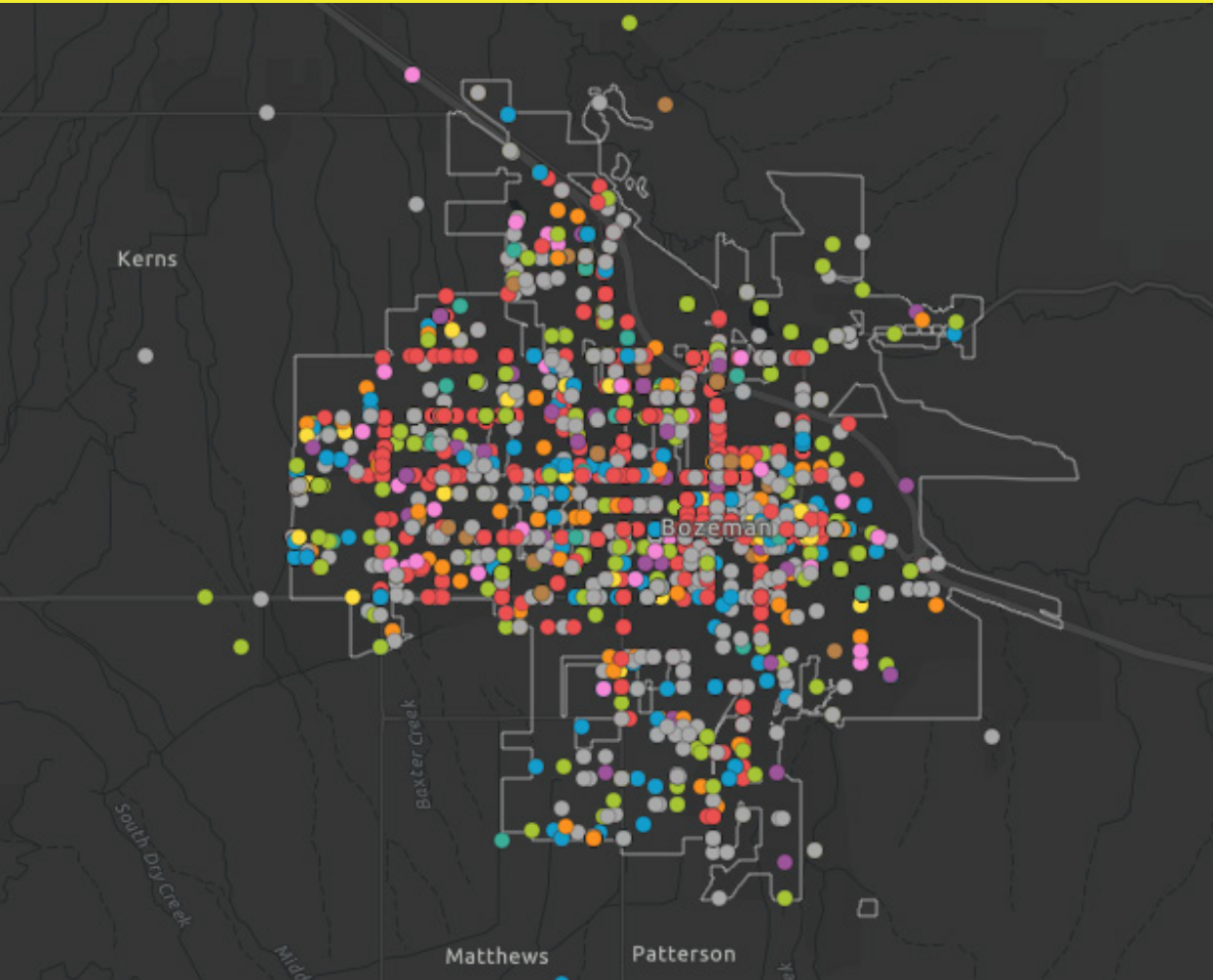




# Monthly Report

Recap for January 2026

# CFS Report



5,325

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

# Case Report

**473** new cases opened

Of the 5,325 calls, 9% resulted in a case.

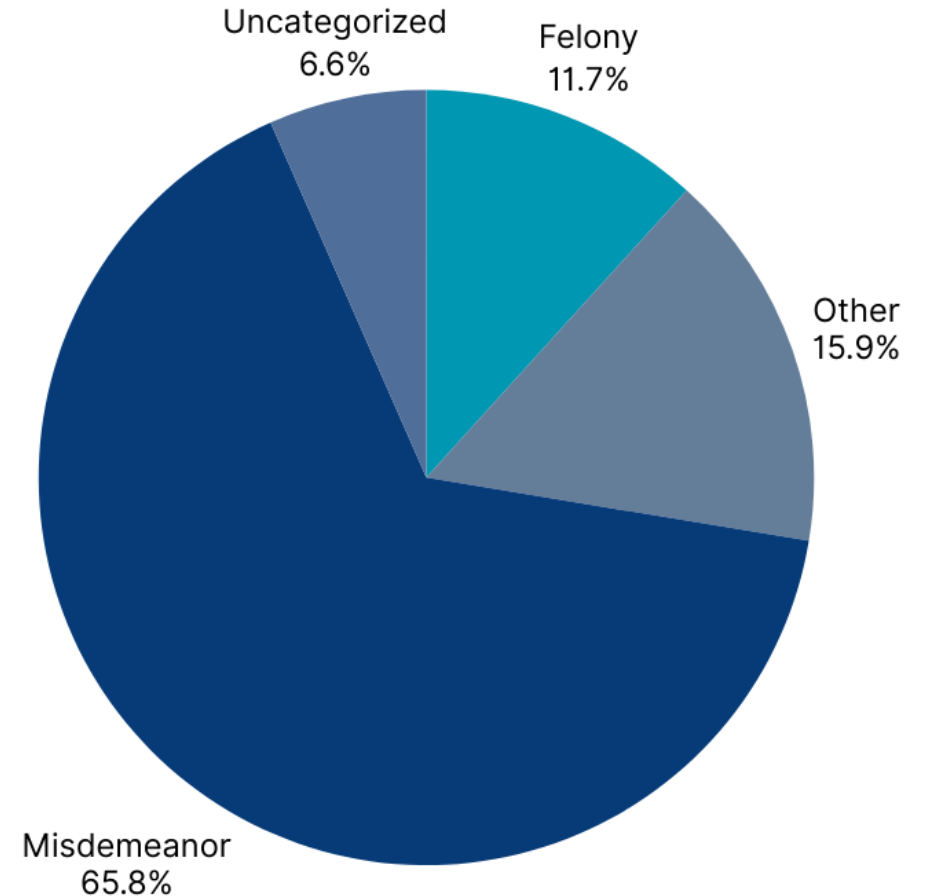
Offense Severity Level\*

- Misdemeanors: 410
- Other: 99\*\*
- Felonies: 73
- Uncategorized: 41\*\*\*

\* 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

## Driving Under the Influence



DUI investigations typically begin with a traffic stop. If an officer notices a driver committing a traffic violation, like speeding, running a red light, not using their blinker, or swerving into other lanes, they pull the driver over. The officer introduces themselves, tells the driver the reason for the stop, and observes the way they behave. If the officer suspects the driver is intoxicated, they administer field sobriety tests like a One-Leg Stand and a walk and turn test. If the driver performs poorly on the tests, the officer will administer an on-scene breath analysis, then transport them to the Gallatin County Detention Center for another breath test. If a driver refuses the breath test, the officer may seek a search warrant for a blood draw to determine their blood alcohol content.

BPD sees increases in DUIs during the 100 Deadliest Days (the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day) and on holidays like Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve. **The public can make a difference when it comes to DUIs.** Remember to always plan for a sober ride. Establish a designated driver and/or use rideshare services or public transit. If you see someone on the road that you believe may be driving under the influence, call 911 to report the driver. It's important for BPD to find the driver and potentially get them off the road as soon as possible to keep our community safe.

# Notable Cases



On January 26, officers responded to a fight in progress. Officers interviewed the reporting party, who said that she saw a man punch another man several times, then stomp on the side of his head after he fell to the ground. The reporting party attempted to give medical assistance to the victim, and he was transported to a local hospital after a brief evaluation by Bozeman Fire and AMR.

An officer spoke with the suspect, who told the officer the victim had called him names before the interaction became physical. The suspect was arrested and cited with Aggravated Assault.



On January 31, officers responded to a domestic disturbance and spoke with the couple involved. An officer learned that the two had argued earlier in the night, and the woman had tried to leave the apartment. The man allegedly strangled the woman, then stopped her from leaving the apartment by standing in her way. The investigation also determined that the man had allegedly physically assaulted the woman in the past.

The man was arrested for Strangulation of a Partner or Family Member and Unlawful Restraint. He was also given a temporary no contact order naming the woman as the protected person.

# Outreach Highlights

## January Activities:

- Visited KSKY to discuss BPD-related topics
- Ran de-escalation training with Indivisible Bozeman
- Planned community outreach with various local businesses
- Took new officer and K9 officer photos



# People Update

The Bozeman Police Department and Bozeman Fire Department hosted a joint swearing-in ceremony on January 15. BPD swore in our new patrol officer, Officer Shearan, and welcomed our new SSO, Officer Teichert. We also presented department awards for recent contributions and achievements. Congratulations to our team members!



*Photo Courtesy of Michael Connell*

# Deep Dive: Gallatin Mobile Crisis



BPD prioritizes crisis intervention training, and our officers can direct you to mental health resources like Gallatin Mobile Crisis (GMC).

GMC is a team of behavioral health professionals that provide on-scene evaluation, treatment, and crisis intervention. The GMC team is housed in the Bozeman Public Safety Center with BPD. They help anyone going through a behavioral health crisis to get the care they need, right when they need it. GMC is available 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week, and they go directly to you to support you. GMC works with insurance, but you'll never receive a bill, even if you don't have coverage.

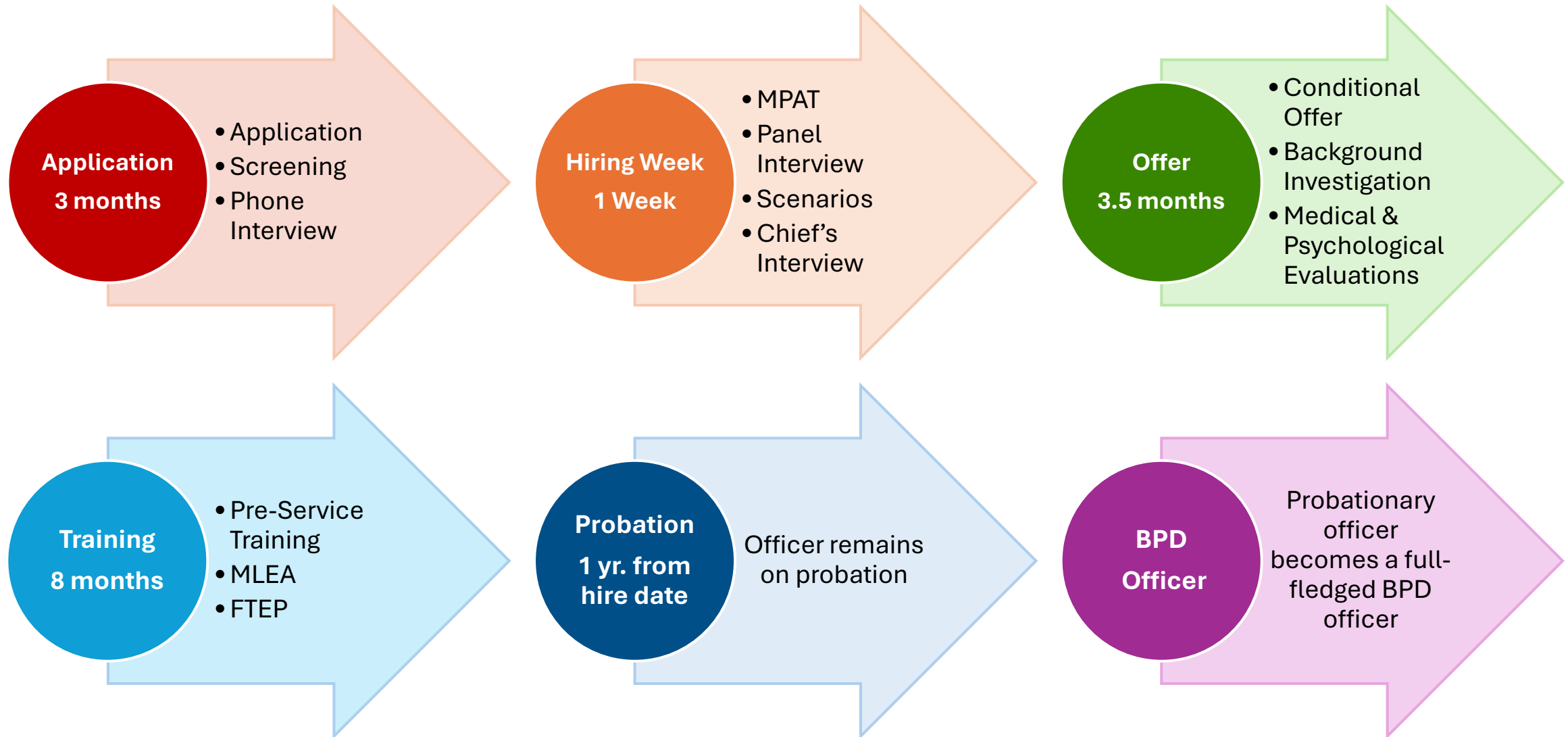
If you need help, dial 988 or call Gallatin County Dispatch at (406) 582-2000. We're here to protect and serve our community, no matter what you're going through.

# Training Highlights

In January, we held our pre-service training for new officers. During this 3.5-week-long training, new officers learn the basics of law enforcement with the Bozeman Police Department. Officers review Montana case law, study defensive tactics, train with firearms and less-lethal methods like pepper spray and tasers, learn tools they'll use on the job, run through traffic stop exercises, and go over wellness and career preparation, among many other topics. After completing this training, our new patrol officer is off to the Montana Law Enforcement Academy, or MLEA. MLEA lasts about three and a half months and trains new officers on a wide variety of topics, preparing them to become certified peace officers in Montana.



# Path Toward Law Enforcement



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The path toward becoming a Bozeman Police Department officer begins with one of BPD's job announcements on the City of Bozeman website, which typically remain open for applications for about a month. Once the job announcement closes, applications are screened for minimum qualifications. Next, BPD, HR, and the Bozeman Police Association partner to conduct phone interviews. Applicants who successfully complete the phone interviews receive an invitation to hiring week and will take a basic skills test evaluating arithmetic, reading comprehension, grammar, and writing. There, the challenge begins with the Montana Physical Abilities Test, a strenuous test to assess candidates' physical capabilities. Those who complete the MPAT go on to an in-person interview with a panel. Next, candidates go through hiring scenarios, where they are evaluated on their interactions with others in controlled and carefully curated situations. Those who perform well in the scenarios and interviews go on to an interview with the Chief. Then, candidates may receive a conditional offer. This offer is contingent on the outcome of a background investigation and medical and psychological evaluations.

When new officers arrive for their first day, they still have months of training ahead. They start with three and a half weeks of training with the BPD, then go on to three and a half months of training at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA), which instructs new officers on a wide range of topics. Lateral transfers who have already completed an Academy are generally able to skip MLEA. Officers then return to Bozeman for three months and three weeks of BPD's field training and evaluation program. Once they complete that training, they are ready for their first day on their own. However, they still have a probationary period that lasts one year from their official hire date before they are full-fledged BPD officers. Our intensive hiring and training process helps us recruit and retain the best people to serve the Bozeman community.

# Department Highlight

The **Animal Control Officer (ACO)** team carries out important animal-related duties in Bozeman. ACOs locate stray pets and help bring them home to their families. They also investigate cases of animal cruelty and neglect, like dogs locked in hot cars. Finally, ACOs work with the Health Department to investigate animal bite cases, including quarantine protocols. There are two ACOs in the Bozeman Police Department.

ACOs help free up police officers to focus on human calls for service. They also bring important animal expertise to certain calls, like search warrants involving homes with potentially aggressive animals. The ACO team helps BPD serve everyone in the community, including Bozeman's beloved pets.





# 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