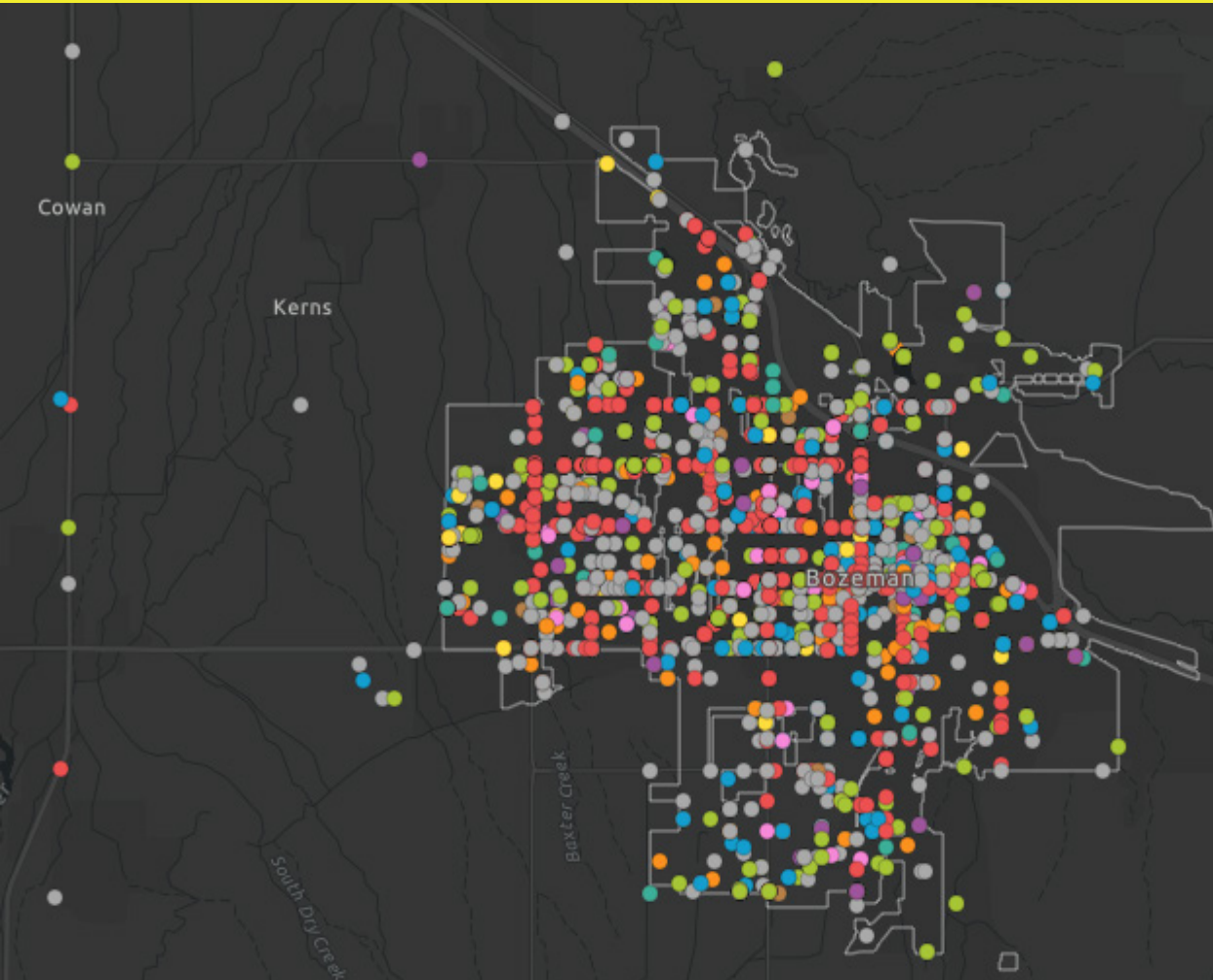




Monthly Report

Recap for December 2025

CFS Report



5,005

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

Case Report

490 new cases opened

Of the 5,005 calls, 10% resulted in a case.

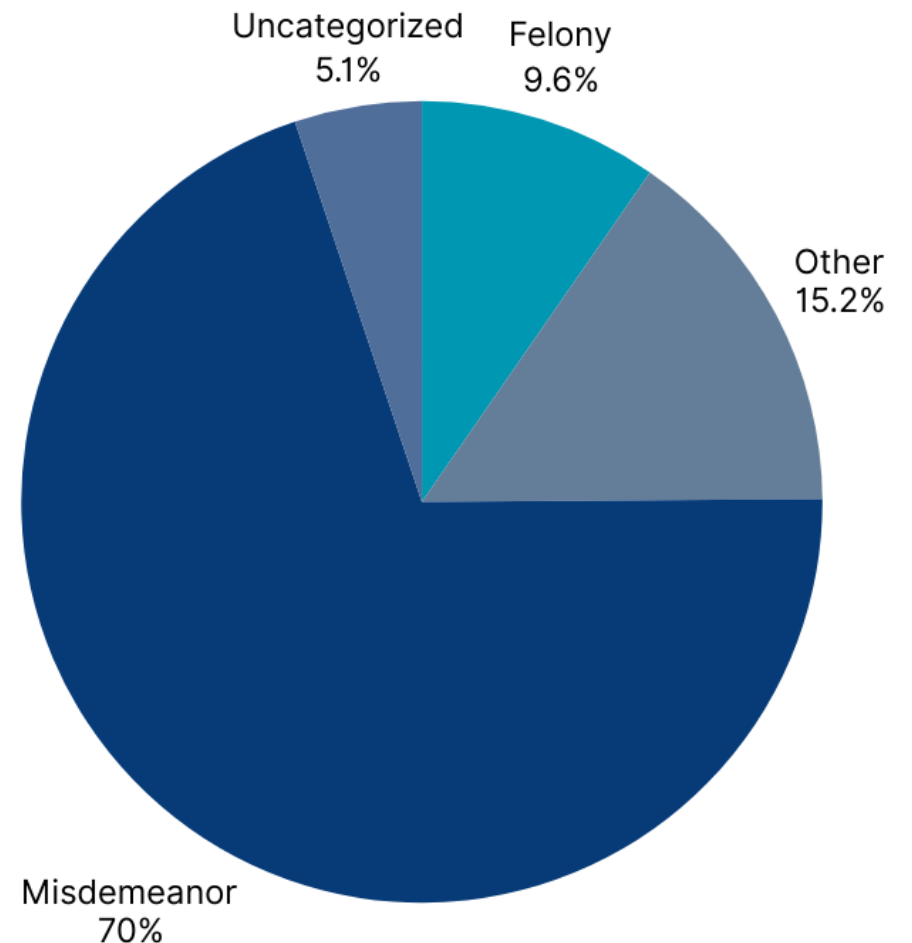
Offense Severity Level*

- Misdemeanors: 450
- Other: 98**
- Felonies: 62
- Uncategorized: 33***

* Each case can include one or more offenses.

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

*** Uncategorized often indicates the severity of a crime has not been determined.



Notable Trends

Motor Vehicle Accidents



Motor Vehicle Accidents or MVAs are a consistent part of life in Bozeman, with a noticeable uptick when the weather changes and snow starts falling. MVAs can be caused by distracted driving, speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or not being familiar with the area. Crash Investigator Hebel's job is to respond to these collisions. He plays a vital role in keeping patrol officers free to respond to other calls. When he is dispatched to a collision, his investigation begins with making sure all parties are safe and uninjured. He will speak to witnesses, decide if any traffic violations occurred, and help parties exchange name and insurance information. If needed, Hebel will request a tow and write a State Report if the car is too damaged to be removed from the roadway. A State Report is a thorough report sent to the State of Montana that involves information like the weather conditions, road conditions, and a diagram of the accident.

When driving, try to limit distractions like phones, loud music, or too many passengers. If you get into a collision and your vehicle is still drivable, move to the side of the road or into a parking lot before calling for help. Have your Driver License, vehicle registration, and insurance information ready.

Remember, cars can be replaced, but people can't.

Looking for tips on how to stay safe? Keep your vehicle in good condition with the proper equipment, plan extra time for your trips, pay attention to the road, be prepared with emergency gear, and be patient with others on the road.

Notable Cases



On December 4, officers arrived at the house of a man with an outstanding arrest warrant who had absconded from supervision with Probation and Parole. The man pushed the doors closed on officers and retreated further into the house, but officers were able to arrest him and secure him in a patrol car. Officers then conducted a probation search of his residence and vehicles. An officer found a sawed-off shotgun, drug paraphernalia, and substances that appeared to be dangerous drugs. The man was charged with Criminal Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Obstructing a Peace Officer or other Public Servant, and Sawed-Off Firearm (Rifle or Shotgun) – 2nd Plus Prior Conviction.



On December 23, a BPD officer was dispatched to a call of criminal mischief. The reporting party told the officer that his Tesla Cybertruck had been keyed and that the suspect was caught on the truck's security footage. The officer reviewed the footage and made telephone contact with the suspect, who told the officer he would settle things privately with the Tesla's owner. However, the two did not settle the matter, and the officer requested charges of criminal mischief against the suspect at the owner's request.

Outreach Highlights

December Activities:

- Led a local training for de-escalation
- Participated in new officer testing
- Talked with downtown restaurants and bars about upcoming Super Bowl game to ensure safety
- Shopped with local children during Shop with a Cop
- Interacted with the community during Christmas Stroll



People Update

One new patrol officer and one new special services officer started work in December. Welcome, Officers Shearan and Teichert! Four other officers finished the Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTEP). Even though these officers were lateral hires from other law enforcement agencies, they still went through trainings to ensure they were ready for work with the Bozeman Police Department.



Deep Dive: Cat/Griz Super Brawl

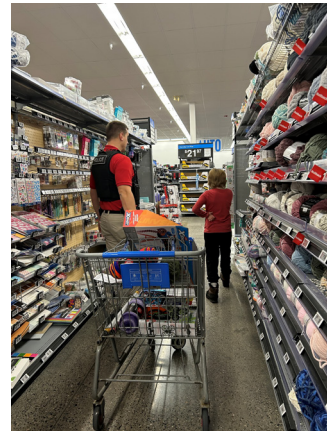


On Dec. 20, the Cats and the Griz faced off in the Super Brawl, the FCS semi-final playoff game for the 2025 season. This was the first time the two teams met in the playoffs. The Cats secured a victory, and our officers secured safety in Bozeman. BPD developed a plan for the weekend to ensure a safe and enjoyable event for all. We expanded patrols, worked longer shifts, and brought in additional resources across the city during the weekend. Thank you to the many other law enforcement agencies who joined us to keep the event safe and enjoyable, including the Missoula Police Department.

Holiday Events

Shop with a Cop

Shop with a Cop is our way of spreading a little extra Christmas cheer. Each year, BSD7 Schools nominates a group of local children for Shop with a Cop. Children receive funding to buy presents for their families, with a little extra shopping help from our officers. When they finish, they ride in a patrol car to the station, where they enjoy some pizza and wrap up their gifts. In 2025, the Bozeman Police Foundation funded shopping trips for 15 local elementary schoolchildren.



Christmas Stroll

The Christmas Stroll is a time-honored Bozeman tradition. Our officers were excited to participate again this year. In preparation for the Christmas Stroll, our CRO created a winter wonderland based on Whoville, complete with officers dressed up as Cindy Lou Who and the Grinch. Officers took photos, served up hot chocolate, and manned a “mugshot” photobooth. We had a great time at Christmas Stroll 2025!



Community Involvement

Though Bozeman Police officers have an important job to do, they're more than just their badges. They serve their community both on and off duty. From coaching sports teams to volunteering for community events, BPD officers fill a wide variety of roles in their off-duty lives. This word cloud shows more of what our officers do. The larger the word is, the more officers that participate in that activity.



Department Highlight

The primary function of a **Police Information Specialist** is to provide administrative support to law enforcement in the preparation and maintenance of police records, business documents, digital evidence, and work-related products. Tasks completed by this group are too numerous to list and vary based on the needs of law enforcement and the community. This work requires effective working relationships with law enforcement personnel, other City employees, Federal and State agencies, and the general public. There are four information specialists and one information manager on the Police Information Services team.

Information Specialists ensure the Police Department is running smoothly, both behind the scenes and as a first contact with the public.





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