

# A REPORT TO OUR CITIZENS

# POLICE

CITY OF STAR



2014

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

## MESSAGE FROM CHIEF LARAWAY

I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to Mayor Nate Mitchell, Star city council members and citizens! Star continues to grow and bring new challenges, but you have stepped up to help us reduce the impact of crime and even prevent it when possible. We added a much needed detective to Star Police to investigate and solve crimes. Meet Detective Marc Bowman and hear about his commitment to Star below. Our patrol deputies heard your request for additional neighborhood patrols and responded by spending more time in your subdivisions. They also conducted safety drills at Star Elementary to prepare staff and students to respond appropriately to potential emergencies. One of my biggest sources of pride is seeing the smiles on our officers' faces. They love coming to work every day in Star, and it shows. We can't do any of this alone –and we don't want to! You help us make Star a safer place to live, work and play.



## STAR POLICE TEAM

**Chief John Laraway**

### PATROL DEPUTIES

- Jacob Breckon
- Don Clough
- Ian Hale
- Aaron Williams

### DETECTIVE

Marc Bowman

## MEET DETECTIVE BOWMAN

Detective Marc Bowman joined Star Police in October 2014 and brings a wealth of experience and established partnerships with him! He's been a detective for more than 10 years working in every ACSO jurisdiction including Eagle, Kuna and unincorporated county. He investigates all types of crime from burglaries and fraud to domestic violence and sex abuse. He puts energy into solving all crimes from the most complex felonies to minor misdemeanors like vandalism that impact quality of life. Bowman works closely with detectives in Eagle and North Ada County to share information, because a person's criminal behavior often spans across multiple jurisdictions. Bowman also assists patrol on crashes and other incidents and partners with Health and Welfare to help children and families in crisis. The detective also makes a point of visiting Star Elementary a few times each week to check on the kids and help administration with any student behavior issues.



*"In a small, tight-knit community like Star, people want police to help solve problems and maintain the quality of life. It's easy to feel pride coming to work each day. Star is a great place to be a detective!"*

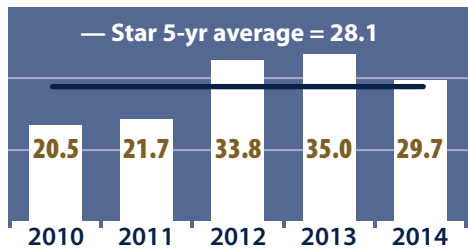


## ON-BODY VIDEO

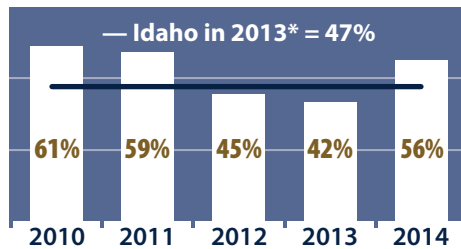
Star Police officers began wearing on-body cameras to capture interactions like foot pursuits, traffic stops, use-of-force situations and in-progress crimes. This new technology provides a better view of our everyday enforcement activities in the field. Not only do we get better information for investigations, but national research also shows on-body cameras increase transparency and encourage positive interactions between the public and police.

# CRIME AND CLEARANCE

## crimes per 1,000 population



## % of crimes solved



|                     | 2010       | 2011       | 2012       | 2013       | 2014       |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Total Crimes</b> | <b>119</b> | <b>128</b> | <b>204</b> | <b>227</b> | <b>212</b> |
| Person              | 44         | 30         | 46         | 70         | 58         |
| Property            | 64         | 70         | 123        | 118        | 91         |
| Society             | 11         | 28         | 35         | 39         | 63         |

\*Crime in Idaho 2013, Uniform Crime Reporting Section, Bureau of Criminal Identification, Idaho State Police at <http://www.isp.idaho.gov/BCI/ucr/crimeinidaho2013.htm>

# POLICE ACTIVITY

Police activity has closely mirrored growth in Star's population. According to COMPASS, the city of Star has grown 23% over the past 5 years from 5,800 people in 2010 to more than 7,100 in 2014. High-priority emergency calls have increased a bit faster in this same period – more than doubling from 15 to 33 calls. The majority of increases were in two categories: (1) vehicle crashes and other traffic issues like road rage incidents and (2) family issues like domestic violence and custodial interference.

|                             | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 5-yr change |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Citizen calls for service   | 1,214 | 1,157 | 1,298 | 1,480 | 1,512 | +25%        |
| Proactive policing contacts | 6,370 | 6,509 | 8,377 | 8,349 | 7,988 | +25%        |
| Arrests                     | 112   | 135   | 153   | 132   | 139   | +24%        |
| Traffic crashes             | 21    | 14    | 18    | 29    | 34    | +62%        |



On average, Star deputies took 3 minutes 7 seconds to respond to high-priority emergency calls.



## CITY OF STAR POLICE

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# STAR POLICE FY14 BUDGET

**Total Cost \$615,881**

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Personnel          | 536,944 |
| Vehicles           | 54,419  |
| Operating Expenses | 7,423   |
| Equipment          | 9,955   |
| Support Services   | 7,140   |

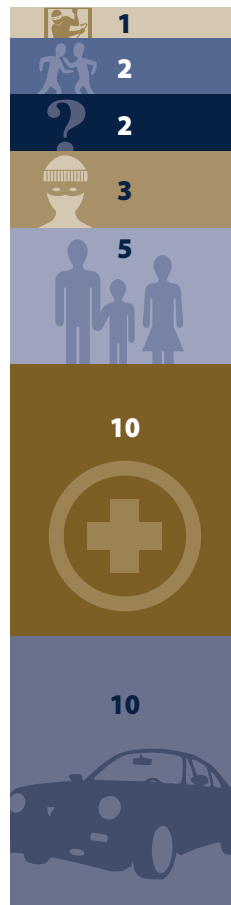
**Shared Services Credit - \$42,331**

**Total Contract \$573,550**

Contract policing is a cost effective way for the City of Star to have a reliable, well-trained and independent police force at the lowest possible cost to taxpayers. The cost of law enforcement was \$80 per Star resident in 2014, compared to more than \$200 per year for residents of other cities in the Treasure Valley.† The contract with the ACSO also includes a "shared services credit" that encourages County and Star deputies to respond to calls for service in each other's jurisdiction if they are the closest unit. This creates quicker response times and allows for immediate back-up during emergency calls.

†Based on FY14 proposed budgets and COMPASS population estimates for Garden City, Boise, Meridian, Nampa and Caldwell

# HIGH PRIORITY EMERGENCY CALLS IN 2014



- Burglary in progress
- Fight
- Unknown
- Prowler/subject at door
- Family incidents
- Medical assist/suicide
- Crash or traffic issue

