

Public Safety Update

City of South Bend

January 16, 2025



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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



Citizens Police Academy: Spring Session

- Applications currently open for the Spring Session of Citizens Police Academy
- Runs March 4 - May 6
 - Tuesday nights, 6-9 p.m.
- Free to attend
- Apply by February 14!



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The poster features a photograph of a group of people in a training room. A police officer in a dark uniform is speaking to a group of citizens. In the background, there is a blue sign with the South Bend Police Department logo and a yellow mannequin on a stand. The text on the poster is as follows:

SOUTH BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR SPRING ACADEMY

MARCH 4TH - MAY 6TH

SPEND YOUR TUESDAY EVENINGS
LEARNING ALL ABOUT SBPD!

SPACE IS LIMITED! APPLY BY FEB. 14

Sync South Bend Grant

- Continuing to support business integration integrate into Real-Time Crime Center, thanks to Sync South Bend Security Grant
- Eligible businesses can receive assistance in purchasing outdoor security equipment and establishing RTCC integration
- More info at:
<https://southbendin.gov/sync-south-bend-security-grant/>



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Sync South Bend Security Grant

Applications accepted on a rolling basis

Questions? Please reach out to us!



Scan this QR Code to visit
our website

Up to \$4,000 credit for
outdoor security equipment

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cost reimbursement

Contact us
Dial: 574-235-5944
Email: syncSBsecuritygrant@southbendin.gov

Learn more
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Spring Prospect Day Announced

- Next one-day police hiring event set for Saturday, April 26 at SBPD
- Allows applicants the chance to complete a majority of the initial testing process in one day



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A promotional poster for the South Bend Police Department's Spring Prospect Day. The poster is overlaid on a photograph of a white police car with a police officer wearing sunglasses in the driver's seat. The text on the poster is as follows:

SOUTH BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT
SPRING PROSPECT DAY
ONE-DAY POLICE TESTING EVENT
APR. 26 2025

PHYSICAL AGILITY | WRITTEN TEST |
PERSONAL INTERVIEW | ORAL BOARD |
FINGERPRINTS | SCHEDULE MEDICAL &
PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION |
MEET WITH BACKGROUND INVESTIGATOR
FOR PRELIMINARY REVIEW

APPLY BY 4/21:
SBPOLICEJOBS.COM

The poster also features the South Bend Police Department badge logo on the left and right sides of the bottom section.

Recruitment & Hiring

Measure	2024 Total
Total Number of Hires	13
Total Sworn	251 (+6 Recruits)
Total Number of Departures (Retired/Resigned)	13
Officer gap from most recent peak to current (July 2019 vs. Current)	241 vs. 257 (Including Recruits)



Recruitment & Hiring

Sept 2024	Dec 2024
10% Female	9.7% Female
10.8% African- American	10.5% African- American
6.4% Hispanic	6.2% Hispanic

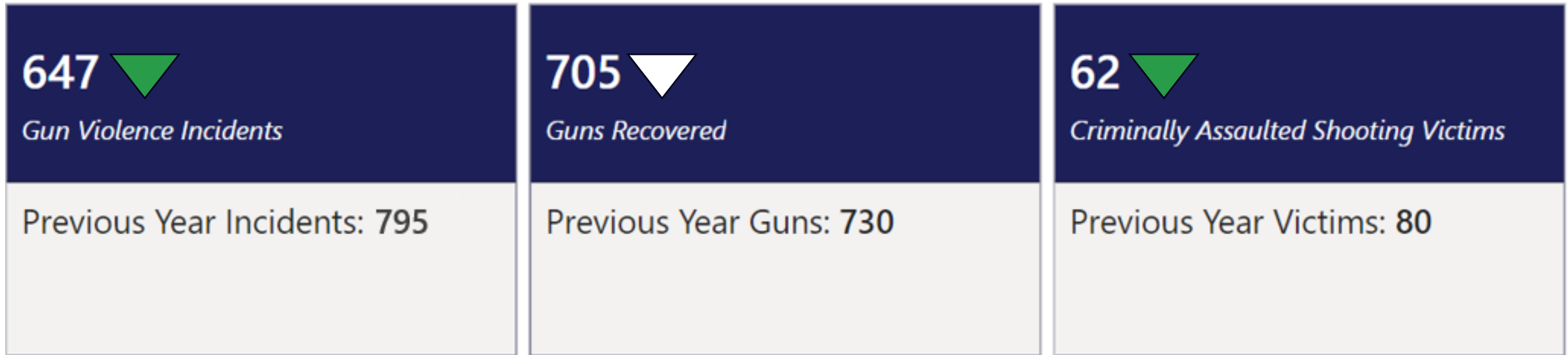


Data Review

- 2024 Police Data Trends



2024 Police Data Trends: Gun Violence Snapshot



Data Notes:

**Gun violence incidents encompass any incidents involving a gun, making it a broader category than just shootings*

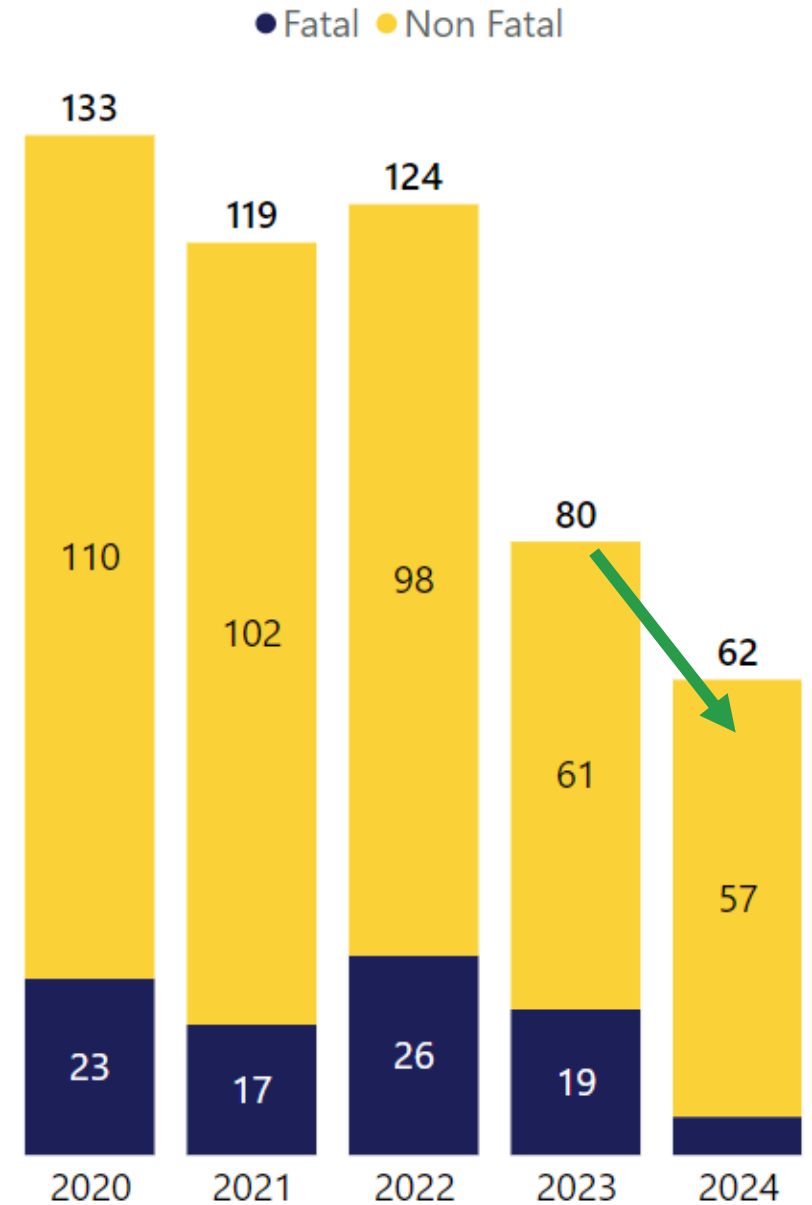
***Victim counts do not include accidental shootings, suicides or shootings that have been determined as self-defense*



2024 Police Data Trends: Criminally Assaulted Shooting (CAS) Victims

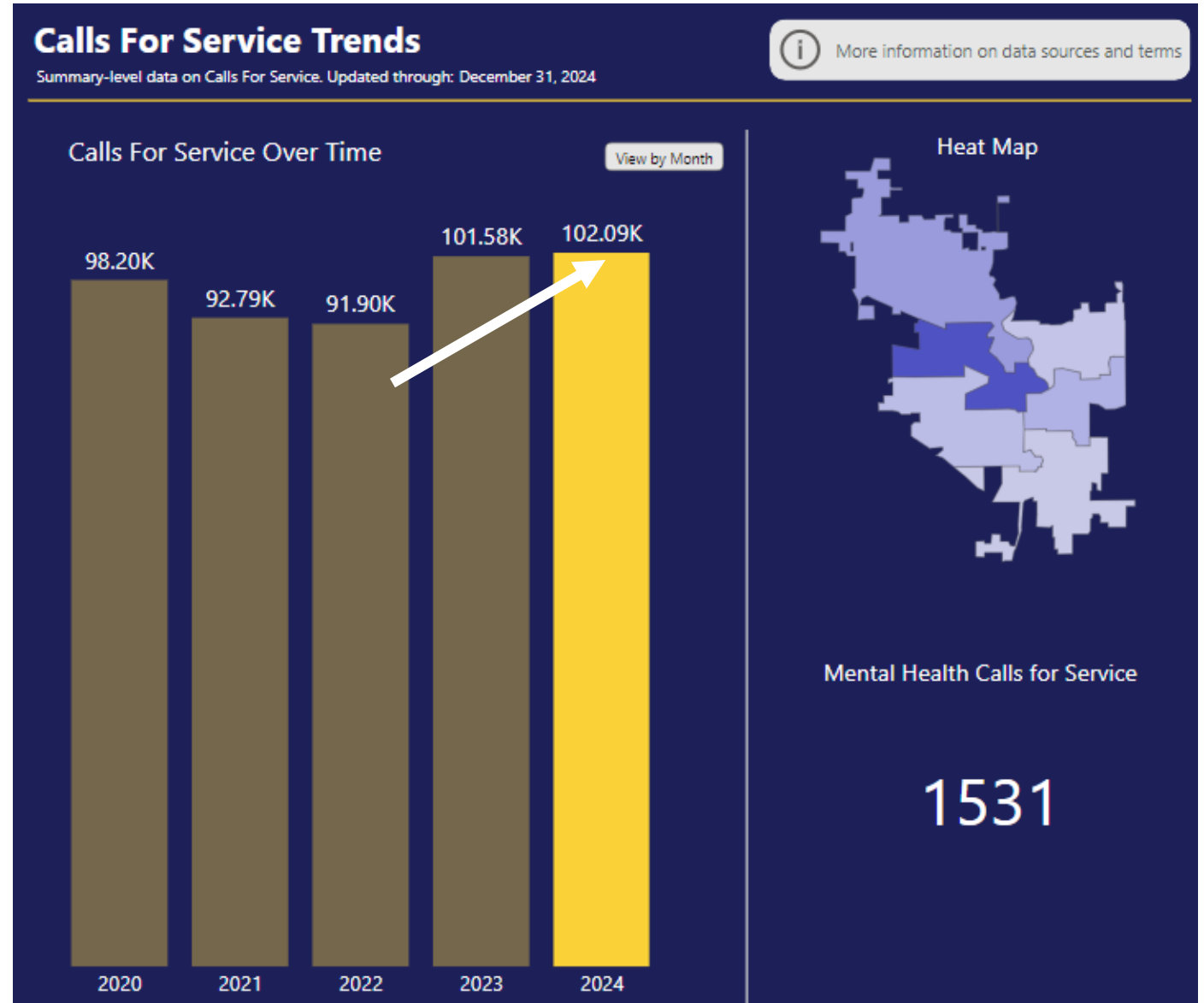
- 2024 saw a continuation of the downward trend in CAS victims from 2023
- In 2024, the number of victims (62) and the fatality rate (8.1%) reached their lowest levels in the past five years

62 <i>Criminally Assaulted Shooting Victims</i>
Previous Year Victims: 80
5 <i>Fatalities</i>
Previous Year Fatalities: 19
37 (60%) <i>GMI Involved</i>
Previous Year GMI: 57 (71%)



2024 Police Data Trends: Calls For Service (CFS)

- Continuing the upward trend from 2023, 2024 saw the highest number of CFS (102,085) in the past five years
- Mental Health related calls accounted for 1.5% of total CFS
- CFS data can be found on the [Police Data Trends](#) tool on the Police Transparency Hub

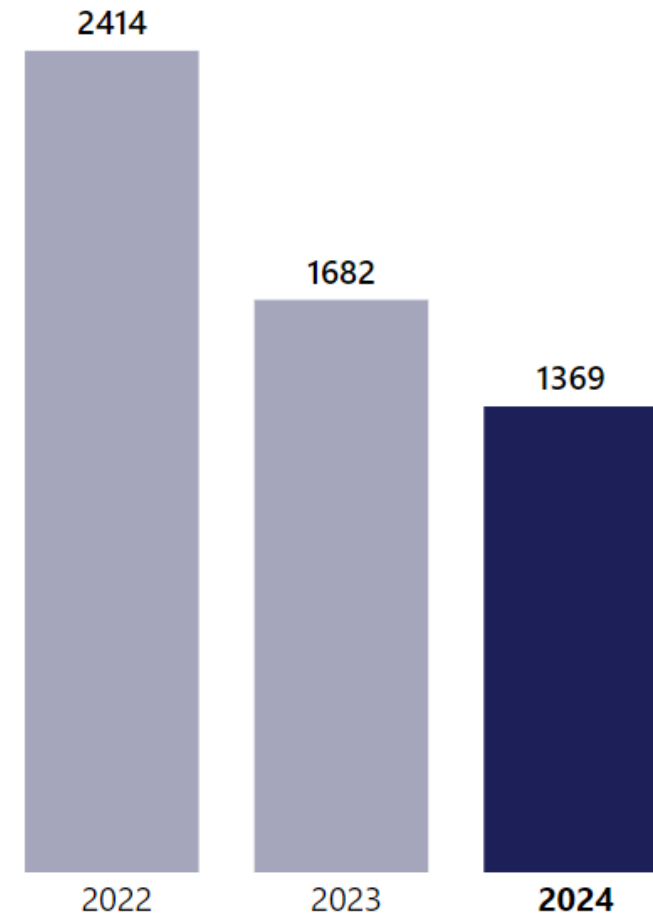


2024 Police Data Trends:

Calls for Service (CFS) for Possible Shots Fired & Casings Collected

- 2024 saw 1,369 CFS for possible Shots Fired, a reduction from the number of calls in the previous two years. This CFS count includes both ShotSpotter notifications and/or Citizen-initiated calls.
 - Generated 581 Case Reports
- 4,199 casings collected

Total Calls for Service for Possible Shots Fired



SBPD Death Investigations Update

	2024 Total	2023 Total for Comparison*
Murder Investigations	7	
Resolved	7	17
Open	0	5
Total Death Investigations	12	31
Total Murder Victims	7	23

**Data Note: The 2023 comparison stats on this slide represent the annual totals for 2023 as they stood at the same point in time last year, during the Q4 2023 Public Safety Update (1/16/24).*



Michiana Crime Stoppers Update

2024 Year-End Stats	
Cases	328
Stolen Property/Narcotics Recovered	\$95,020
Rewards Authorized	\$86,550
Arrests	254
Firearms Recovered	21

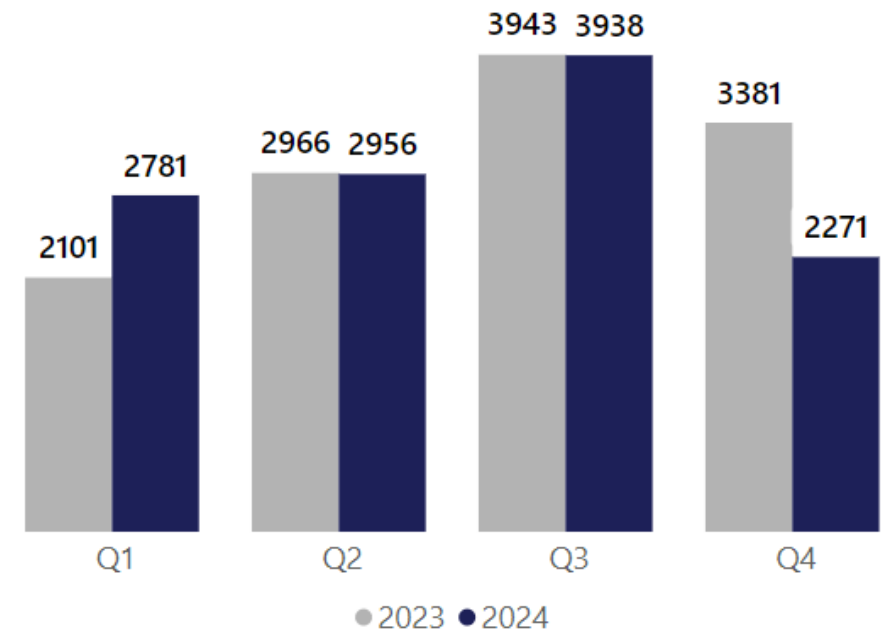


Strategies & Programs



Traffic Enforcement & Safety Strategy

- Across 2024, there were 11,946 total traffic stops, for an average of 32.7 per day
- Traffic stops in Q2 and Q3 of 2024 matched 2023 levels, but Q1 saw more stops and Q4 experienced a sharper decline



Fusus/Real Time Crime Center (RTCC)

What

The Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) leverages the Fusus platform to bring together integrated cameras and other public safety related tools in a centralized hub.

Who

South Bend Police Department

How

- Uses integrated cameras and other public safety technologies to provide a more real-time understanding of incidents
- 30-day photo retention on cloud server
- Limited users with an administrator for account reviews



Snapshot of RTCC Case Assists



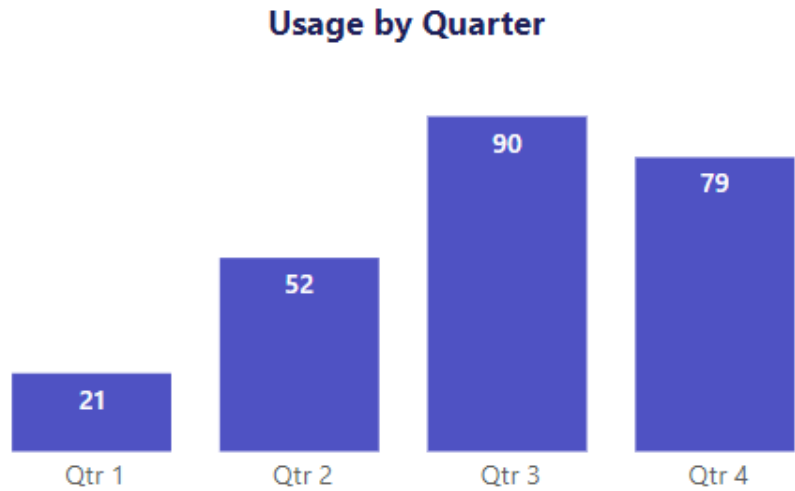
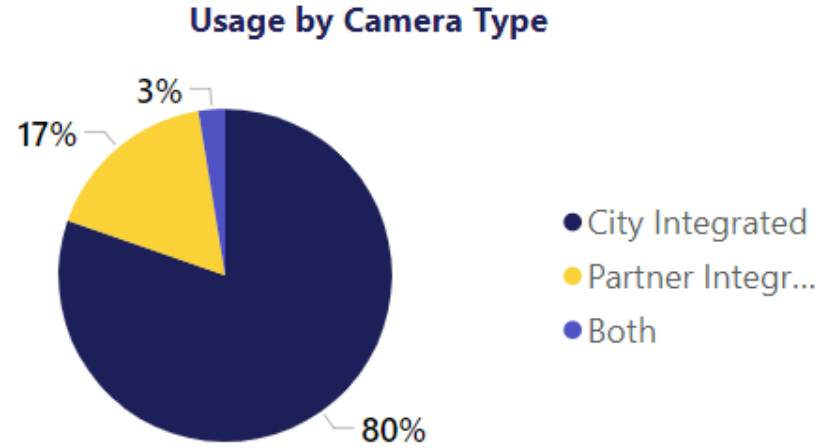
SBPD Fusus Usage - 2024

Data on when Fusus is noted in a case report as having provided evidence/video footage for a case

242
Total Case Reports Noted Fusus Usage

Top 5 Case Types

- Aggravated Assault
25%
- Hit & Run
17%
- Larceny
14%
- Property Damage Accident
12%
- Miscellaneous Offense - Shots Fired
10%
- Other Assault
10%
- Vandalism
10%



RTCC Success Stories

A few cases demonstrating the value of RTCC integrated cameras



Situation: A bank robbery occurred.

Cameras helped: RTCC analysts track the suspect's path of travel. The suspect was observed getting on a Transpo bus where they were observed their mask, leading to suspect identification.

Suspect Identified



Situation: Crime Analysts identify a trend of vehicle larcenies and vandalisms downtown.

Cameras helped: RTCC analysts connect multiple incidents to the same individual. This led to identification of both the suspect and their crime pattern.

Suspect & Crime Trend Identified

Of note: In both instances both City + Partner integrated cameras were leveraged



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	2024 Total	2023 Total for Comparison
Motor Vehicle Thefts	48	37
Aggravated Assaults with Firearm	16	8
Homicide Investigations	4	4
Theft Investigations	30	15
Wanted Parties	5	1
Robbery	7	4
Other	41	14
Total	151 ▲	83



Resource Router

(previously ShotSpotter Connect)

What

Resource Router 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

- Resource Router 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



Resource Router Missions

ShotSpotter Connect has been renamed to Resource Router

Measure	2024		2023 Comparison
	Q4	Total	Total
Total number of Resource Router missions	6,623	26,215	25,730
Average number of missions per day	72 (24/shift)		72
Missions completed	99%		98%

- There were a total of **26,215** Resource Router missions in 2024
- SBPD maintained a **99% mission completion rate** and an average of **72 missions per day**



Have feedback or further questions?

South Bend Police Department

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Additional Resources



Police Transparency Hub

southbendin.gov/police-transparency



SBPD Facebook

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SBPD Website

police.southbendin.gov



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Events & Engagement



Upcoming Community Engagement Events

Wednesday

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February

Monthly Community Crime Stat Meetings

- 2nd Wednesday of the month
- 6:30 p.m., SBPD Auditorium

Saturday

26

April

Spring Prospect Day

- One-day hiring event at SBPD

Friday

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February

Application Deadline for Citizens Police Academy

- Class will run Mar 4 – May 6
- South Bend Police Department

