Crimes and Arrests:

What Information **is** available?

The following is taken from Idaho Code 9-335:

- Type or nature of an event or crime.
- Location, date, time, damages, general description of incident*.
- Name, sex, age of person arrested.
- Time, place* of arrest.
- Place of suspects detention. Amount of bond is available from the jail.
- Names of deceased victims, following notification of next of kin are available through the Ada County Coroner's Office, typically not released by Boise PD.

** If the location of the arrest or crime may identify victims, for victim or witness protection, this information may not be immediately available.*

What Information **may** be Available

- Idaho law allows that names of suspects 14 or over charged with an actual crime may be released. It is the policy of BPD to release those names only with the approval of the Chief. Names of juveniles charged with status crimes, such as curfew or smoking violations, will not be released.
- Specific cause of death, if officially determined by the coroner
- Very general description of injuries sustained as viewed by the officers on the scene (as opposed to specific medical conditions).

- Mug Shots may be released through BPD when available. Your main source for mugs is www.adaweb.org, or the media relations representative from the Ada County Sheriff's Office.

What Information is **not** Available?

The following information is protected under Idaho Code 9-335:

- Identity or address of victims.
- Identity or address of witnesses.
- Identity of juvenile suspects under age 14.
- Medical Conditions (HIPAA). This is interpreted by Boise Police to also mean specific injuries sustained during a vehicles collision or crime.
- Results of any investigative procedure, such as line ups, polygraphs tests, ballistics tests, etc.
- Information which, if prematurely released, may interfere with an investigation or apprehension of a suspect, such as the nature of leads, specifics of an "MO", details of the crime known only to the perpetrator or police, information that may cause the suspect to flee or avoid arrest.
- Evidence that may adversely affect a court proceeding.
- Status of persons turned over to the custody of Health & Welfare, such as individuals who may be suffering from a mental illness or child custody situations.

A word about mental illness and child custody situations.

Police Officers routinely deal with people who have diagnosed or suspected mental illness. This is a medical condition protected under the medical records provision of the public records act. With that in mind, the police department may only be able to release that individuals were transferred to the custody of the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare.

Child Protection matters are also protected by law. Children taken into protective custody for whatever reason are provided protection of their identities and status under state and federal statutes.