

Public Safety Update

City of South Bend

October 9, 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

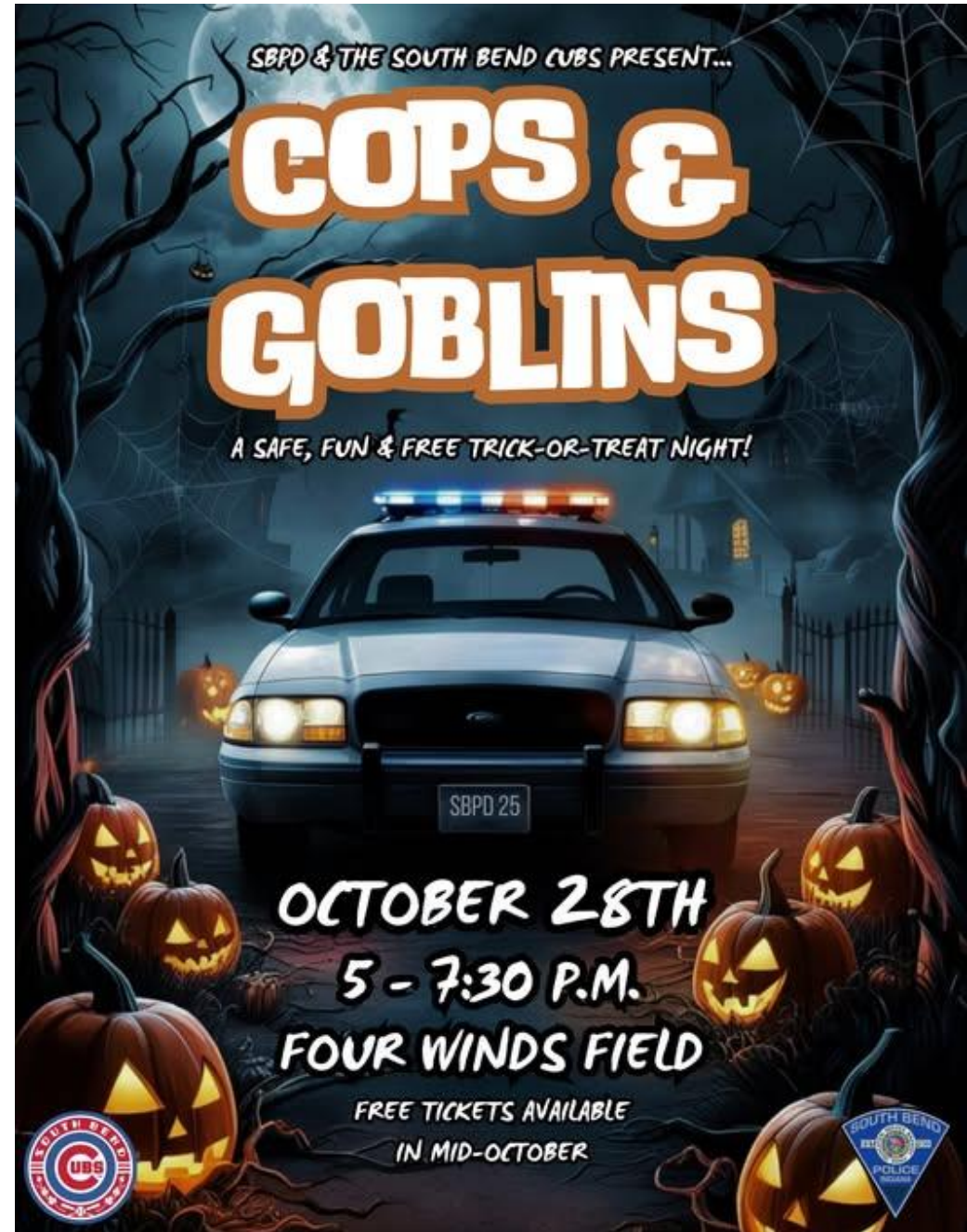


Cops & Goblins

- Safe, fun, free trick-or-treat night!
- Tuesday, October 28, 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Four Winds Field
- Free tickets will be available mid-October



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Fall Citizens Police Academy

- Graduation for Fall Citizens Police Academy occurred Tuesday, 10/7
- Information about Spring Citizens Police Academy will be released in early 2026



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A promotional poster for the South Bend Police Department's Citizens Police Academy. The top half features a photograph of a police officer in uniform interacting with a group of people near a police car. The bottom half is a dark blue banner with white text. The text reads: "SOUTH BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT", "CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY", "APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR FALL ACADEMY", "AUGUST 12 - OCTOBER 7", "SPEND YOUR TUESDAY EVENINGS LEARNING ALL ABOUT SBPD!", and "FREE CLASS | APPLY BY AUGUST 1!". Two small police department logos are positioned on either side of the central text.

SOUTH BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

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Community Resource Officer (CRO) Team Expansion

- CRO team added a new member, Officer Jalen Lee
 - CROs serve on the front lines of police-community relations
- Officer Lee will be responsible for the east side of the City
- If you'd like to request a CRO to attend your neighborhood meeting or event, email SBPDOutreach@southbendin.gov.



Recruitment & Hiring

Measure	2025 Q3 Total
Total Number of Hires (Not yet sworn)	9
Total Sworn	247
Total Number of Departures (Retired/Resigned)	4
Officer gap from most recent peak to current (July 2019 vs. Current)	241 vs. 247



Data Review

- *Data Note: Data in this section is cumulative for the calendar year, unless otherwise noted. It reflects totals through the end of the most recently completed quarter. Any year-over-year comparisons are made using the same time frame from the previous year (e.g., Q1–Q3 2024 vs. Q1–Q3 2025).*



Gun Violence Snapshot

449

Gun Violence Incidents

During same period last year: 508

▼ -11.6% YoY

44

Criminally Assaulted Shooting Victims

During same period last year: 52

▼ -15.4% YoY

430

Guns Recovered

During same period last year: 578

▼ -25.6% 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 – 9/30 (through end of Q3)

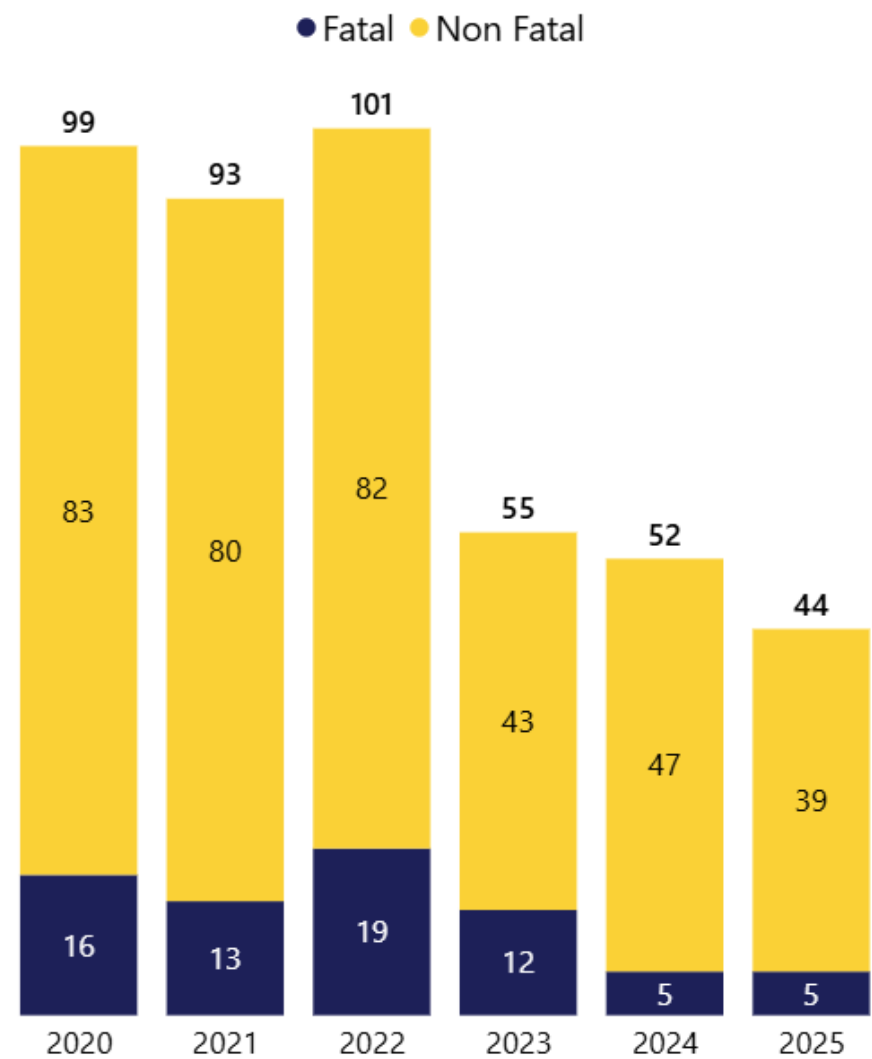


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Criminally Assaulted Shooting (CAS) Victims Through Q3 2025

- Since January 2025, there have been 44 Criminally Assaulted Shooting victims
 - 19 of these were in Q3 2025
- 5 Fatal Shootings in 2025
 - 4 of these occurred in Q3 2025
- Total Criminally assaulted shooting victim numbers remain lower than during the same 9-month period (Jan – Sept) the past five years

44
Criminally Assaulted Shooting Victims
During same period last year: 52
▼ -15.4% YoY
5
Fatalities
During same period last year: 5
■ 0% YoY
45.5%
Group Member Involved (GMI)
During same period last year: 63.5%



**Data runs through 1/1 – 9/30 (through end of Q3)*

SBPD Death Investigations Update

	2025 YTD
Homicide Investigations	8
Justified	2
Reckless	1
Murder	5
Total Death Investigations	14
Total Murder Victims	5

- Of the homicide investigations, only 1 currently remains open



Michiana Crime Stoppers Update

Q3 2025 Stats*	
Cases	52
Stolen Property/Narcotics Recovered	\$300
Rewards Authorized	\$5,100
Arrests	36
Firearms Recovered	1

**Data is only for Q3*



Strategies & Programs

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Traffic Enforcement & Safety Strategy

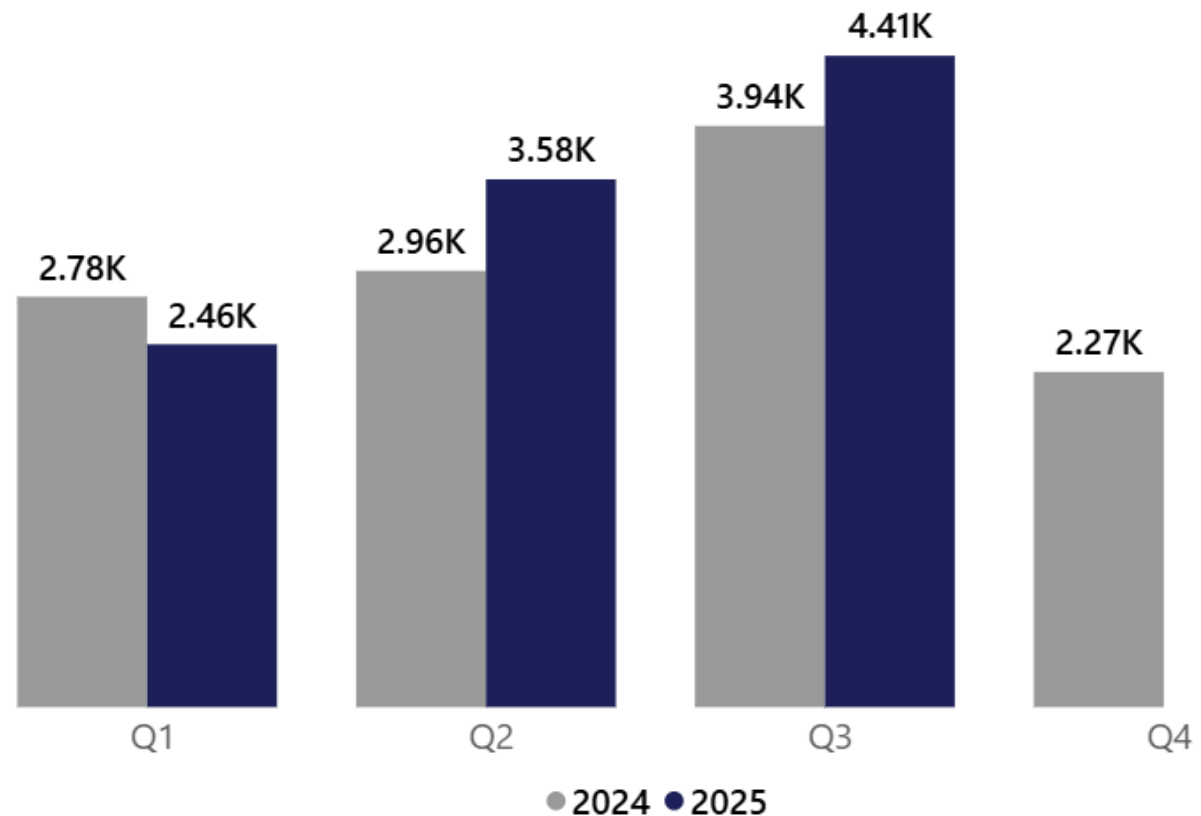
Traffic Stops

- In Q3 2025, there were **4,413 traffic stops**
 - Average of 48 per day for the quarter
- From January – September 2025, there have been a total of **10,447 traffic stops**
 - This is up 8% compared to the same period last year



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4.41K Quarterly Traffic Stops During same quarter last year: 3.94K	10.45K Cumulative Traffic Stops During same period last year: 9.68K
▲ 12.1% YoY	▲ 8% YoY



**These are stops for traffic violations only*

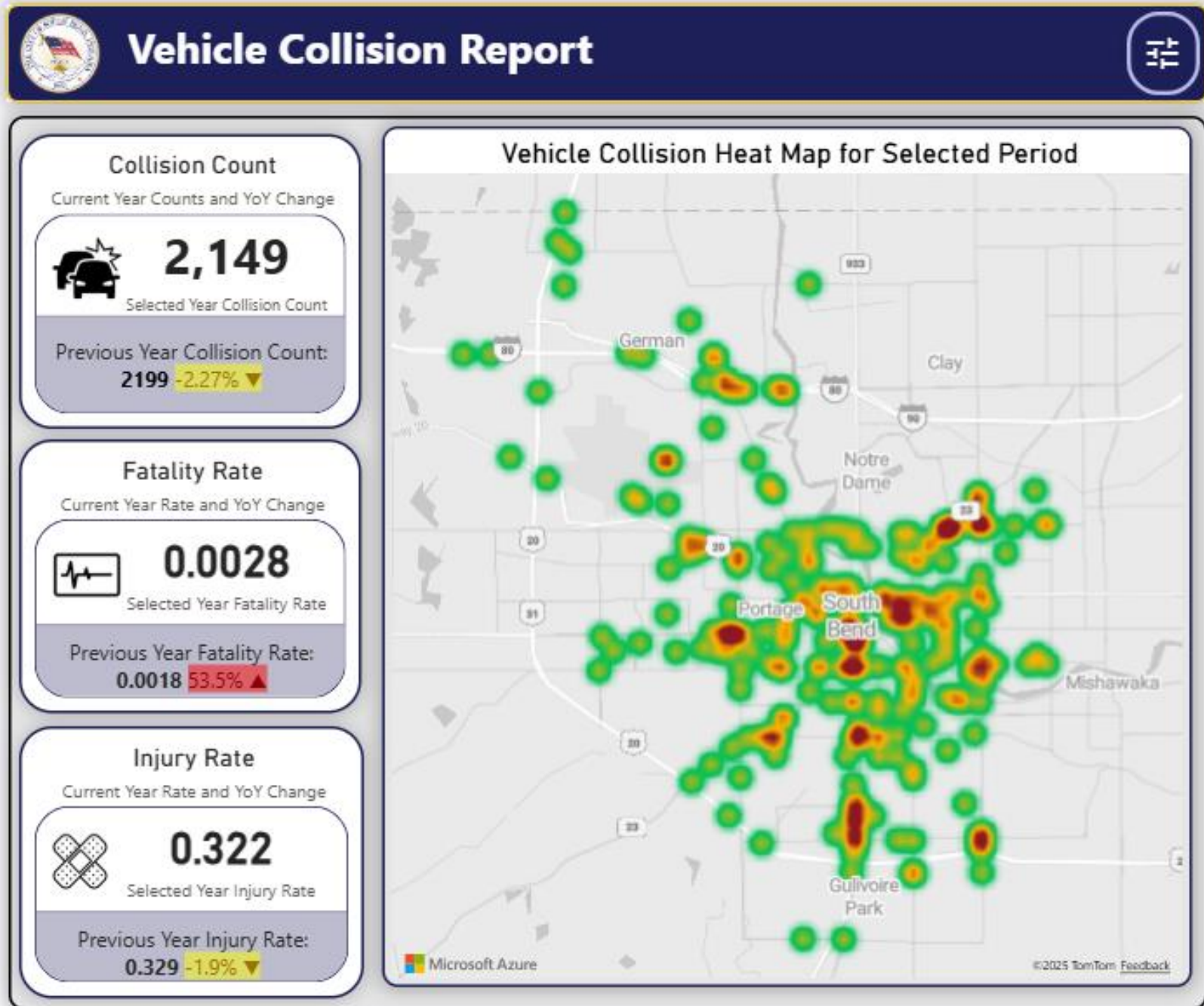
Traffic Enforcement & Safety Strategy

Vehicle Collisions

- This slide shows vehicle collision data through Q3 2025, with comparisons to the same period in 2024
- Visuals include: Collision count, fatality & injury rates, and a heat map
- Through Q3 2025, there have been 2,149 vehicle collisions. Of these, 0.28% resulted in a fatality, and 32.2% resulted in an injury.



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*Data runs through 1/1 - 9/30 (through end of Q3)

Traffic Enforcement & Safety Strategy

Vehicle Collisions

- This slide highlights the top five intersections with the highest number of vehicle collisions through Q3 2025.
- It also shows the **Focus Intersections**, locations identified by the traffic detail at the start of the year for targeted attention, and the number of collisions that have occurred at each.



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Top 5 Intersections by number of Collisions (through Q3 2025)

Intersection	Collisions
W IRELAND RD, S MICHIGAN ST	19
PORTAGE RD, W CLEVELAND RD	15
CHAPIN ST, W SAMPLE ST	14
SOUTH BEND AVE, IRONWOOD RD	14
W SAMPLE ST, S LAFAYETTE BLVD	11

Focused Intersection 2024/2025 Comparison (through Q3)

Intersection	2024	2025
CHAPIN ST, W SAMPLE ST	13	14
PORTAGE RD, W CLEVELAND RD	11	15
W IRELAND RD, S MICHIGAN ST	11	19
S MICHIGAN ST, E EWING AVE	13	10
SR 23 HWY, DOUGLAS RD	11	8
W WESTERN AVE, S WALNUT ST	11	6

- Data runs through 1/1 – 9/30 (through end of Q3)
- Collision count based on a 100ft radius from intersection

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 - Through Q3 2025

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



Top 5 Offense Categories

Traffic Incident

40%

Aggravated Assault

30%

Larceny

10%

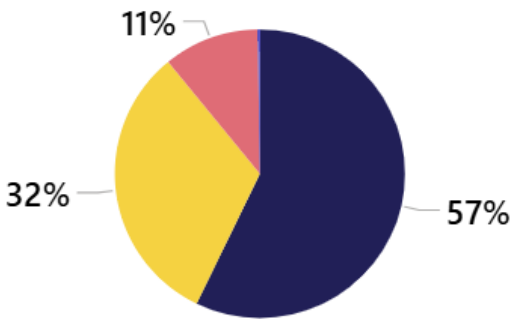
Miscellaneous Offense - Shots Fired

10%

Other Assault

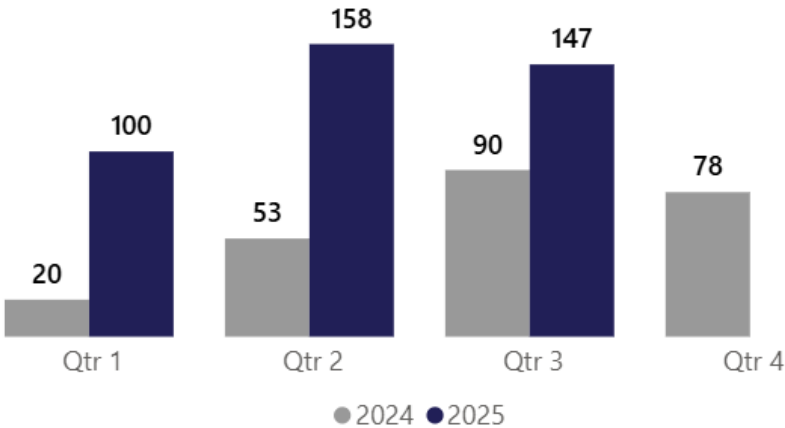
10%

Usage by Camera Type



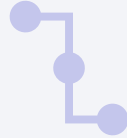
● City Integrated ● Partner Integrated ● Both ● Registered Camera

Usage by Quarter



RTCC Success Stories

A few cases demonstrating the value of RTCC cameras



Situation: A shooting occurred in Maple Lane Apartments.

Cameras helped: RTCC analysts see the suspect run and get into a vehicle. This info was relayed to officers resulting in a pursuit and apprehension. A backpack containing a firearm was discarded by the suspect in the process.

Suspect Apprehended & Firearm Located



Situation: An armed robbery occurred in the parking lot of the Charles Black Center.

Cameras helped: Obtain video of the incident and identify the vehicle using Flock. The vehicle was located at the registered address. A search warrant was conducted, where a firearm was located and the suspect was arrested.

Arrest



RTCC Success Stories

A few cases demonstrating the value of RTCC cameras



Situation: A shooting occurred near Bowman/Miami.

Cameras helped: RTCC analysts locate the suspect vehicle and identify the vehicle using Flock. With this info, officers were able to locate the vehicle with signs of the window being shot out. Officers then executed a search warrant on the vehicle.

Search Warrant Executed



Situation: An individual escaped from the DuComb center after transport to the hospital.

Cameras helped: Using the description from Dispatch, cameras helped RTCC analysts locate the suspect and provide the info to officers who were able to locate and detain the escapee.

Located Person



Flock LPR

What

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

Who

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How

- Utilizes cameras near major thoroughfares
- 30-day photo retention on cloud server
- Limited users with an administrator for account reviews and audits



Snapshot of FLOCK Case Assists

Measure	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Total (YTD)
Motor Vehicle Thefts	11	16	16	43
Aggravated Assaults with Firearm	5	4	5	14
Homicide Investigations	0	0	3	3
Theft Investigations	6	5	7	18
Wanted Parties	5	1	1	7
Robbery	2	1	1	4
Other	9	15	15	39
Total	38	42	48	128



Resource Router

(previously ShotSpotter Connect)

What

Resource Router is a software that provides unbiased, evidence and fact-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	Q3 2025
Total number of Resource Router missions	6,636
Average number of missions per day	72 (24/shift)
Missions completed	98%

- There were a total of 6,636 Resource Router missions in Q3 2025
- SBPD maintained a **98% mission completion rate** and an average of **72 missions per day**

**Data is only for Q3*



Have feedback or further questions?

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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

Thursday

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October

Cops and Community

- Burton's Laundry
- 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Wednesday

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November

Monthly Community Crime Stat Meetings

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

Tuesday

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October

Cops and Goblins

- 5:00pm – 7:30pm
- Four Winds Field
- Free with a ticket!

TBD
November

Santa's Elficers

- FOP 36
- Applications open after Thanksgiving

