Historical Highlights

The Bloomington Police Department was formed in 1850, when the city was chartered. Orrine Curtis was the first City Marshall. By 1870, a dozen officers were working 12-hour shifts, six days a week, using a horse-drawn patrol wagon. In 1915, the department acquired a motorized REO Speedwagon. Radios were installed in police vehicles in the 1940's. Traffic and Youth divisions were added in the 1960's. The department also moved to new quarters in the basement of the newly-constructed City Hall on Olive Street. By the 1970's, the police force had grown to more than 70 officers and a Crime Prevention Unit was formed. In the 1980's, department services had expanded to include Crime Scene Investigations, a Canine Unit and Public Affairs. In 1997, the Bloomington Police Department moved into a new building (pictured below) immediately south of the current City Hall.

Bloomington P.D. REO Speedwagon

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Bloomington Police Department is to work in partnership with the citizens of Bloomington to enforce the laws and enhance the quality of life in our community.

Whether you are a resident or visitor, the Bloomington Police Department provides effective police services throughout the city.

General law enforcement

- Patrol (vehicle & bicycle)
- Traffic
- Investigations

Special enforcement

- Proactive (Crime Suppression)
- Vice & Narcotics
- Canine Unit
- Domestic Violence
- Emergency Response Unit
- Crisis Negotiation Unit
- Vehicle Towing
- Cyber Crime Unit

Support Services

- Forensics and Crime Scene Services
- School Resource Officers
- Crime Analysis
- Media Relations
- Explorer Scouts

Special Services

- Facility Tours
- Canine Demonstrations
- Educational Programs / Presentations
- Special Events
  - Badges for Life blood drive
  - Shop With a Cop
  - Trick or Treat @ Eastland Mall
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments
- Neighborhood Watch / Citizen Patrols
- Public Meeting Room

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YOUR PARTNERS IN POLICING

The BPD team, by the numbers:

1 — Number of Chiefs
3 — Number of School Resource Officers
4 — Number of Police dogs
6 — Number of Lieutenants
16 — Number of Sergeants
24/7 — Number of hours BPD serves the community
43 — Number of civilian employees
100 — Number of "sworn" Officers
60,308 — Number of "calls for service" in 2008

Contact Information

(309) 434-2700 — Main business number for BPD
(309) 820-8888 — Non-emergency number for service
(309) 434-2889 — Number for TDD users
police@cityblm.org — e-mail address

FOR EMERGENCIES :

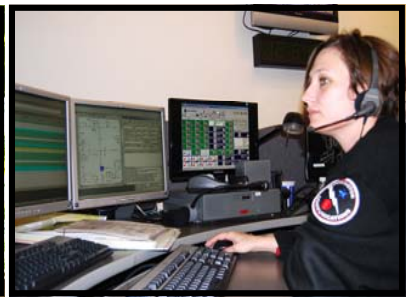
911

You can learn a lot about the Bloomington Police Department by visiting the city's Internet web site at www.cityblm.org. On the left side of the home page, "mouse over" the word "Departments" and you'll see a list of city departments. Go to "Police" at the bottom and follow the prompts to learn about BPD.

This informational publication and many others designed and produced by the Bloomington Police Department are available in PDF form on the BPD web site. Topics include Personal Safety, Identity Theft and Cons, Frauds & Scams. Annual Reports back to 1999 are also available on the *Publications* page of the web site.

To arrange a tour of the Bloomington Police Facility, contact the Public Affairs Unit at (309) 434-2534 or (309) 434-2355. Tours are conducted during regular business hours (8am-4:30pm) for groups of 12 or more.

Why were there several squad cars down the street from me yesterday? Did I hear sirens nearby at 2 in the morning? Many questions like those can be answered with a visit to the BPD web site (www.cityblm.org). Go to the "Daily Activity" page and find a midnight-to-midnight listing of some of our calls. Click on the calendar to go to a particular day or search by street name to check your neighborhood.



If you are in charge of arranging a program for a service club or civic organization, contact the Bloomington Police Department. We offer educational programs on a wide variety of topics, including (but not limited to): personal safety, gang crimes, forensics, school safety, workplace violence, identity theft, drug crimes and con games/frauds. To learn more, contact the Public Affairs unit at (309) 434-2534 or (309) 434-2355.