



A REPORT TO OUR CITIZENS 2023

MISSION

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

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

In October 2023, Mayor Chadwick and Star City Council added two Patrol Deputies, two Problem Oriented Police (POP) Deputies, and one Major Crimes Detective to the Star Police Department. We are extremely grateful for their unwavering support in providing these new positions to keep our city safe.

- The new POP Team (Star's first designated team) focuses on traffic enforcement, community engagement/education, and problem areas in Star.
- The additional Major Crimes Detective allows for investigations duties to be split between two detectives: one for Violent Felony Persons crimes and one for Child and Felony Sexual crimes.
- To ensure we're doing everything possible to keep the children of Star safe, we have placed one of these detectives at Star Elementary as a School Resource Officer (SRO).

We are very excited about the additional commissioned deputies in Star and look forward to another great year.



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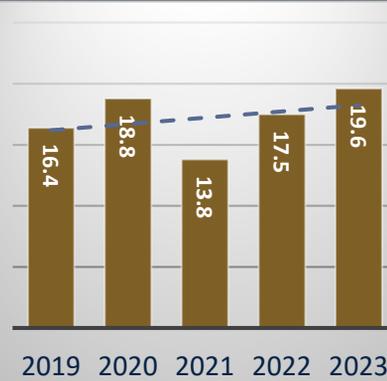
MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF HESSING

We would like to thank the residents of Star for their continuous support of law enforcement. It is a privilege to serve this great community as we work with one another to keep our city safe. Though Star's population is growing quickly, I am still amazed how the community members come together and watch out for one another. In the past year, we have seen a decrease in the number of violent crimes, while our crime clearance rate nears 70% for the 3rd year in a row. The City of Star truly is a great place to call home.

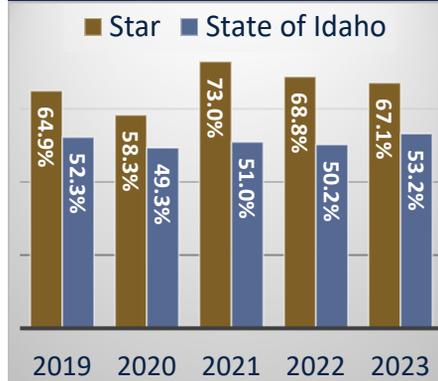
The Star Police Department remains committed to working hard, enforcing the laws to keep our community safe, helping our citizens solve problems, and maintaining a great relationship with our residents. To help do our part, Star Police Department now has ten Patrol Deputies, two Patrol Sergeants, three Detectives, two Problem Oriented Police Deputies, and one Administrative Assistant. We look forward to 2024 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



Percent of Crimes Cleared¹



¹ 2019-2023 clearance rates represent cases closed as of March 2024. 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 ²	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Persons Offenses	59	60	74	107	96
Property Offenses	94	99	59	92	117
Felony Persons Cases	17	25	26	33	30
Misdemeanor Persons Cases	30	29	42	63	48
Felony Property Cases	67	54	27	48	56
Misdemeanor Property Cases	31	40	27	38	46

¹ Location boundaries: 2019 to 2022 (occurred in Reporting District [RD] 91); 2023 (geo-validated to Star city limits).

² "Offenses" represents the number of NIBRS "Group A" crime types (Persons [by victim count per offense] or Property [by crime code]) that occurred per year. "Cases" are a distinct count of case numbers.

CALLS SUMMARY

Star CAD Calls	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Community Calls	2,132	2,615	2,207	2,567	2,739
Officer Initiated	6,452	6,745	5,727	10,045	15,332
Total CAD Calls	8,584	9,360	7,934	12,612	18,071
Priority Calls	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
P3 – Emergency	38	22	34	35	33
P2 – High Priority	3,007	2,887	2,539	3,987	5,125
P1-0 – Low Priority	5,539	6,451	5,361	8,590	12,913
Call Activity	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Traffic Crash Calls	106	121	132	105	110
DUI Calls	102	89	89	47	52
Mental Health Calls	51	50	50	78	74
Narcotic Type Call	9	12	7	15	21
Juvenile Issues Calls	92	101	149	134	170
School Security Call	450	444	453	630	695

Location boundaries: 2019 to 2021 (occurred in RD 91); 2022 to 2023 (geo-validated to Star city limits).

ARRESTS AND MENTAL HOLDS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Arrests ³	85	55	91	92	106
Mental Hold Cases	17	20	16	14	21

Location boundaries: 2019 to 2022 (occurred in RD 91); 2023 (geo-validated to Star city limits).

³ Arrests are defined as offenses closed via arrest to align with NIBRS' arrest definition. These counts have been backdated through 2019 to provide comparable annual data. Current as of March 2024.

COMMISSIONED TRAINING AND SPECIALTIES

- Acting Field Commander
- Breath Test Specialist
- Cell Phone Investigations
- Child Crimes Investigator
- Commercial Vehicle Specialist
- Crime Scene Investigator
- Defensive Tactics Instructor
- Drone Operator
- Drug Recognition Specialist
- Emergency Vehicle Operation
- Course Instructor
- Firearms Instructor
- Fraud Investigator
- Fusion Liaison (Intel) Officer
- Honor Guard
- Interview Techniques
- Marine Patrol
- Motorcycle Patrol
- Patrol Training Officer
- Pressure Point Control Tactics Instructor
- SWAT Deputy
- Swift Water Rescue
- Terrorism Liaison Officer

FY 2023 AGENCY BUDGETS⁴

City	Population ⁵	Budget	Cost per Resident
Garden City	12,990	\$ 5,835,195.00	\$ 449.21
Boise	247,040	\$ 84,487,908.00	\$ 342.00
Unincorporated	63,510	\$ 18,303,088.00	\$ 288.19
Nampa	114,960	\$ 31,381,608.00	\$ 272.98
Meridian	138,620	\$ 39,799,287.00	\$ 287.11
Caldwell	69,910	\$ 14,187,517.00	\$ 202.94
Kuna	29,880	\$ 3,402,749.00	\$ 113.88
Eagle	35,360	\$ 3,725,507.00	\$ 105.36
Star	17,690	\$ 1,906,151.00	\$ 107.75
Total	729,960	\$ 203,029,010.00	
Average	81,107	\$ 22,558,778.89	\$ 278.14

⁴ All budget numbers reflect Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 (October 01, 2022 – September 30, 2023).

⁵ Populations are based on COMPASS population estimates, April 2023.

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

STAR POLICE TEAM

CHIEF ZACHARY HESSING

Sgt. Jonathan Steele

Sgt. Travis De Bie

Administrative Assistant - Jada Butterfield

Blue Team

Deputy Jacob Breckon

Deputy Samuel Goldstein

Deputy Justin Prather

Deputy Dale Morehouse

Deputy Lonnie Neill

Silver Team

Deputy Austin Eckhardt

Deputy Levi Glynn

Deputy Michael Henderson

Deputy Nathan Picciuto

Deputy Ryan Vail

Detectives

Det. Casey Bryant - Persons Crimes

Det. Ashley Hageman-Turner - Persons Crimes

Det. Damian Rodriguez - Property Crimes

School Resource Officer (SRO)

Det. Alan Takeuchi

Problem Oriented Police Team

Deputy Derick Brashears

Deputy Jon Cleveland

FY 2023 STAR BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Personnel	90.7%
Vehicles	6.0%
Operational	0.9%
Equipment / Uniforms	2.1%
Support	0.3%
Total Star Police Cost	\$ 2,049,624.00
Shared Services Credit	\$ (143,474.00)
Net Star Police Contract	\$ 1,906,151.00