

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

# PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

# AGENDA

- **REVIEW OF CRIME TRENDS**
- **REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ECOSYSTEM**
- **CRIME FIGHTING INITIATIVES**
- **REBALANCING THE PUBLIC SAFETY ECOSYSTEM**

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# **REVIEW OF CRIME TRENDS**

# OVERALL CRIME TRENDS

	Citywide		
	2022	2023	% Change
HOMICIDE	203	274	35%
SEX ABUSE	161	166	3%
ASSAULT w/DANGEROUS WEAPON	1,382	1,393	1%
ROBBERY	2,053	3,454	68%
Violent Crime - Total	<b>3,799</b>	<b>5,287</b>	<b>39%</b>
BURGLARY	1,045	1,086	4%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	3,705	6,795	83%
THEFT F/AUTO	7,765	7,717	-1%
THEFT/OTHER	10,718	13,260	24%
ARSON	4	11	175%
Property Crime - Total	<b>23,327</b>	<b>28,869</b>	<b>24%</b>
Total Crime	<b>27,036</b>	<b>34,156</b>	<b>26%</b>

# 2024 YTD CITYWIDE CRIME TRENDS

2024 Year-to-Date Crime Comparison January 1 - January 28, 2024 as compared to the same time last year			
Offense	2023	2024	% Change
Homicide	13	8	-38%
Sex Abuse	16	18	13%
Assault with a Dangerous Weapon	106	72	-32%
Robbery	171	190	11%
<b>VIOLENT Crime - Total</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>-6%</b>
Burglary	82	68	-17%
Motor Vehicle Theft	494	399	-19%
Theft from Auto	657	481	-27%
Theft	809	922	14%
Arson	2	1	-50%
<b>PROPERTY Crime - Total</b>	<b>2,044</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>-8%</b>
<b>All Crime - Total</b>	<b>2,350</b>	<b>2,159</b>	<b>-8%</b>

		30 Day (versus previous 30 Days)		
Property/ Violent	Offense Category	11/29/23 - 12/28/23	12/29/23 - 1/28/24	% Diff
VIOLENT	Homicide	21	11	-48%
	Sex Abuse	22	20	-9%
	ADW	70	88	26%
	Robbery	231	202	-13%
VIOLENT - Total		344	321	-7%
PROPERTY	Burglary	85	74	-13%
	Motor Vehicle Theft	447	411	-8%
	Theft from Auto	616	539	-13%
	Theft	1,138	973	-14%
	Arson	2	1	-50%
	PROPERTY - Total	2,288	1,998	-13%
Overall - Total		2,632	2,319	-12%



# CHINATOWN CRIME TRENDS

YTD Lookback

	YTD 23	YTD	% Change
Violent Crimes	16	2	-88%
Homicides	1	0	-100%
Sex Abuse	1	0	-100%
ADWs	0	1	100%
Robberies	14	1	-93%
Property Crime	122	109	-11%
Burglary	3	0	-100%
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	6	-40%
Theft/Other	63	75	19%
Theft F/Auto	46	28	-39%
Arson	0	0	-

30 Day Lookback

	Last 60 Days	Last 30 Days	% Change
Violent Crimes	12	2	-83%
Homicides	0	0	-
Sex Abuse	0	0	-
ADWs	2	1	-50%
Robberies	10	1	-90%
Property Crime	146	118	-19%
Burglary	1	0	-100%
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	7	-46%
Theft/Other	80	77	-4%
Theft F/Auto	52	34	-35%
Arson	0	0	-

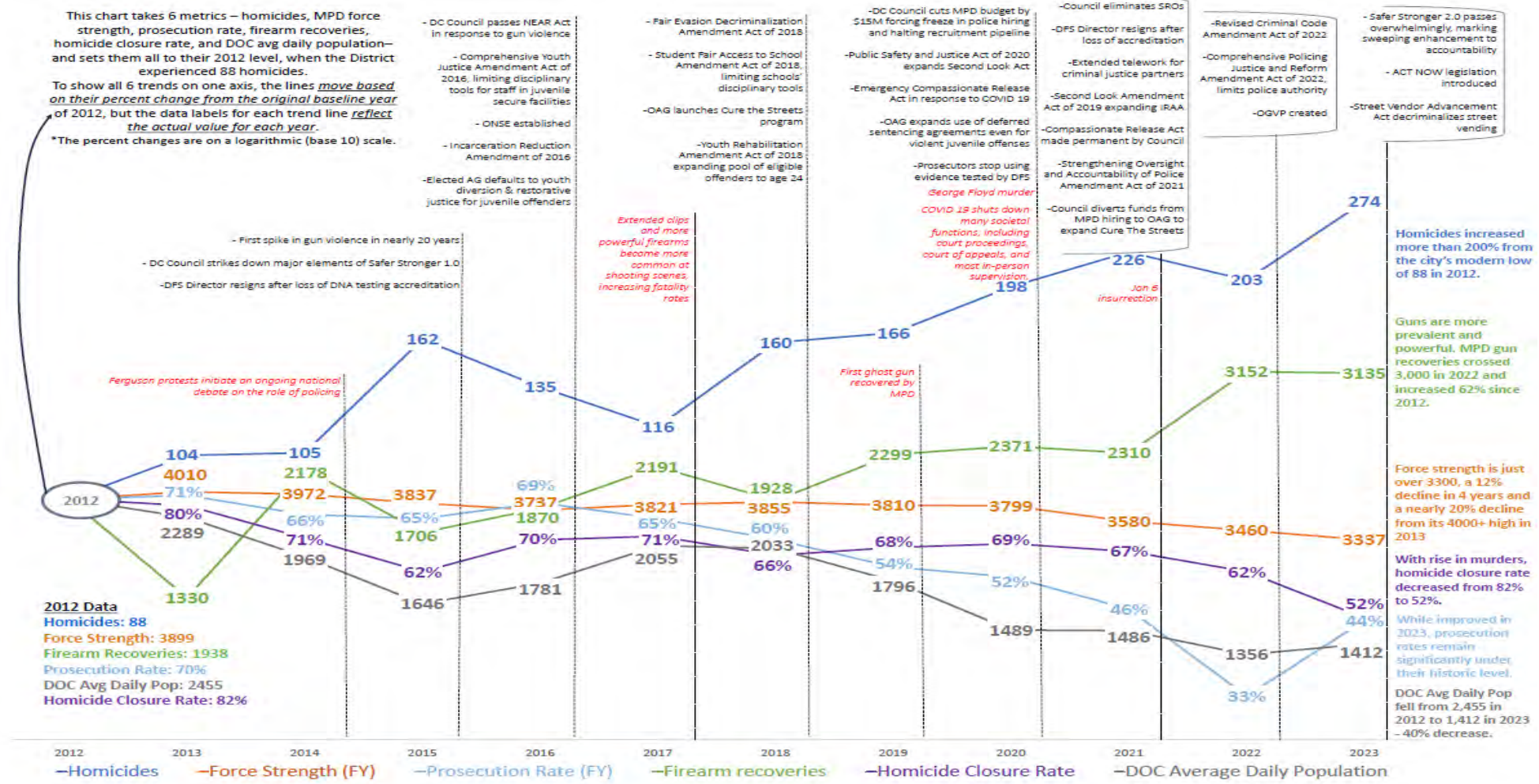
\* As of January 29, 2024



# **REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ECOSYSTEM**



# CHANGES TO THE PSJ ECOSYSTEM SINCE 2012





# YOUTH VIOLENCE

For **143 of 552** (26%) juveniles arrested for violent crimes in 2023, that was their **first arrest**

Homicide = 3

ADW = 20

Robbery = 119

Sex Abuse = 1

## Youth Gunshot Wound Victims (under 18 years of age)

January 1 – December 31, 2020-2023

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fatal	9	9	16	16
Non-Fatal	86	49	89	93
Total	95	58	105	109

## Juvenile Arrests (under 18 years of age)

January 1 – December 31, 2020-2023

	2020		2021		2022		2023	
Arrest category	Count	%Juv.	Count	% Juv.	Count	% Juv.	Count	%Juv.
Violent Crime Arrests	298	24.3%	337	26.8%	381	32.3%	552	42.0%
Firearm-related Arrest	124	9.8%	133	10.3%	214	13.1%	222	13.3%

# CHANGES TO THE YOUTH PSJ ECOSYSTEM SINCE 2012

This chart takes 7 metrics – juv homicide victims, juv carjacking arrests, juv UUV & stolen auto arrests, juv total arrests, DCPS Truancy Rate, DYRS committed youth ADP, and CSSD cases filed – and sets them to their 2012 level, when the District experienced 88 homicides.

To show all 7 trends on one axis, the lines move based on their percent change from the original baseline year of 2012, but the data labels for each trend line reflect the actual value for each year.

\*The percent changes are on a logarithmic (base 10) scale.

## 2012 Data:

**Juv Homicide Victims: 3**

**Juv Carjacking Arrests: 5**

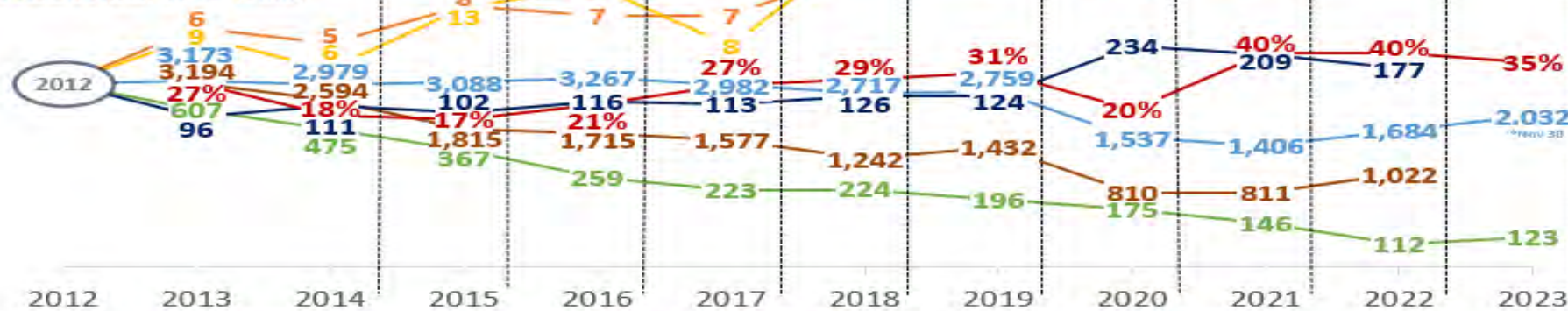
**Juv UUV & Stolen Auto Arrests: 146**

**Juv Total Arrests: 3050**

**DCPS Truancy Rate (SY): 27% \*(2013)**

**DYRS Committed Youth ADP: 850**

**CSSD Cases Filed: 3194 \*(2013)**



DYRS ADP of Committed Youth (FY)

Total Juvenile Arrests

Juvenile Homicide Victims

Juvenile Carjacking Arrests

DCPS Truancy Rate (SY)

CSSD Cases Filed

Juvenile UUV & Stolen Auto Arrests

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- DC Council cuts MPD budget by \$15M, forcing focus on police hiring and hitting recruitment pipeline

- Public Safety and Justice Act of 2020 expands Second Look Act

- Emergency Compassionate Release Act in response to COVID-19

- Prosecutors stop using evidence seized by DCS

- DCPS & DCPS move to virtual learning March 2020-Feb 2021

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- Council wins 50% SROs

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- Expanded network for criminal justice partners

- Second Look Amendment Act of 2019 expanding IRAD

- Comprehensive Release Act made permanent by Council

- Strengthening Oversight and Accountability of Police Amendment Act of 2023

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- Revised Criminal Code Amendment Act of 2022

- Comprehensive Policing, Justice and Reform Amendment Act of 2022, limits police authority

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- SCOTUS Green ruling makes carrying a pistol in public a constitutional right

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- Safer Stronger 2.0 passes overwhelmingly, marking sweeping enhancements to accountability

- ACT NDW legislation introduced

- Street Vendor Advancement Act discriminates street vending

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# **CRIME FIGHTING INITIATIVES**



# TRAFFIC SAFETY COMPLIANCE CHECKPOINTS

District	Date	Vehicles Passing Through	Vehicles Stopped	NOI Issued	Arrests	Guns Recovered	Car Seats Distributed
3D	1/4/2024	389	53	59	1	1	0
4D	1/11/2024	560	55	66	3	0	1
5D	1/18/2024	509	69	83	2	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,458</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>



# REAL TIME CRIME CENTER



Partners: Amtrak Police, Arlington County Police, U.S. Capitol Police, Fairfax County Police, Metro Transit Police, Montgomery Police, U.S. Park Police, Prince George's County Police, the U.S. Secret Service Uniform Division, DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA), DC Housing Authority Police Department (DCHAPD), ATF, FBI, and the U.S. Marshals Service.

The RTCC will:

- Serve as the nerve center for law enforcement in the District and throughout the region to collect and analyze data, to enhance situational awareness, and facilitate quick decision-making regarding crimes.
- Improve the overall efficiency of crime prevention and response efforts with law enforcement partners by leveraging their expertise and allowing more information to be shared – in real time – across jurisdictional boundaries.
- Set to launch in February 2024

# REMOVING GUNS FROM COMMUNITY



## Gun Stats for 2023

Total Recovered Firearms: 3,135

Ghost Guns (PMFs): 407

Glock Switches: 195

Felons In Possession (FIPs) Arrests: 548

In 2023, MPD recovered **3,135** illegal guns compared with **3,152** illegal guns in 2022.

Location	2023
1D	323
2D	361
3D	355
4D	226
5D	401
6D	711
7D	692
Unknown	66
Total	3,135

# REACCREDITATION OF DFS

- **In December 2023, DFS's application for reaccreditation of its Forensic Biology and Forensic Chemistry Units was approved**
  - The reaccredited units will support MPD investigations and place priority on working through the backlog
- **Additional Federal Resources**
  - Reaccreditation now allows DFS access to CEBR (DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction) funds which will be used to hire additional DNA analysts.





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# **REBALANCING THE PUBLIC SAFETY ECOSYSTEM**



# ENHANCING FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP

- **Weekly Shooting Reviews**
- **Additional Resources from the US Department of Justice**
- **Coordination to Address DC Court of Appeals ruling in *Davis v. U.S.***

# ENACTING THE SECURE DC BILL

- Prioritizing Public Safety Emergency Amendment Act of 2023, incorporating key provisions from Safer Stronger Amendment Act of 2023, has helped to contribute to reduced crime.
- Additional urgent action is needed to restore appropriate accountability and to address emerging public safety challenges currently occurring in the District. *\*NIJCR problem analysis [Police & Violence Interrupters both agree that policy changes have led to a sense of impunity amongst criminals].*

Topic	Secure DC Proposal
Drug Free Zones	<b>Allows MPD to interrupt persistent drug activity in open air drug markets.</b> Residents have made clear that their quality of life and ability to enjoy their neighborhoods is being adversely affected by persistent drug activity. Drug cases are more complex to build but, in the meantime, residents deserve to be free from fear and the crime attracted by open air drug markets. This gives MPD a tool to break up activity and allow residents to reclaim public space.  MPD will work alongside DBH and DHS to ensure outreach work is not disrupted in areas designated as DFZs
Organized Retail Theft	<b>Creates specific criminal penalties for ORT as a standalone offense.</b> Theft will not be tolerated in our city and provisions specifically address the harm being caused to community by rampant organized retail theft.
Rebuttable Presumption of Pretrial Detention	<b>Makes permanent provisions of a rebuttable presumption of pretrial detention for those who commit violent crimes.</b> Since July 2023, the DC jail population has risen by 350+ after historical lows during a time of significant increases in violent crime. Data shows more violent offenders are being held pretrial.