

Public Safety Update

City of South Bend

January 13, 2026



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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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Elficers Program Wrap-Up

- Holiday gifts provided to 530+ children in the community, thanks to FOP Lodge #36
- Gifts hand-delivered on 12/23 by SBPD, SBFD and USMC
- Applications for 2026 program to be available after Thanksgiving



2026 Spring Citizens Police Academy

- Applications currently open for the 2026 Spring Citizens Police Academy
- Runs March 3 – May 5
 - Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m.
 - Class will not meet on 4/7 due to Spring Break
- Free to attend
- [Visit South Bend Police Department website](#) – Get Involved to apply



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2026 Spring Prospect Day

- Next Prospect Day scheduled for Saturday, March 28
- One-day police testing event, covering a majority of the initial testing process
- Visit SBPoliceJobs.com for more information and application



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Recruitment & Hiring

Measure	2025 Total
Total Number of Hires	21
Total Sworn	254
Total Number of Departures (Retired/Resigned)	13



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 – 2025

574

Gun Violence Incidents

During same period last year: 649

▼ -11.6% YoY

56

Criminally Assaulted Shooting Victims

During same period last year: 62

▼ -9.7% YoY

560

Guns Recovered

During same period last year: 705

▼ -20.6% YoY

- Note: Gun violence incidents encompass any incidents involving a gun, making it a broader category than just shootings
- Note: Victim counts do not include accidental shootings, suicides or shootings that have been determined as self-defense



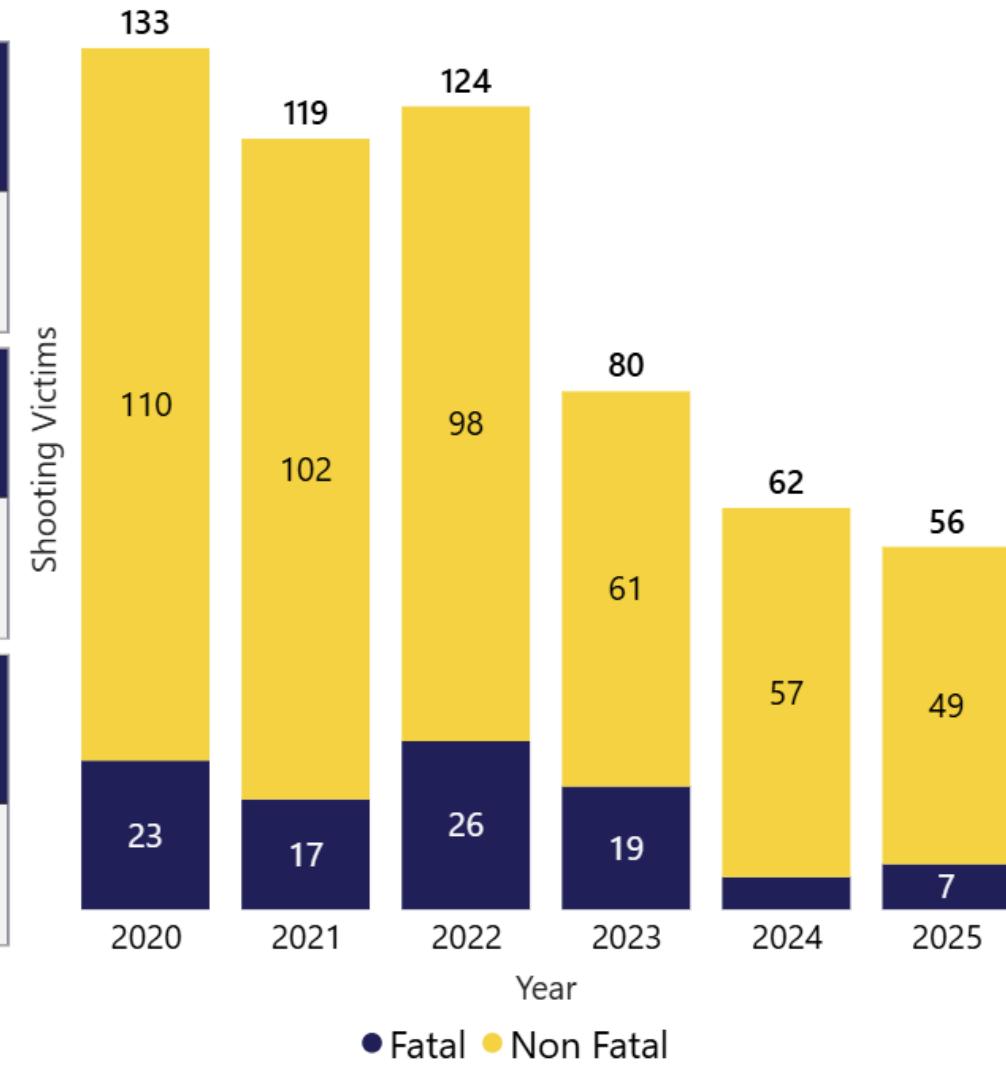
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Criminally Assaulted Shooting (CAS) Victims – 2025

- 2025 saw a continuation of the downward trend in CAS victims that started in 2023
- In 2025, there were 56 criminally assaulted shooting victims
- 7 fatal shootings in 2025

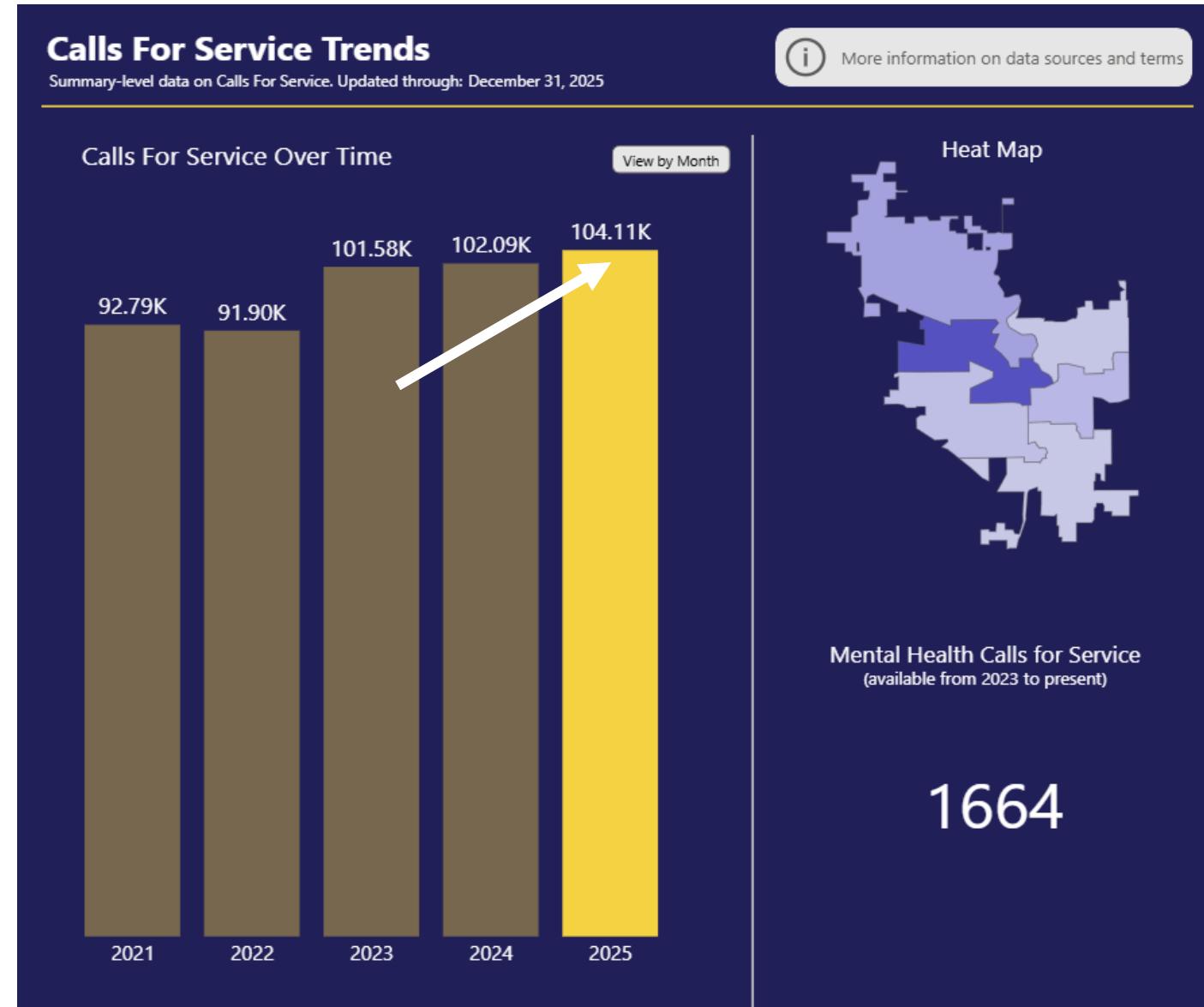
56	Criminally Assaulted Shooting...
During same period last year: 62	▼ -9.7% YoY
7	Fatalities
During same period last year: 5	▲ 40% YoY
50.0%	Group Member Involved (GMI)
During same period last year: 59.7%	

Criminally Assaulted Shooting Victims by Year



2025 Police Data Trends: *Calls For Service (CFS)*

- Continuing the upward trend from 2024, 2025 saw the highest number of CFS (104.11k) in the past five years
- Mental Health related calls accounted for 1.6% of total CFS
- CFS data can be found on the [Police Data Trends](#) tool on the [Police Transparency Hub](#)



SBPD Death Investigations Update

	2025 Total	2024
Homicide Investigations		
Justified	2	1
Reckless	1	0
Murder	7	7
Total Death Investigations	16	12
Total Murder Victims	7	7



Michiana Crime Stoppers Update

2025 Year-End Stats

Cases	245
Stolen Property/Narcotics Recovered	\$41,915
Rewards Authorized	\$45,450
Arrests	186
Firearms Recovered	16
Victory Over Violence Cases	2



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Strategies & Programs



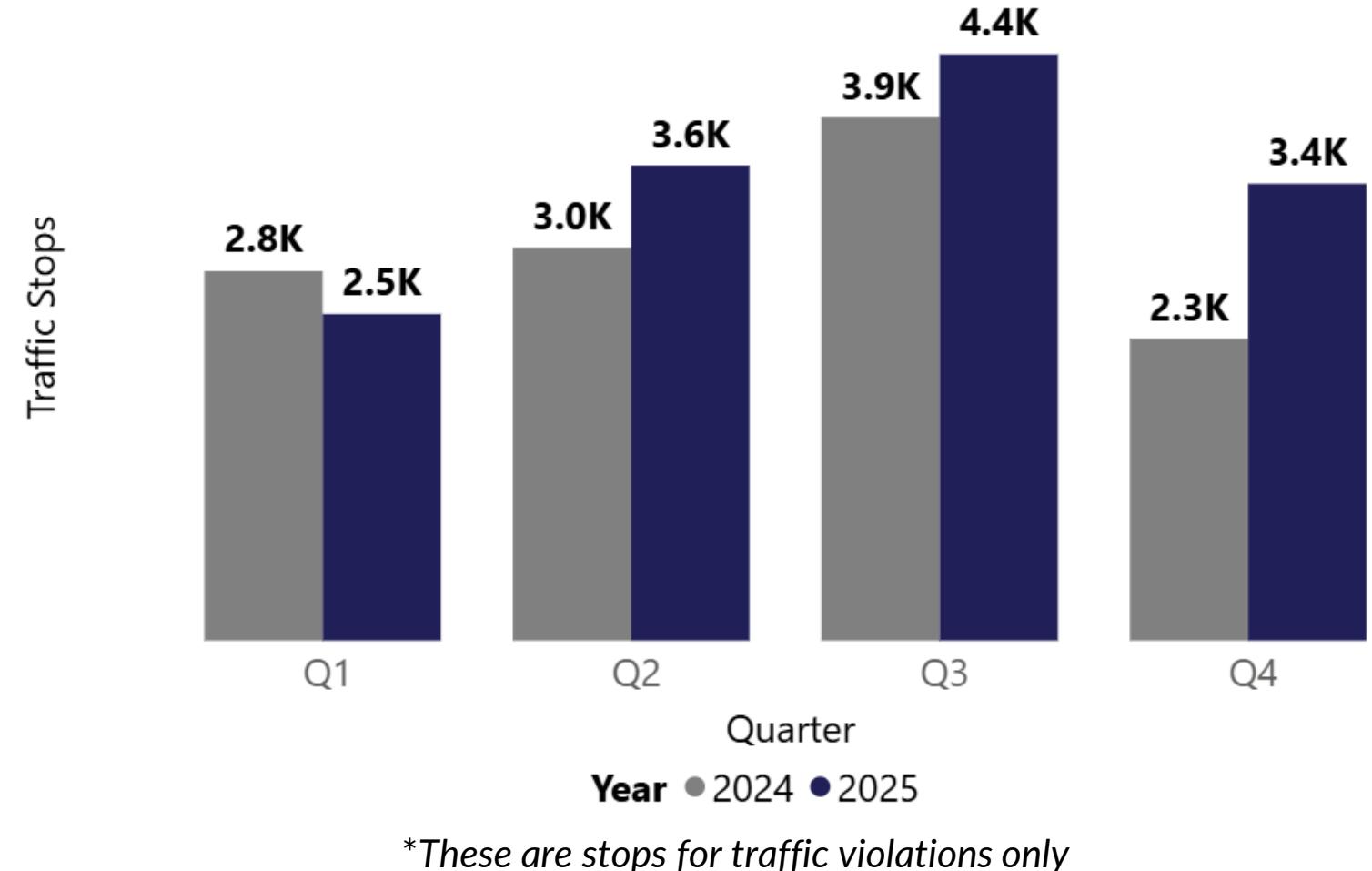
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Traffic Enforcement & Safety Strategy

- **13,886** total traffic stops in 2025, for an average of 38 per day
 - 12.1% increase from 2024 (12,391 stops)
- Except for Q1, 2025 quarterly traffic stops exceed 2024

3.4K Quarterly Traffic Stops	13.9K YTD Traffic Stops
During same quarter last year: 2.3K	During same period last year: 12.4K

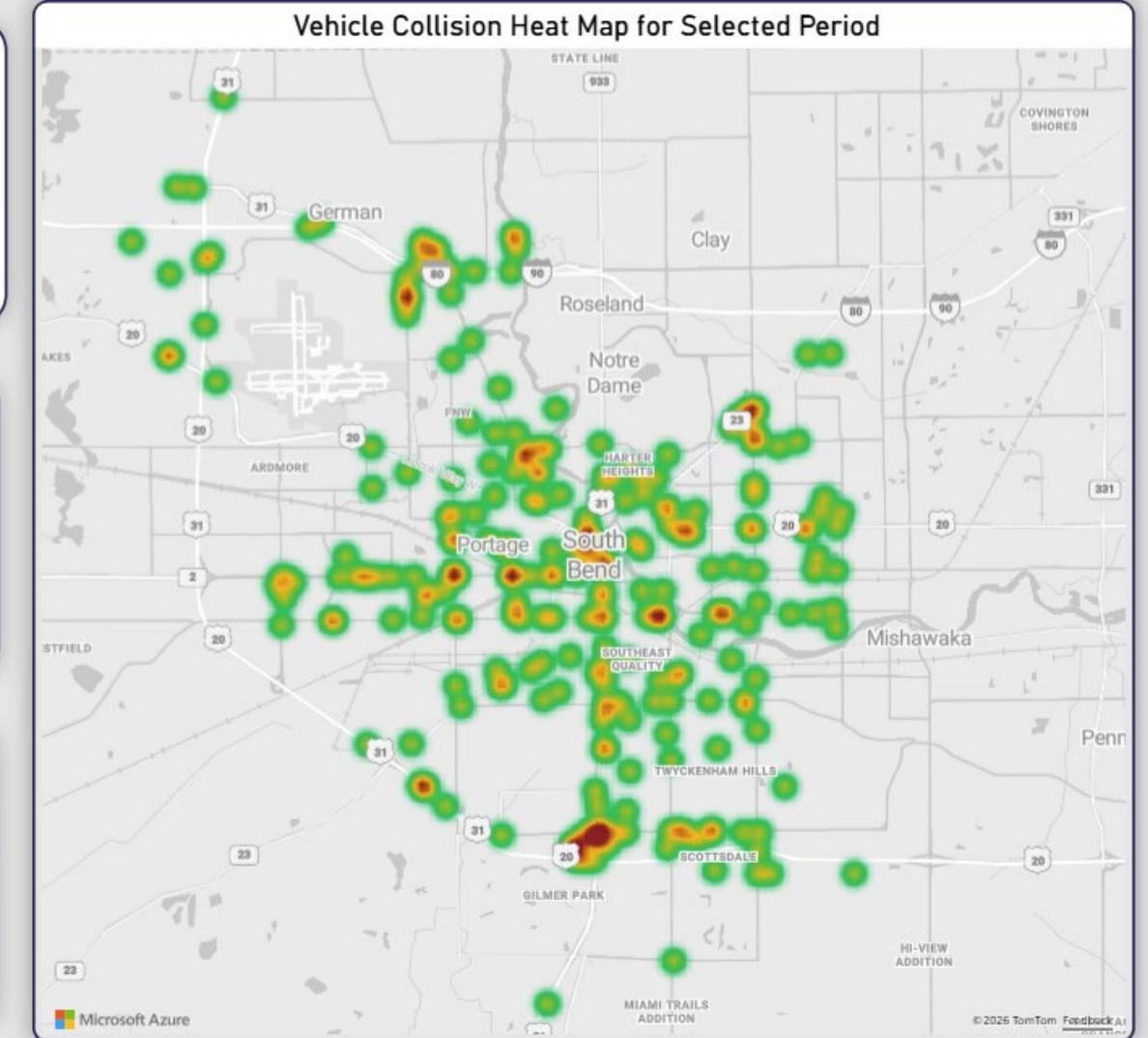
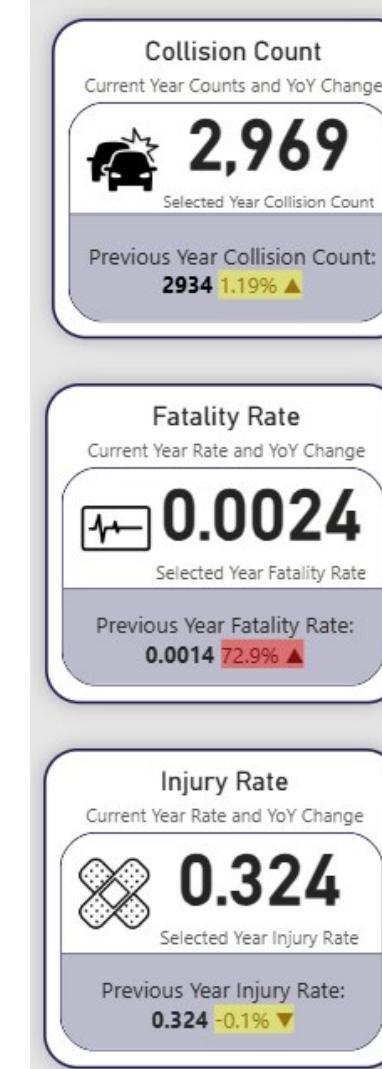
Traffic Stops by Quarter and Year



Traffic Enforcement & Safety Strategy

Vehicle Collisions

- In 2025, there were 2,969 vehicle collisions. Of these, 0.24% (7) resulted in a fatality, and 32.4% (70) resulted in an injury.
- This slide shows vehicle collision data for 2025
- Visuals include: Collision count, fatality & injury rates, and a heat map



Traffic Enforcement & Safety Strategy

Vehicle Collisions

- This slide highlights the top five intersections with the highest number of vehicle collisions for 2025.
- Year over year vehicle collisions decreased at all Focus Intersections, except W Ireland & S Michigan

Top 5 Intersections by number of Collisions (2025)

Intersection	Collisions
W IRELAND RD, S MICHIGAN ST	21
SOUTH BEND AVE, IRONWOOD RD	19
W SAMPLE ST, LINCOLN WAY E	18
CHAPIN ST, W SAMPLE ST	16
PORTAGE RD, W CLEVELAND RD	15

Focused Intersection 2024/2025 Comparison

Intersection	2024	2025
CHAPIN ST, W SAMPLE ST	17	16
PORTAGE RD, W CLEVELAND RD	16	15
W IRELAND RD, S MICHIGAN ST	15	21
S MICHIGAN ST, E EWING AVE	14	13
SR 23 HWY, DOUGLAS RD	15	11
W WESTERN AVE, S WALNUT ST	13	11

- 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

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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



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SBPD Fusus Usage - Through Q4 2025

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

578

Total Case Reports Noted Fusus Usage

During same period last year: 242

▲ 138.8% YoY

Top 5 Offense Categories

Traffic Incident

45%

Aggravated Assault

31%

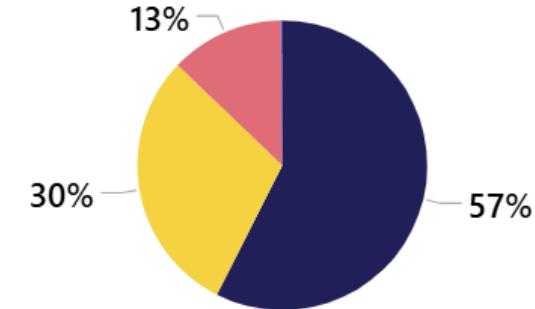
Other Assault

13%

Larceny

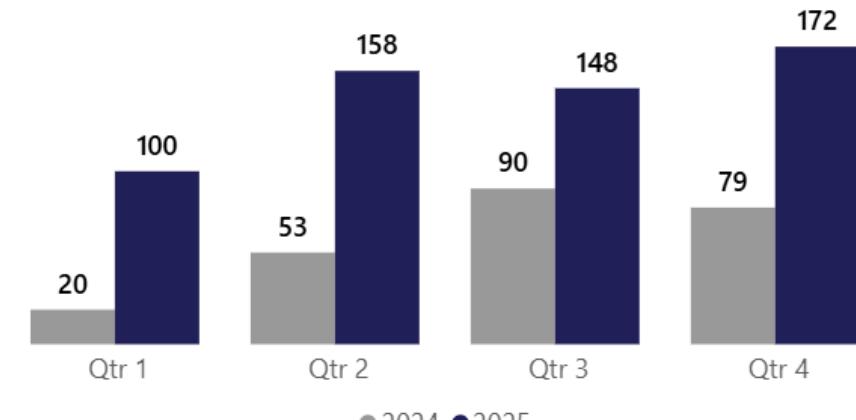
11%

Usage by Camera Type



● City Integrated ● Partner Integrated ● Both ● Registered Camera

Usage by Quarter



● 2024 ● 2025

RTCC Success Stories

A few cases demonstrating the value of RTCC integrated cameras



Situation: Assault and Robbery.

Cameras helped: Provide robbery footage and a photo of the suspect. Officers in the area were able to locate the suspect, make an arrest, and recover the victim's wallet and cash.

Arrest & Recovery of Items



Situation: SBPD received a call regarding masked and armed individuals.

Cameras helped: RTCC determine the direction of the vehicle the individuals were travelling in and relay it to officers. Officers in the area located the vehicle and made a stop. Stolen firearms and a switch were in vehicle, resulting in arrests.

Arrest



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 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

Category	2025 Total	2024 Comparison
Motor Vehicle Thefts	59	48
Aggravated Assaults with Firearm	20	16
Homicide Investigations	5	4
Theft Investigations	22	30
Wanted Parties	10	5
Robbery	6	7
Other	54	41
Total	176	151



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



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Resource Router Missions

ShotSpotter Connect has been renamed to Resource Router

Measure	2025		2024 Comparison
	Q4	Total	
Total number of Resource Router missions	6,671	26,442	26,215
Average number of missions per day		72 (24/shift)	
Missions completed	99.7%	99.2%	99%

- There were a total of **26,442** Resource Router missions in 2025
- 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
facebook.com/SouthBendPD



SBPD Website
police.southbendin.gov



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Events & Engagement



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Upcoming Community Engagement Events

Wednesday
12
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
14
February

Application Deadline for Citizens Police Academy
• Class will run Mar 4 – May 6
• South Bend Police Department



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