Public Safety Update

City of South Bend

October 11, 2023

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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

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Today's Agenda

- Announcements from the Mayor and Police Chief
- Data Review
- Strategies & Programs
- Events & Engagement

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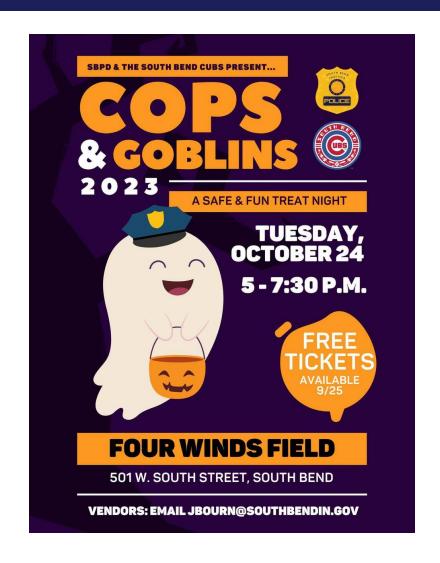
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Announcements

Cops & Goblins Event

- Tuesday, October 24
- 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Four Winds Field
- Free tickets in limited supply
- Accepting candy donations

- Will also be at various other Halloween events as requested
  - 525 Foundation Say Boo to Drugs

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End of Year Events

South Bend Police Department gearing up for season of giving:

- Santa's Elficers

- Toys for Tots

- Red Kettle Ringing

- ... and more!

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Recruitment & Hiring

SBPD Prospect Day

- Expedited hiring/onboarding process

- Held on Saturday, October 7

- Roughly 45 attendees, with approximately a dozen advancing on to next step

- No further Prospect Days scheduled for 2023

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Recruitment & Hiring

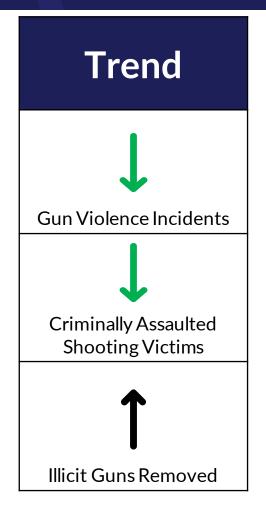| Measure	2023 YTD
Total Number of Hires	16
Total Sworn	245
Total Number of Departures (Retired/Resigned)	18
Officer gap from most recent peak to current (July 2019 vs. Current)	244 vs. 245

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Recruitment & Hiring

June 2023	Sept 2023
10.4% Female	**10.6%** Female
9.6% African-American	**10.2%** African-American
7.2% Hispanic	**6.5%** Hispanic

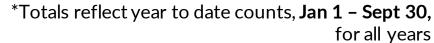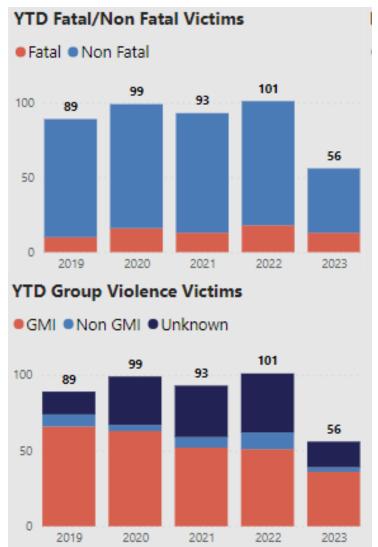City of South Bend
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Data Review

Gun Violence Breakdown

2023 YTD Takeaways:

- **41% decrease** in gun violence victims compared to the average at the same time (Jan 1 – Sept 30) over the previous 4 years.

- Compared to the same time frame in 2022, there are **five fewer** fatal victims
    - **2023 YTD:** 13 Fatal
    - **2022 YTD:** 18 Fatal

- Majority of shootings involving a victim continue to be Group Member Involved (GMI)
    - **2023 YTD:** 64% GMI
    - 2019 – 2022 average: 61% GMI

*Totals reflect year to date counts, **Jan 1 – Sept 30,** for all years

SBPD Death Investigations Update

January 2023- September 2023	

Murder Investigations	
Resolved	12
Open	3

Total Death Investigations	21
Total Murder Victims	15

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Michiana Crime Stoppers Update

Jan 2023 – Sept 2023:

- 196 arrests
- $62,250 authorized in rewards

Victory Over Violence (VOV) Program:

- Up to $1,000 reward for tips leading to an arrest or solving of a felony crime committed with a firearm

	Rewards	VOV Firearms	Total Firearms
2023 YTD	3	5	7
Program Total	10	13	19

Michiana Crime STOPPERS
VICTORY OVER VIOLENCE: SEPTEMBER 2023 STATS

3 REWARDS AUTHORIZED

5 FIREARMS RECOVERED

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Traffic Enforcement

	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023
Traffic Stops*	2,101	2,966	3,943
Daily Average	23.2	32.6	42.8
Percent Change *(of daily average)*		**40.5%**	**31.3%**

*These are traffic violations only

- Enhancing traffic enforcement to address community concerns

- From Q1 to Q3, daily average traffic stops **increased by 84.4%**

- Staffing increase from end of 2022 to now (231 vs. 244) has allowed for increased enforcement

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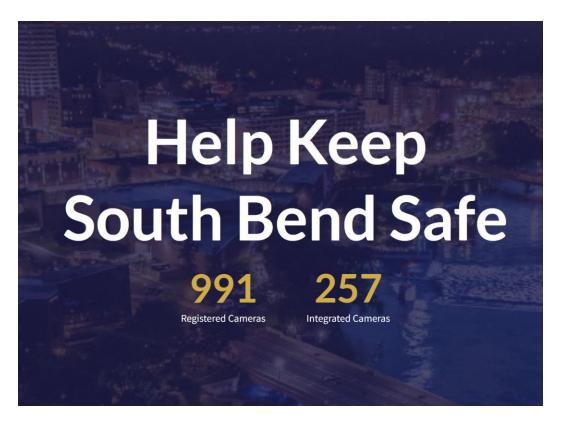
Mental Health Calls for Service

	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	YTD Total
Mental Health CFS	355	458	403	**1,216**
Total CFS	22,408	26,838	28,195	**77,441**

*CFS = Calls for Service

- New metric introduced to the Transparency Hub in 2023
- Tracks the # of mental health related CFS that SBPD is dispatched to
- On the data side, includes calls that are:
  - Initially coded as a mental health related incident type by the dispatcher
  - Or calls marked as "Disposition M"
    - This means an officer responded and found the incident to be mental health related vs. the initial incident type noted by the dispatcher

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Sync South Bend Update

Help Keep South Bend Safe

991 Registered Cameras

257 Integrated Cameras

Business Security Grant

- Open to South Bend businesses & property managers

- Aims to improve infrastructure & safety of participating businesses and to expand partnerships with SBPD

- Grant amount up to $5,000 based on security needs

- Eligible expenses include:
  - Cameras, Cloud Storage, Lighting

- **Application Deadline this Friday, 10/13/23**

southbendin.gov/business-security-program/business-security-grant/

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Strategies & Programs

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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

Measure	2023 YTD
Motor Vehicle Thefts	26
Aggravated Assaults with Firearm	4
Homicide Investigations	3
Theft Investigations	9
Wanted Parties	1
Robbery	3
Other	5
Total	51

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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

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Shot Spotter Connect Missions

Measure	2023 YTD
Total number of Shot Spotter missions	20,016
Average number of missions per day	72
Missions completed	98%

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Have feedback or further questions?

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Events & Engagement

Upcoming Community Engagement Events

Wednesday 11 Oct

Monthly Community Crime Stat Meetings
- 2nd Wednesday of the month
- 6:30 pm, SBPD Auditorium

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