property	20
Found Property	18
Criminal Mischief (misdemeanor)	21
Disorderly Conduct	16
Fail To Stop And ID Self After Striking Unattended Vehicle	15
Obstructing A Peace Officer	15
Lost Property	14
Driving a Motor Vehicle While Privilege To Do So Is Suspended Or Revoked	15
Criminal Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia	10
Fail to Show D/L To Other Parties Involved In Accident	6
Fail to Stop at Accident Scene Involving Injury	5
Resisting Arrest	5
Endangering Welfare Of A Child	4
Criminal Endangerment	4
Stalking	4
Criminal Trespass To Vehicles	3
Burglary	3

Notable Trend

Missing Child Cases

When missing child cases come up, it is an all-hands-on-deck situation for patrol, detectives, and SROs. Detectives coordinate with patrol, and BPD goes out to search the child's residence to ensure the child is actually missing. BPD then gathers a recent photo, physical description, last known location, list of medical concerns/disabilities, the names of friends, and other information. Often, cases are a mix-up with buses or an afterschool program, or a runaway. If BPD runs into problems locating the child, they quickly request an agency assist with GCSO for an urban search-and-rescue.

In Bozeman, missing child cases are rare. Usually, cases are quickly resolved by the diligence of BPD officers, detectives, and SROs. The best way for the public to help with missing child cases is to keep an eye out and call 911 if you think you see the missing child.



Notable Cases



On Nov. 19, Bozeman Patrol and Detectives were notified of an active kidnapping in Bozeman. The suspect stole a vehicle from a victim who was ordering food. Inside the vehicle was the victim's juvenile child. The suspect drove over a mile before the child was able to get out of the vehicle. He then crashed the stolen vehicle outside of Bozeman where he was arrested by Gallatin County Sheriff's Office Deputies and Belgrade Police Officers.

The suspect was just released from prison on November 4. He was charged with four felonies – Kidnapping, Criminal Endangerment, Criminal Child Endangerment, and Theft of a Motor Vehicle. He is currently being held on \$250,000 bond.



On Nov. 28, officers responded to a domestic disturbance call where a man strangled his girlfriend twice. Officers arrested the man, who then refused to walk on his own or get into a patrol car. He insulted officers and eventually spat on one officer.

Police arrested the man and charged him with Strangulation of a Partner or Family Member, Partner or Family Member Assault – 1st Offense, Resisting Arrest, Obstructing a Peace Officer, and Assault with Bodily Fluids.

Outreach Highlights



November Activities:

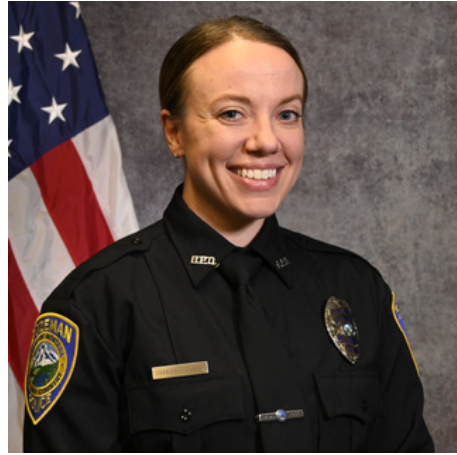
- Gave several trainings, including signs of abuse, signs of domestic violence, suicidal screening, and avoid/deny/defend
- Led BPSC tours for schools, individuals, and Leadership Bozeman
- Visited KSKY 106.9 to discuss current events and the police department
- Attended a community event at EngineWorks

Feature: MSU Football Games

The Bozeman Police Department had a presence at MSU football games this year. MSU requests BPD officers to fill roles like security officers, drone pilots, or SWAT team members. Officers voluntarily accept these roles for overtime pay, reimbursed by MSU. During games, officers look out for offenses like underage drinking, trespassing on campus, and disorderly conduct or fighting. Helping out local partners like University Police builds relationships for times when BPD needs help in return. For example, MSU and BPD partner for community events and work together in the Special Victims unit in the BPD detective division.



People Update



New Certifications

Officer Sanders and Detective Stephens both received their Advanced Certification for Forensic Interviewing.

Forensic interviewers are part of a multidisciplinary team including law enforcement, prosecutors, child protection specialists, medical and mental health professionals, and victim advocates. Forensic interviewing is when an interviewer has age- and developmentally-appropriate conversations with children. Interviewers are trained to talk and interact with children without adding trauma, and the interviews are fact-finding and neutral. Several detectives and SROs with BPD are forensic interviewers. Both Sanders and Stephens assist with interviews for any requesting agency, including local police departments and Sheriff's Offices throughout Montana.

Digital Forensics Analyst Baca received her Certified Forensic Computer Examiner certification. The CFCE is the only digital forensics certification accredited by the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board and required months of intensive training, peer-reviewed casework, and comprehensive practical and written examinations covering everything from data recovery to complex Windows analysis. This certification directly enhances the Digital Forensic Unit (DFU)'s capabilities by strengthening the courtroom credibility of the the DFU's digital evidence, ensuring the DFU follows internationally recognized forensic protocols, and providing advanced skills to handle increasingly complex investigations. In today's landscape where virtually every criminal case involves electronic evidence—from smartphones to cloud storage—this expertise ensures the DFU can serve our community with the technical proficiency and professional rigor that justice demands.

Training Highlights

Trainings Included:

- Firearms Instructors Course in Billings, MT
- Police Response to Suicidal Subjects at BPSC
- Montana Law Enforcement Academy graduation in Helena on Nov. 25

Police Response to Suicidal Subjects

Police Response to Suicidal Subjects is an eight-hour class that deals with one of the most challenging call types facing law enforcement today. The instructor emphasized the importance of balancing the protection of an individual's rights versus the governmental interest of the public. The instructor also provided case law related to these calls to reinforce the concepts of a proper response. Through this class, officers learned a structured, repeatable and legally defensible manner in which to respond to these types of calls.



Deep Dive: Working the Holidays



Crime never sleeps, not even on Christmas. Every year, some officers must work on holidays. Each patrol shift has a minimum staffing requirement. Supervisors can approve time off during the holidays at their discretion, with minimums in mind. If an officer receives the holiday off, they are entitled to Special Holiday Leave. During some holidays, BPD offers overtime for officers to work specific duties. For example, BPD has a grant from the State of Montana to fund officer overtime for traffic enforcement during holiday seasons. For officers on the job, the holiday season remains busy with calls, with an uptick in alcohol-related crimes on some holidays. Even during holidays, when officers are called out, they have a duty and obligation to respond to the community's needs.

Department Highlight

The **Special Services Officer (SSO)** team provides security for the City of Bozeman and its Municipal Courts. A supervisor manages the team. There are currently three SSOs, with a fourth officer about to join the team.

SSOs are unsworn officers, which means that they have not taken an oath of office. Because of this, they have limited legal powers compared to sworn officers. They go through the same training as sworn officers (except for attending Montana Law Enforcement Academy) and carry firearms like sworn officers do. SSOs have a variety of duties, including security for city buildings, municipal court, and commission meetings; remands, transports, and warrants for municipal court; and VIN inspections. Their work ensures the safety of our court system and protects our community.





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