

## Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

February 18, 2023

1. **Upcoming Citizen's Police Academy** - We would like to extend invitations to council to attend any or all CPA sessions. Schedule attached.
2. **Local Affairs, Legislative and Budget & Finance Committees** – each committee held meetings this week. Local Affairs focused on the interchange corridor study and the need to develop a water and sewer utility plan to realize the plan's vision. On the legislative front, a lot of bills stripping authority away from local elected officials are gaining support. There are way too many bad pieces of legislation to effectively weigh in on them all. Coming out of the transmittal deadline, we need to determine which policies necessitate deeper engagement. On a positive note, the six (6) Public Safety bills we have supported are going well but our efforts to shut down illicit massage businesses and manage marijuana may be stripped away. Budget and Finance reviewed budget amendments and ramped up their meeting schedule to biweekly throughout the budget process. Unfortunately, I was not well prepared to review all of the budget amendments scheduled for Council action on February 27, so I am asking the committee to hold an additional meeting Thursday or Friday of this week.
3. **Montanan Rescue Mission (MRM)** – yesterday we had a breakthrough with MRM to accept the city's grant for data collection. Once the agreement is signed it will be placed on the March 13 council agenda for approval.
4. **NCSC Zoom** – Judge Kolar, Court Clerk Park and I met with the John Bello National Center for State Court to discuss their court management and performance analysis work. We shared the council initiative and are working together to develop a draft scope of work. The city attorney's office and police department will also be included in the review. The group did work with Judge Knisley in 2018. The analysis is expected to take between 9 – 12 months once a contract is approved.
5. **Next Week's Meeting/Task Forces**
  - a. President's Day, Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> City offices closed
  - b. West End Task Force, Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00 pm Connections Church, 56<sup>th</sup> Street West and Grand
  - c. Legislative Committee, Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00 pm City Hall Conference Room
6. **From the PIO Desk:**

10 reasons to climb; 10 Billings Firefighters head to stair climb in Seattle to support Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/48684/10-reasons-to-climb-10-Billings-Firefighters-head-to-stairclimb-in-Seattle-to-support-Leukemia--Lymphoma-Society->

Billings prepares to celebrate groundbreaking of two long-awaited projects

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2438>

PD Facebook Live Public Safety update:

<https://fb.watch/iLDmQb4xAO/>

City of Billings in the news

**PD**

Billings Police K9 unit seized 684 fentanyl pills in January 2023

[https://www.kulr8.com/news/billings-police-k9-unit-seized-684-fentanyl-pills-in-january-2023/article\\_d549957e-ad49-11ed-ae8a-3bba63d2f52b.html](https://www.kulr8.com/news/billings-police-k9-unit-seized-684-fentanyl-pills-in-january-2023/article_d549957e-ad49-11ed-ae8a-3bba63d2f52b.html)

Shooting death of Billings man over the weekend leads to homicide charges

[https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/shooting-death-of-billings-man-over-the-weekend-leads-to-homicide-charges/article\\_faf49628-ac97-11ed-8e39-db3e5a3aae9f.html](https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/shooting-death-of-billings-man-over-the-weekend-leads-to-homicide-charges/article_faf49628-ac97-11ed-8e39-db3e5a3aae9f.html)

‘Justice for Beau’ protest demands action after shooting at America’s Wild West

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/justice-for-beau-protest-demands-action-after-shooting-at-americas-wild-west>

Alleged armed robbery suspects in Billings ID'd

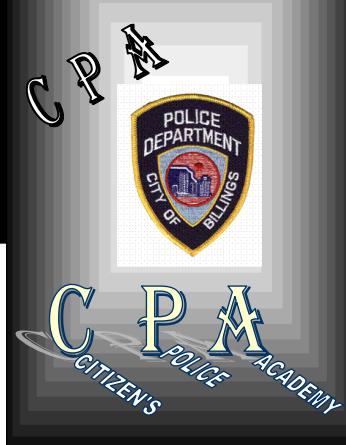
[https://www.kulr8.com/news/alleged-armed-casino-robbery-suspects-in-billings-idd/article\\_9647c754-abb1-11ed-8125-87a55acb40cb.html](https://www.kulr8.com/news/alleged-armed-casino-robbery-suspects-in-billings-idd/article_9647c754-abb1-11ed-8125-87a55acb40cb.html)

BPD crime report: No sharp increase in homicide

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/bpd-crime-report-no-sharp-increase-over-past-years/>

# ***Citizen's Police Academy*** **Billings Police Department**

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## **CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY #33**

**March 23 – May 11, 2023**

### **WEEK ONE**

Date: March 23  
Place: PD1 Training Room 4810 Midland Road Billings, Montana  
Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Introductions: Chief St. John, Lt. Matt Lennick, Sgt. Nate West

Instructors: Sgt. Nate West, Sgt Ben Milam Sgt. Jeff Stovall, Ofc. Caleb Schultz  
Subject: Use of Force and Firearms/Patrol Operations

### **WEEK TWO**

Date: March 30  
Place: PD1 Training Room 4810 Midland Road Billings, Montana  
Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Instructors: Sgt. Eric Schnelbach/Sgt. Ben Beck  
Subject: Traffic Investigation & DUI/Hostage Negotiations

### **WEEK THREE**

Date: April 6  
Place: PD1 Training Room 4810 Midland Road Billings, Montana  
Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Instructors: Sgt. Peterson and Squad members  
Subject: Bomb Squad

### **WEEK FOUR**

Date: April 13  
Place: PD1 Training Room 4810 Midland Road Billings, Montana  
Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Instructors: Members of BPD K-9 Unit/Sgt. Justin Jagers  
Subject: K-9 and Undercover Drug Investigations

## **WEEK FIVE**

Date: April 20  
Place: PD1 Training Room 4810 Midland Road Billings, Montana  
Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Instructors: Detectives Dennler and Gaertner, /Suzette Phillips,  
Identification Technician  
Subject: Crime Scene Investigation

## **WEEK SIX**

Date: April 27  
Place: PD1 Training Room 4810 Midland Road Billings, Montana  
Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Instructor: Officer Katie Nash/Detective Mike Yarina  
Subject: Domestic Violence/MT Internet Crimes Against Children

## **WEEK SEVEN**

Date: May 4  
Place: PD1 Training Room 4810 Midland Road Billings, Montana  
Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Instructors: Sgt. Nate West and Sgt. Ben Milam  
Subject: S.W.A.T.

## **WEEK EIGHT**

Date: May 11  
Place: TBA  
Time: 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
GRADUATION DINNER and CEREMONY  
No-host cocktails 6:30-7:00pm  
Dinner at 7:00pm  
Speaker: Rich St. John, Chief of Police  
Key Note Address: TBA