# Public Safety Update

City of South Bend April 16, 2024







#### **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



### **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
- Expedites testing process but does **NOT** lower or change standards





### **Citizens Police Academy**

- Inaugural Spring Academy happening now through May 7
- Applications to **open in July** for Fall Academy
- Free to attend





### **Stock Up For Summer Food Drive**

- Collecting donations to keep SBPD Food Pantry stocked through summer
- Donation boxes located in SBPD lobby until May 3
- Drive-thru donation event
  - May 4, 10am 1pm
  - At SBPD





### PAL Sports Summer Camps

- Registration now open for 2024 camps being held at Washington High School
- All-Sports Camp, Tennis, Swimming and Track and Field
- Visit SouthBendPal.org to register





### **Recruitment & Hiring**

Measure	2024 Q1 Total
Total Number of Hires	1
Total Sworn	248 (+7 Recruits)
Total Number of Departures (Retired/Resigned)	3
Officer gap from most recent peak to current (July 2019 vs. Current)	241 vs. 255* (Includes Recruits)



### **Recruitment & Hiring**

Dec 2023	Mar 2024
<b>10.1%</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
Female	Female
<b>10.9%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>
African-	African-
American	American
<b>6.2%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
Hispanic	Hispanic



### **Data Review**



### **Gun Violence Snapshot**

2024 2023 Trend Q1 Q1 158 182 Incidents Incidents **Gun Violence Incidents** 12 17 **Criminally Assaulted** Victims Victims **Shooting Victims** 216 128 Guns Guns **Illicit Guns Removed** 

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

\*\*Totals reflect year to date counts Jan 1 – Mar 31



### Gun Violence Breakdown

#### 2024 Q1 Takeaways:

- 48% decrease in gun violence victims compared to the average at the same time (Jan 1 – Mar 31) over the previous 4 years.
- Compared to the same time frame in 2023, there are **two fewer** fatal victims
  - 2024 Q1: 2 Fatal
  - 2023 Q1: 4 Fatal
- Majority of shootings involving a victim continue to be Group Member Involved (GMI)
  - 2024 Q1: 58% GMI

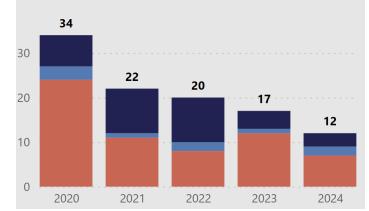


\*Totals reflect year to date counts, Jan 1 - Mar 31, for all years

#### **YTD Fatal/Non Fatal Victims** Fatal Non Fatal 34 30 22 20 20 17 12 10 0 2021 2022 2020 2023 2024

#### **YTD Group Violence Victims**

●GMI ●Non GMI ●Unknown



### **SBPD Death Investigations Update**

#### January 2024 - March 2024

Murder Investigations	
Resolved	2
Open	1
Total Death Investigations	1*
Total Murder Victims	3



### Michiana Crime Stoppers Update

#### Victory Over Violence Update

- Two years since implementation (Feb. 2022)
- 15 Victory Over Violence cases
- 24 firearms recovered
  - 34 total outside of pilot program

#### **Q1 Crime Stoppers Stats**

- 84 cases
- 62 arrests
- \$20,000 in rewards authorized





### **Crime Stoppers Spring Shredding Event**

- Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>
- 8 a.m. 12 p.m.
- St. Joseph County Fairgrounds
- \$20 minimum donation
- Shred any unwanted documents!





### **Traffic Enforcement**

	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024
Traffic Stops*	3,943	3,381	2,781
Daily Average	42.8	36.8	30.5
Percent Change (of daily average)	+31.3%	-14.0%	-17.0%

• Across Q1 2024, there were an average of 30.5 traffic stops per day

\*These are traffic violations only



### Mental Health Calls for Service

	2023 Total	Q1 2024
Mental Health CFS	1,580	363
Total CFS	101,582	22,630

\*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" after an officer responds



### Sync South Bend Update

# Help Keep South Bend Safe





**Registered Cameras** 

**Integrated Cameras** 



# 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	Q1 2024
Motor Vehicle Thefts	12
Aggravated Assaults with Firearm	4
Homicide Investigations	1
Theft Investigations	8
Wanted Parties	1
Robbery	1
Other	13
Total	40



#### **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	Q1 2024
Total number of Shot Spotter missions	7,211
Average number of missions per day	72 (24/shift)
Missions completed	99%



# Have feedback or further questions?

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# **Events & Engagement**



### **Upcoming Community Engagement Events: April**

Saturday	
20 April	<ul> <li>SBPD Spring Prospect Day</li> <li>Applications closed yesterday</li> </ul>
Saturday	Drug Takeback Event

#### Saturday

27

April

#### **Michiana Crime Stoppers** Spring Shredding Event

- St. Joseph County Fairgrounds
- 8am 12pm •

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April

#### Drug Takeback Event

Several locations in Michiana, • visit *dea.gov/takebackday* for full list



### Upcoming Community Engagement Events: May

Saturday	
	SBPD Food Drive
<b>04</b> May	<ul> <li>10 a.m 1 p.m.</li> <li>South Bend Police Department</li> </ul>

#### Friday



#### SBPD Fallen Officer Memorial Service

• More details forthcoming

#### Wednesday Mor

#### Monthly Community Crime Stat Meetings

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the m
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- 6:30 p.m., SBPD Auditorium



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May

#### Upcoming Community Engagement Events: Summer

- Community Cookouts
- Specific dates and times TBD
  - Will be held around end of 2023-24 school year and beginning of 2024-25 school year





