



BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Bloomington Police Department Announces Trial of 10-Hour Shift Model

Bloomington, IL - The Bloomington Police Department is announcing a trial transition from the current 8-hour shift schedule to a 10-hour shift model for our patrol division. This trial will allow the department to evaluate potential benefits, including improved staffing efficiency, enhanced officer work-life balance, and continued public safety service.

During the trial period, patrol officers will work 10-hour shifts, while other staff remain on the current 8-hour schedule. The department has conducted a thorough analysis of call-for-service data to determine proper shift allocations, allowing for additional staffing during periods of traditionally higher call volume. Performance, response times, and community impact will be closely monitored to determine whether the new schedule could be implemented more broadly in the future.

Officers will continue to work a 40-hour workweek, but this change will allow them to have three consecutive days off.

Chief Jamal Simington stated, "This trial is part of our commitment to serving the community effectively while supporting our officers. These slightly longer shifts can help provide more consecutive days off, improving work-life balance for our team, while allowing us to continue delivering the high-quality service our community expects. We expect enhanced officer wellness and morale, increased operational efficiency, more squad car visibility during high activity times, and no decline in work performance or community safety metrics."

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Crime Tips

If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email CIAU@cityblm.org. You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

Career Opportunities

The Bloomington Police Department is currently hiring for the entry-level officer position. Individuals interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement are encouraged to apply and join our team in serving and protecting the community. Applications are due on 4/26/26. For more information, visit join-bpd.com, email knowers@cityblm.org, or call 309-261-6018.

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