



# A REPORT TO OUR CITIZENS

## 2024

### MISSION

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

#### 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

In October 2024, Mayor Chadwick and Star City Council added an Admin. Sergeant, K9 Deputy, and summer Juvenile Detective to Star PD. We are extremely grateful for their unwavering support in providing these positions to keep Star safe.

- The Admin. Sergeant will supervise the Problem Oriented Police Team [who focus on traffic enforcement, community engagement/education, and problem areas in Star] and three Detectives. They will also oversee Star PD grants or community engagement efforts, assist with supervision of daily operations, and help organize trainings between Star PD and Star Fire.
- The K9 Deputy is a first for Star PD and will be a force multiplier for patrol work. This extra help is expected to remove more narcotics from Star's streets, reduce response times, and provide extra deputy availability to help keep Star a safe place to live, work, and play.
- The summer Juvenile Detective will assist on summertime juvenile crimes. Last year, juvenile issues increased at some of Star's great amenities, such as the swimming pond at Freedom Park. This additional position will help Star PD monitor juvenile issues and provide extra support to deter such activity.

We are excited about the additional positions in Star. We love this City and look forward to a great year!



#### ADA COUNTY DATA

##### Crime Map



##### Neighborhood Map



##### Monthly Reports



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### MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF HESSING

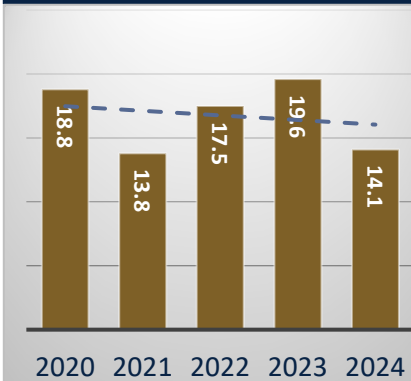
I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for your continued support and collaboration in making our community a safer place to live, work, and play. In 2024, we continued to see an increasing number of residents choosing Star as their home and have witnessed new opportunities and challenges. With 2.25 new positions, Star PD now staffs 20.25 commissioned deputies (10 Patrol Deputies; 3 Problem Oriented Police Deputies; 3.25 Detectives; 2 Patrol Sergeants; 1 Administrative Sergeant; 1 Chief of Police) and 1 professional Administrative Assistant. This staffing aligns with Star's goal of having 1 deputy per 1,000 residents.

We are committed to meeting our residents' needs by expanding our community policing efforts, investing in new technologies, and enhancing community outreach. For this, we asked BSU to do a community survey and I am happy to see that 91.1% of Star respondents "felt that their local law enforcement treats citizens fairly and with respect and take the time to listen to people". We also found that the 3 areas of concerns for Ada County residents were: (1) increased police presence and traffic enforcement to reduce speeding and increase a sense of safety; (2) specific strategies targeting areas perceived as having higher rates of crime; and (3) increased publication of data on traffic stops, accidents, crimes, and incidents (see the 3 QR codes in the bottom left corner of this page).

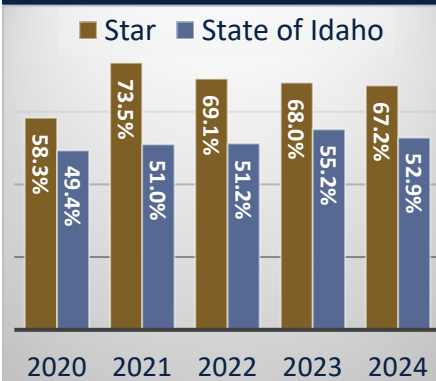
Star PD will remain focused on maintaining proactive policing strategies that emphasize prevention, education, and engagement. We are fully committed to maintaining the high standards of service, accountability, and transparency that you expect from your police department. We are proud to serve such a vibrant, expanding community, and together, we will continue to help elevate the lives of all our community members. Thank You!

### CRIME AND CLEARANCE

#### Crimes Per 1,000 Residents



#### Percent of Crimes Cleared<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> 2020-2024 clearance rates represent cases closed as of March 2025. Due to cases continually closing, clearance rates reported in this table may reflect higher than those provided in previous annual reports.

### CRIMES BY TYPE AND SEVERITY

NIBRS Offenses/Cases <sup>2</sup>	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Persons Offenses	60	74	107	96	118
Property Offenses	99	59	92	117	68
Felony Persons Cases	25	26	33	30	23
Misdemeanor Persons Cases	29	42	63	48	71
Felony Property Cases	54	27	48	56	44
Misdemeanor Property Cases	40	27	38	46	22

**Location boundaries:** 2020-2022 (occurred in Reporting District [RD] 91); 2023-2024 (geo-validated to Star city limits). <sup>2</sup> "Offenses" represents the number of annual NIBRS "Group A" crime types: Persons (by victim count per offense) or Property (by crime code). "Cases" are a distinct count of case numbers.

CALLS SUMMARY					
Star CAD Calls	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Community Calls	2,615	2,207	2,567	2,739	2,838
Officer Initiated	6,745	5,727	10,045	15,332	18,414
<b>Total CAD Calls</b>	<b>9,360</b>	<b>7,934</b>	<b>12,612</b>	<b>18,071</b>	<b>21,252</b>
Priority Calls	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
P3: Emergency	22	34	35	33	42
P2: High Priority	2,887	2,539	3,987	5,125	4,879
P1-0: Low Priority	6,451	5,361	8,590	12,913	16,331
Call Activity	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Traffic Crash Call	121	132	105	110	165
DUI Call	89	89	47	52	66
Mental Health Call <sup>3</sup>	50	50	78	74	70
Narcotic Type Call	12	7	15	21	9
Juvenile Issues Call	101	149	134	170	190
School Security Call	444	453	630	695	503

*Location boundaries: 2020-2021 (occurred in RD 91); 2022-2024 (geo-validated to Star city limits).*  
<sup>3</sup> 2024 counts include "Attempted Suicide" calls.

ARRESTS AND MENTAL HOLDS					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Arrests <sup>4</sup>	55	91	93	107	88
Mental Hold Cases	20	16	14	21	23

*Location boundaries: 2020-2022 (occurred in RD 91); 2023-2024 (geo-validated to Star city limits).*  
<sup>4</sup> Arrests are defined as offenses closed via arrest to align with NIBRS' arrest definition. These counts have been backdated through 2020 to provide comparable annual data. Current as of March 2025.

COMMISSIONED TRAINING AND SPECIALTIES			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acting Field Commander</li> <li>Armored Vehicle Operator</li> <li>Arson Investigator</li> <li>Breath Test Specialist</li> <li>Cell Phone Investigations</li> <li>Chief Pilot (UAS Team)</li> <li>Child Crimes Investigator</li> <li>Commercial Vehicle Specialist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Court Training Officer</li> <li>Crime Scene Investigator</li> <li>Crisis Negotiator</li> <li>Defensive Tactics Instructor</li> <li>Drone Operator</li> <li>Drug Recognition Specialist</li> <li>Emergency Vehicle Operation Course Instructor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Firearms Instructor</li> <li>Fraud Investigator</li> <li>Fusion Liaison (Intel) Officer</li> <li>Honor Guard</li> <li>Interview Techniques</li> <li>K9 Narcotic Detection</li> <li>Marine Patrol</li> <li>Motorcycle Patrol</li> <li>Patrol Training Officer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pressure Point Control Tactics Instructor</li> <li>SWAT Deputy</li> <li>Swift Water Rescue</li> <li>TechOps Specialist (Operator)</li> <li>Terrorism Liaison Officer</li> </ul>

FY 2024 AGENCY BUDGETS <sup>5</sup>			
City	Population <sup>6</sup>	Budget	Cost per Resident
Garden City	13,380	\$ 5,939,701.00	\$ 443.92
Boise	250,060	\$ 95,294,593.00	\$ 381.09
Unincorporated	62,360	\$ 19,840,659.51	\$ 318.16
Nampa	119,220	\$ 33,401,845.00	\$ 280.17
Meridian	142,830	\$ 39,811,500.00	\$ 278.73
Caldwell	73,420	\$ 17,614,246.00	\$ 239.91
Kuna	31,490	\$ 3,797,712.00	\$ 120.60
Eagle	37,550	\$ 4,534,209.00	\$ 120.75
Star	20,370	\$ 2,881,326.75	\$ 141.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>750,680</b>	<b>\$ 223,115,792.26</b>	
<b>Average</b>	<b>83,409</b>	<b>\$ 24,790,643.58</b>	<b>\$ 297.22</b>

<sup>5</sup> All budget numbers reflect Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 (October 01, 2023 – September 30, 2024).  
<sup>6</sup> Populations are based on COMPASS population estimates, April 2024.

Databases used: CAD Data is from CAD SQL. Offense, Arrest, and Mental Hold data is from New World.

STAR POLICE TEAM	
<b>CHIEF ZACHARY HESSING</b>	
<b>Sgt. Jonathan Steele</b>	
<b>Sgt. Travis De Bie</b>	
<b>Sgt. Alex McCray</b>	
<b>Administrative Assistant - Jada Butterfield</b>	
<b>Blue Team</b>	
	Deputy Austin Eckhardt
	Deputy Levi Glynn
	Deputy Dale Morehouse
	Deputy Jesse Norris
	Deputy Justin Prather
<b>Silver Team</b>	
	Deputy Kobie Anderson
	Deputy Sean Huddleston
	Deputy Nick Maier
	Deputy Lonnie Neill
	Deputy Nathan Picciuto
<b>Detectives</b>	
	Det. Casey Bryant - Person Crimes
	Det. Ashley Hageman-Turner - Person Crimes
	Det. Damian Rodriguez - Property Crimes
<b>Problem Oriented Police Team (P.O.P)</b>	
	Deputy Derick Brashears
	Deputy Jon Cleveland
	Deputy Samuel Goldstein
<b>School Resource Officer (S.R.O.)</b>	
	Det. Alan Takeuchi

FY 2024 STAR BUDGET BREAKDOWN	
Personnel	90.0%
Vehicles	6.5%
Operational	0.6%
Equipment / Uniforms	2.6%
Support	0.3%
<b>Total Star Police Cost</b>	<b>\$ 3,099,226.75</b>
<b>Shared Services Credit</b>	<b>\$ (217,900.00)</b>
<b>Net Star Police Contract</b>	<b>\$ 2,881,326.75</b>

