

Public Safety Update

City of South Bend

April 17, 2025



City of South Bend
Indiana



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

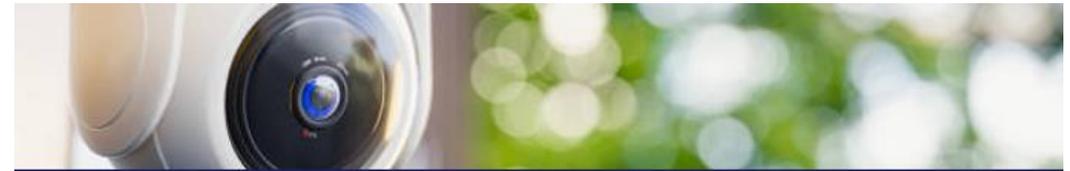


Sync South Bend Grant

- 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

Up to \$2,900 fususCORE
cost reimbursement

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

Learn more
syncsouthbend.org
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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

 IDC Smart Cities Awards
North America Winner 2025

Congratulations to the Winners!

City of Austin, TX and Austin Energy

City of San Diego, CA

City-County of Indianapolis, IN

City of Seguin, TX

City of San Antonio Water System (SAWS)

City of Chandler, AZ

City of Dearborn, MI

City of Charlotte, NC

City of Phoenix, AZ

City of South Bend, IN

Generation Park in the City of Houston, TX

Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport

City of Peachtree Corners, GA



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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!



FREE

SOUTH BEND POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

ALL-SPORTS CAMP
WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL | JUNE 9-AUGUST 1 (MON-FRI)
10 A.M. - 3 P.M. | AGES: 7-18

SWIM LESSONS
WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL | TWO-WEEK SESSION:
(6/9-6/18, 6/23-7/3, 7/7-7/17, 7/21-7/31)
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TENNIS
WASHINGTON H.S. COURTS | JUNE 9 - AUGUST 1 (MON-FRI)
SESSION 1: 10 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
SESSION 2: 12 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

AAU TRACK & FIELD
WASHINGTON, ADAMS & RILEY HIGH SCHOOLS
JUNE 10-JULY 18 (TUES, WEDS & THURS) | 4 P.M. - 6 P.M.
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OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS | MEALS SERVED
[SOUTHBENDPAL.ORG](https://southbendpal.org)

Logos for City of South Bend, South Bend Police Athletic League, and sponsors like Lowie's are visible at the bottom.



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**

A promotional poster for the South Bend Police Department's Spring Prospect Day 2025. The poster features a dark background with a police car's front view, including its headlights and a blue and red light bar. The text is white and red. At the top, it reads 'SOUTH BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT' and 'SPRING PROSPECT DAY'. Below that, in large red letters, is 'SATURDAY, APRIL 26'. Underneath, it says 'ONE-DAY POLICE TESTING EVENT'. A list of activities follows: 'PHYSICAL AGILITY | WRITTEN TEST | PERSONAL INTERVIEW | ORAL BOARD | FINGERPRINTS | SCHEDULE MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION | MEET WITH BACKGROUND INVESTIGATOR FOR INITIAL REVIEW'. At the bottom, the website 'SBPOLICEJOBS.COM' is listed in red, and 'APPLY BY APRIL 21' is written in white. The South Bend Police Department logo is in the bottom right corner.

SOUTH BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT
**SPRING
PROSPECT DAY**

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 26**

ONE-DAY POLICE TESTING EVENT

PHYSICAL AGILITY | WRITTEN TEST | PERSONAL INTERVIEW
ORAL BOARD | FINGERPRINTS | SCHEDULE MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL
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SBPOLICEJOBS.COM

APPLY 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

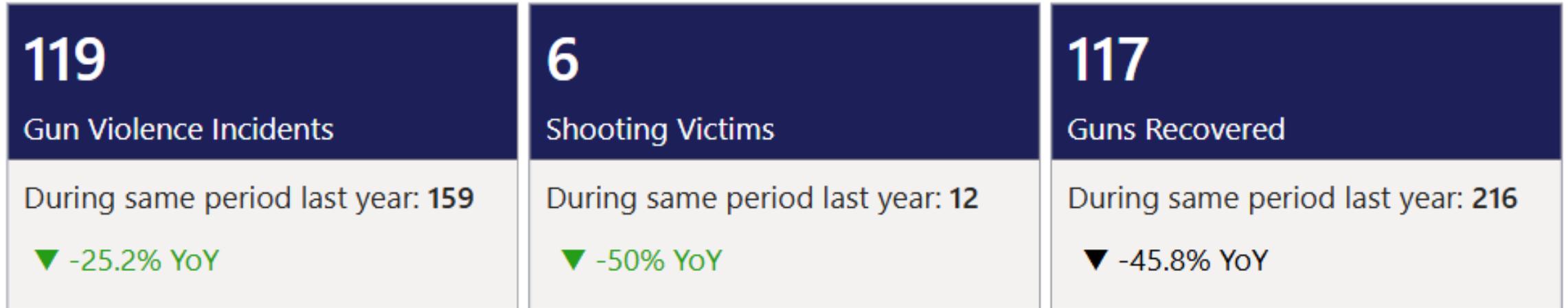
Dec 2024	Mar 2025
9.7% Female	9.9% Female
10.5% African- American	10.7% African- American
6.2% Hispanic	6.3% Hispanic



Data Review



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

*** Data runs through 1/1 - 3/31



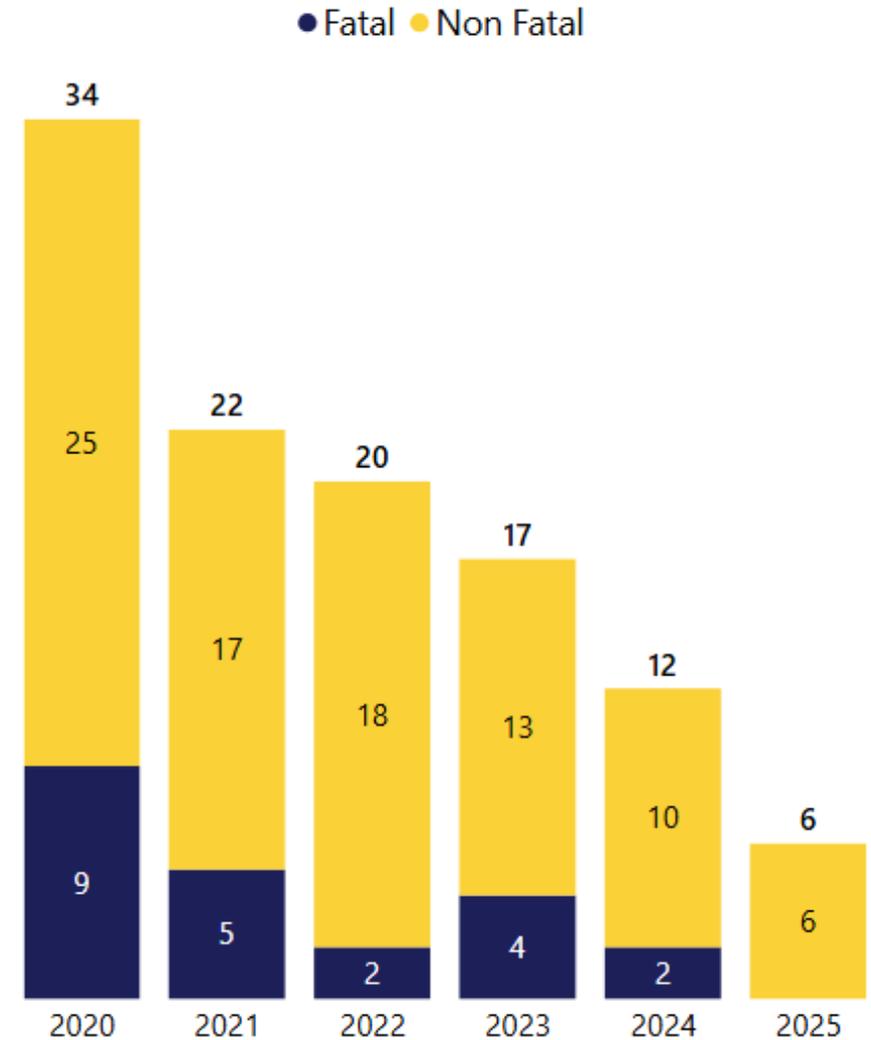
Criminally Assaulted Shooting (CAS) Victims Q1 2025

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

*Data runs through 1/1 - 3/31



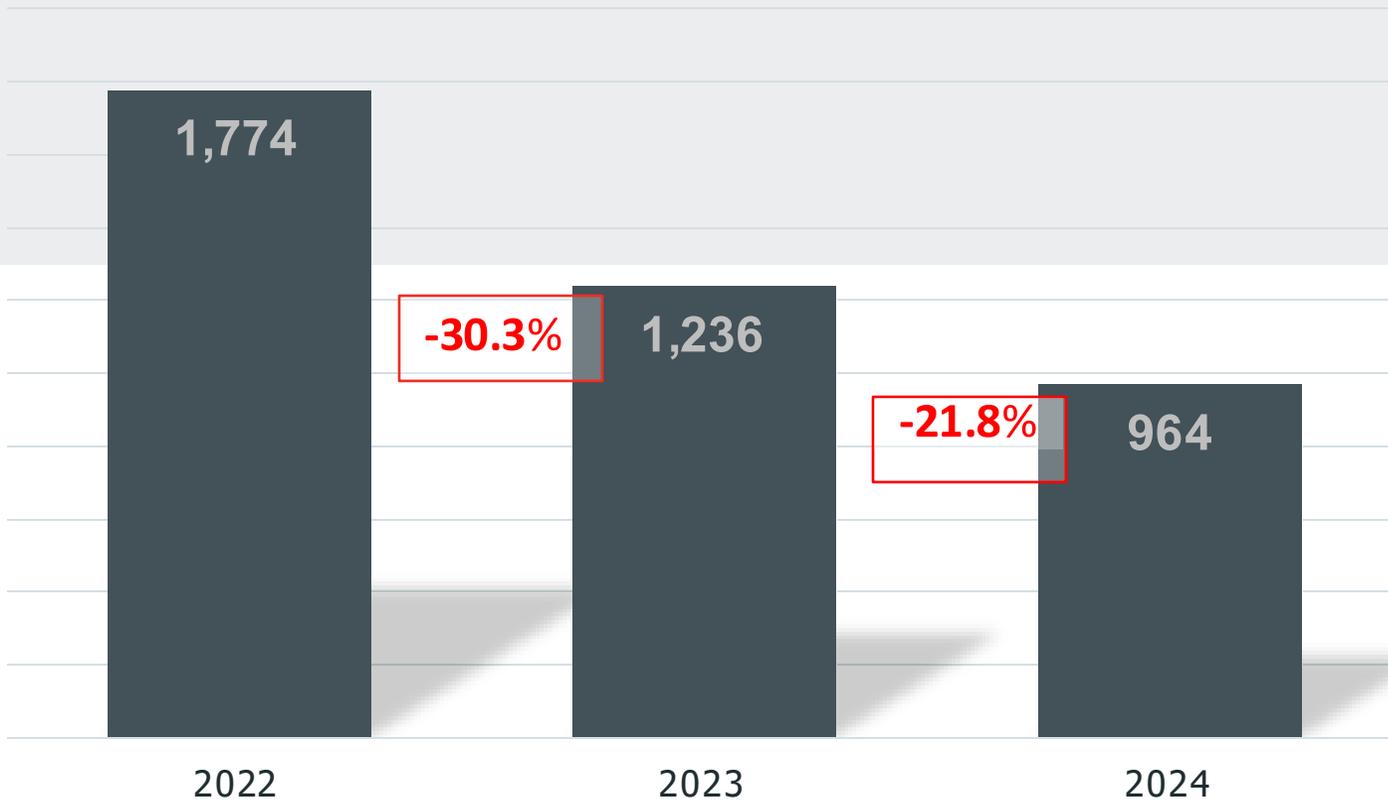
6 Criminally Assaulted Shooting Victims	During same period last year: 12 ▼ -50% YoY
0 Fatalities	During same period last year: 2 ▼ -100% YoY
66.7% Group Member Involved (GMI)	During same period last year: 58.3%



ShotSpotter Alerts

Annual Gunfire Activity

JAN 1, 2022 – DEC 31, 2024



-30.3%

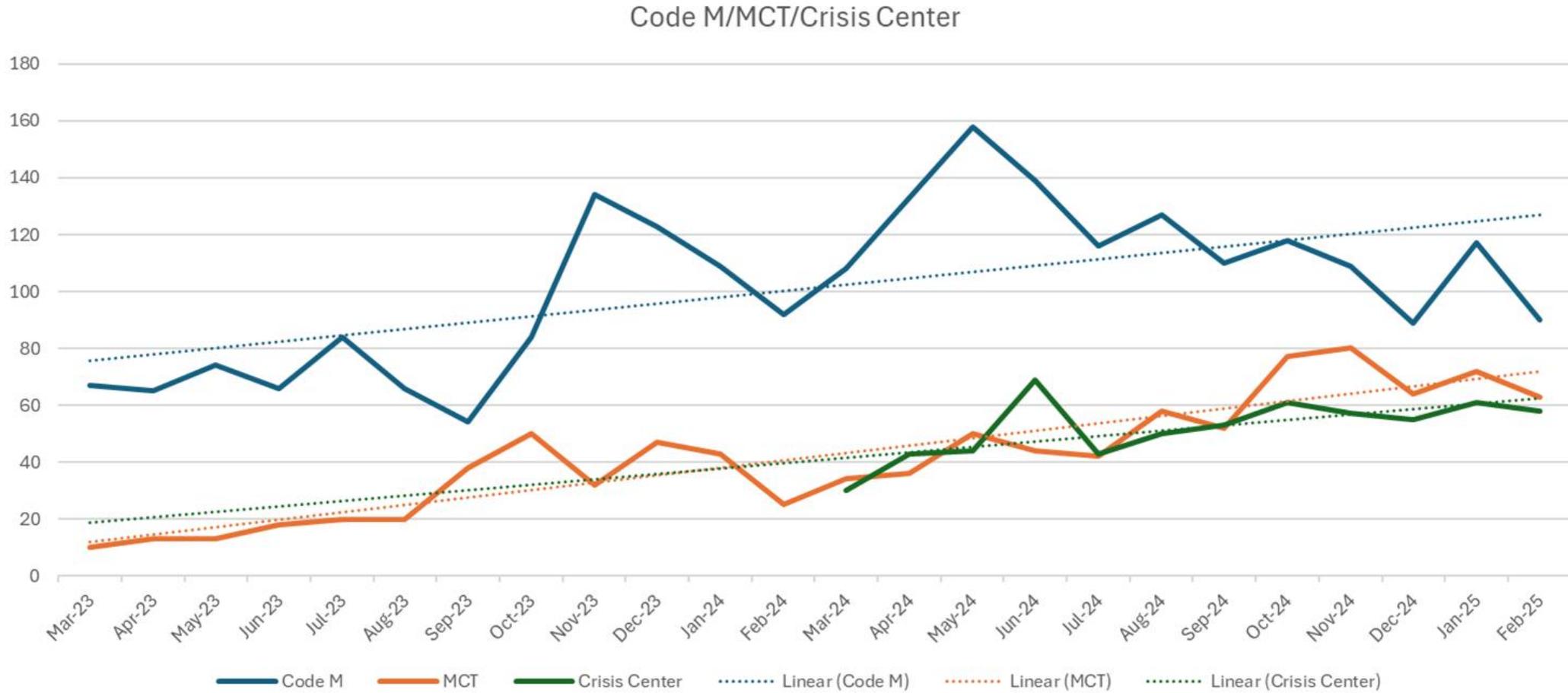
Decrease in alerts
2022/2023

-21.8%

Decrease in alerts
2023/2024

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

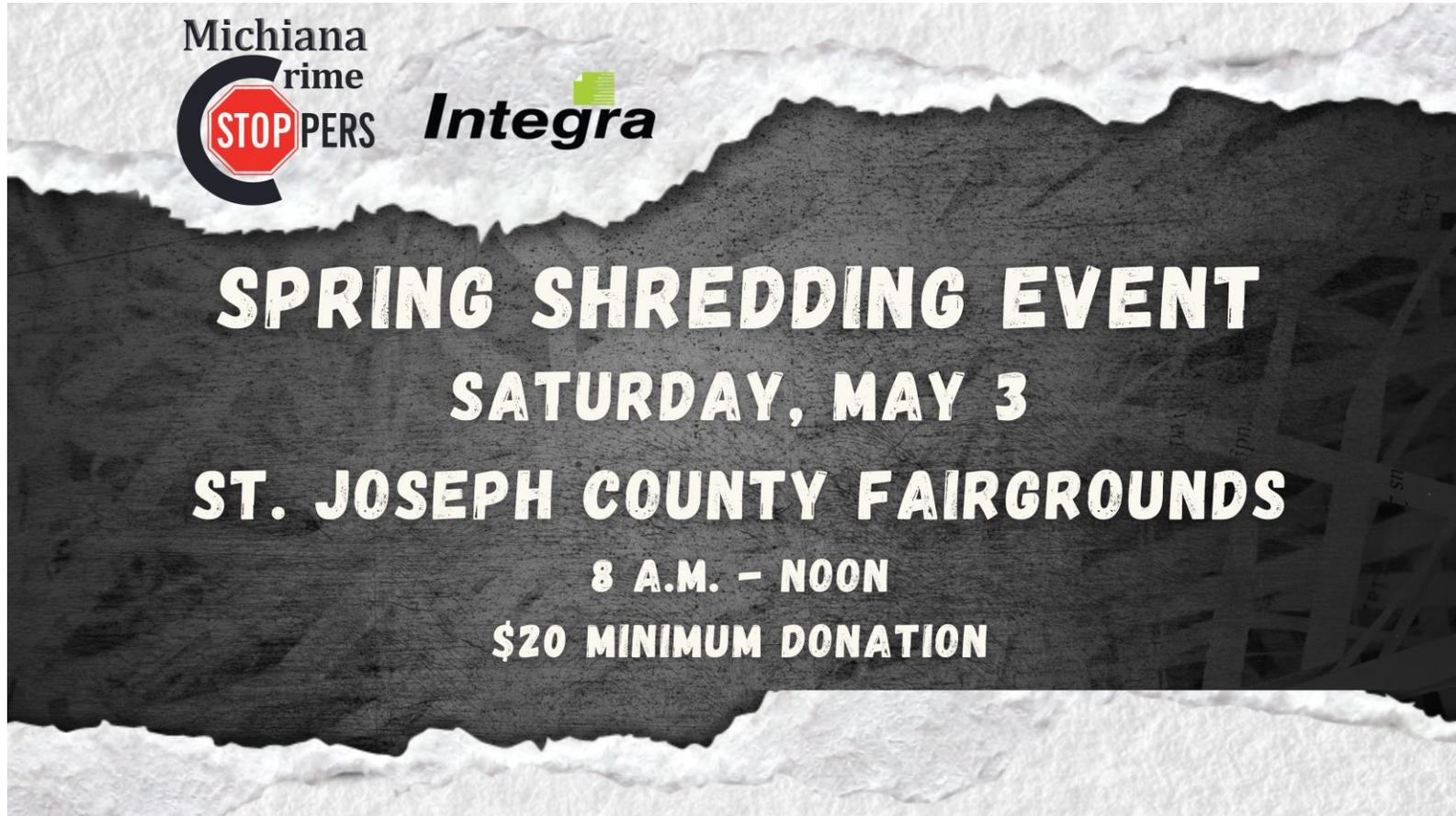


Michiana Crime Stoppers Update

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



Michiana
Crime
STOP PERS

Integra

SPRING SHREDDING EVENT
SATURDAY, MAY 3
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
8 A.M. – NOON
\$20 MINIMUM DONATION



Strategies & Programs



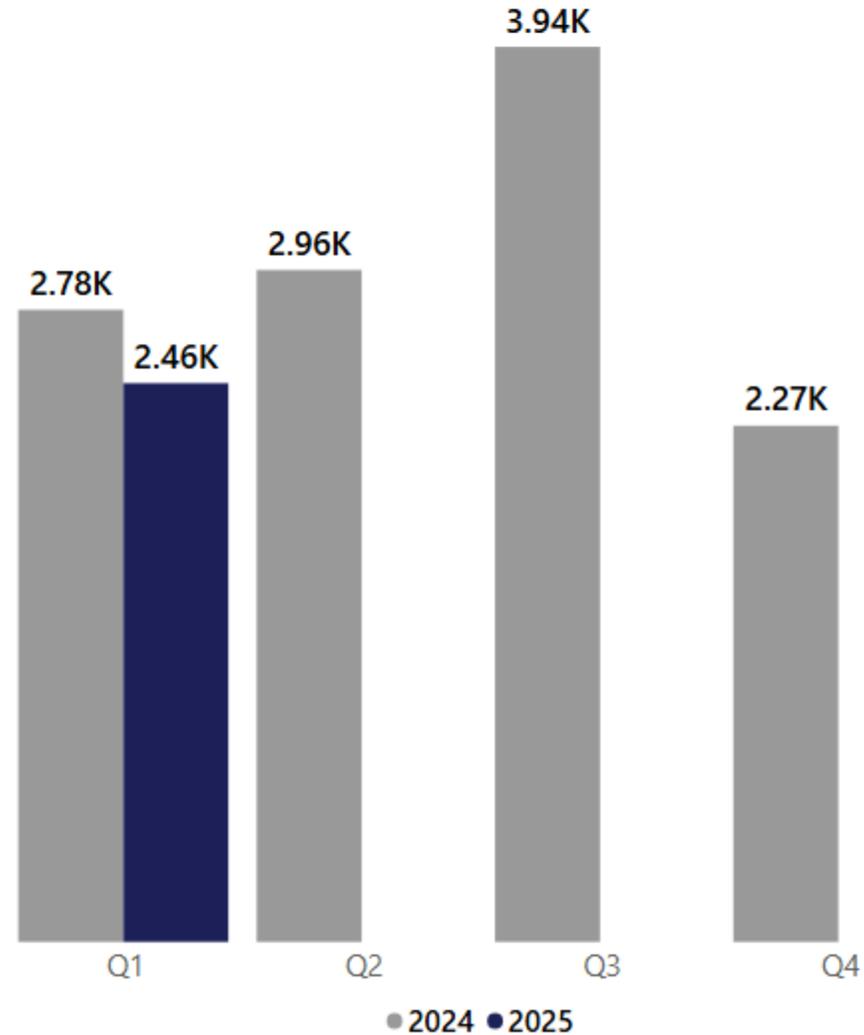
Traffic Enforcement & Safety Strategy

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

2.46K

Traffic Stops

During same period last year: 2.78K



*These are stops for traffic violations only



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 - 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

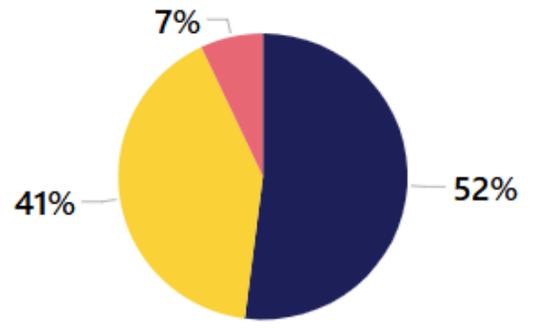
During same period last year: 20

▲ 400% YoY

Top 5 Case Types

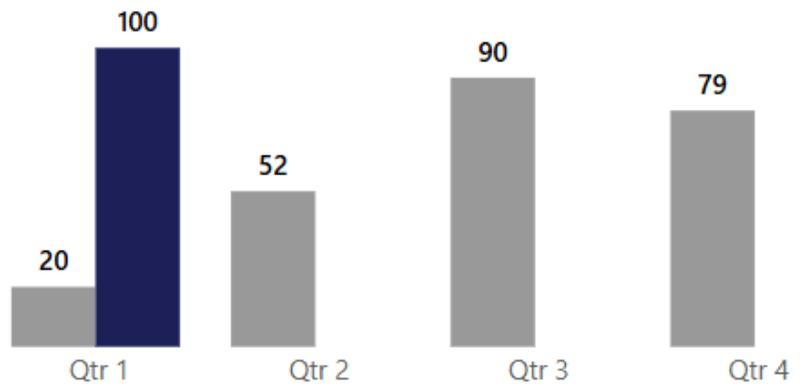
- Property Damage Accident
27%
- Aggravated Assault
25%
- Hit & Run
20%
- Larceny
17%
- Miscellaneous Offense - Shots Fired
12%

Usage by Camera Type



● City Integrated ● Partner Integrated ● Both

Usage by Quarter



● 2024 ● 2025



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: SBF D 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



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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

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

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

26
April

Spring Prospect Day

- One-day hiring event at SBPD

Saturday

03
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

06
May

Citizens Police Academy Graduation

