



Public Report 1, Weeks 1-4

Overview



Operation Endeavor is a coordinated effort of law enforcement and non-law enforcement partners to reduce violent crime in Minneapolis and the surrounding areas. This Office of Community Safety (OCS)-led initiative is using a new playbook designed maximize the flexibility of the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) given its severe manpower shortage while cementing relationships with Minneapolis’ law enforcement partners at all levels of government. This playbook is also designed to better utilize city resources and build relationships with community and business groups – all of whom have a vested interest in the public wellbeing of the region.



The first 28 days of Operation Endeavor has been used to reinforce the MPD’s previous collaborations with the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office (HCAO), the United States Attorney’s Office (USAO), the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office (HCSO), the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), the Minnesota State Patrol, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF), and others. This period has also been used to examine how other city resources, including the Department of Neighborhood Safety, and community groups such as the Downtown Improvement District (DID), can augment the mission through non-violent intervention and intelligence sharing. We are pleased to report that the results of Phase 1 are promising. The data shows a marked decrease in violent crime. OCS and its partners will now look to continue this trend while further enhancing these relationships. OCS will continue the development of shared reporting structures and methods, as well as the efficient utilization of each group’s capabilities.



It is also paramount to point out that all of this will be done while continuing to pledge that everything accomplished by Operation Endeavor’s partnership will be constitutional, legal, and done with the utmost respect for the people of Minneapolis and its visitors.



Key Points

- Citywide, an analysis of the average number of 911 gun-related CFS over the same period since 2018 – even with significant increases in 2020 and 2021 – shows a 24% decrease in 2022.
- The comparison of the previous 28-day period, year by year, shows a decrease that averaged 20% from 2018-2020. This decrease stagnated in 2020-2021. But beginning in May 2022, the city again saw a more significant decrease of 12%, which coincided with increased policing activities.
- Shotspotter activations decreased 28%, rounds detected decreased 38%, and the period examined showed a nearly 50% decrease in fully automatic shot detection.
- Carjackings have declined 64% when compared to the same period in 2021
- Guardian Beats, the MPD foot patrols done in conjunction with non-law enforcement partners, have led to many positive responses from citizens who are happy to see the officers on patrol who allow them to feel safer in the Nicolett Mall area.
- **All work has occurred with zero complaints registered against MPD officers.**



Concepts and Initial Findings



The guiding principal of Operation Endeavor is the use of data analytics to deploy both law enforcement and community-based assets to flexible ‘focus zones’ – data-determined hotspots – and ‘areas of displacement’ within the 5 MPD precincts. At any time, as many as 60 law enforcement officers from various departments and agencies are available to respond to the data to disrupt criminal activities depending on the situation.



To gauge the initial the initial impact of Operation Endeavor, citywide data of calls for service (CFS) gathered from our Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, MPD police records management system (PIMS), and specific unit data bases used to track contraband recoveries was primarily used to examine three categories most representative of gun-related violence. Data from Sept. 24th through October 29th in 2021 and 2022 was viewed while further measuring by comparing data from the 28 days prior to the beginning of Operation Endeavor to data from the 28 days since the opening of Operation Endeavor.



Operation Endeavor – First 28-day comparative analysis

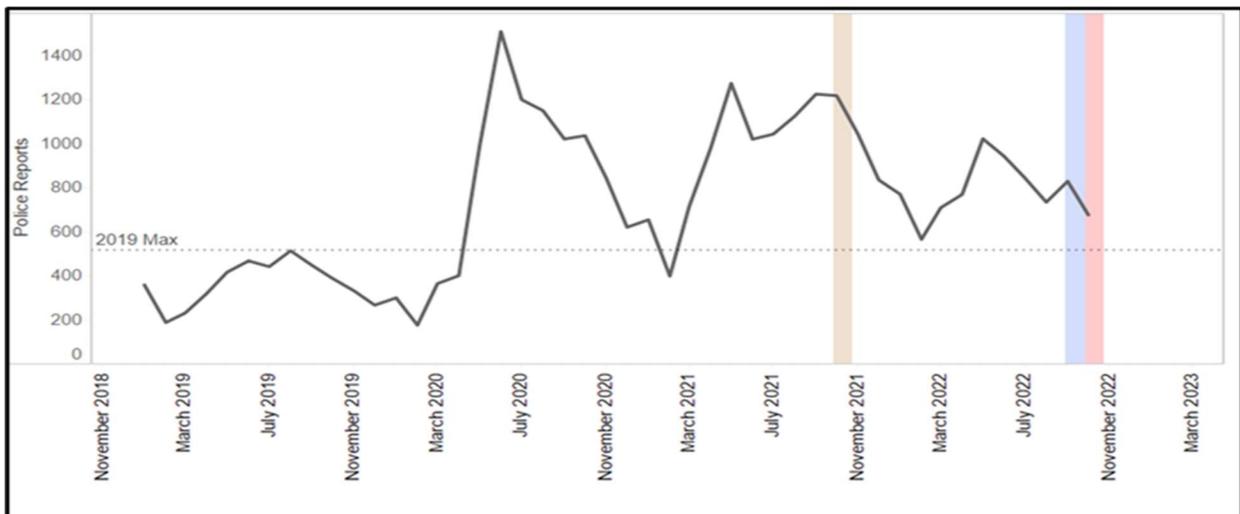
City Wide	Prior Year	Endeavor First 28 days	% Change	Prior 28 days	Endeavor First 28 days	% Change
Gun Related (CFS)	1,054	739	-30%	775	739	-5%
Gunshot Wound Victims	49	35	-29%	42	35	-17%
Carjackings	79	28	-65%	44	28	-36%



Further analysis of previous years during the same previous 28-day period by year indicates, on average, a 20% decrease from 2018-2020. An insignificant decrease of .7% in 2021 indicates that the historical seasonal effect on gun violence related CFS became stagnated at an elevated level.



Gun-related Calls for Service (2019 – 2022)





May 2022 showed a decline in gun violence related CFS, inconsistent with patterns from past years. This coincided with the beginning of Operation Safe Summer, the MPD collaboration with law enforcement partners from local, state, and federal agencies on which Operation Endeavor is based. The momentum of this summer has continued as, under the guidance of the OCS, tactics that had a demonstrated impact over this past summer are now being used in concert with the Department of Neighborhood Safety and other community partners. So far in 2022, the city has seen a break from this stagnated level of in 2021 with a more significant YTD decrease of 12% in gun related CFS.



Since the inception of Operation Endeavor, the downward trend in gun violence related calls has continued to decrease more quickly than in 2021, which did not see a significant decrease until late December into 2022. While there is still much to be done, data shows that this model is having an impact.



Key metrics and other Statistics

Contraband



During the first 28 days of the Operation, the MPD, the BCA and the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office have recovered large quantities of cash, guns, and fentanyl pills. OCS and its partners have long seen a strong correlation between gun related crime and these pills.



Contraband Recovered by MPD and HCSO Units

Type	MPD Incident Count	MPD Confiscations	BCA Confiscations	HCSO Confiscations
Guns	38	44 (9 long guns; 1 switch)	11	45 (14 long guns; 3 switches)
Cash	25	\$67,000	N/A	N/A
Fentanyl	23	2,166 pills	85 pills; 50g of powder	657 pills



Hennepin County Attorney's Office

The Hennepin County Attorney has embedded a county attorney with Operation Endeavor, resulting in a more efficient communication. This had led to 59 total cases being presented, with charges brought forth for 46 people. These arrests include multiple suspects in a number homicide, carjacking, and shooting investigations underway by the MPD and the HCAO.



Charged	Deferred	Declined	Pending Decision	Total Cases
46	2	8	3	59





Department of Neighborhood Safety and Community Partnerships

The unique and new piece of this mission is the use of violence prevention agencies and community-based groups, such as the Department of Neighborhood Safety (DNS) and Downtown Improvement District (DID). MPD’s Strategic Operations Division has been regularly providing the DNS with violent activity location data, which is then shared with Violence Interrupter teams at regular Minneapolis Strategic Outreach Initiative Team Lead meetings. This is the first official partnership between MPD and DNS under OCS – so the partnership will continue to see further integration in time.



DNS and Community-based Teams

61 Violence Interrupter shifts worked in several neighborhoods across North Minneapolis, Lake Street, Cedar Riverside, and Downtown.



DNS teams:

- Defused altercations;
- Partnered with Community Health Workers to provide medical and substance abuse recovery and prevention resources;
- Provided referrals for housing services;
- Engaged citizens with resources for employment or training resources;
- On at least one occasion, reported intervening with Naloxone to prevent overdose deaths while on shift.



Meanwhile, DID-partnered groups, such as Mad Dads and 21 Days For Peace, currently complement the Guardian Beat foot patrols on in the 1st Precinct. They are also providing mediation services as well as visible presence that has led to many appreciative comments and emails sent by residents and workers from Downtown Minneapolis.

