

# BEDFORD

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



The goal of the Bedford Police Department is to create a safe and vibrant community by providing unparalleled police services. Bedford, by most measures, continues to be a safe place to work and reside. Over the past two years, Bedford has enjoyed a steady decline in reported crime, with violent crime declining by 30%; the lowest it has been since 2002; and property crime declining by 25%; the lowest it has been since

1995. Although it may be hard to pinpoint exactly why we are continuing to see a decrease in crime, in part, it can be attributed to strategic patrol deployments based upon crime analysis information and the hard work, dedication and commitment of all the Members of the Department.

Providing police services consist of more than reactionary policing; it is a civic engagement coupled with proactive innovation that addresses the needs of the

community. In 2012, the Department took an innovative approach by implementing a new unit, in partnership with the University of North Texas, which uses a tier system response in addressing repeat victimization; specifically in regards to mental health and domestic violence calls for service. The goal of this new unit is to ultimately reduce the amount of time and the vast amount of resources used by the Patrol Division in repeatedly responding to these types of calls by providing victims direct assistance and resources.

The Bedford Police Department is looking forward to the goals we have identified for 2013; including a new and enhanced Volunteer Program. I hope to continue to carry out our Department's traditions of community involvement and high levels of service while maintaining a successful record of suppressing and investigating criminal incidents.

Roger Gibson  
Police Chief

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Bedford Police Department and its members believe in the dignity and worth of all people. We are committed to:

- Providing high quality community-orienting policing services with sensitivity;
- Protecting constitutional rights;
- Problem solving;
- Teamwork;
- Openness;
- Planning for the future;
- Providing leadership to the police profession.

The commitment of the Bedford Police Department is to provide high quality law enforcement services to the citizens of this community. In addition, the Police Department is committed to the philosophy and organizational strategy of community-policing. Community-policing promotes a partnership between citizens and the police department and is based on the premise that the police and community must work together to improve the quality of life within the community. In the pursuit of these commitments, our mission statement is adhered to in the fulfillment of all departmental activities.

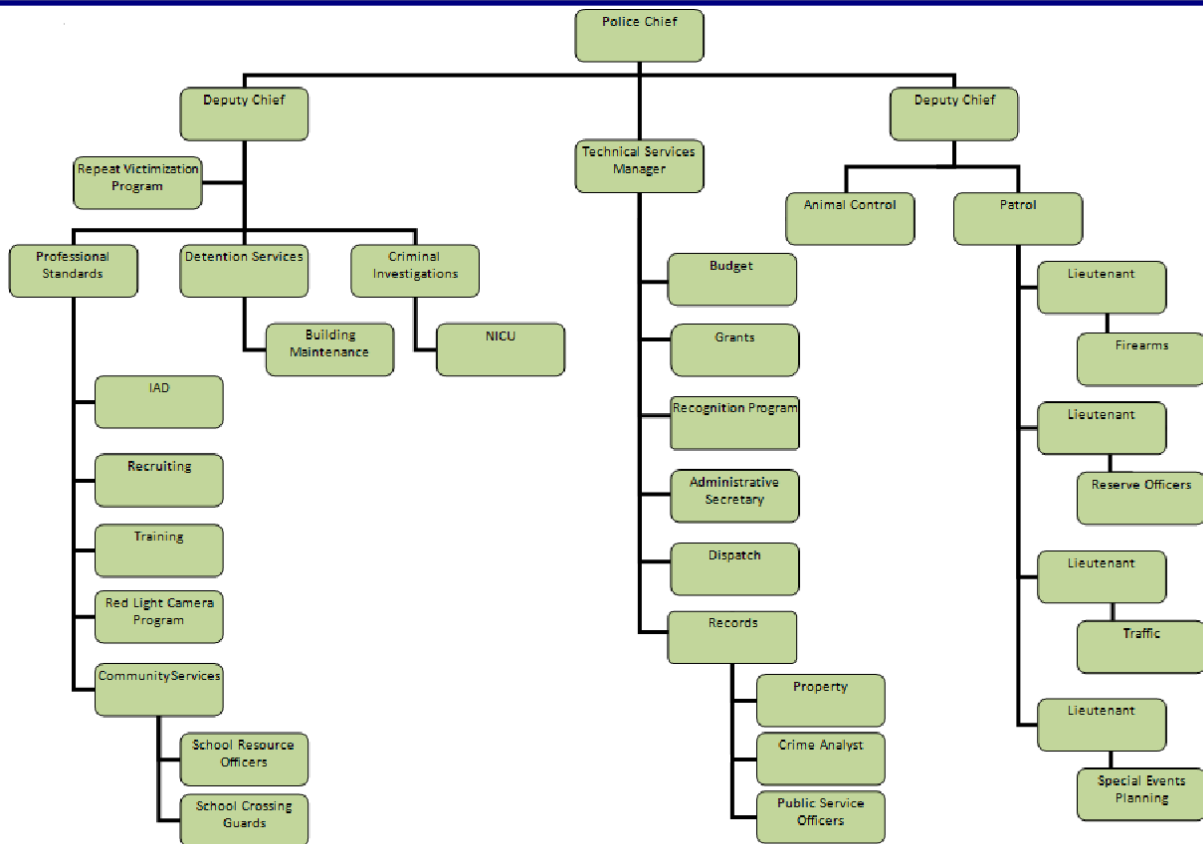
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- *New Repeat Victimization Unit created - pg. 8*
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# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Police Department's 2012 budget appropriations totaled over ten million dollars. Personnel costs represent 91% of the total budget. Personnel costs include salary and benefits for all Department personnel.

Departmental Budget	FY 2011/2012	FY 2012/2013
Personnel Services	\$9,265,272	\$9,577,628
Supplies	361,500	354,330
Maintenance	81,720	91,955
Contractual Services	199,640	201,545
Utilities	147,750	147,750
Debt & Transfers	4,535	3,235
Capital Outlay	140,000	140,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,200,417</b>	<b>\$10,516,443</b>



The above does not include the Drug Enforcement Fund, nor the Traffic Safety Fund.

# STATISTICS

## DEPARTMENT STATISTICS - THREE YEAR COMPARISON

	2012	2011	2010
Population	49,878	48,043	46,949
Budget (millions)	\$10.5	\$10.2	\$10.5
Police Staff:			
Commissioned	80	80	82
Non-Commissioned	53	53	54
Calls for Service	25,360	25,415	24,968
Priority 1 Calls	3,753	3,719	3,779
Priority 1 Response Time	5:01	4:19	4:20
Traffic Citations/Infractions Issued	13,683	15,945	12,338
Vehicle Accidents	1,624	1,366	1,430
Adult Arrests	2,802	3,487	3,321

## ABOUT CRIME STATISTICS

In this area, law enforcement agencies report their crime statistics under one of two reporting systems, either UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting) or NIBRS (National Information Based Reporting System). There are distinct differences between the two reporting systems. The FBI describes the difference as follows:

“In the (UCR) Summary reporting system, the “Hierarchy Rule” governs multiple offenses reporting. If more than one crime was committed by the same person or group of persons and the time and space intervals separating the crimes were insignificant, then the crime highest in the hierarchy is the only offense reported. Agencies do not use the Hierarchy Rule in the NIBRS. If more than one crime was committed by the same person or group of persons and the time and space intervals were insignificant, all of the crimes are reported as offenses within the same incident. For example, if a criminal burglarizes a residence and assaults the inhabitant, only the assault is reported as it takes precedent over the burglary (in UCR reporting) on the Hierarchy Rule. NIBRS reports all offenses involved in a particular incident (i.e. one burglary and one assault).”

These reporting differences can lead to significant discrepancies when accurately attempting to compare crime statistics where some report under UCR and some report under NIBRS.

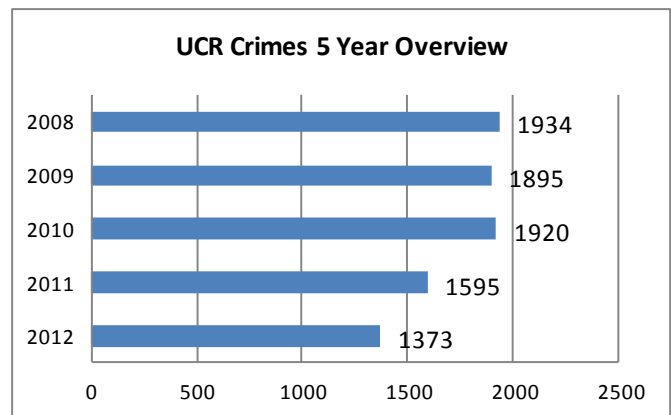
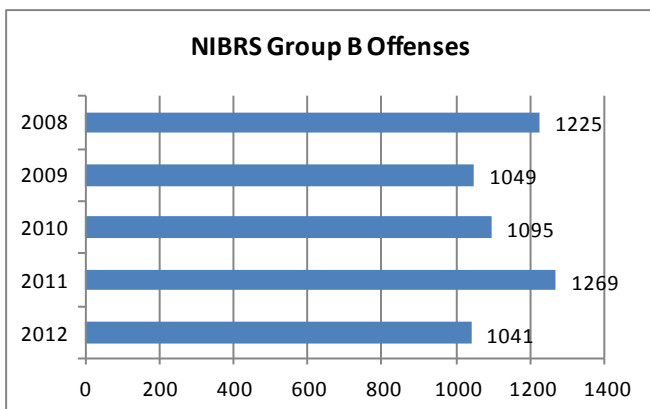
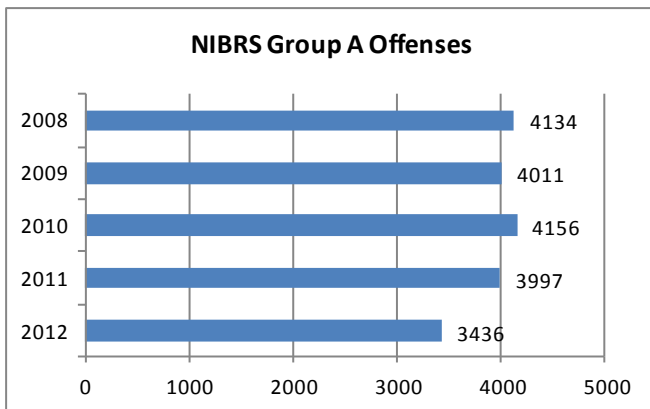
In order to make an "apples to apples" comparison, the Bedford Police Department is now providing annual violent crime and property crime data in both NIBRS and UCR formats on our website.



# UCR vs NIBRS PART I CRIME

	UCR			NIBRS		
	2012	2011	2010	2012	2011	2010
<b>Violent Crime:</b>						
<b>Murder</b>	1	0	2	1	0	2
<b>Rape</b>	24	23	23	29	42	37
<b>Robbery</b>	28	20	33	29	22	35
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	88	97	126	110	141	175
<b>Property Crime:</b>						
<b>Arson</b>	0	0	2	2	6	4
<b>Burglary</b>	265	372	335	274	378	392
<b>Theft</b>	903	1002	1307	1023	1095	1316
<b>Auto Theft</b>	64	81	92	82	100	60
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,784</b>	<b>2,021</b>

For the second year in a row, both violent and property crime has reduced. In fact, you have to go back to 2002 to see similar violent crime numbers. Property crime numbers are the best they have been since 1995.



# PATROL

The Patrol Division encompasses the largest number of personnel in the Police Department. The Patrol Division's primary responsibilities are responding to calls for service and providing preventative neighborhood patrols. In addition, the Patrol Division utilizes volunteers who serve as Police Reserve Officers and can assist the Patrol Division in their daily operations.



The Patrol Division is divided into 4 shifts, each working 12 hour shifts. The city is divided into five districts that are proactively patrolled by uniformed officers, who are on the lookout for signs of problems.

2012 Patrol Division Statistics	
Calls for Service	25,360
Officer Initiated Calls	35,227
Case Narratives	5,962
Traffic Citations Issued	3,723
Adult Arrests Made	2,801



# TRAFFIC



The Traffic Division is responsible for responding to accidents and providing education on occupant safety. In addition, this Division is charged with the responsibility of gaining compliance of state traffic laws and city ordinances through selective traffic enforcement programs. The Traffic Division increased its efforts in 1998 with the expansion of the motorcycle program.

## 2012 Traffic Division Statistics

Accident Reports	1,624
Hit and Run Accidents	136
Citations Issued	9,960

The Traffic Division researches and analyzes problem traffic locations in order to find a solution that will increase overall safety.

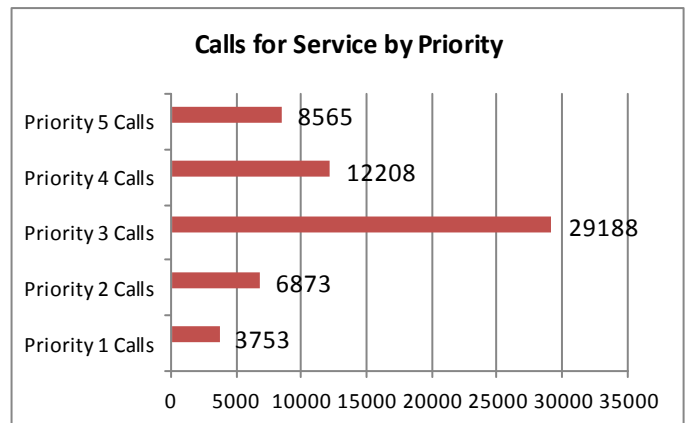
*Traffic accidents increased by 19% over last year.*



# DISPATCH

The Dispatch Division is responsible for the management of the entire emergency, public safety and after-hour city services communications. This includes, but is not limited to, receiving and dispatching 9-1-1, police, fire, EMS and Animal Control calls for service.

When a call comes in, the Dispatch Division determines the nature and location of the emergency, determines priorities, and dispatches emergency units as necessary. The Dispatch Division is also charged with monitoring emergency alarms, as well as answering non-emergency calls for assistance.



# DETENTION SERVICES

The Detention Services Division is responsible for the care of all incarcerated prisoners. The Detention Services Division also provides housing for Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees. In addition to the Detention Facility, this Division oversees the daily maintenance of the entire Law Enforcement Center.

Detention Services Officers are responsible for completing an administrative process once an inmate is released into their custody. This includes collecting information, conducting property inventory, taking photographs, and fingerprinting inmates upon arrival.



## ***Detention Facility Facts:***

*Composed of 22 Cells*

*Can house 80 inmates*

*Processed 5,084 inmates this year*

*\*3,283 ICE detainees*

**Prisoner Visitation Hours** - 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily - visitations can be restricted at any time due to manpower or other issues within the Detention Facility

**Payment** - The Detention Facility only accepts bonds, cash or Visa/Mastercard. **NO CHECKS ACCEPTED**



# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS



The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for investigating crimes against property and/or persons, and conducting special and undercover operations to include narcotic, gang activities, gambling, organized crime, etc.

The Criminal Investigations Division is staffed with eleven Investigators, supervised by two Sergeants and one Lieutenant. In 2012, CID investigated 3,525 cases and maintained an overall clearance rate of 67% for persons crimes and 21% for property crimes.



## CRIME SCENE

The department has 2 full-time Crime Scene Technicians, as well as designated detectives who serve in this capacity. It is the responsibility of the Crime Scene Technicians to protect crime scenes, preserve physical evidence, and collect and submit the evidence for scientific examination.

### 2012 Criminal Investigations Statistics

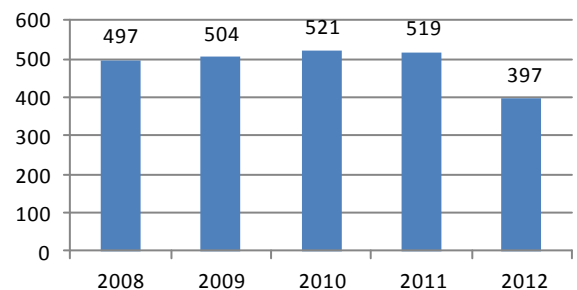
<b>Total Cases Assigned</b>	3,557
<b>Disposition</b>	
Active	3
Administrative Closure	167
Arrest	2,015
Exceptional	242
Pending	688
Prosecutor's Office	5
Unfounded	437

# REPEAT VICTIMIZATION UNIT

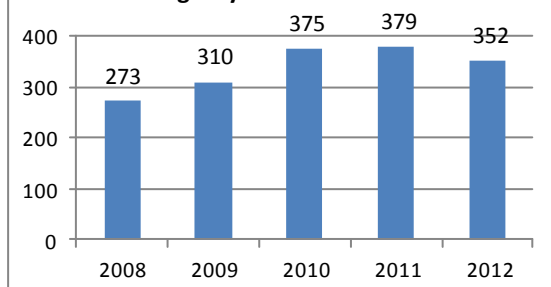
Available Bureau of Justice Statistics indicate that 10% of all victims account for 42% of all victimization and that 10% of offense locations account for 60% of all offense locations. These numbers help define that there are conditional elements at work that result in some victims/locations being more susceptible to crime victimization.

In 2012, the Repeat Victimization Unit was created to systematically address the contributing factors leading to crime victimization and reduce repeat occurrences. This program creates an opportunity to reduce repeat victimization, reduce the need for repetitious police response to the same location/victim, and save money in victim expenses, legal services, and police manpower.

Domestic Violence Cases



Emergency Mental Detentions





# RECORDS

The Records Division is responsible for four distinct positions, each one encompassing a diverse set of duties.

## RECORDS TECHNICIANS

Records Technicians are responsible for entering all offense/incidents, arrest and accident reports into the Department's records management system, the management and retention of said records, and processing open record requests. In addition, this Division is responsible for the management of the City's business and residential alarm permit program.

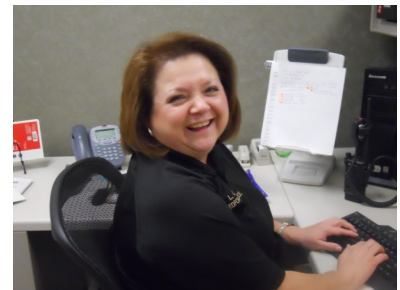


*In 2012, the Records Division:*

*Processed 5,962 reports*

*Fielded 9,835 phone calls*

*Assisted 6,473 customers*



## PUBLIC SERVICE OFFICERS

The Public Service Officers (PSO) are responsible for the following duties:

- 1. Front Desk-** Receive all walk-in visitors, take walk-in and phone-in offense/incident reports. Public Service Officers can take offense reports on virtually all cases in which there is no immediate threat.
- 2. Fingerprinting-** Provide fingerprinting services to the public at a fee of \$10 per card
- 3. Code Enforcement-** Provide code enforcement duties in the field for vehicles that are deemed inoperable, junk, etc.

Public Service Officers  
can be reached by  
phone at 817.952.2440



## CRIME ANALYST

The Crime Analyst is charged with keeping officer and local agencies abreast of urgent suspect and/or officer safety issues as they arise. The Crime Analyst also analyzes data in order to assist in the strategic patrol deployments and investigation of criminal acts.



## PROPERTY

Property/Evidence is responsible for receiving, releasing and the safekeeping of all property and evidence. The Property Technician must maintain the chain of custody for all evidentiary items.

In 2012, the Property Division logged 4,956 pieces of evidence.

# PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Professional Standards Division encompasses several components of the Police Department: Internal Affairs, Recruiting, Training, Community Services, School Resource Officers, and School Crossing Guards.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Services Division is responsible for providing citizens of Bedford with superior programs and services. Many of these programs focus on educating the community about crime and how to deter its occurrence.

The following programs are offered through the Community Services Division:

**Citizens Police Academy** - This FREE course is a twelve week program designed to give you a more detailed look into the inter-workings of the Police Department.

**Crime Watch** - This program provides communities information on security hardware, crime trends, when to call the police and how neighbors watching out for neighbors can decrease criminal activity in a neighborhood.

**Residential Security Surveys** - This survey consists of an officer coming to inspect your doors, windows, shrubbery around windows, etc. for key points to deter crime.

For more information on any of these programs, please call 817.952.2444



## INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Internal Affairs is tasked with receiving and investigating citizen complaints and internal investigations that are assigned by the Police Chief. The Internal Affairs responsibility is to receive a complaint, conduct an impartial investigation, and make an unbiased disposition.

2012 Stats	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Sustained	Cleared by Exception	Exonerated	Total
Informal	1	3	0	1	0	5
Formal	0	0	0	1	1	2
Internal	0	1	5	3	1	10
Total	1	4	5	5	2	17



In 2012, department personnel received 7,587 hours of training!





# SPECIALIZED UNITS

The below listed units each have a specialized mission and work closely with Tarrant County and surrounding agencies to combine crime fighting efforts.

## SWAT

This year, cities of Bedford, Euless, Hurst, and Grapevine combined their tactical unit personnel and resources to form the Northeast Tarrant County Area SWAT Team (NETCAST). The Department has 9 members and 3 negotiators assigned to the unit part-time. These members are comprised of full-time certified officers, at various levels of rank and from various divisions within the Department.



*There were 4 SWAT call outs in 2012.*



## NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

The Tarrant County Narcotics Unit is responsible for narcotic enforcement in Tarrant County. The department currently assigns one investigator to the Task Force. This Investigator reports directly to the Task Force, but also reports to the Lieutenant assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division.

In 2012, the Tarrant County Narcotics Unit seized \$5 Million worth of currency and narcotics.

## K-9

A K9 team is an excellent resource for a police department. Our K9 team consists of Officer Versocki and K9 Bowly. During 2012, they were responsible for over 126 building and vehicle searches, supporting the City of Bedford, Tarrant County Narcotics Task Forces, and surrounding agencies.



**K-9 Drug Seizures**

Meth	Heroin	Cocaine	Marijuana	GHB	Prescription Pills	Other
2,605.4g	76.3g	98.8g	44lbs 7.67oz	611g	133.9g	124.6g



# ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control Division is responsible for the care and custody of all impounded animals, responding to calls for service, quarantining animals, investigating reports of cruelty and enforcing animal ordinance violations. The Animal Control Division aggressively seeks good homes for all adoptable animals.

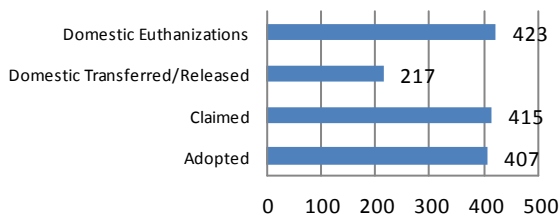
Each year the Animal Shelter holds a Spring Pet Fair and a Fall Pet Fair to find loving homes for adoptable animals and educate the public on responsible pet ownership.



## 2012 Animal Control Statistics

Calls for Service	3,874
Domestic Live Animals Received	1,435
Licenses Issued	1,999
Citations Issued	21
Bite Reports	121

## Shelter Activity



## The Animal Shelter is Located At:

**1809 Reliance Parkway,  
Bedford, Texas 76021  
817.952.2191**



# VOLUNTEERS

*Volunteers contributed 1,302  
hours in 2012.*

The volunteer program is generally made up of members of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (graduates of the Citizens Police Academy). They are people with ideas, talents and visions of the future, working together to create a better Bedford.

Volunteers work in technical, professional and general support areas. Volunteers are assigned to several different divisions of the Police Department and report directly to the Volunteer Program Coordinator and/or the supervisor over the division in which they serve.

A broad list of volunteer opportunities exists. For more information on our Volunteer Program, please contact T.Sgt. Randy Gardner at 817.952.2444.



# ANNUAL AWARDS

The Annual Awards Banquet was held on Saturday, January 26, 2013, at the Pat May Center located here in Bedford. The Awards Banquet is held each year to reflect on the accomplishments made by personnel and to honor the recipients of awards and those deserving special recognition. The Banquet is entirely funded each year by generous local businesses, citizen sponsorship, the Department's Municipal Police Association and through the Department's Idea Committee special fundraising efforts.

## DIVISIONAL AWARDS

Administration Division – T.Sgt. Randy Gardner, Police Officer  
Animal Control Division – Mark Bellinghausen, Animal Control Officer Supervisor  
Criminal Investigation Division – Jennifer Bellinghausen, CID Secretary  
Detention Services Division – Loretta Helm, Detention Services Supervisor  
Dispatch Division – Blanca Perez, Dispatcher  
Patrol Division - Co-Recipients – Nathan Noble & Todd Davis, Police Officers II  
Records/Property/PSO Division – Christina Durham, Crime Analyst  
Traffic Division – Chris Miller, Police Officer II



## OTHER AWARDS

Life Saving - Tommy Christy, Police Officer  
Life Saving - Lane Simmons, Police Officer  
Life Saving - Colt Remington, Previous BPD Officer



## TENURE AWARDS

35 Years of Service - Ron Wilkey, Lieutenant  
30 Years of Service - Biff Schuessler, Lieutenant  
30 Years of Service - Jerry Buford, Sergeant  
25 Years of Service - Doug Crowell, Sergeant  
25 Years of Service - Les Hawkins, Deputy Chief  
25 Years of Service - Amy James, Dispatch Supervisor  
25 Years of Service - Eric Griffin, Deputy Chief  
25 Years of Service - Mike Kratky, Police Officer  
20 Years of Service - David Smith, Lieutenant  
20 Years of Service - Michelle Wilson, Lead Records Technician  
15 Years of Service - Andrew Crump, Sergeant  
15 Years of Service - Michelle Ricard, Dispatcher  
15 Years of Service - Joey Gauger, Detective  
15 Years of Service - Chris West, Corporal  
15 Years of Service - Jeff Gibson, Sergeant  
10 Years of Service - Stephen Selvidge, Police Officer II  
10 Years of Service - Scott Weir, Police Officer II

10 Years of Service - Shane Bean, Corporal  
10 Years of Service - Karla Taylor, Administrative Secretary  
10 Years of Service - Kathy Haecker, Crime Victim Liaison  
5 Years of Service - Troy Thornton, Police Officer II  
5 Years of Service - Maria Zimmerman, Custodian II  
5 Years of Service - Todd Bracken, Detention Officer  
5 Years of Service - Brad Deutsch, Police Officer II  
5 Years of Service - Jeff Pruett, Police Officer  
5 Years of Service - Greg Panelli, Police Officer II  
5 Years of Service - Ken Horn, Lead Animal Control Officer  
5 Years of Service - Hiroko Laukhuf, Crime Scene Technician  
5 Years of Service - Charteka Webb, Dispatcher  
5 Years of Service - Tracy Robertson, Animal Control Officer  
5 Years of Service - Shayna Embry, Records Technician  
5 Years of Service - Greg Yond, Police Officer II  
5 Years of Service - Rodney Yanai, Animal Control Officer



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## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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## Phone Contacts

Emergency: 911

Main Non-Emergency: 817.952.2440

Non-Emergency Dispatch: 817.952.2127

Administration: 817.952.2402

Animal Control: 817.952.2191

Criminal Investigations: 817.952.2411

Community Services: 817.952.2444

Detention Facility (Jail): 817.952.2430

Professional Standards: 817.952.2407

Public Service Officers: 817.952.2440

Property Room: 817.952.2432

Records: 817.952.2425

Recruiting: 817.952.2489

Traffic: 817.952.2488

