CITY OF
BLOOMINGTON
MINNESOTA

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City of Bloomington Public Safety Overview:

The Bloomington Police Department (BPD) is committed to providing a safe experience for all our residents and visitors through a comprehensive policing approach to public safety. Bloomington is a destination city that provides for an abundance of hotels that offer a relaxing stay while you shop and visit all the attractions and special events the city has to offer.

The BPD's history of providing public safety is of the highest standards. Examples of such include:

- Highly detailed safety plans that are executed for major events.
- Addressing public safety for both residential and commercial needs, including for many of the attractions and special events within the community.
- Maintaining a strong working relationship with the Mall of America (MOA) to ensure public safety needs are met. This relationship started in 1992 when the MOA opened its doors, and it has only strengthened with the inception of the BPD's dedicated MOA/South Loop Unit staff. Those efforts continue to pay off today as the BPD and the MOA management and security divisions work closely to promote a safe, enjoyable environment for shoppers and employees.

BPD Mission, Vision, and Core Value



The BPD's core value is, "Respect." Demonstrated through our compassionate and honest service. The Mission Statement, pictured within, was created in collaboration with the community through a Character and Values-Based Policing Program to increase trust between the city's police department and the community we serve.

In working together, representatives from the community and BPD staff discovered that their shared values are compassion, honesty, respect, and service as all four shared values define the Core Value of Respect. Additionally, this program focuses on developing character and leadership within the organization and the community it serves as the shared values have been woven into the fibers of our evaluation process, supervisory training, and self-assessment and training after action reports.

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CORE VALUE
RESPECT.
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We are a family here at BPD; we care for our community, and we care for each other. As Chief of Police, I take solace in doing everything I can every day to ensure that our civilian staff, sworn police officers, and police volunteers come to work in an environment that respects them for who they are so they can be their best selves both here at work and at home with their families.

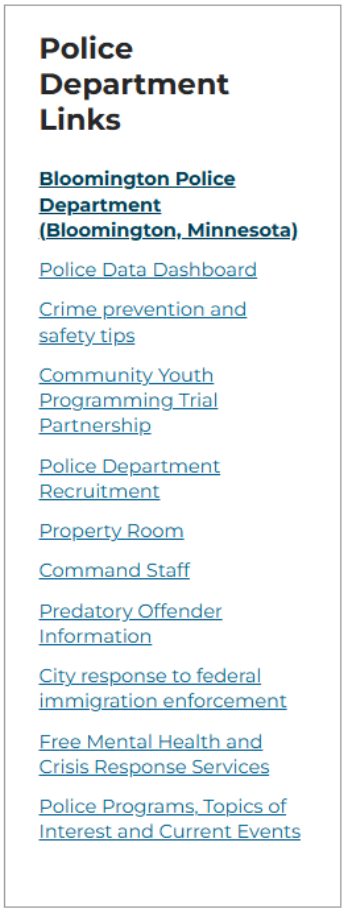
Training
The BPD provides newly hired police officers with the highest level of training. Prior to independently performing their duties, officers must pass an eight-week academy followed by 18 weeks of field training. That standard of training continues with annual in-services and qualifications for all sworn staff members, including Procedural Justice/Implicit Bias, Crisis Intervention, and Emergency Vehicle Operations.

Bloomington Community Brain Health Services
The BPD initiated a Bloomington Community Brain Health Services (BCBHS) Program that offers free and immediate therapeutic services for those in crisis. The program is a collaborative effort of internal and embedded staff to include our Marriage and Family Therapists, working alongside paid graduate student interns and our Hennepin County Embedded Social Worker. Referrals to the program are provided through our first responders and the embedded social worker. As of 2026, 1730 individuals, couples, and families were referred for services, and 795 psychotherapy treatment sessions have been completed. The BPD is very proud to offer this program to our community with proven stats that have reduced crisis calls and medical holds.

Community Services Unit
The BPD Community Services Unit is there for the public. This unit is comprised of both sworn and civilian staff that provide diverse community programming serving the youth, senior, and faith communities, as well as those experiencing trauma or having individual needs. Additionally, our community services officers are connected with managers of multi-dwelling complexes to provide dedicated assistance.

Public Safety/Transparency
The BPD strives to maintain a high level of transparency to the community we serve. This transparency is strengthened by providing the community with the availability to view several public safety statistics that are made available on the BPD Data Dashboard found on our website. Additionally, the community members can select several BPD public safety links; some of which include, 1) crime statistics, 2) a crime map, 3) crime prevention safety tips, and 4) BPD news, events, and alerts.

For your reference, the BPD website is www.blm.mn/Police. You will note a variety of informative links, including the Data Dashboard referenced above and pictured to your right.



Public Safety Statistical and Crime Rate Comparisons

The City of Bloomington and its Police Department are pleased to note a 10% decrease in crime from 2024 to 2025.

VIOLENT CRIME	2024	2025
MURDER	1	3
RAPE	52	65
ROBBERY	36	40
AGG ASSAULT	179	199
Total Violent Crime	268	307

PROPERTY CRIME	YTD 2024	YTD 2025
ARSON	13	7
BURGLARY	200	207
LARCENY - AUTO PARTS	85	49
LARCENY - FROM BUILDING	145	127
LARCENY - FROM VEHICLE	241	263
LARCENY - POCKET PICKING	35	45
LARCENY - PURSE SNATCHING	20	12
LARCENY - SHOPLIFTING	1811	1460
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	376	321
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	200	134
Total Property Crime	3126	2625

OTHER CRIME	YTD 2024	YTD 2025
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	1	0
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	65	61
SIMPLE ASSAULT	388	427
ASSAULT - INTIMIDATION	120	105
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	8	9
EMBEZZLEMENT	2	4
COUNTERFEIT/FORGERY	86	60
STOLEN PROPERTY	65	40
VANDALISM	397	455
DRUG VIOLATION	534	471
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATION	2	0
DUI	522	415
FAMILY OFFENSE	18	22
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	71	54
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	726	622
FRAUD - CC/ATM	187	153
FRAUD - ID THEFT	139	118
FRAUD - WIRE	15	9
FRAUD - SWINDLE	136	147
FRAUD - HACKING	2	1
FRAUD - IMPERSONATION	4	6
FRAUD - WELFARE	1	0
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	8	5
HUMAN TRAFFICKING	7	47
PROSTITUTION	3	5
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL	25	34
WEAPONS OFFENSE	150	130
ANIMAL CRUELTY	5	8
CURFEW/LOITER/VAGRANCY	16	7
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	132	116
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	964	893
Total Other Crime	4799	4424
Total All Crime	**8193**	**7356**

Additionally, to further assess crime rates, the below comparrison for the years 2024 and 2025 is offered.

You will note, as compared to the Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, that the City of Bloomington has the least “Violent” and “Property” crime rates.

Agency	Violent Crimes 2024	Violent Crimes 2025	Property Crimes 2024	Property Crimes 2025
Bloomington	281	250	3,045	2,477
St. Paul	1,883	1,705	8,809	8,675
Minneapolis	4,946	4,284	21,935	19,281

Stats obtained from the CSG Justice Center Website

It is an honor to be the Police Chief for what I believe is the best law enforcement agency in America. I would welcome an opportunity to further discuss current trends and any public safety questions you may have about hosting your event in the City of Bloomington. My contact information is offered below.

Sincerely,



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