

Public Safety Update

City of South Bend

July 29, 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



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Fall 2026 Citizens Police Academy

- Fall Citizens Academy applications are now open
- This is a 9-week free program that will run August 11-October 6
- Classes are held on Tuesdays at 6pm
- <https://forms.office.com/r/up6KHCVVQY>



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The poster features a photograph of a police officer interacting with a group of people near a police car. The text on the poster is as follows:

SOUTH BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR FALL ACADEMY

AUGUST 11 - OCTOBER 6

SPEND YOUR TUESDAY EVENINGS
LEARNING ALL ABOUT SBPD!

SPACE IS LIMITED! APPLY TODAY!

Patch Coloring Contest

- Open to kids 17 and under
- Submissions due July 29th (today!) at 11pm
- Submissions can be made in the SBPD lobby or via scan and emailed to aochap@southbendin.gov
- Patch Design Contest Template available on the SBPD website



National Night Out

- Tuesday, August 4
- 5:30 – 7:30pm
- Held at the South Bend Police Department
 - 701 W Sample St, South Bend
- Check out police/fire equipment, enjoy free food & drinks, play games, win prizes, and hang out with first responders from several local public safety agencies.



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Recruitment & Hiring

Measure	2026 Q2 Total
Total Number of Hires (Not yet sworn)	8
Total Sworn	248 (+ 8 recruits)
Total Number of Departures (Retired/Resigned)	4
Officer gap from most recent peak to current (July 2019 vs. Current)	241 vs. 248



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

Gun Violence Snapshot

272 Gun Violence Incidents During same period last year: 290 ▼ -6.2% YoY	25 Criminally Assaulted Shooting Victims During same period last year: 25 ■ 0% YoY	309 Guns Recovered During same period last year: 279 ▲ 10.8% YoY
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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

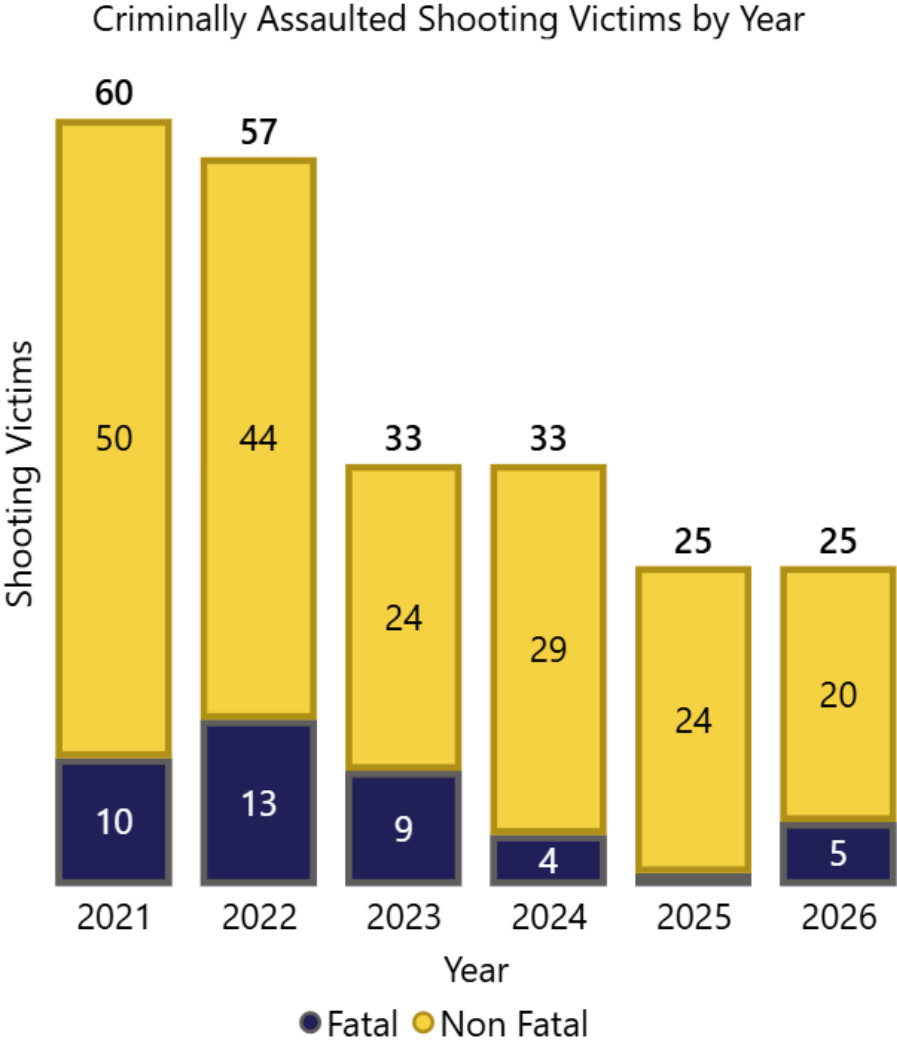
*** Data runs through 1/1 – 6/30



Criminally Assaulted Shooting (CAS) Victims Through Q2 2026

- Between January - June 2026, there were 25 criminally assaulted shooting victims.
 - This is consistent with the number of victims reported in the same period in 2025.
- There were 5 fatal shootings through Q2 2026.
 - Four of the five fatal shootings recorded year-to-date occurred in the first quarter.

25
Criminally Assaulted Shooting Victims
During same period last year: 25
■ 0% YoY
5
Fatalities
During same period last year: 1
56%
Victims Affected by Group Member Involved (GMI) Incidents
During same period last year: 48%



SBPD Death Investigations Update

- REMINDER: Every murder is a homicide, but not every homicide is a murder.

	2026 YTD
Homicide Investigations	9*
Justified	3*
Reckless	0
Murder	6
Total Death Investigations	12
Total Murder Victims	6

Data Note: There were 11 homicide victims during the reporting period. Two victims were associated with officer-involved shootings (OIS) that were investigated by outside agencies. As a result, these incidents are included in SBPD homicide victim counts but excluded from SBPD homicide investigation counts.



Michiana Crime Stoppers Update

Q2 2026 Stats	
Cases	63
Stolen Property/Narcotics Recovered	\$118,110
Rewards Authorized	\$11,550
Arrests	49
Firearms Recovered	9



Michiana Crime Stoppers Update

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



FALL SHREDDING EVENT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
SOUTHGATE CROSSING
27751 C.R. 26, ELKHART

8 A.M. - NOON

\$20 MINIMUM DONATION

Michiana Crime STOPPERS

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Strategies & Programs

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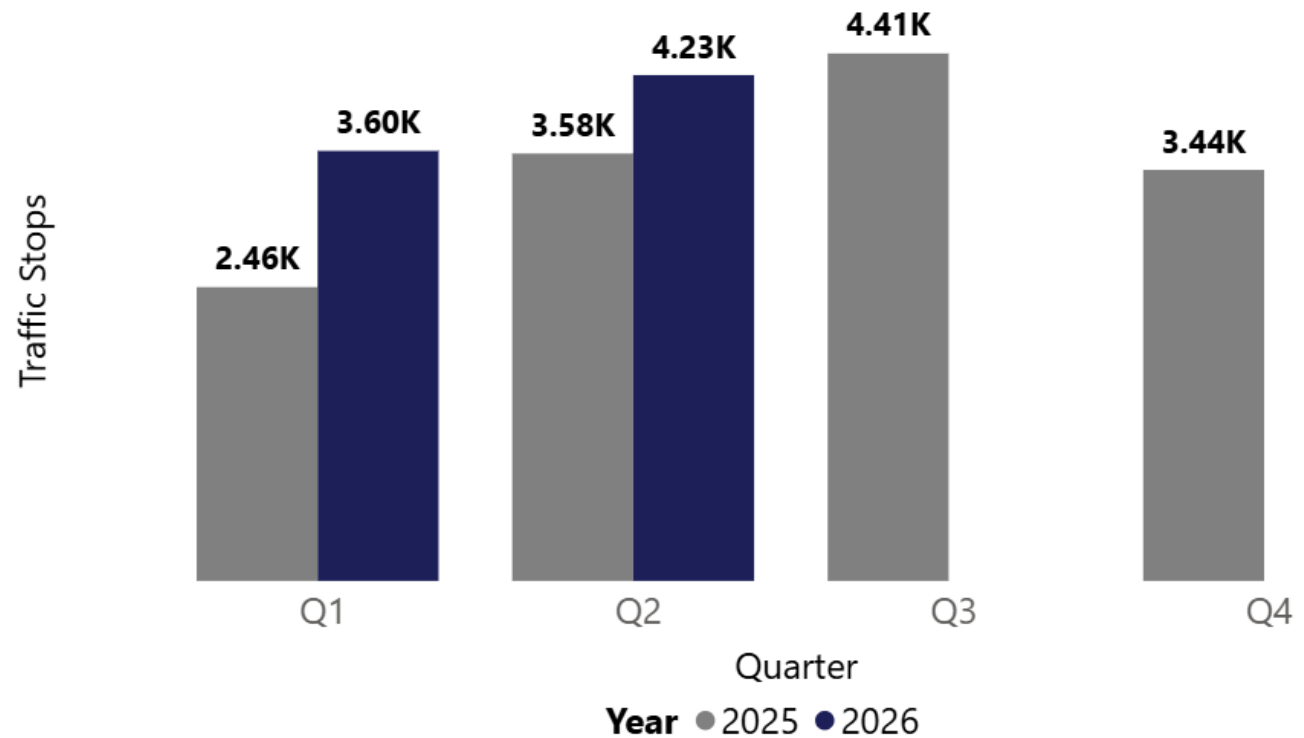


Traffic Enforcement & Safety Strategy

Traffic Stops

- From January – June 2026, there were **7,830 traffic stops**. This represents a **~30% increase** compared to the same period last year.
- Two back-to-back quarters with increased traffic stops.
- *Data includes stops for traffic violations only*

4.23K Quarterly Traffic Stops During same quarter last year: 3.58K	7.83K Cumulative Traffic Stops During same period last year: 6.03K
▲ 18.3% YoY	▲ 29.8% YoY



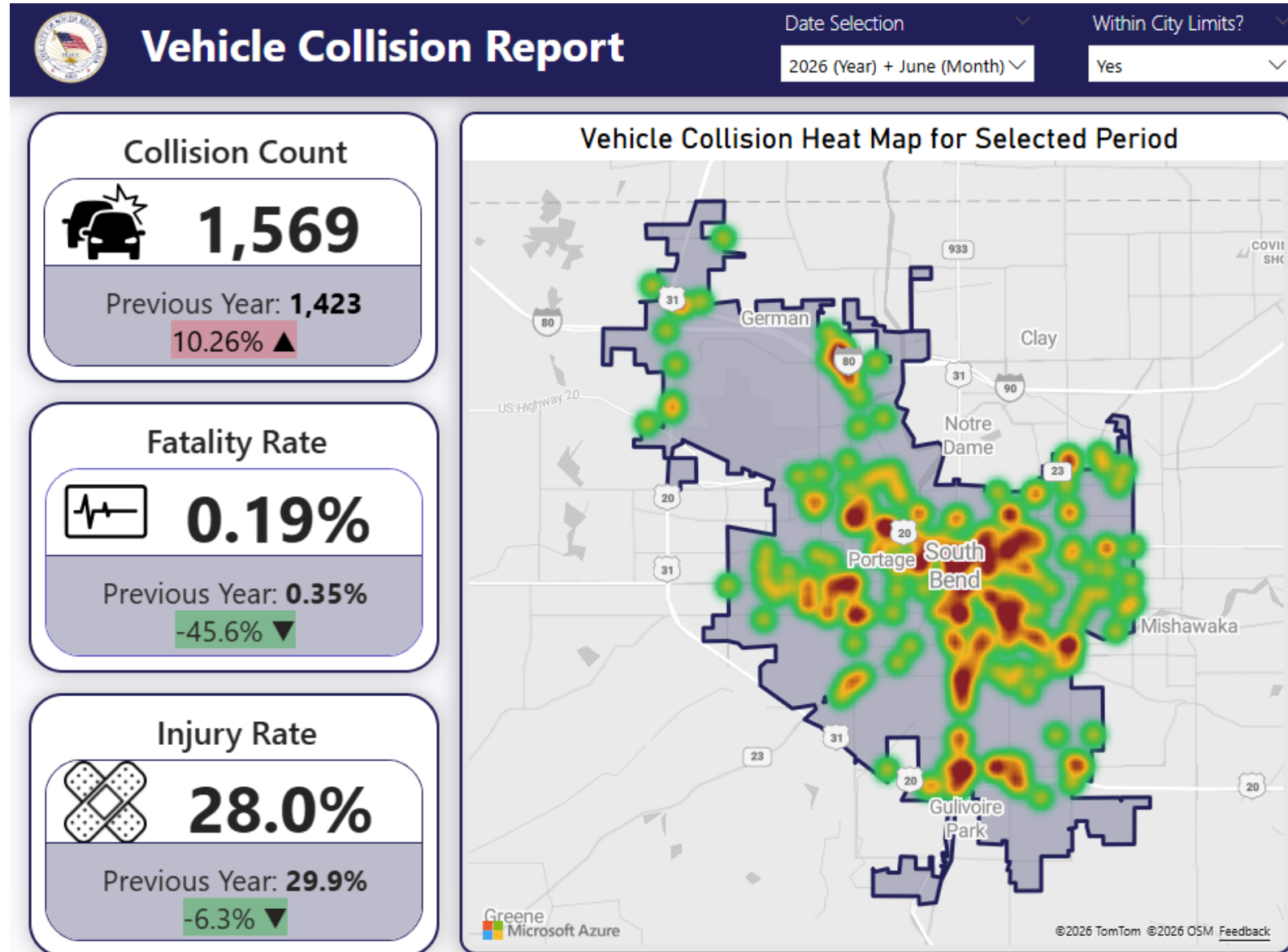
Traffic Enforcement & Safety Strategy

Vehicle Collisions

- This slide summarizes vehicle collision data through Q2 2026, with comparisons to the same period in 2025.
- Through Q2 2026, there have been 1,569 vehicle collisions. Based on collision reports, 0.19% resulted in a fatality, and 28% resulted in injury.
- Data runs through 1/1 - 6/30



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Traffic Enforcement & Safety Strategy

Vehicle Collisions

- The first table shows the intersections with the most collisions through Q2 2026.
- The second compares 2025's highest-collision locations to Q2 2026 to highlight shifts and ongoing areas of focus.
- *Data runs through 1/1 – 6/30*
- *Collision count based on a 100ft radius from intersection*



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Current Year: Top 5 Intersections by Collision Count (through Q2 2026)

Intersection	Collisions
W IRELAND RD, S MICHIGAN ST	12
N EDDY ST,SOUTH BEND AVE	11
CHAPIN ST,W SAMPLE ST	10
S BEND AVE, IRONWOOD RD	10
E JEFFERSON BLVD, S EDDY ST	9
LINCOLN WAY E, N IRONWOOD DR	9

Prior Year: Top 5 Intersections by Collision Count in 2025
(includes through Q2 2026 comparison)

Intersection	2025	2025 Q2	2026 Q2
W IRELAND RD, S MICHIGAN ST	21	13	12
SOUTH BEND AVE, IRONWOOD RD	19	13	10
E SAMPLE ST, LINCOLN WAY E	18	5	8
CHAPIN ST, W SAMPLE ST	16	11	10
PORTAGE RD, W CLEVELAND RD	15	10	7

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

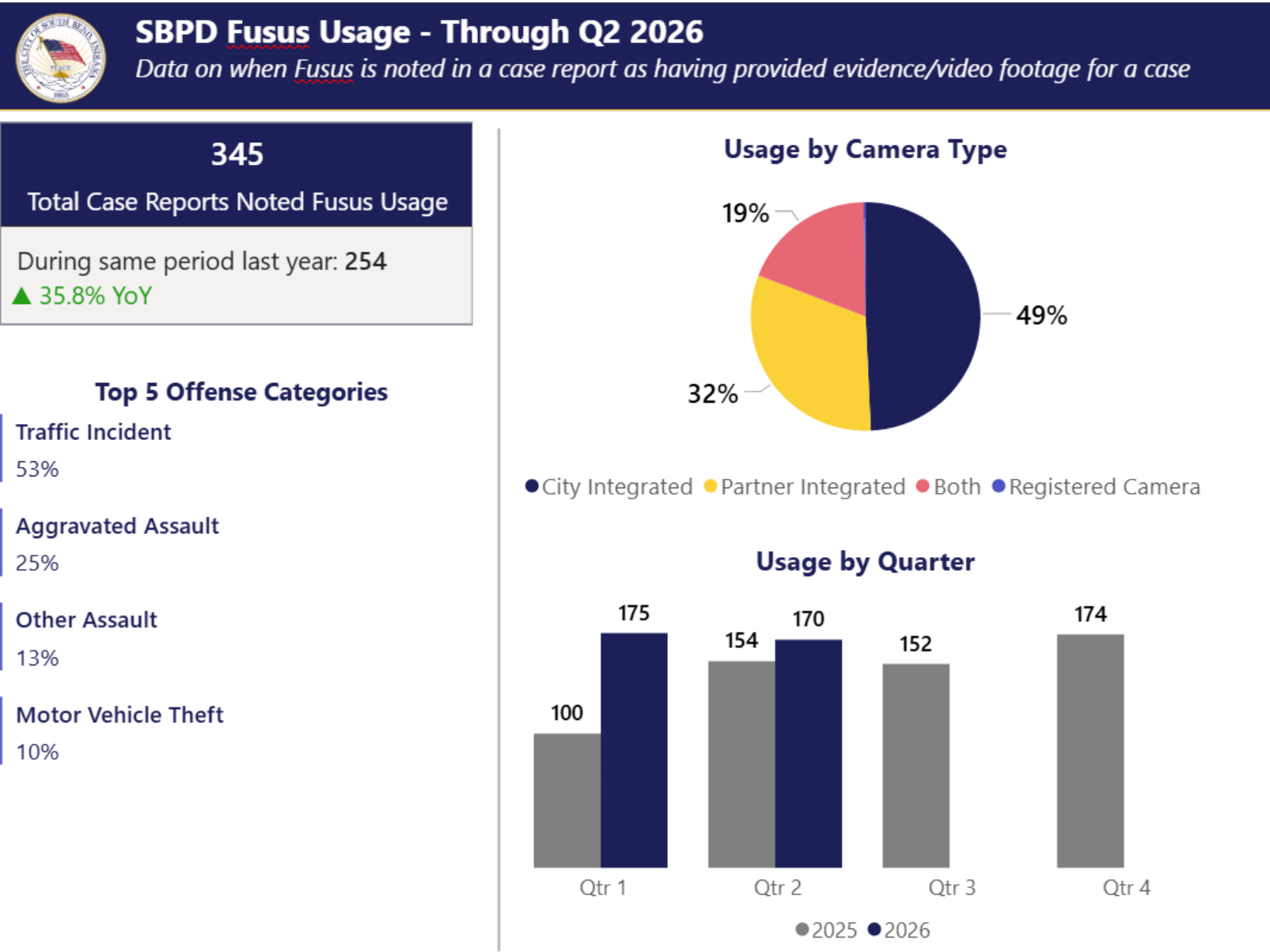
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How

- 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



RTCC Success Stories

A few cases demonstrating the value of RTCC cameras



Situation: A shooting occurred, and one of the suspects fled the scene.

Cameras helped: RTCC analysts reviewed video footage and identified one of the shooters, providing responding officers with a description and direction of travel. Using this information, a drone officer deployed a drone and located the suspect. Officers arrested the shooter shortly afterward.

Arrest



Situation: A stabbing occurred, and the suspect vehicle fled the area.

Cameras helped: RTCC analysts used integrated cameras and Flock LPR to identify the suspect vehicle and add it to a hotlist. Analysts tracked the vehicle through Flock hits and video footage, relaying updates to dispatch and Mishawaka PD. When the vehicle reentered the city, analysts located it at a gas station and directed nearby officers to the scene. Officers detained the registered owner for questioning.

Owner brought in for questioning



Drone as First Responder Program (DFR)

What

Automated air support that complements officers, analysts, and fire department responses and responds to high-priority calls.

Who

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How

- Flies at max FAA-permitted altitude with camera fixed on horizon
- Pilots relay initial scene observations to approaching officers
- All pilots are FAA Part 107-certified; majority are civilian crime analysts



Drone as First Responder Flight Dashboard

Publicly available at: southbendin.gov/dfr

AERODOME | SOUTH BEND PD FLIGHT DASHBOARD

April 1, 2026

June 30, 2026

OVERVIEW

FLIGHTS



DRONE-AS-FIRST-RESPONDER (DFR) PROGRAM

SOUTH BEND PD DFR PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The mission of our Drone-as-First Responder (DFR) Program is to provide the fastest and safest possible support to our city's first responders in a responsible, prudent, and transparent manner. Our goals are by necessity; to increase safety, reduce response times, and increase effectiveness and efficiency. Nationally, drones have become critical in providing a non-invasive view of an incident for responding personnel, as well as searching for missing persons, and determining logistics and strategies in dynamic and [often rapidly] evolving situations.

Our DFR is not used to proactively, or preemptively, seek wrong-doing or invade privacy. It is used specifically to respond to emergency calls and enhance our ability, and expectation to serve you. As another transparency measure for our community members, we use software that automatically tracks and logs all drone flights launched by our department, and these are publicly available for your review.

790
total calls responded to

139.2
average response time (sec)

77%
average reduction in response time

6
calls cleared without patrol resource

366
subjects located

30%
first on scene

TOP CALL TYPES

790 TOTAL CALLS

104
DISTURBANC

66
DOMESTIC

59
UNWANTED

57
UNKNOWN

54
FIGHT

41
SUSPICIOUS

40
SPOTTER

38
ACC

33
ALARM

32
SHOTS



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DFR Success Stories

A few cases demonstrating the value of the drone as first responder



Situation: Unknown disturbance involving an individual damaging property at a residence.

DFR: Arrived first on scene and used thermal imaging to locate the suspect throwing items at the residence. The drone tracked the suspect into a wooded area and provided officers with real-time updates on location and direction of travel, leading to their detention.

Suspect Detained



Situation: Call for an unknown problem involving a vehicle description.

DFR: Arrived first on scene and located the vehicle and individuals involved. Observed a male and female engage in a physical altercation and leave the scene. The pilot tracked the vehicle and provided real-time updates to responding officers, including when the suspect drove over the female victim and fled. Officers located and arrested the suspect, and a handgun discarded from the vehicle was recovered.

Arrest; Firearm Recovered



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 2026	Q2 2026
Motor Vehicle Thefts	10	12
Aggravated Assaults with Firearm	7	10
Homicide Investigations	3	0
Theft Investigations	5	8
Wanted Parties	0	1
Robbery	1	2
Other	11	22
Total	37	55



Flock LPR Success Stories

- **Situation:** A homicide occurred in the 700 block of N Brookfield. Investigators had limited leads beyond video footage of the incident and the suspect vehicle.
- **LPR helped:** Investigators used screenshots from the video footage and Flock LPR cameras to identify the suspect vehicle, which was registered out of state. The lead enabled investigators to identify and charge three individuals in connection with the homicide.



Flock LPR Success Stories

- **Situation:** A homicide occurred at Michigan Street and Angela Boulevard in what appeared to be a road rage incident between two individuals with no prior connection. The only lead was dash camera footage provided by a witness.
- **LPR helped:** Investigators used the dash camera footage and Flock LPR cameras to identify the suspect vehicle. The vehicle information led investigators to the suspect, who was arrested within two days of the homicide.



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	Q2 2026
Total number of Resource Router missions	6,288
Average number of missions per day	72 (24/shift)
Missions completed	99.8%

- There were a total of 6,288 Resource Router missions in Q2 2026
- SBPD maintained a **99.8% mission completion rate** and an average of **72 missions per day**
- *Data is only for Q2*



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

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Events & Engagement



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Upcoming Community Engagement Events

Tuesday

04
August

National Night Out

- 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- SBPD

Wednesday

12
August

Monthly Community Crime Stat Meetings

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

Tuesday

11
August

Fall 2026 Citizens Police Academy

- Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.
- August 11 – October 6
- SBPD

Friday

14
August

Back to School Cookout

- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- LaSalle Park

