

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Jim Veltkamp, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Telling the Story of the Bozeman Police Department

MEETING DATE: October 7, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Plan/Report/Study

RECOMMENDATION: None.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.1 Outreach: Continue to strengthen and innovate in how we deliver information to the community and our partners.

BACKGROUND:

The Bozeman Police Department recognizes it is crucial that the community be provided with timely, accurate, and consistent information regarding current events, crime information, and department information.

This information can help build trust, enhance public safety, and reduce misinformation. In turn, this allows for a safer community and a stronger relationship between the department and Bozeman residents.

Although varying levels of communication have taken place for many years, there is significantly more that could and should be shared, including details about evolving crime trends, the members of the department, and the services the department offers.

Toward that end, City of Bozeman staff from various departments have been working closely together this year to improve the overall information content and to increase the methods by which the information is disseminated.

This presentation will provide an update regarding specific steps that are being taken to help tell the community the story of the Bozeman Police Department.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As recommended by the City Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

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