Minneapolis Police Department

Review of Crime Trends, Statistics, and Strategies in Response to Emerging Patterns

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Agenda

- Introductions
- Analysis of crime trends and data
- Action plans
- Discussion on use of helicopter
- Questions for follow-up

Analysis

Crime Snapshots

- YTD analysis of UCR Part 1 Crimes
- Discussion of recent trends and emerging patterns

Crime Snapshots

YTD Violent Crime

January 1st – March 1st				
	4 Year Average	**2020**	**2021**	**1 Year % Change**
Homicide	**5.75**	**8**	**11**	**+37.5%**
Rape	**83.5**	**96**	**82**	**-14.6%**
Robbery	**202.5**	**215**	**290**	**+34.9%**
Aggravated Assault	**324.75**	**363**	**324**	**-10.7%**
***Subset (Domestic Aggravated Assault)**	143	148	111	-25.0%

Note:
- These numbers are preliminary and utilize the reported date

- The 4 year Average Metric utilizes the average of years 2017 through 2020

- "Domestic Aggravated Assault" is a subcategory of aggravated assault.

- Source: Minneapolis Police Department's Crime Data Dashboard

YTD Property Crime

January 1st – March 1st			
	4 Year Average	**2020**	**2021**	**1 Year % Change**
Burglary	391.5	335	354	**+5.7%**
Larceny	1,757.5	1,985	1,410	**-28.9%**
Theft From Motor Vehicle (Subset of Larceny)	598.5	873	795	**-8.9%**
Auto Theft	524.7	759	769	**+1.3%**
Arson	9.3	11	13	**+18.2%**

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- "Theft From Motor Vehicle" is a subcategory of Larceny.

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Crime Snapshot - Discussion

- Violent Crimes
  - Gun Crime
  - Robbery

- Property Crimes
  - Burglary
  - Theft from Motor Vehicle
  - Auto Theft

Violent Crime Snapshot

Shooting Victims

February 1st – March 1st					Year to Date Totals				
	Prev. 4-Year Average	2020	2021	1 year %Change		Prev. 4-Year Average	2020	2021	1 year % Change
Gunshot Wound Victims	16	15	28	**+87%**	**Gunshot Wound Victims**	32	26	54	**+108%**

1. Demographics of Shooting Victims for 2021 – YTD

   - 83% Male and 17% Female
   - 81% Black
   - 15% White (Includes Hispanic based on RMS Methodology)
   - 4% Unknown
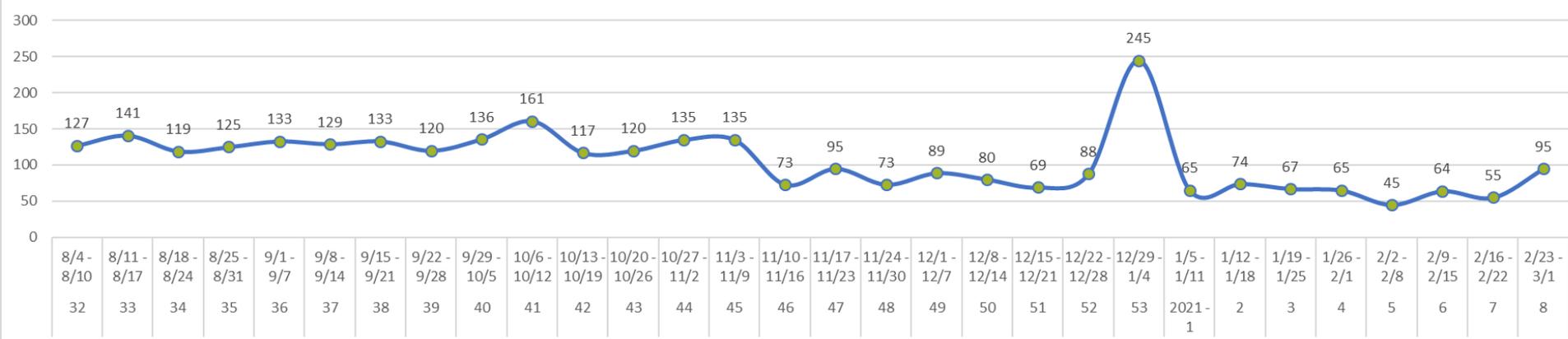   - Top two age groups: 27-31 (22%), 17-21 (20%)

Shooting Victims Trends By Week

Shooting Victims (Non-Fatal & Fatal) By Week

Average Number of Victims By Week:
2018: 4.7
2019: 5.2
2020: 10.4
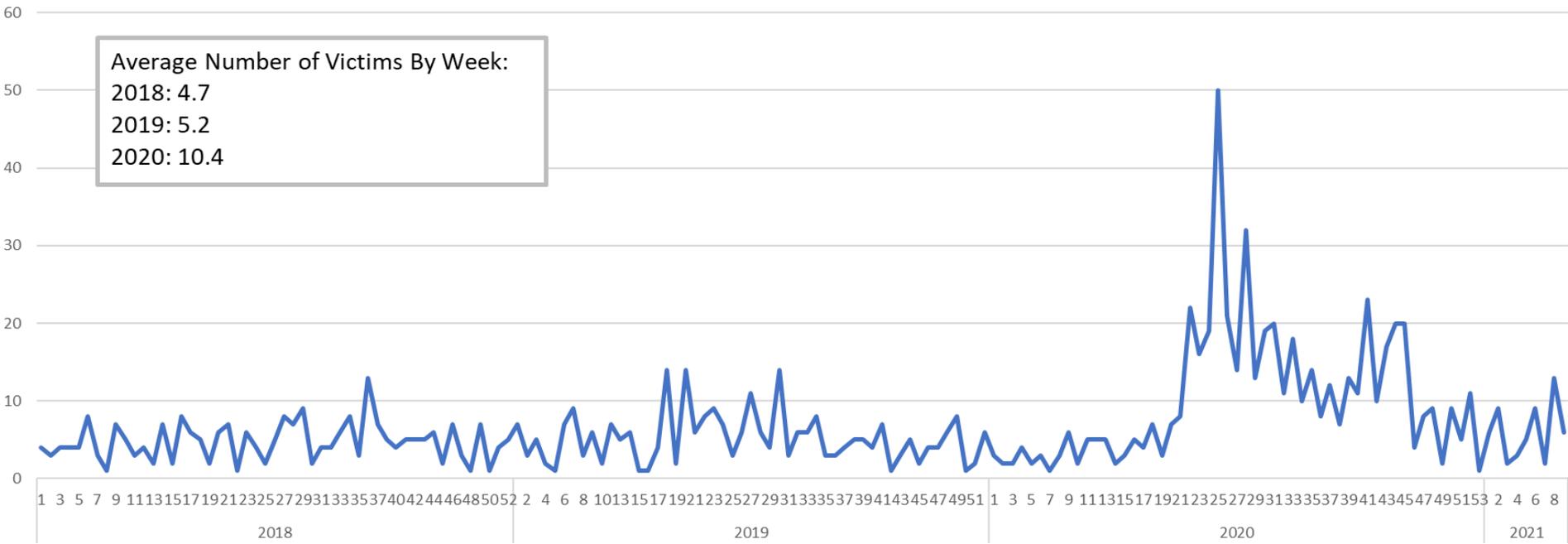
ShotSpotter Activations Trends

Shotspotter Activations By Mstat Week

Shotspotter Rounds Detected By Mstat Week

Year	Average Rounds Per Week	Average Activations Per Week	Average Rounds Per Activation By Week
2019	129	35	3.6
2020	428	98	4.3
2021 YTD	223	66	3.4

Guns Recovered 2021

- Guns Recovered: 128 guns recovered as evidence in 2021, a 35% decrease from 2020 with 196 guns.

Precinct	Count of Recovered Guns	Percent of Total
1	14	10.9%
2	7	5.5%
3	34	26.6%
4	49	38.3%
5	14	10.9%
Out of City	10	7.8%
Grand Total	**128**	**100.0%**

Robbery

Robbery Sub Type	2/1/21 -3/1/21	YTD	YTD Percent Change
Carjacking	27	71	+209%
Robbery of Business	13	23	+ 44%
Overall Robbery	113	290	+ 35%

- Started tracking "carjacking" intentionally as a subset of Robbery in September of 2020.

- 67% of the robbery incidents have occurred in the Third and Fifth Precincts. Similarly, those precincts are were 70% of the carjacking incidents have occurred.

- Business Robbery Trends: Several incidents occurring in the far southside of the city, as well as downtown commercial corridors.

Robbery Trends By Week

Robbery By Mstat Week (2018 - 2021)
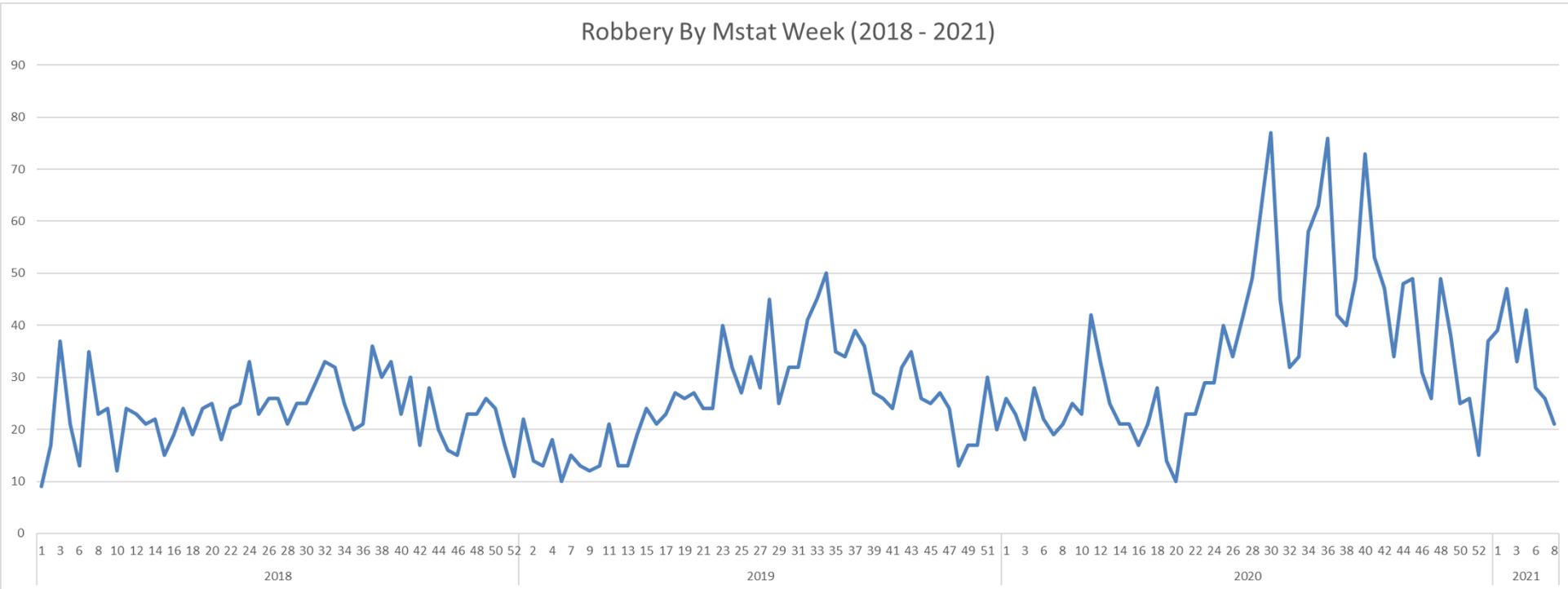
Property Crime Snapshot

Burglary

Type of Burglary	2020	2021	Percent Change
Dwelling	221	199	-10.0%
Business	114	160	+40.4%
Subset – Burglaries with vehicle stolen	13	20	+53.8 %

- Overall, burglary is at an 5.7% increase for 2021 which combines the offense codes of "Burglary of a Business" and "Burglary of a Dwelling"

- Burglaries of Businesses have driven this increase the most with a 40% increase
  - This increase mostly seems to be targeting restaurants and common areas of apartment buildings such as storage areas and garages
- Item of note: the MO of vehicles being stolen during the course of a burglary is up more than 50% in 2021, most often stolen during occupied home burglaries overnight.

Theft from Motor Vehicles
1/1 – 2/15

Type of Crime	2020	2021	Percent Change
Catalytic Converter Thefts	204	370	+81.4%
Theft of License Plates	76	51	-32.9%
Theft from Vehicles	592	394	-33.4%

- Price of precious metals found inside of catalytic converters continues to rise

- Since 1/1/2020, there have been 20 vehicles victimized 2 or more times through 2/15/2021

- Most common Makes and Models Targeted
  - Toyota Prius
  - Honda CRV
  - Honda Element

- Theft of license plates typically decrease as we see increases of auto thefts, especially in the winter months

Auto Theft

- 769 Auto thefts this year vs 759 ytd in 2020, up slightly

- Most notable is the prevalence of vehicles stolen while left running unattended
  - At least 75% of Vehicles stolen this year have been left running
  - This trend is primarily driven by victims "warming" vehicles in front of their residence and delivery drivers leaving vehicles running while picking up or dropping off orders

Action Plans

Crime Problem	Trend	Action Plan
Robbery	Carjackings and Aggravated Robbery	• Focused enforcement details • Crime Prevention strategies shared with residents at community meetings • Investigative Follow-Up
Auto Theft	Vehicles left running unattended	• Messaging to residents and businesses via CPS • Strategic placement of Bait Vehicles in all precincts • Directed patrol based on analytics
Catalytic Converter	Cars parked in residential areas, mostly overnight	• Messaging to Residents and businesses via CPS • Directed patrol during overnight hours • Collaborative follow up between Pct Property Crime Investigators

Helicopter Discussion

- Use of Helicopter by MPD
- Minnesota State Patrol representative available for Q&A

Helicopter Usage

- Pilots act as close aerial support for officers actively engaged in a planned detail or situation that is unfolding.

- Use of aircraft provides a level of situational awareness that is not attainable by officers on the ground or actively involved in the detail or incident.

- The Minnesota State Patrol continues to be a valued partner and their aviation unit acts as a life line of sorts for officers during these details.

- Use of the helicopter helps mitigate risk to the general public during police operations because of their specific vantage point and technology available when using aircraft.

- Approval for the use of the helicopter is on a case by case basis, and dependent upon the availably of the aerial assets.

Questions for Follow-up

Project LIFE (Group Violence Intervention/GVI)

- An evidence-based approach relying on partnership between community members, social service providers, and law enforcement acting together to address the actions of gangs/groups most responsible for driving serious violence.

- Since 2017, Project LIFE has served 356 clients.

- In 2020, Project LIFE completed more client intakes than in any previous year.

- Over the past few months, City staff, community partners, and jurisdictional partners have been working to establish a formal youth-focused GVI Jr. model. The jurisdictional partners continue to work on data sharing toward the goal of creating a pathway allowing juvenile probation to make services available to the young people they're serving.

- In the meantime, we are serving a small number of young people who have come through community/self-referrals.

Project LIFE Participation	
Participants Served, November & December 2020	Participants Served, 2020
67	119

Next Step

- Partnership with Hennepin Healthcare and North Memorial to provide services and support for people who are in the hospital because they were the victim of a gunshot, stabbing, or other violent assault injury.

- Prior to 2020, services were limited to participants 28 or younger for program capacity reasons. In 2020, that upper age limit was eliminated.

- In the fall of 2020, OVP staff, Next Step leadership, and staff and leadership from Abbott Northwestern began exploring an expansion of Next Step services to Abbott Northwestern hospital.

- With funding included for expansion in the 2021 City budget, exploration has now transitioned to planning. A cross-departmental team of hospital staff, the Next Step Program Manager, and the OVP manager has begun mapping out implementation of services at Abbott Northwestern. Anticipated rollout is Quarter 2 of 2021.

Next Step Participant Intakes				
Total (July 2016 – present)	2020	November 2020	December 2020	January 2021
466	87	9	12	8

MinneapolUS Strategic Outreach Initiative

- One-time funding was allocated for a pilot in 2020. Given that it was one-time funding, the pilot was intentionally limited in scope, reach, and duration. But, it provided a visible violence prevention response in communities. And, it functioned as an important part of the planning process by providing an opportunity to gather information as part of the ongoing work of developing longer-term, broader implementation.

- The Office of Violence Prevention has been working with Cure Violence Global to receive technical assistance on implementation planning.

- In 2021, a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process will be used to determine eligible partner agencies capable of supporting teams of Violence Interrupters.

- The RFP is live now and closes on March 11, 2021. We anticipate funded agencies' work will start in May and community rollout of teams will start in June.

- In the meantime, some elements of the existing community partnerships that provided services during the pilot phase will be available to serve the community.