# **Public Safety Update**

City of South Bend January 16, 2024





#### Welcome

#### Purpose of the Quarterly Update

- 1. Provide high-level view of violent crime in each quarter
- 2. Dive deeper into strategies by SBPD and partners
- 3. Share information on upcoming events and ways to get involved



# Today's Agenda

- Announcements from the Mayor and Police Chief
- Data Review
- Strategies & Programs
- Events & Engagement



# Announcements from the Mayor and Police Chief



### 2024 Spring Citizens Police Academy

- New in 2024: SBPD is offering a Citizens Police Academy in the spring, in addition to the annual fall academy
- Space is limited
- Applications are due by 2/9/24





### **Recruitment & Hiring**

#### **SBPD Prospect Day**

 Next one-day hiring event to be held on 4/20/24 at SBPD

 Will help maintain applicant pool to remain at full staffing levels





# Recruitment & Hiring

Measure	2023 Total
Total Number of Hires	27
Total Sworn	250
Total Number of Departures (Retired/Resigned)	19
Officer gap from most recent peak to current (July 2019 vs. Current)	244 vs. 250



# Recruitment & Hiring

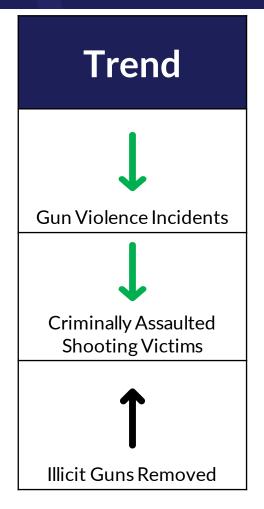
Oct 2023	Dec 2023
<b>10.6%</b> Female	<b>10.1%</b> Female
10.2% African- American	10.9% African- American
6.5% Hispanic	<b>6.2%</b> Hispanic



# **Data Review**



### **Gun Violence Snapshot**



<b>2023</b> Total	<b>2022</b> Total
<b>795</b> Incidents	950 Incidents
<b>82</b> Victims	<b>124</b> Victims
<b>729</b> Guns	<b>538</b> Guns

\*Counts do not include accidental shootings, suicides or shootings that have been determined as self-defense

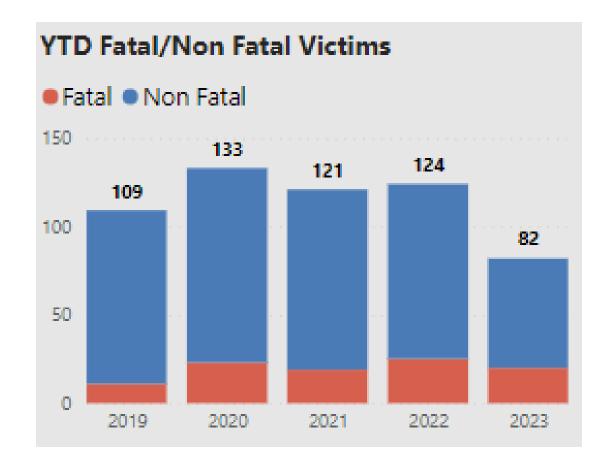
\*\*Totals reflect year to date counts Jan 1 - Dec 31



### 2023 Gun Violence Breakdown

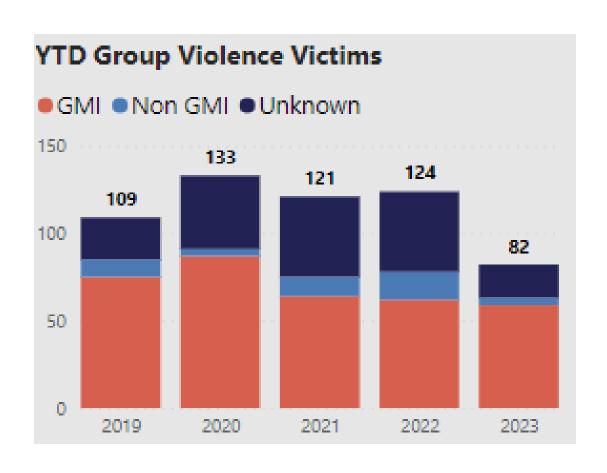
- Compared to the previous 4 years, 2023 had the lowest number of total shooting victims
- Highest number of victims occurred in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (Oct – Dec) of 2023

2023 Shooting Victims by Quarter			
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Total
Q1	4	13	17
Q2	5	11	16
Q3	3	19	22
Q4	8	19	27
Total	20	62	82





### 2023 Gun Violence Breakdown



- 2023: 72% of Criminally Assaulted Shootings are known Group Member Involved (GMI)
- This is higher than the average over the previous 4 years (59%)



# SBPD Death Investigations Update

	January 2023- December 2023		
Murder Investigations			
Resolved	17		
Open	5		
Total Death Investigations	31		
Total Murder Victims	23		



### Michiana Crime Stoppers Update

#### Program Highlights | Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023:

- Cases solved: **348** (34% increase over 2022)
- Stolen property & narcotics recovered: \$205,025 (38% increase over 2022)
- Rewards authorized: **\$99,250** (125% increase over 2022)
- Total arrests: **266** (64% increase over 2022)
- Tips received: **2,348** (10% increase over 2022)

#### Victory Over Violence (VOV) Program:

 Up to \$1,000 reward for tips leading to an arrest or solving of a felony crime committed with a firearm

	VOV Firearms	VOV Cases	
2023 YTD	16	6	



### Michiana Crime Stoppers Update

#### South Bend-Specific Stats | Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023:

- Cases solved: 49 (14% of overall total)
- Stolen property & narcotics recovered: \$53,050 (26% of total)
- Rewards authorized: \$28,550 (29% of total)
- Total arrests: **38** (14% of total)
- Tips forwarded: 435 (19% of total)

#### **New Initiatives:**

- Geofencing Campaign (three SBPD cases)
- Michiana Unsolved segment (four case updates)





#### **Traffic Enforcement**

	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	2023 Total
Traffic Stops*	2,101	2,966	3,943	3,381	12,391
Daily Average	23.2	32.6	42.8	36.8	33.9
Percent Change (of daily average)		+40.5%	+31.3%	-14.0%	+58.9%

 Across 2023, an average of 34 traffic stops per day



From Q1 2023 to Q4 2023, daily average traffic stops increased by 58.9%

<sup>\*</sup>These are traffic violations only

#### Mental Health Calls for Service

	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	2023 Total
Mental Health CFS	355	458	403	364	1,580
Total CFS	22,408	26,838	28,195	24,141	101,582

\*CFS = Calls for Service

- New metric introduced to the Transparency Hub in 2023
- Tracks the # of mental health related CFS that SBPD is dispatched to
- On the data side, includes calls that are:
  - Initially coded as a mental health related incident type by the dispatcher
  - Or calls marked as "Disposition M"



### Sync South Bend Update





# Strategies & Programs



#### Flock LPR

#### What

Technology-based crime reduction strategy to develop possible leads in criminal cases and keep community safe from outside threats.

#### Who

South Bend Police Department

#### How

- Utilizes cameras near major thoroughfares to take photos of the backs of vehicles
- 30-day photo retention on cloud server
- Limited users with an administrator for account reviews



# **Snapshot of FLOCK Case Assists**

Measure	2023 Total
Motor Vehicle Thefts	37
Aggravated Assaults with Firearm	8
Homicide Investigations	4
Theft Investigations	15
Wanted Parties	1
Robbery	4
Other	14
Total	83



### **Shot Spotter Connect**

#### What

Shot Spotter Connect is a software that provides unbiased, evidence-based direction on where to deploy officers and other department resources and when.

#### Who

South Bend Police Department

#### How

- Shot Spotter Connect collects data on case reports, statements, and evidence from the last 24 hours each morning
- Compares to current and past trends from the last three years; prioritizing gun violence
- Monitors officer responsiveness and accountability through GPS



## **Shot Spotter Connect Missions**

Measure	2023 Total
Total number of Shot Spotter missions	25,730
Average number of missions per day	72
Missions completed	98%



# Have feedback or further questions?

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# Events & Engagement



### **Upcoming Community Engagement Events**

Wednesday

**16**Jan

# Monthly Community Crime Stat Meetings

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month
- 6:30 pm, SBPD Auditorium

Monday

**12** Feb

#### **River Park Safety Summit**

Presenting alongside SBFD

Friday

**09**Feb

#### Citizens Police Academy Registration Deadline

- Sign up via link on FB post
- Classes begin Tuesday, 3/5

Saturday

20

April

#### Michiana Crime Stoppers Spring Shredding Event

• St. Joseph County Fairgrounds

