

# A REPORT TO OUR CITIZENS 2021

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# Mission We make safer places for you to live, work and play.

### 2021 Highlight

The City of Star hired Jada Butterfield to be our new Administrative Assistant for the Star Police Department. That means you'll have easier access to us by having Jada in the office, Monday through Friday, to answer phone calls and welcome walk-ins. Jada will also help us organize data and crime trend reports, order and purchase supplies, and support our staff so our officers can spend more time in town.

The City of Star also added two patrol officers to increase the officer-to-citizen ratio. This allows us to have more officers in the community at our busiest time for a better response to calls and increased officer safety.

This report provides a good snapshot of how our rapid population gain in Star has not brought higher crime rates with it, so that is good news. Check it out If you want to get an idea of what is happening in our town.

#### Reporting Crimes: State of Idaho

Law enforcement agencies in Idaho report crime within their jurisdictions to the Idaho State Police under the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). They conform with definitions, rules and guidelines for reporting into the three categories of Persons Crime, Property Crimes, and Society Crimes. This allows for reliability of statistics and to inform the public about the nature of crime problems.



# **Message from Star Police Chief Zach Hessing**

We would like to thank the residents of Star for their unwavering support of law enforcement. It is a privilege to serve such a great community as we work with one another to keep our crime rate low and each other safe.

2021 was a year of change. The ongoing challenges of COVID-19 kept us all apart more than I would like. Like the rest of the Treasure Valley, we're having some growing pains — but I am thrilled say the City of Star still has that small town feel of helping one another and looking out for our neighbors.

The Star Police Department remains committed to working hard, enforcing the laws that keep our community safe, helping our citizens solve problems when we're able, and keeping a great relationship with our community. We look forward to 2022 and working with all of you to make Star a safer place to live, work and play.

#### CRIME AND CLEARANCE

## Crimes per 1,000 residents

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#### Percent of crimes solved



\*State of Idaho Clearance % estimate, 5-4-2020

# **CRIMES BY TYPE**

	2019	2020	2021*
Person Cases	48	50	56
Person Felony	18	26	19
Person Misdemeanor	30	24	37
Supplemental on Persons Case	15	18	8
Property Cases	114	123	78
Property Felony	70	62	40
Property Misdemeanor	44	61	38
Supplemental on Property Case	46	33	3

On cases with both a Felony and Misdemeanor the Felony was counted as a count of cases not a count of offenses. \*2021 Data is through November 2021 as of January 11, 2022; at this time there are hundreds of unprocessed Supplemental reports needing to be validated.

Star Populations are based on COMPASS population estimates, April 2021

Star Calls	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Community Call	1,236	1,342	2,132	2,615	2,207
Officer Initiated	6,655	5,655 5,464 6,452		6,745	5,727
Total	7,891	6,806 8,584		9,360	7,934
Priority Calls	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
P3 – Emergency	11	26	38	22	34
P3-Avg Response (MM:SS)	2:13	4:26	3:18	3:28	2:07
P2 - High Priority	2,787	2,555	3,007	2,887	2,539
P1-0 - Low Priority	5,093	4,225	5,539	6,451	5,361
Call Activity / Arrest	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Case Arrests*	163	246	167 98		74
Traffic Crash Calls	78	57	106	121	132
DUI Calls	55	63	102	89	89
Crisis/Mental Hold/ Suicide type Calls	44	51	51	50	50
Narcotic Type Calls	19	10	9	12	7
Juvenile Issues Calls	54	83	92	101	149
School Security Calls	160	309	450	444	453
Offense Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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Star Police Team					
Administrative Assistant					
Jada Butterfield					
Blue Team					
Deputy Derick Brashears					
Deputy Jon Cleveland					
Deputy Dale Morehouse					
Deputy Jacob Breckon					
Silver Team					
Deputy Michael Henderson					
Deputy Jason Woodcook					
Deputy Robert Denney					
Deputy Austin Eckhardt					
Detectives					
Detective Jonathan Steele - Property Crimes					
Detective Ashley Turner - Person Crimes					
School Resource Officers					

Detective Rob Fowler

# **Training and Specialties**

The Star Police Department is fortunate to have 1 SWAT Deputy, 2 Emergency Vehicle Operation Course Instructors, Crisis Negotiator, Honor Guard, 2 Drone Operators, 3 Patrol Training Officers, Fraud investigator, 2 Trained Acting Field Commander's, Breath Test Specialist, 2 Crime Scene Investigator's, US Marshall Task Force, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Cell Phone Investigations, Interview Techniques, Commercial Vehicle Specialist, Motorcycle Patrol, and a Fusion Liaison Officer (Intelligence).

City	Population	Budget 21-22	Officer Count	Cost per Resident	Star Budget Breakdown	%
Garden City	12,570	\$ 5,133,397.00	26	\$408.38	Personnel	89.9%
Boise	241,590	\$ 71,179,598.00	300	\$294.63	Vehicles	6.1%
Unincorporated	60,820	\$ 14,388,401.00	68	\$236.57	Operational	1.2%
Nampa	110,980	\$ 25,148,723.00	144	\$226.61		
Meridian	127,890	\$ 24,036,074.00	129	\$187.94	Equipment / Uniforms	2.3%
Caldwell	63,760	\$ 11,067,230.00	73	\$173.58	Support	.5%
Star	13,400	\$ 1,518,780.41	10	\$113.34		
Eagle	34,470	\$ 3,572,671.12	24	\$103.65	Total Star Police Cost	\$ 1,633,097.21
Kuna	27,570	\$ 2,715,073.17	18	\$98.48	Shared Services Credit	\$ (114,316.80)
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Average	77,006	\$ 17,639,994.19	88	\$204.80	Contract	\$ 1,518,780.41

Data references: CAD Data is from CAD SQL database, Offense and Arrests from RMS database: Ada County Sheriffs Office



