



Key Terms and Definitions Relevant for the Boulder Police Department's Interactions in the Community

Boulder Police Department (BPD) – Police officers & administrative staff who work within the City of Boulder boundaries

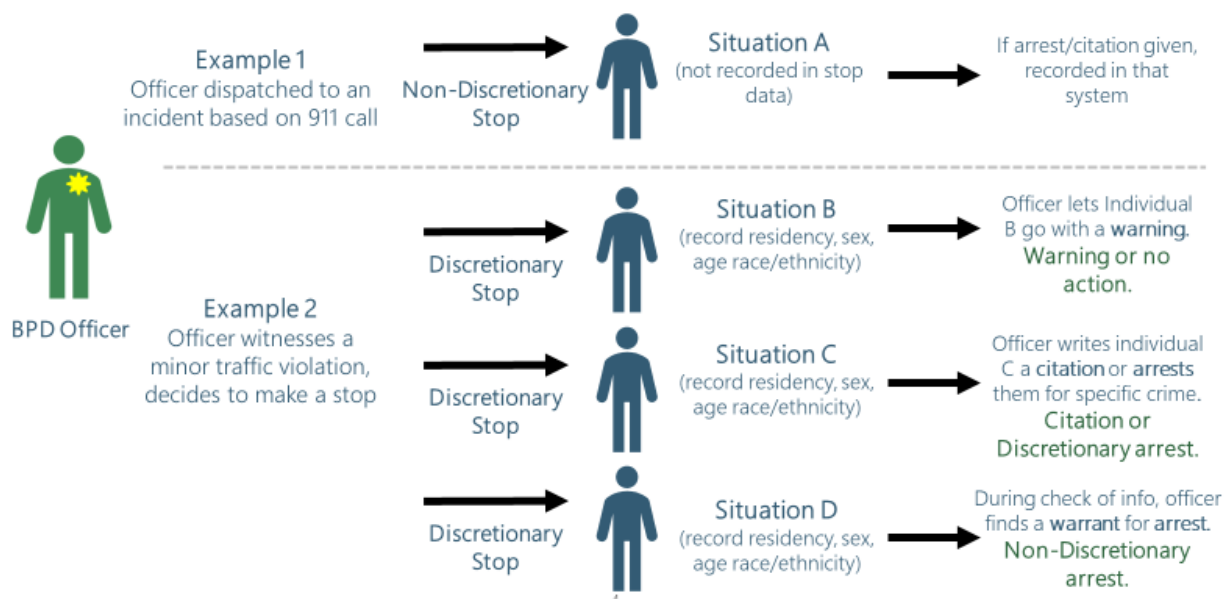
Stop – an interaction a BPD officer has with a member of the public based on reasonable suspicion or probable cause. In the 2018 Police report, stops are discretionary (see '*Discretion*' definition below), can be vehicle or pedestrian stops, and are not identifiable at the individual level (we can't assess if an individual was stopped multiple times in a year).

Arrest – a possible result of a stop. Arrest data in the 2018 Police report includes both discretionary and non-discretionary arrests unless otherwise noted.

Citation – a possible result of a stop, sometimes referred to as a ticket or summons. Depending on the crime, an individual could receive multiple citations and an arrest in the same stop.

Discretion—A BPD officer can utilize discretion in some of their activities, while others are considered non-discretionary because a law or policy requires the officer to take action. See the Anatomy of a Stop figure for examples of possible scenarios:

Understanding Police Action: Anatomy of a Stop



Resident—Someone who lives within the City of Boulder boundaries. In most cases, BPD officers record this information based on the address on a license or identification card. Sometimes an officer will ask the individual if they are residing in Boulder if identification is not available



Additional Resources for the Boulder Police Department 2018 Report

City of Boulder Police Department

- City of Boulder Police Department <https://bouldercolorado.gov/police>
- Previous Police Reports and Progress Reports on Police Activity by Demographics - <https://bouldercolorado.gov/police/hillard-heintze>

Citywide Resources

- City of Boulder Open Data Catalog - <https://bouldercolorado.gov/open-data>
 - To find the *Stops Demographics Dataset*: search “police stops” or browse for Data by Department: Police
- City of Boulder Racial Equity work and updates on partnership with the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) <https://bouldercolorado.gov/city-manager/racial-equity/>
- City Council Documents and Information <https://bouldercolorado.gov/city-council>
 - Watch live and archived city council meetings
 - To make a public comment or ask a question about the city’s plans for this process, email Boulder City Council at council@bouldercolorado.gov
- Submit a service request (e.g potholes, graffiti, trash concerns) at Inquire Boulder, city’s customer service portal - inquireboulder.com

National Resources

- Stanford Open Policing Project - <https://openpolicing.stanford.edu/>
- Police Data Initiative - <https://www.policedatainitiative.org/>
- NPR story about Oakland Police Department study - <https://www.npr.org/2018/08/08/636319870/in-oakland-more-data-hasnt-meant-less-racial-disparity-during-police-stops>
- City and County of Denver’s Open Data: Police Stops (no demographics of individual stopped)- <https://www.denvergov.org/opendata/dataset/city-and-county-of-denver-police-pedestrian-stops-and-vehicle-stops>