

Boise Police Department

Media Guide



The purpose of this guide is to educate reporters to resources available through the Boise Police Department.

The Boise Police Department is a major source of news in the Boise community.

Like the news media, the Boise Police Department operates 24/7, 52 weeks a year.

And like the news media, we serve the citizens of this community, in part, through collecting and sharing important information.

It is the philosophy of the Boise Police Department to respond to media inquiries as quickly, completely and accurately as possible. This media guide is a part of the department's general philosophy to operate in an open, cooperative partnership with the community.

The release of information from the BPD to the media will be in the spirit of the department's media policy and in accordance with Idaho Code. This booklet is a reference guide only, and not intended to cover every possible situation.

This guide will help you know:

- What information is available from BPD.
- How to best access that information.
- When and why information may *not* be available.
- How to access information from the department during breaking news or critical incidents.
- How to obtain supporting or background information, like crime stats or trends.
- What experts are available from the BPD on a variety of law enforcement, public safety and other topics.

Breaking News:

Breaking news is almost always posted **FIRST** on Twitter at **@BoisePD**.

Twitter updates on breaking news may be posted prior to emailed information!

Follow Boise Police on:



twitter.com/@BoisePD



facebook/BoisePoliceDepartment



youtube.com/user/boisepolice

To Receive BPD News Releases:

BPD News Releases are posted on www.boisepolice.org and, at the same time they are published, are automatically distributed via an automated email alert system and links posted on Twitter.com/BoisePD.

Anyone may sign up to receive BPD news releases. To sign up, go to www.boisepolice.org and click on the blue envelope icon.

Boise Police Website:

www.boisepolice.org

The Boise Police website has info on recent news and crime events, crime statistics, department organization and the duties of different divisions and units. That information is not duplicated in this media guide.

Please bookmark www.boisepolice.org and turn to it regularly to acquaint yourself with the department and stay updated on current news items and events.



Who to Call?

Major crimes or officer involved critical incidents:

Lynn Hightower
BPD Communications Director, Public Information Officer
desk: 570-6180 cell: 761-2106
lhightower@cityofboise.org

For daily or breaking incidents, you may also contact:

Charles McClure, BPD Information Specialist
desk: 570-6181 cell: 949-9168
cmcclure@cityofboise.org

The BPD Communications Director/Public Information Officer manages media and public relations for the department and is authorized to act as a spokesperson for the department.

Weekends, Evenings, Holidays: BPD does not staff a PIO during the evening or weekends. We just can't afford it. A PIO is always on-call for **major breaking news**. This means updates on minor car crashes need to wait until the next business day. Having said that, we want to be responsive and helpful. If you call or email the Communications Director or on-call PIO via cell phone after hours or on a weekend, please leave specific topic and deadline information and every effort will be made to return your call as soon as possible.

BPD Daily Incident Report:

Monday – Friday, the Boise Police Public Information Unit makes public a report of notable overnight or weekend incidents and arrests. Like all news releases, the Daily Incident Report is published at www.boisepolice.org and distributed via email & twitter.

All felony arrests are included in the BPD Daily Incident Report. Exceptions are made on arrests related to domestic violence to protect victims from publicity. However, depending on charges and circumstances, some DV arrests may also be included in the daily report. Misdemeanor arrests are not typically included in the daily report but may be, again depending on charges and circumstances surrounding the arrest.

To learn more about the incidents in the BPD Daily Incident Report, you are encouraged to follow the case through the courts. Boise City is in the Fourth Judicial District for the State of Idaho. To learn more about our local courts, go to

<http://fourthjudicialcourt.idaho.gov/>.

To learn more about the criminal case process, go to:

http://fourthjudicialcourt.idaho.gov/overview/criminal_process.html

Crimes and Arrests:

Boise Police follow Idaho Code 9-335 and the BPD Media Policy when releasing information to the public.

What Information **is typically available:**

- 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 suspect's detention. (Amount of bond is available from the jail.)
- Names of officers involved in critical incidents will be released as soon as the information is available based on the needs of the resulting investigation.



* If the location of arrest/crime identifies victims, this information will not be 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. In the spirit of protecting juveniles, those names are typically not released by the department, but may be available through District Courts if the juvenile is to be tried as an adult. 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; typically described a life threatening or non-life threatening (as opposed to specific medical conditions).
- Booking photos are available at www.adasheriff.org, or the media relations representative from the Ada County Sheriff's Office.

What Information is **not** Available for release by BPD:

The following information is **protected** by law 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).
- Names of deceased individuals are NOT released by BPD. Following notification of next of kin, names of deceased are typically released through the Ada County Coroner's Office: 287-5556.
- 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 mental holds or child custody situations.
- Crash statistics are available from the Idaho Office of Traffic and Highway Safety: (208) 334-4467
http://www.itd.idaho.gov/info/home_articles/safety_plan.htm.

Mental Holds and Child Custody:

Police Officers routinely deal with people who have diagnosed or suspected mental illness. Medical conditions are protected under the medical records provision of the public records act. If a police action results in the hospitalization of an individual for treatment of mental illness, it's the policy of the Boise Police Department to publically state that the individual is in the custody of the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare. Additional information will likely not be available.

Child protection actions and child custody 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. It is the policy of the BPD to publically state only that children have been placed in "safe" custody without further specifying their location, the agency or family member involved.



Frequently Asked Questions

Will Boise Police comment on incidents where BPD is assisting another agency?

In cases where BPD is not the primary agency, you will be referred to the agency leading the investigation for incident details and public information releases. BPD has many mutual aid agreements and will respond to assist other agencies when requested. BPD often provides specialty services to other departments, like the Bomb Squad, K9's, or SWAT team deployment. Although BPD may be assisting, we may not have the complete or correct information, so as not to jeopardize an investigation, BPD cannot comment about other investigations led by other agencies and if asked, will refer you to that agency's spokesperson.

Will Boise Police comment on issues affecting other police agencies?

Typically, no. The department can only speak to issues that involve or directly impact the BPD. That's what we know and that's what we can speak confidently about.

Will there be special perimeter set up for Media at crime scenes?

Generally, no. If an area is safe for the media it must also be safe for the public. The department asks media cooperation in working with officers at a crime scene before the perimeter is set so as to insure safety and not conflict with police operations.

There may be times when the PIO will be able to escort media to areas prior to the area being opened to the public. First and foremost, that depends on safety and the needs of the investigation. The PIO for the incident will let you know if this opportunity is available.

When does a suspect become a suspect?

When an arrest warrant is issued. Prior to that, the department may release names of individuals believed to be connected to incidents as a "person of interest wanted for questioning". However, it is the practice for Boise Police to only call individuals criminal suspects once they have been charged with a crime.

Can I get updates on major cases on the weekend? What about crime stats or other background info for a story?

Please plan ahead if you want to do a weekend update on a major, ongoing case. The on-call PIO is typically only available for breaking news releases on weekends, and if nothing is breaking or new on case, will not be available for an update. The folks in the Crime Analysis Unit also work do not work weekends. Yet we know you have news on weekends. If you need crime statistics for a weekend story or anticipate an update on an ongoing case or public safety topic, please plan ahead and contact the PIO during the week.

Why do I have to go to the County Jail for mug shots?

You'll find booking photos updated regularly at adasheriff.org. Ada County is the legal custodian of these records. Occasionally a mug shot will be released by the Boise Police Department as a courtesy. Generally, mugs come from the jail.

Why Can't the Department release medical conditions?

HIPAA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 provides people with privacy regarding their medical conditions.

It's the policy of the Boise Police Department to release a general description of injuries sustained at a crime or accident scene, non-life threatening injuries, for example. Because of medical privacy, the Boise Police Department is unable to provide media with specific medical conditions or exact injuries. Practically, victim or family approval is necessary for the public release of medical information, which is often unattainable during the time police are involved in an incident.

In exceptional cases, victims or their families may chose to work through the department's Victim-Witness Coordinators to release medical information. But again, these are exceptional cases. Most of the time, BPD will be unable to provide you with medical conditions or updates.

When does BPD request the Media's help with a Missing Person case?

When officers have evidence a person is in danger. That may mean the possibility of foul play, health or medical issues, etc. In these cases, an **Endangers Missing Persons Advisory** will be issued. Media assistance when requested to locate a missing person is greatly appreciated.

BPD typically takes 200 - 300 missing persons reports each year, as well as another 200-300 runaway reports. These cases are always agonizing for families involved. As tough as it is, to make sure the cases where a life may be in danger get the proper attention, evidence of foul play or urgent or suspicious circumstances must exist before the department issues an Endangered Missing Persons Advisory.

Missing Persons are listed in the online Idaho Missing Person Clearinghouse managed by the Idaho State Police at <http://isp.idaho.gov/BCI/missing/>.

How is an Endangered Missing Person different from an Amber Alert?

Endangered Missing Persons Advisories are issued by the Boise Police Department on the criteria listed above. An Amber Alert is issued by Idaho State Police on the recommendation of a local police agency and in Idaho, typically involves:

- A child known or suspected by law enforcement officials to have been abducted;
- The abduction occurred within 12 hours of initial activation of AMBER Alert;
- The child is 17 years of age or younger;
- Law enforcement must believe the child is in imminent danger of serious bodily harm or death;
- There must be enough descriptive information to believe that an AMBER Alert will assist in the recovery of the child.

What about the identity of victims of traffic accidents?

Names of those cited or arrested as a result of a traffic accident can be released from the BPD. Names of victims who are injured or otherwise involved but not arrested or cited will not be released due to the open investigation or under the privacy interest exclusion of Idaho Code 9-335 (1) (c).

If the accident is a fatal, the name of the deceased victim will be released as soon as family is notified. The name will be released from the Ada County Coroner.

What if I get a tip about an ongoing investigation?

This will happen! Good reporters get tips! Sometimes the tips have good information, sometimes, not so good.

If you ask about something officers are currently digging into, and the department has not made a formal release on the information, chances are we will not be in a position to comment, confirm or even deny the tip (see Idaho Code 9-335, BPD Media Guide, pg. 5).

Releasing news about an ongoing investigation prematurely, piecemeal or without context could jeopardize the investigation, officer or public safety, or the possibility of a successful prosecution. Although the department works hard to assist local media, working toward justice for victims and their families, and the needs of the criminal investigation must be the department's priority. It is the policy of the BPD to only release information regarding ongoing investigations as it is in the best interest of that investigation.

What if I want an interview with a crime victim?

The police department is prohibited from releasing names of crime victims and witnesses.

In rare cases, the Communications Director can work with an officer or BPD Victim-Witness Coordinator to assist crime victims who wish to speak publically. Requests like, "I need to find a fraud victim" is not something the police department can responsibly accommodate.

The department has a professional and ethical responsibility to preserve a victim's dignity, privacy and resolve whatever crime has been committed against them.

Can the BPD help me with a story by providing background statistics beyond what I find on the website?

Yes. BPD has a very active Crime Analysis Unit.

The only limitations are time and reporting methods. BPD can only provide information the department actually collects, meaning it has to be information the department already records and tracks. For example, the department can count how many tickets were issued in a certain time period for inattentive driving. The department cannot count how many of those tickets involved to people talking on their cell phone or tuning in a radio as they are all recorded under the same code violation. And due to work load, it may take several days to track down very specific information so try and plan ahead if you have a story that you'd like in-depth statistics on!

What's the difference between IA (Internal Affairs) and the Ombudsman's Office?

IA is a division of BPD. The Community Ombudsman is a separate office within Boise City government. Both investigate complaints against officers and critical incidents.

What's the difference between an Officer and a Deputy?

If your story references an employee of a Police Department, that employee is referred to as an "officer", or by their rank in the department, as in Sgt., Lt., Capt., Deputy Chief, etc.

If your story references an employee of a Sheriff's Department, that employee is called a "deputy", or called by their rank.

The Boise Police Department has two Deputy Chiefs. They are properly referred to as "Deputy Chief" or "Chief", not "deputy" (yes, that's happened!).

Can an officer invite a reporter onto private property to view a crime scene?

No. Courts have ruled that it is an invasion of privacy for police officers to invite media onto private property without permission from the property owner.

How do I find out information about a case that's gone to court?

You will have to check with the appropriate court or with the prosecutors for information, on hearing dates, camera requests, etc. The Boise Police Department deals with the investigative phase of a case. After a suspect has been arraigned, we have to direct media inquiries to the courts or the prosecutor's office.

Will Boise Police comment on proposed legislation?

Typically, no. Most of the time, it's just not the responsible, professional or ethical thing for the department to do.

BPD gets numerous media requests to comment on legislation every session. And it makes sense being the largest police agency in Idaho. However, when the department chooses to publically comment on legislation, it is carefully thought out by the Chief of Police and department and city leaders. As a result, the department will comment only on those pieces of legislation that the Chief or Mayor has chosen to actively support or oppose. Even when legislation becomes law, it often takes time for Boise City Attorney's to determine just how the new law will affect police department operations, which means until we know for sure, we'll have to wait to speak.

How can I find out about security measures taken when a dignitary visits Boise?

Boise Police are often involved in protecting dignitaries who visit Idaho's Capital City. The goal of this protection is to have the visit go as safely and smoothly as possible, not only for the visiting dignitary, but for the citizens of Idaho who meet or greet said dignitary.

If the dignitary is a political-type, the Secret Service is the agency of record. Please refer your security questions to them.

Boise Police, so as not to compromise the security afforded to visiting dignitaries, are not able to release specifics on dignitary protection, except to say – it exists.

What if I have a question about an incident that occurred a long time ago?

Please provide as much specific information as possible about the incident to the BPD Public Information Office. Given times, places or names, we will try to track it down and provide you the information. If it's not easy to obtain, you may have to file a public records request. Reports in very old, solved cases have been turned over to the archives at the Idaho State Historical Society.

Why don't police make reports on everything they respond to?

Police are charged with addressing criminal matters.

Officers may respond to calls where it turns out no criminal activity appears to have taken place. When that happens, a miscellaneous report may be taken, but more likely, or no police report is made.

Civil situations like neighbor disputes over property lines, water disputes, or landlord-tenant disputes, Fire or EMS assists often do not result in police reports.

Some accidents like construction accidents, falls, etc. may be incidents that are medical calls and police respond to assist, but if no criminal intent is apparent, again, officers may not be required or expected to write out a report.

When is a spokesperson from BPD available to grant interviews?

A spokesperson from the Boise Police Department, often the PIO, will be available to answer media questions on most criminal cases that are under investigation prior to the case being taken over by prosecutors. Typically, detectives working the case are not available for media interviews for reasons that go directly to the needs of the investigation. The PIO or another designated officer will most often speak in a case that is under investigation by detectives.

There are some times when a spokesperson from BPD may NOT be available:

- If a suspect has already been arraigned in court, BPD must refer you to the proper prosecutor's office. BPD works closely with prosecutors toward successful prosecution of criminal suspects and once a case is in court, public information will only come from the court process.
- BPD cannot comment on a case that is under investigation by another agency.
- Boise Police may not be able to comment on topics that do not affect or directly impact the department. Our mission is to responsibly educate citizens on public safety issues. That means Boise PD will typically not respond to "what if" type interview requests.

What if I have a security question involving a school?

The Boise Police Department works closely with both Boise Public Schools and Meridian Schools that lie within the Boise City limits. BPD also has a large, active School Resource Officer program with SRO's in every junior high, middle and high school in the city.

However, school security is at the direction of the school district and we must refer you to them for your school security questions.

Boise Schools, contact Dan Hollar (208) 854-4064.

Meridian Schools, contact Eric Exline (208) 340-0118

What about a security question regarding Boise State University?

Boise Police are the on-campus police agency for Boise State University and work closely with university administration as well as student groups on programs involving campus safety. If the matter involves a criminal action by Boise Police, the information will be released by the department. However, general security policies and procedures are at the direction of university administration and the State Board of Education. Contact the BSU media relations office at (208) 426-5391.

Airport Security?

Boise Police provide police services to the Boise Airport. If a criminal action is taken, that will be released by the department. Airport Security is under the direction of Airport Administration and the Federal Transportation Security Administration.

Airport Marketing and Communications... (208) 424-5666.

For TSA Boise media inquiries.....(208) 338-8210

How can I get a copy of a written police report?

When a reporter calls the BPD PIO office and asks about a particular incident, the PIO releases information from the actual police report. Some details may not be immediately available due to the ongoing investigation. But the PIO will provide you with all the information that is available on the case.

If you would like a copy of the actual written report, please file a Public Records Request with the Boise Police Public Records Custodian.

Public Records Requests

Anything created by the Boise Police Department is a public record.

You may request any record.

Dispatch and 911 Tapes are the records of the Ada County Sheriff's Office.

You may request any case involving Boise Police through BPD Public Records Custodian. This is a separate office from the PIO.

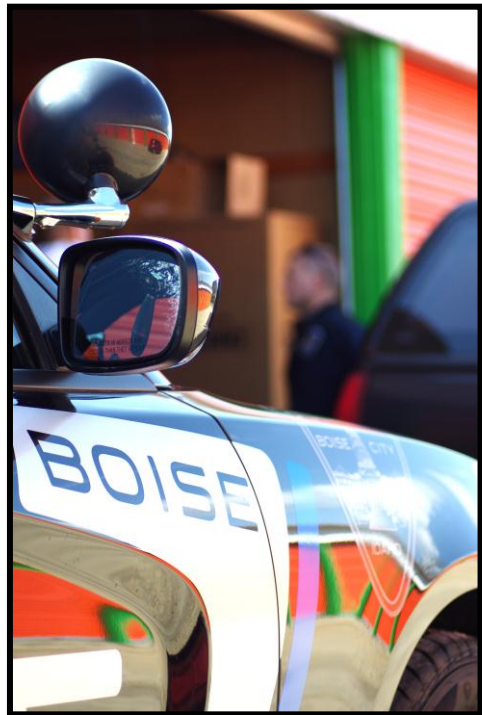
Idaho law provides all public records be accessible, unless specifically made exempt under Idaho Code 9-335 (printed later in this media guide).

For Police records, this means:

- If a case is still under investigation, any or all of the related police records will likely not be available. You're certainly free, however to make a request. Due to the needs of the investigation, any information you receive may be heavily redacted, if available at all (see Idaho Code 9-335).
- If the investigation on a case is complete, however the case is still in court, any or all of the related police records will likely not be available.
- If the case is closed, and court proceedings are complete, the entire record is generally releasable, with possible redactions for victim's safety and privacy.

All public records requests from media made through the Boise Police Dept. should be:

- faxed to BPD Public Records Custodian at (208) 570-6732 or to go:
<http://police.cityofboise.org/home/downloads-online-services/public-records-request-form/>
- as specific as possible, including names, dates, incidents and exactly what records you are requesting.



How long does it take to fill a Public Records Request?

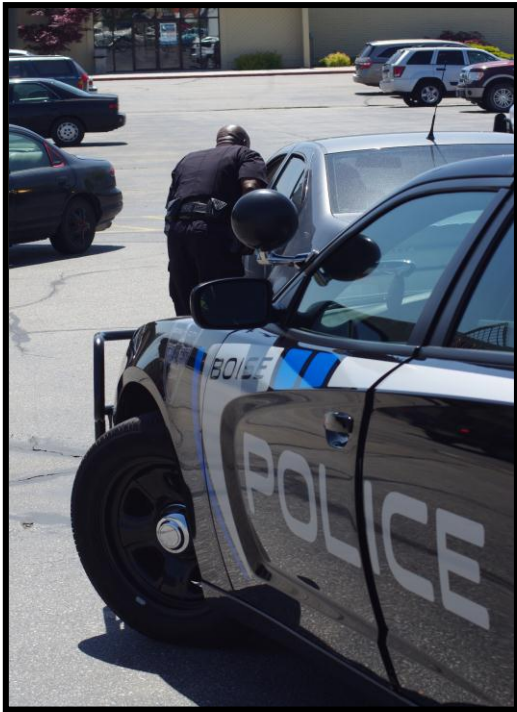
By law, the department has 3 – 10 working days to respond to your request.

If you have a pending deadline, please let us know and we'll make every effort to expedite your request. However, the legal review process must still take place

You will receive a letter from the department's public records custodian informing you of the status of your request (Can it be filled? Must it be denied and why? Cost?) as soon as that is determined. The Boise PD public records custodians do not work in the media office, and are a separate unit in the department.

Will it cost money?

It might. If there are no redactions needed, your public record is free up to 100 pages. If redactions are necessary, the more redactions, the higher the cost. The average report cost is less than \$5.



How will the public records be delivered?

You may receive the records only after payment has been received.

Payment must be from a check, money order or cash in the exact amount.

You can make payment and pick up the records at the records desk in the front lobby of the Boise Police Department administration building or they can be mailed to you.

Public records are not faxed due to privacy and security concerns.

Critical Incident and High Risk Operations

Critical Incidents: A critical incident for media purposes, is defined as one that involves Boise Police employees and any intentional use of deadly force or other department action that results in death or life-threatening bodily injury (excluding animals), including vehicle pursuits, roadblocks or intercepts, traffic crashes involving a city vehicle, or other incidents as deemed appropriate.



Critical Incident Task Force: The CITF, or Critical Incident Task Force is an interagency task force that responds to investigate an event in which an officer is involved as a principal, victim, or custodial officer where death or injury likely to cause death was the result of the use of force. A critical incident, as defined by BPD policy, may not qualify for a CITF activation. If the Critical Incident Task Force Protocol is invoked, the CITF is responsible for the criminal investigation under its policies.

The CITF, when invoked, will supersede the responsibilities of BPD CID. The CITF is made up of all the law enforcement agencies in the Treasure Valley; Meridian, Garden City and Boise Police, the Ada County Sheriff's Office and the Idaho State Police. Investigators from all agencies will join together for an independent investigation of critical incidents involving officers.

Public information and media inquiries will be managed by the involved agency, for example, if a Boise officer is involved in a critical incident, Boise PD will provide the media information. If a Boise Police employee is involved in a critical incident, a media briefing will be scheduled as soon as possible, however initial information will likely come from written news releases. Release of information always depends on the particular circumstances of the incident.



Updated information during a critical incident involving a Boise Police Officer or employee will be provided to media by the Chief or the Communications Director.

The CITF is a criminal investigation. It gathers evidence to help determine if a crime occurred and by whom.

When the CITF investigation is complete, it is sent to a prosecutor outside Ada County for independent review. It's that prosecutor who will use information in the CITF report to determine if a crime was committed. When the prosecutor's review is complete, their findings are made public. Anyone wishing to view a copy of the CITF investigation must request that report from the lead investigating agency. For example, if Boise PD took lead in investigating a critical incident involving an officer from another law enforcement agency, you would request the CITF report from Boise PD.

Critical incidents involving Boise Police are also investigated by the Community Ombudsman and BPD Office of Internal Affairs to determine if policies, training and procedure were followed by the involved officer. Ombudsman's reports are also public following their completion and available at www.boiseombudsman.org.

Bomb Scares – SWAT Operations:

Can we do a live shot during a bomb scare or SWAT operation?

During a bomb scare, SWAT operation or critical incident, the Chief, the Communications Director or the Incident Commander will request that media cooperate with the department to refrain from broadcasting or publishing images that may compromise officer or public safety.

This cooperation may include the location of live trucks, the location of the reporter on scene, and the background video shown while the incident is in progress.



The danger is, television live shots may reveal to a suspect the position or tactics of officers. This may jeopardize public safety, officer safety and a peaceful resolution.

Although remote, it's possible some radio frequencies may also be a danger in triggering live explosive devices.

It is department policy that media will be given a safe vantage point to record events. The Boise Police Department and local media have an excellent history of mutual cooperation during critical incidents.

A growing number of cities have written agreements between media and the police department outlining live broadcasts during critical incidents. Most of those stem from cases where safety of the operation was compromised because of a media report. So far, this hasn't happened in Boise. We hope it doesn't.

Idaho Code 9-335. Exemptions from disclosure – Confidentiality.

(1) Notwithstanding any statute or rule of court to the contrary, nothing in this chapter nor chapter 10, title 59, Idaho Code, shall be construed to require disclosure of investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes by a law enforcement agency, but such exemption from disclosure applies only to the extent that the production of such records would:

- (a) Interfere with enforcement proceedings;
- (b) Deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication;
- (c) Constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (d) Disclose the identity of a confidential source and, in the case of a record compiled by a criminal law enforcement agency in the course of a criminal investigation, confidential information furnished only by the confidential source;
- (e) Disclose investigative techniques and procedures; or
- (f) Endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel.

(2) An inactive investigatory record shall be disclosed unless the disclosure would violate the provisions of subsection (1)(a) through (f) of this section. Investigatory record as used herein means information with respect to an identifiable person or group of persons compiled by a law enforcement agency in the course of conducting an investigation of a specific act or omission and shall not include the following information:

- (a) The time, date, location, and nature and description of a reported crime, accident, or incident;
- (b) The name, sex, age, and address of a person arrested, except as otherwise provided by law;
- (c) The time, date, and location of the incident and of the arrest;
- (d) The crime charged;
- (e) Documents given or required to be given to the person arrested;
- (f) Information and indictments except as otherwise provided by law; and
- (g) Criminal history reports.

As used herein, the term “law enforcement agency” means the office of the attorney general, the department of law enforcement, the office of any prosecuting attorney, sheriff or municipal police department.

(3) Whenever it is made to appear by verified petition to the district court of the county where the records or some part thereof are situated that certain investigative records are being improperly withheld from a member of the public, the court shall order the officer or person charged with withholding the records to disclose the investigative record or show cause why he should not do so. The court shall decide the case after examining the record in camera, papers filed by the parties, and such oral argument and additional evidence as the court may allow.

If the court finds that the public official’s decision to refuse disclosure is not justified, he shall order the public officials to make the record public. If the judge determines that the public official was justified in refusing to make the record public, he shall return the item to the public official without disclosing its content with an order supporting the decision refusing disclosure. Any person who fails to obey the order of the court shall be cited to show cause why he is not in contempt of court. The court may, in its discretion, award costs and fees to the prevailing party.



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Official Ten-Signal Codes

- 10-1 - Unable to Copy
- 10-2 - Copy Loud and Clear
- 10-4 - Acknowledgement (OK)
- 10-6 - Busy – Unless Urgent
- 10-7 - Out of Service for Lunch
- 10-8 - Clear – Available for Calls
- 10-9 - Repeat
- 10-19 - Station (Barrister)
- 10-20 - Location
- 10-21 - Landline
- 10-22 - Disregard
- 10-23 - Arrive at Scene
- 10-25 - Report in Person (Meet)
- 10-27 - Drivers License Information
- 10-28 - Vehicle Registration Information
- 10-29 - Check for Wanted
- 10-33 - Emergency
- 10-41 - Beginning Tour of Duty
- 10-42 - Ending Tour of Duty or Residence
- 10-45 - Animal Carcass
- 10-46 - Stalled Vehicle – Motorist Assist
- 10-50 - Accident; PD-property damage, PI-personal injury, PP-on private property, F-fatal
- 10-55 - Intoxicated Driver
- 10-57 - Hit & Run Accident; PD, PI, PP, F, J-just occurred, R-report
- 10-66 - Message Cancellation
- 10-68 - Request to talk to... on another channel
- 10-74 - Not Wanted or Stolen
- 10-74R- Not Wanted or Stolen but has Criminal Record
- 10-76 - Enroute
- 10-95 - Prisoner/Subject in Custody
- 10-96 - Mental Subject
- 10-99 - Wanted/Stolen Indicated
- 10-100- DOA

Frequently Used Acronyms

ABC	Alcohol Beverage Control
ACSO	Ada County Sheriff's Office
ADA#	Officers Badge Number
AFC	Acting Field Commander
AR	Armed Robbery
ATF	Alcohol Tobacco Firearms (Federal Agency)
ATL	Attempt to Locate
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content
BANDIT	Boise Area Narcotics Drug Interdiction Task Force
CAD	Computer Aided Dispatch (computer system)
CCW	Carrying a Concealed Weapon
CID	Criminal Investigation Division (detectives)
COD	Community Outreach Division (SRO's bikes, mounted, NCO's)
CP	Calling Party
CPA	Citizens Police Academy
CSI	Crime Scene Investigator
DC	Deputy Chief
DK	Drunk
DL	Drivers License
DR	Department Report
DRE	Drug Recognition Expert
DV	Domestic Violence
DWP	Driving Without Privileges
EOD	Explosives Ordinance Demolition (Bomb Squad)
ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival
FST's	Field Sobriety Test
IA	Internal Affairs
K9	Canine Unit
MDT	Mobile Data Terminal
NCO	Neighborhood Contact Officer (COPS Unit)
PD	Property Damage
PI	Personal Injury
PIO	Public Information Officer (Communications Director)
PIR	Public Information Request
PRR	Public Records Request
PV	Parole Violation
RP	Reporting Party
SOG	Special Operations Group – Includes SWAT, hostage negotiators, EOD
SOU	Special Operations Unit – SWAT
SRO	School Resource Officer
STEP	Selected Traffic Enforcement Program (Motors & DUI Patrols)
UTL	Unable to Locate
VW	Victim-Witness Coordinator
WC	Watch Commander

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