Public Safety Update

City of South Bend

April 17, 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

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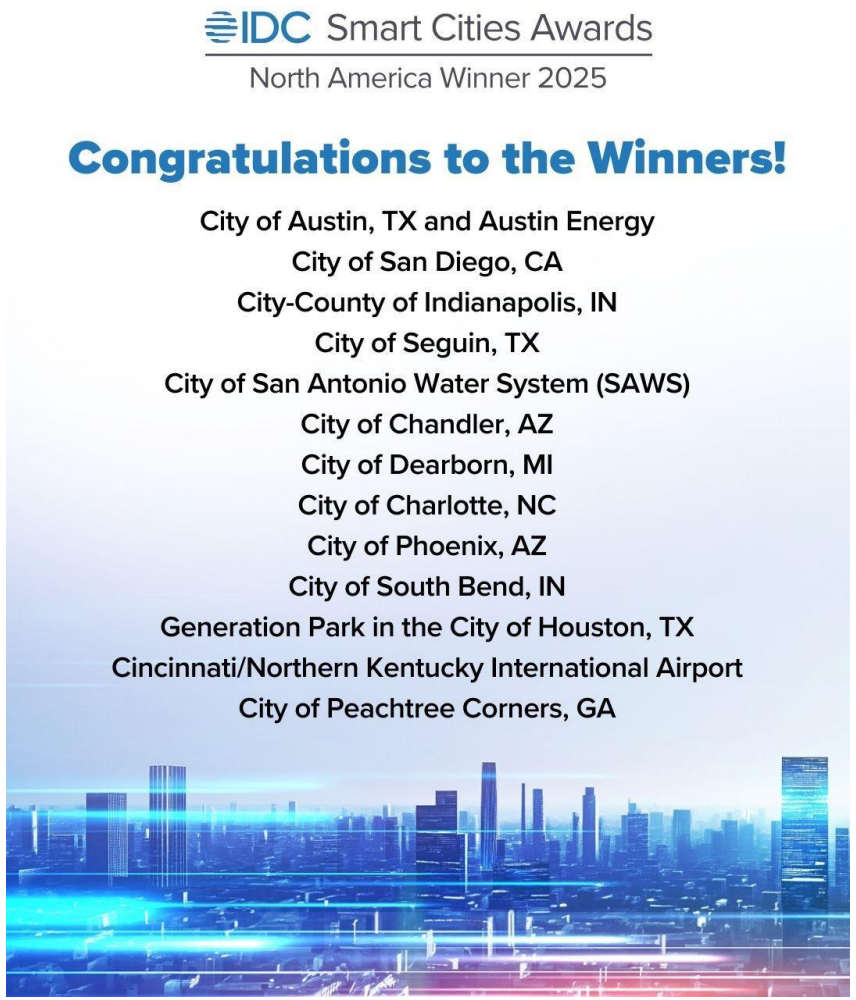
Sync South Bend Grant

- 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/

Sync South Bend Recognition

- City of South Bend named a winner in the IDC Smart Cities Awards
- Recognized for efforts of the Sync South Bend Security Grant Program
- Award ceremony happening this week in San Antonio



PAL Sports Summer Camps

- Registration is now open for the **South Bend Police Athletic League**'s Summer Sports Camps!
- Camps are free
- Multiple options
  - All-sports camp
  - Swim lessons
  - Tennis camp
  - AAU track & field
- Register today at **southbendpal.org**!

Spring Prospect Day 2025

- Next one-day police hiring event set for Saturday, April 26 at SBPD
- Allows applicants the chance to complete most of the initial testing process in one day
- **Applications due by April 21**

Recruitment & Hiring

Measure	2025 Q1 Total
Total Number of Hires	0
Total Sworn	247 (+6 recruits)
Total Number of Departures (Retired/Resigned)	4
Officer gap from most recent peak to current (July 2019 vs. Current)	241 vs.247

Recruitment & Hiring

Dec 2024	Mar 2025
9.7% Female	9.9% Female
10.5% African-American	10.7% African-American
6.2% Hispanic	6.3% Hispanic

Data Review

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Gun Violence Snapshot

119	6	117
Gun Violence Incidents	Shooting Victims	Guns Recovered
During same period last year: **159**	During same period last year: **12**	During same period last year: **216**
▼ -25.2% YoY	▼ -50% YoY	▼ -45.8% YoY

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*

**** Data runs through 1/1 – 3/31*

Criminally Assaulted Shooting (CAS) Victims *Q1 2025*

- Criminally Assaulted Shooting victims are down 50% compared to Q1 2024
- No Fatal Shootings through Q1 2025

**Data runs through 1/1 – 3/31*

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Criminally Assaulted Shooting Victims

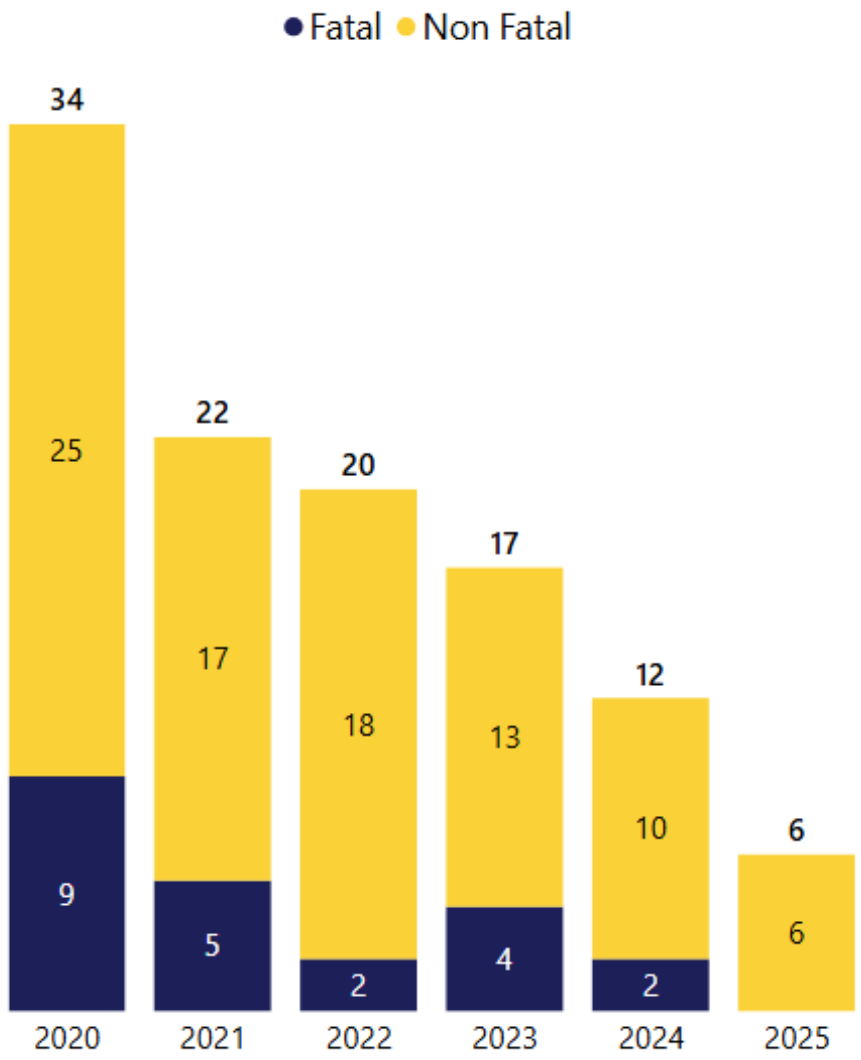
During same period last year: **12**
▼ -50% YoY

0
Fatalities

During same period last year: **2**
▼ -100% YoY

66.7%
Group Member Involved (GMI)

During same period last year: **58.3%**



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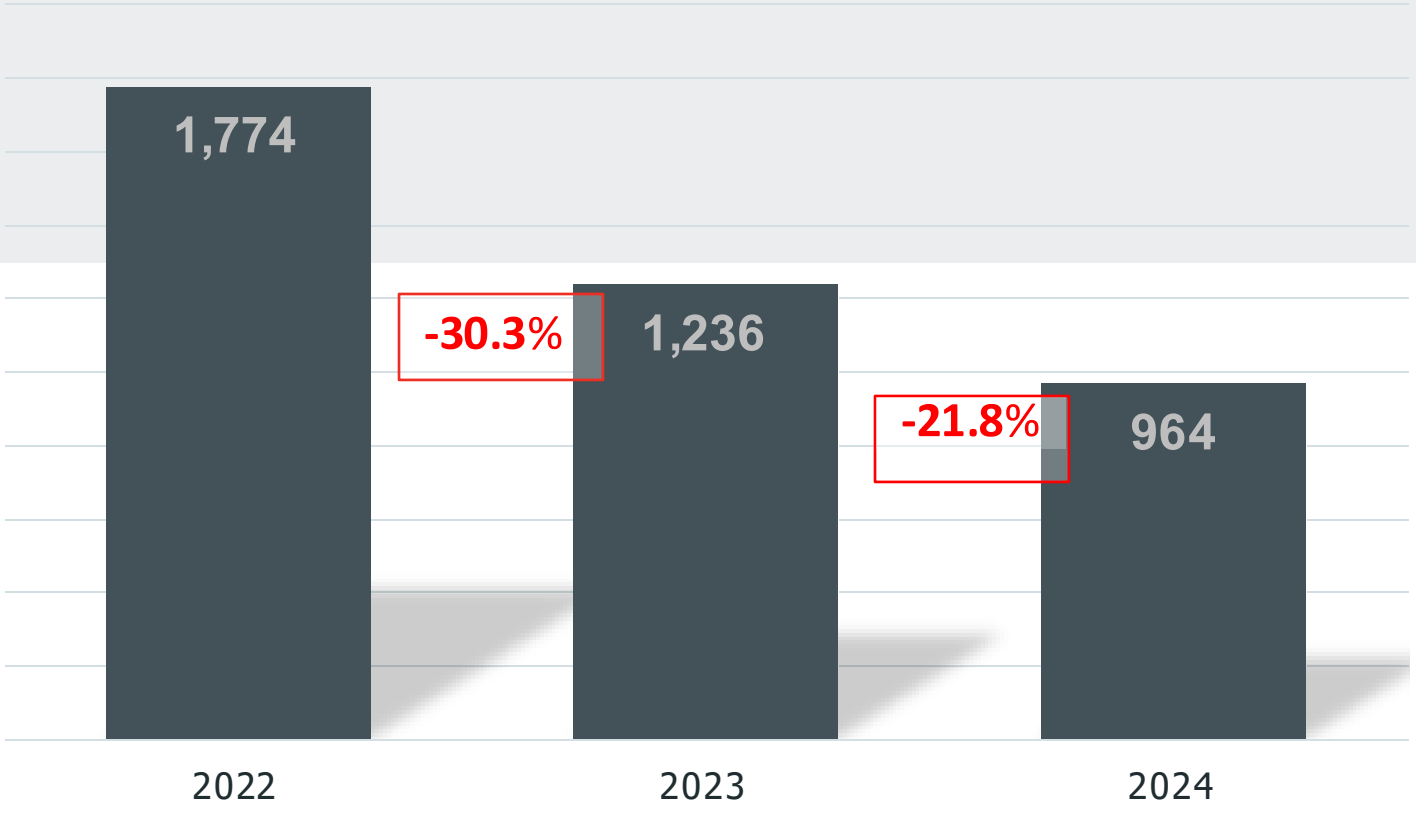
ShotSpotter Alerts

Annual Gunfire Activity

JAN 1, 2022 – DEC 31, 2024



-30.3%

Decrease in alerts 2022/2023

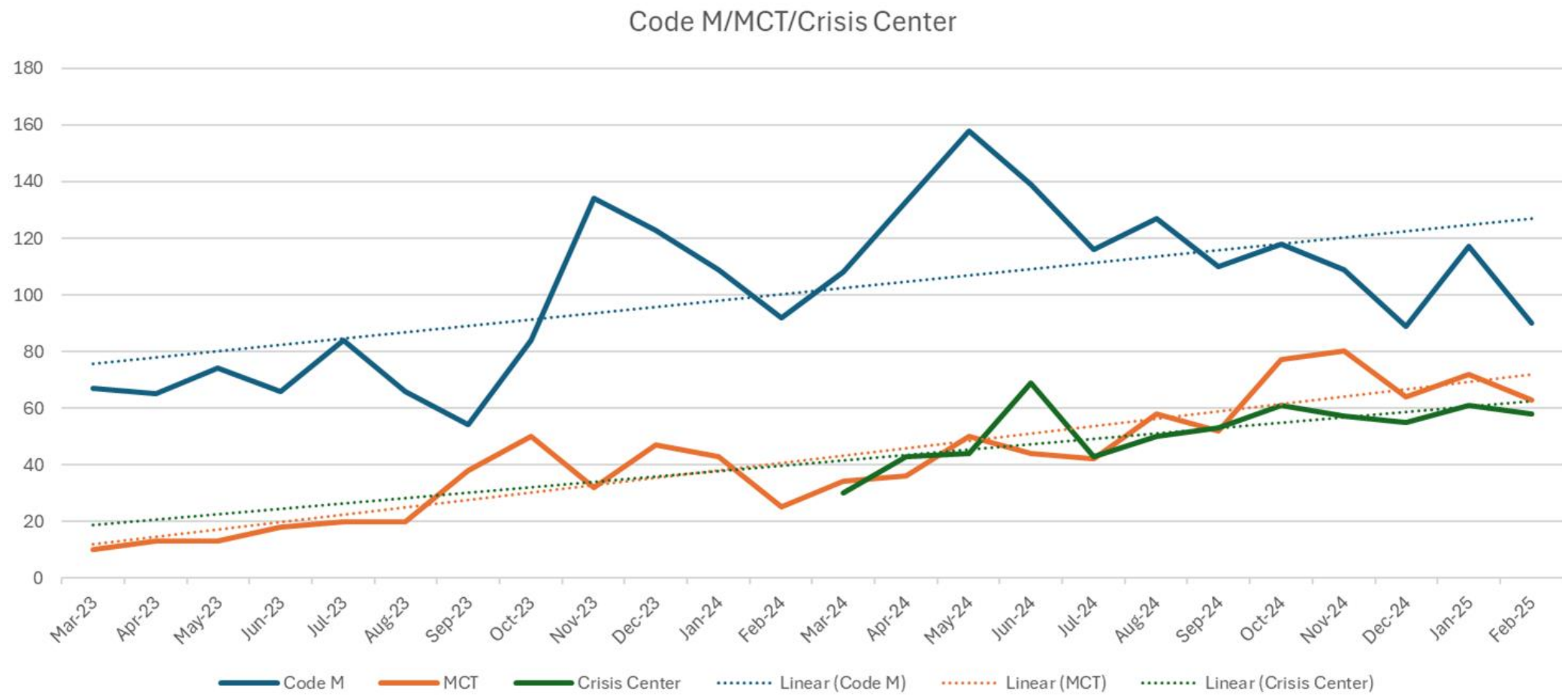
-21.8%

Decrease in alerts 2023/2024

SoundThinking™

Crisis Intervention

Data from the Mobile Crisis Unit



Storm Damage

- Storms on 3/30
- 123 SBPD calls for service related to the storm
- 300-400 dropped calls in SJC (PSAP)

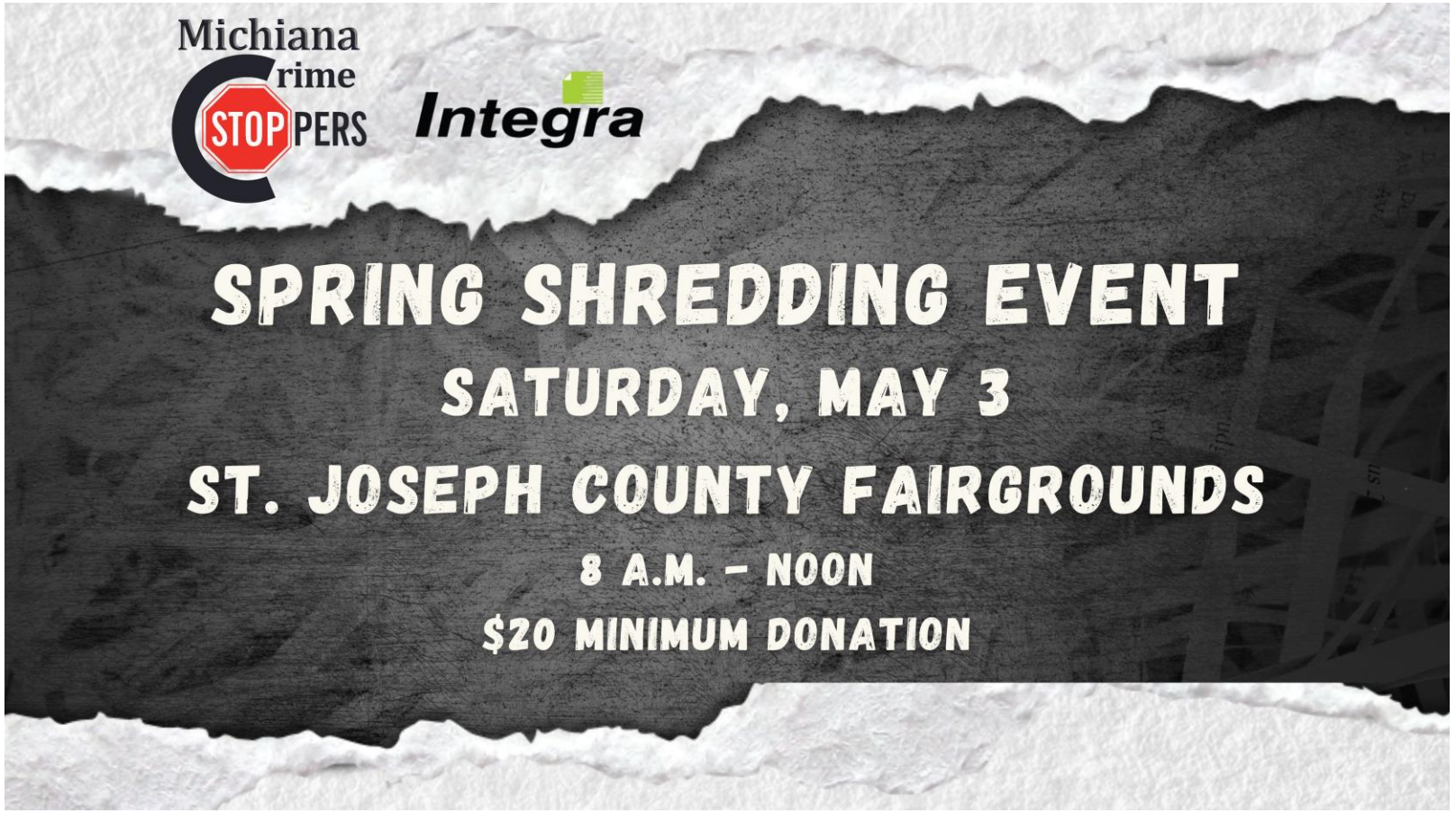
SBPD Death Investigations Update

	Q1 2025
Murder Investigations	
Resolved	0
Open	0
Total Death Investigations	4
Total Murder Victims	0

Michiana Crime Stoppers Update

Q1 2025 Stats	
Cases	67
Stolen Property/Narcotics Recovered	$6,780
Rewards Authorized	$18,450
Arrests	49
Firearms Recovered	12

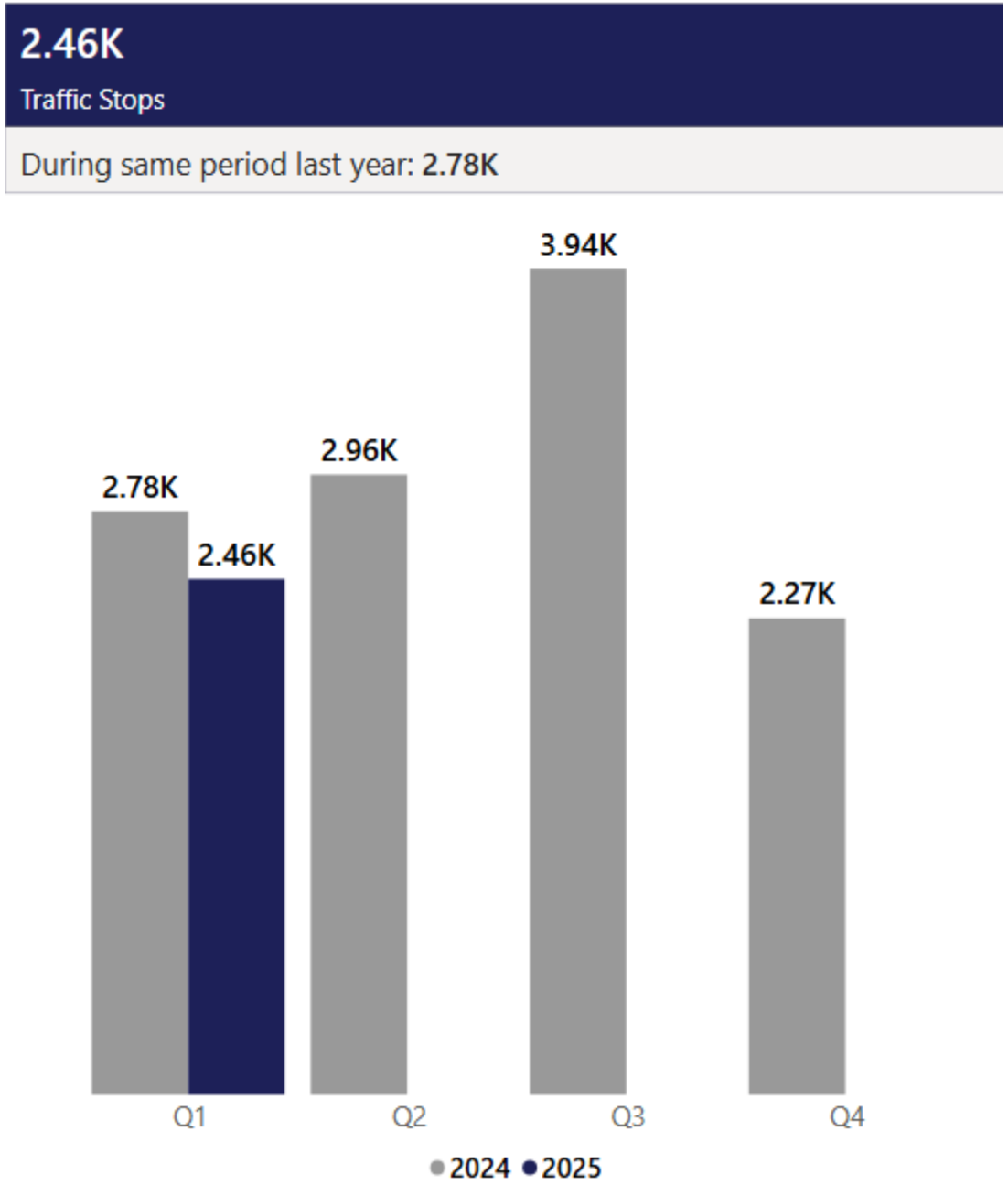
Michiana Crime Stoppers Spring Shredding



Strategies & Programs

Traffic Enforcement & Safety Strategy

- Across Q1 2025, there were 2,458 total traffic stops
- Average of 27.31 per day



*These are stops for traffic violations only

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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

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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 - Q1 2025

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

100

Total Case Reports Noted Fusus Usage

During same period last year: **20**

▲ 400% YoY

Top 5 Case Types

Property Damage Accident
27%

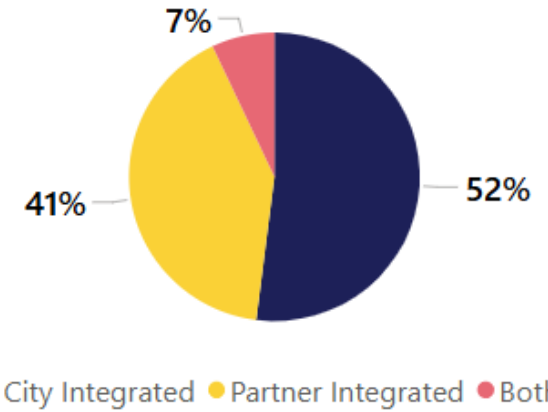
Aggravated Assault
25%

Hit & Run
20%

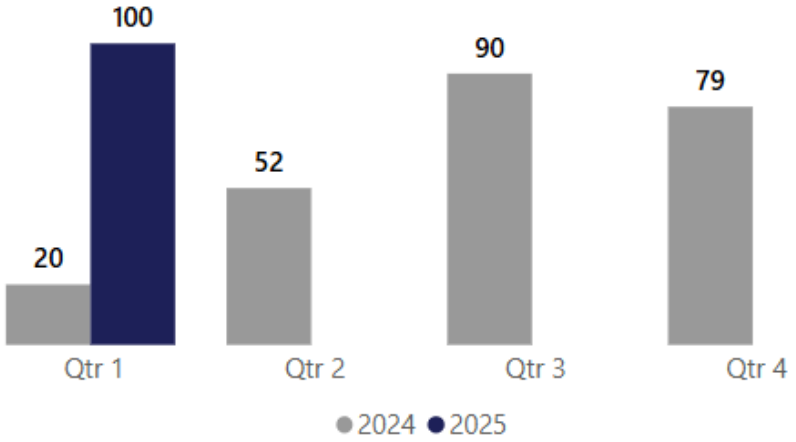
Larceny
17%

Miscellaneous Offense - Shots Fired
12%

Usage by Camera Type



Usage by Quarter



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RTCC Success Stories

A few cases demonstrating the value of RTCC cameras

Situation: ShotSpotter detected rounds being fired.

Cameras helped: RTCC analysts review the area while officers were responding and locate two individuals matching the description running northbound. Due to this information officers were able to saturate the area and locate one of the involved parties.

Involved Party Located

Situation: SBFD Battalion Chief's vehicle was stolen from an active fire scene.

Cameras helped: Locate the Battalion Chief's vehicle, using both Flock cameras & integrated intersection cameras. This info was shared with Patrol, who located the vehicle with the suspect still inside. The suspect inside the stolen vehicle was also found to be the one who set the fire.

Suspect & Vehicle Located

RTCC Success Stories

A few cases demonstrating the value of RTCC cameras

Situation: Armed threat at a convenience store.

Cameras helped: Identify the suspects license plate using both integrated and Flock cameras. The suspect vehicle was located by the detective and after speaking with the suspect they supplied a full confession.

Suspect Provided Confession

Situation: Car break-in in Downtown.

Cameras helped: Locate the suspect, track them as they left the scene and captured them emptying the purse stolen from the vehicle.

Suspect Located

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 2025
Motor Vehicle Thefts	11
Aggravated Assaults with Firearm	5
Homicide Investigations	0
Theft Investigations	6
Wanted Parties	5
Robbery	2
Other	9
Total	**38**

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

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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

Measure	Q1 2025
Total number of Resource Router missions	6,412
Average number of missions per day	72 (24/shift)
Missions completed	98%

- There were a total of **6,412** Resource Router missions in Q1 2025
- SBPD maintained a **98% 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
facebook.com/SouthBendPD

SBPD Website
police.southbendin.gov

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Events & Engagement

Upcoming Community Engagement Events

Saturday

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April

Spring Prospect Day

- One-day hiring event at SBPD

Saturday

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May

Spring Shredding Event

- 8 a.m. - noon
- St. Joseph County Fairgrounds
- Biggest fundraiser for Michiana Crime Stoppers

Wednesday

14

May

Monthly Community Crime Stat Meetings

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

Tuesday

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May

Citizens Police Academy Graduation