

Public Safety Update

City of South Bend

August 24, 2023



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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



Announcements

South Bend Schools are back in session

- Be mindful of school bus traffic and school zones
- New SRO Georgia Wells
- Replacement to be named for SRO Britton Pratt

SBPD School's Out and Back-to-School Cookouts



Currently Ongoing: Citizens Police Academy

- 9-week program
 - Provides an overview of SBPD policies and procedures
- Current session began 8/8/23

If interested in participating:

- Future sessions in Spring & Fall 2024

Topics covered include:

- Hands-on demonstrations from K-9, SWAT and the Bomb Disposal Unit
- Crime Scene Processing
- Shoot, Don't Shoot simulation
- Narcotics Enforcement
- Patrol Operations
- Communications



Recruitment & Hiring

SBPD Prospect Days

- Expedited hiring/onboarding process
- Next Prospect Day: Saturday, October 7
- SBPD's **sixth** one-day hiring event

A promotional poster for the South Bend Police Department's Fall Prospect Day. The background features a white police car with a police officer wearing sunglasses. The text is overlaid on a dark, semi-transparent box. At the top, it reads 'SOUTH BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT' in white. Below that, 'FALL PROSPECT DAY' is written in large, bold, red letters with a white outline. Underneath, 'ONE-DAY POLICE TESTING EVENT' is in white. The date 'OCT 7 2023' is prominently displayed, with the number '7' in a red square. A list of activities follows: 'PHYSICAL AGILITY | WRITTEN TEST | PERSONAL INTERVIEW | ORAL BOARD | FINGERPRINTS | SCHEDULE MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION | MEET WITH BACKGROUND INVESTIGATOR FOR PRELIMINARY REVIEW'. At the bottom, a red banner contains the text 'APPLY BY OCT. 2: SBPOLICEJOBS.COM' in white, flanked by two small police department logos. The side of the car shows 'POLICE' and 'CITY OF'.

Recruitment & Hiring

Measure	2023 YTD
Total Number of Hires	9
Total Sworn	244
Total Number of Departures (Retired/Resigned)	15
Officer gap from most recent peak to current (July 2019 vs. Current)	243 vs. 244






Recruitment & Hiring

March 2023	June 2023
9% Female	10.4% Female
10% African- American	9.6% African- American
8% Hispanic	7.2% Hispanic



Data Review

Gun Violence Snapshot

Trend	2023 YTD	2022 YTD
 Gun Violence Incidents	533 Incidents	617 Incidents
 Criminally Assaulted Shooting Victims	50 Victims	89 Victims
 Illicit Guns Removed	461 Guns	325 Guns

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

**Totals reflect year to date counts Jan 1 - Aug 23



Gun Violence Breakdown

2023 YTD Takeaways:

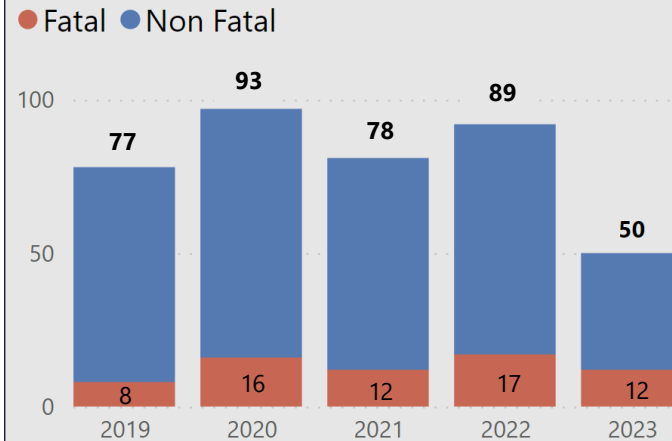
- There is a **41% decrease** in gun violence victims compared to the average over the previous 4 years.
- Compared to the same time frame in 2022, there are **five fewer** fatal victims
 - **2023 YTD:** 12 Fatal
 - **2022 YTD:** 17 Fatal
- The majority of shootings involving a victim continue to be Group Member Involved (GMI)
 - **2023 YTD:** 62% GMI
 - **2019 - 2023:** 59% GMI

*Totals reflect year to date counts Jan 1 - Aug 23

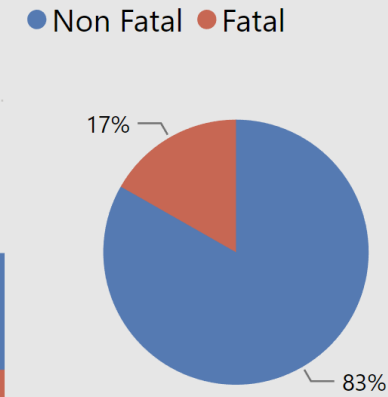


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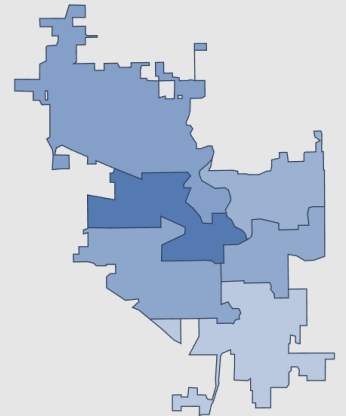
YTD Fatal/Non Fatal Victims



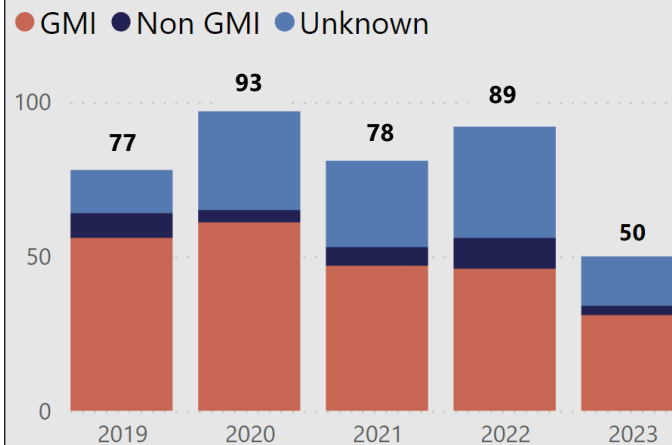
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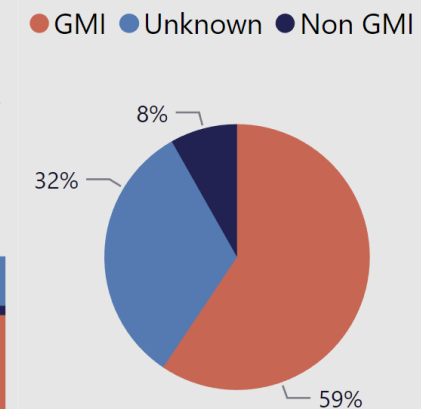
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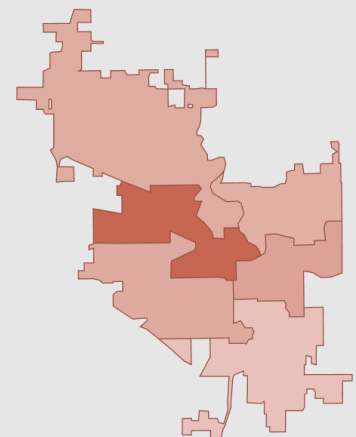
YTD Group Violence Victims



Proportion (5 Year)



Where at?



SBPD Death Investigations Update

October 2021- August 2023

Murder Investigations

Resolved	30
Open	9

Total Death Investigations

58

Total Murder Victims

42



Michiana Crime Stoppers Update

Geofencing Campaign Results

- Three separate campaigns: April, May & June
- Each campaign resulted in **40,000 impressions** near crime scene
- Efforts contributed to **overall increased tips** and **record-breaking March & May**

Victory Over Violence Reminder

- Up to \$1,000 reward for tips leading to an arrest or solving of a felony crime committed with a firearm
- Eight rewards authorized; 11 firearms recovered

**UNSOLVED HOMICIDES:
DO YOU KNOW WHO KILLED US?**

		
ALEXIS MORALES 4/19/22	JOHNNIE LEE JOHNSON 5/12/22	DIONTE WILLIAMS 6/9/22


Michiana
Crime
STOPPERS

RECEIVE UP TO A \$2,500 REWARD FOR
ANONYMOUS TIPS LEADING TO AN ARREST

574-288-STOP • 800-342-STOP • P3TIPS.COM/203



Traffic Enforcement

	Q1 2023	Q2 2023
Traffic Stops*	2,101	2,966
Daily Average	23.2	32.6
Percent Change		40.5% 

*These are traffic violations only

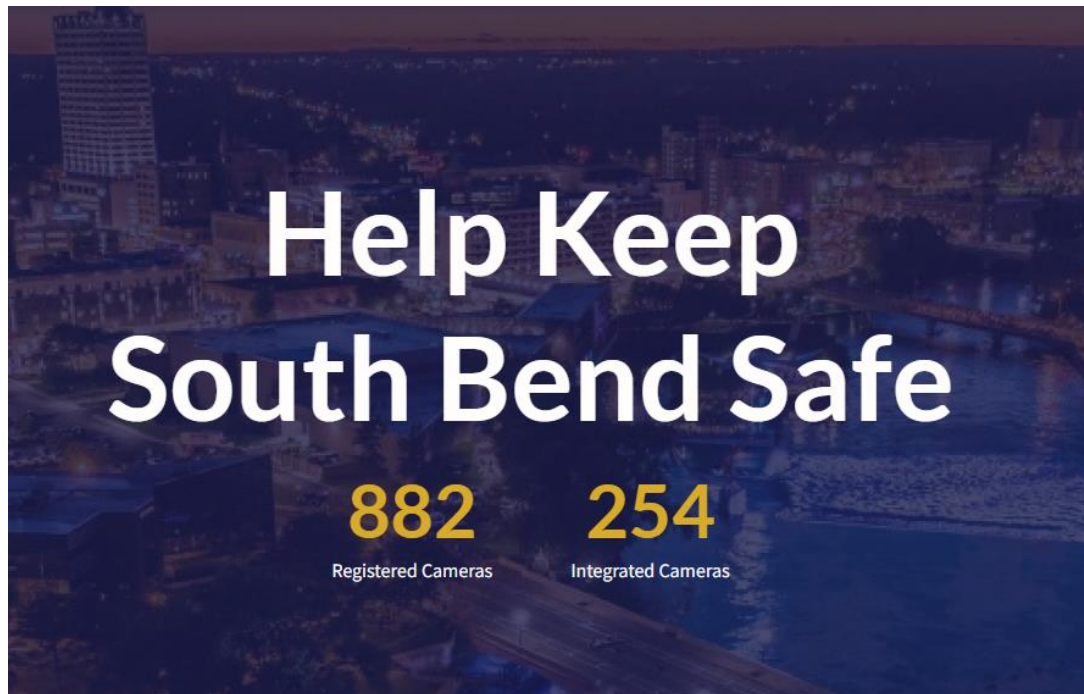
- Enhancing traffic enforcement to address community concerns
- From Q1 to Q2, the daily average for traffic stops **increased by 40.5%**
- Staffing increase from end of 2022 to now (231 vs. 244) has allowed for increased enforcement



Sync South Bend Update

Business Security Assessment

- Open to South Bend businesses
- Provides guidance on:
 - Security camera installation or upgrades
 - Video storage
 - Internet speed requirements for video streaming
 - Power and cabling needs
 - Placement
 - Sync South Bend participation



southbendin.gov/business-security-assessment



Strategies & Programs



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	2023 YTD
Motor Vehicle Thefts	18
Aggravated Assaults with Firearm	4
Homicide Investigations	3
Theft Investigations	7
Wanted Parties	1
Robbery	2
Other	4
Total	39



Shot Spotter Connect

What

Shot Spotter Connect 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

- Shot Spotter Connect 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



Shot Spotter Connect Missions

Measure	2023 YTD
Total number of Shot Spotter missions	16,640
Average number of missions per day	72
Missions completed	98.1%



Have feedback or further questions?

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Events & Engagement

Upcoming Community Engagement Events

Sat - Sun

9-10
Sept

Fusion Fest

- SBPD will have an info booth

Saturday

7
Oct

SBPD Prospect Day

- Applications due October 2

Wednesday

14
Sept

Monthly Community Crime Stat Meetings

- 2nd Wednesday of the month
- 6:30 pm, SBPD Auditorium

Tuesday

24
Oct

Cops & Goblins

- 5:00pm, Four Winds Field
- Free tickets and table registration to come in Sept.



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