

# Operation Endeavor 90-Day Report



Analysis of 9/27/22 – 12/17/22



Operation Endeavor, the City of Minneapolis Office of Community Safety (OCS)-led coordinated effort to reduce violent crime in Minneapolis and the surrounding areas, has completed a 90-day cycle. The data provided in this report will analyze the impact of Operation Endeavor as it moves forward and enters a new phase. The initiative will continue to foster relationships with both law enforcement and non-law enforcement partners, but will begin to utilize new crime reduction solutions, building on the promise shown since the launch of Operation Endeavor at the end of September 2022.



The Minneapolis Police Department's (MPD) 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) proved to be beneficial to all and will continue to grow. The Department of Neighborhood Safety and community groups, such as those contracted by the Downtown Improvement District (DID), proved extremely effective in their roles allowing tactical leaders to better deploy law enforcement resources and maximize effectiveness. Ultimately, the data over the last 90 days indicates that these relationships have contributed to a reduction in violent crime across Minneapolis.



The roots of Operation Endeavor can be found in Operation 'Safe Summer,' when MPD worked with law enforcement agencies at all levels of government to apprehend the worst of the worst offenders in the area. On three separate occasions throughout the summer months of 2022, MPD and its partners on this multijurisdictional task force disrupted criminal behavior in focus areas determined by shared data and intelligence.



Seeing the promise of these efforts, the leadership of the newly-formed OCS, the MPD, the HCSO, the HCAO, and the USAO determined that a sustained mission built on the tactics used by Operation Safe Summer could be similarly successful --- which data that is shown in this report indicates. Over the past 90 days, Operation Endeavor has led to marked decreases in most metrics for measuring violent crime – gun-related calls for service, gunshot wound victims, and carjackings. And while this is positive, the work is still not completed. This phase of Operation Endeavor has only been the first step. Operation Endeavor will now evolve into a second stage to better engage business and community groups in our efforts. Again, the key to reducing victimization is collaboration – the cornerstone of Operation Endeavor.



**Key Points For the 90-Day Period, 9/27/22 – 12/17/22**



- Crime metrics point to a sustained decrease in violent crime in Operation Endeavor's focus areas.
- Community response to Operation Endeavor has been positive, with Minneapolis residents commenting on the improved safety downtown provided by Guardian Beats and DID Ambassadors. Additionally, community leaders from across North Minneapolis have commented on the respect shown by officers and how instrumental the initiative has been in reducing violence in their community.
- More than half (56%) of the total Calls for Service assigned to Operation Endeavor Officers were self-initiated. This is a primary indicator proactive work being performed by officers.
- There have been no formal complaints made against any law enforcement officer working an Operation Endeavor shift as of 12/17/22.





**Operation Endeavor Crime Metrics**



Operation Endeavor’s first phase has been designed to use data analytics to best determine how to deploy resources to specified areas within the 5 MPD precincts. The data was sourced from citywide calls for service (CFS) gathered from MPD’s Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, the MPD police records management system (PIMS), and specific unit data bases used to track contraband recoveries.



The data from these sources examined the three categories most representative of gun-related violence – gun-related CFS, gunshot wounds, and carjackings. This data comparison is being viewed through the lenses of various time periods, including the 90 days before the launch of Operation Endeavor as well as the same 90-day period in 2021. Across the board, as shown in previous reports, a decrease in violent crime can be seen.



**Operation Endeavor – 90-day comparative analysis, 9/27/22 – 12/17/22**

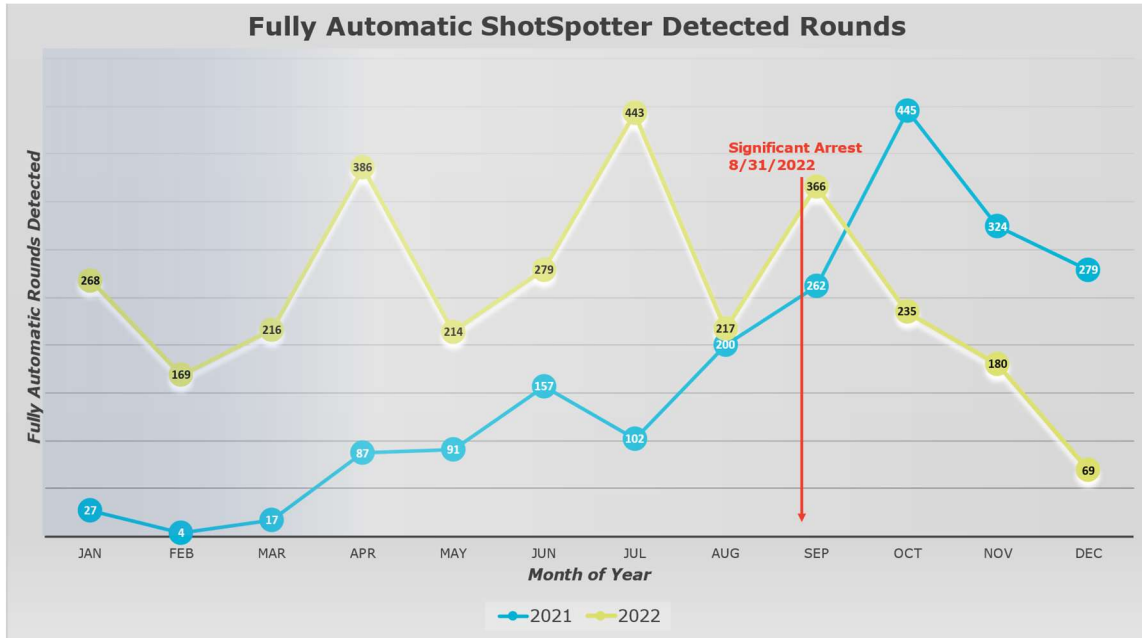
City Wide	OE 90-Day Totals	Same 90-Day period in 2021	% Change from 2021	90-Day Prior to OE Total	% Change from 90-days prior to OE
<b>Gun Related (CFS)</b>	1,782	2,879	-38.1%	2,365	-24.6%
<b>Gunshot Wound Victims</b>	80	114	-29.8%	134	-40%
<b>Carjackings</b>	93	267	-65.2%	165	-43.6%



In addition to the trends shown by the above data, ShotSpotter tracking also indicates some progress in reducing violent crime when compared to relative time periods:



- ShotSpotter detected 3,896 rounds during the 90 days of Operation Endeavor’s Phase 1. 454 were detected as fully automatic rounds.
- In the previous 90 days *before* Operation Endeavor was launched, ShotSpotter detected 5,299 rounds. 1,023 rounds were detected as fully automatic.
- During the same 90-day time period in 2021, ShotSpotter detected 7,369 rounds. 996 rounds were detected as fully automatic.
- In October of 2021, ShotSpotter recorded 47 activations of fully automatic gunfire. During the entirety of the first 90 days of Operation Endeavor, there were 47.
- ShotSpotter activations year over year for this 90-day period decreased 43%. The number of rounds detected decreased 47% and there was a 54% decrease in fully automatic shot detection.
- Analyzing ShotSpotter from the current 90-day period compared to the previous 90-day period we observed an 11% decrease in activations, a 26% decrease in rounds detected, and a 58% decrease in fully automatic rounds detected.
- Furthermore, with a significant arrest at the end of August, there has been significant decrease in fully automatic gunfire, as well as a decrease in guns being recovered with ‘auto sears,’ the components allow handguns to be modified to have fully automatic capabilities.



**Hennepin County Sheriff's Office**

The mission of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office is to provide quality professional services while building meaningful relationships that are sustainable within our communities and with our partners to ensure justice and safety for all. Our partnerships with other law enforcement agencies are critical in working towards this mission, and we will continue to dedicate resources to proactive policing efforts aimed at reducing violent crime throughout the metro. We stand with the Minneapolis Police Department and will always partner with any agency in need of assistance. HCSO remains dedicated to the 1.3 million residents of Hennepin County and will continue our efforts to make our communities safe.



**Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension**

The BCA has been working with local and federal partners to combat violent crime in Minneapolis since April. The agency assigned a team of agents, analysts, and forensic scientists to the city, focused on identifying and apprehending violent criminals in the area. Those efforts have complimented Operation Endeavor and will lead to a safer community for all.





**Contraband**



During the 90-period of Phase 1, local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies have worked together to recover large quantities of cash, guns, and fentanyl pills. OCS and its partners continue to see a strong correlation between gun-related crime and fentanyl pills.



**Contraband Recovered by Operation Endeavor Units**

Type	Guns	Cash	Cocaine	Crack	Fentanyl	Heroin	Meth
<b>Total</b>	<b>211, including long guns, auto sears, and "ghost guns"</b>	<b>\$98,482</b>	<b>6715.44 g</b>	<b>288.6 g</b>	<b>27,839 pills</b>	<b>410.6 g</b>	<b>3701.92 g</b>



**Hennepin County Attorney's Office**



The Hennepin County Attorney's Office continues to support Operation Endeavor and the collaborative approach to reducing violent crime rates in Minneapolis. The immediate impact of the effort is evident from the data reported by the Minneapolis Police Department. The future holds great potential for lasting impact through continued and emerging partnerships with law enforcement and community-based stakeholders. In the interim, the HCAO will continue to engage in just prosecution aiming to protect public safety, bring justice for victims, and reduce recidivism through thoughtful dispositions.



Charged	Deferred	Declined	Pending Decision	Total Cases
<b>141</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>182</b>



**Department of Neighborhood Safety**



The Department of Neighborhood Safety (DNS) supports coordination of public-health driven strategies to reduce the impact of violence on community. One part of that approach is a Violence Interrupter initiative. The Violence Interrupter initiative treats violence as a contagion and works to prevent and reduce community violence by stopping its spread. Through the strategy, trained Violence Interrupters use a shift-based, canvassing approach. They engage in specific and regular parts of the city that have experienced higher levels of gun and/or group/gang violence. As they canvas, they:



- Work to prevent shootings by detecting potentially violent situations and using credibility, community knowledge and connections, informal mediation, non-physical conflict resolution, and interruption training to try to de-escalate situations before they become violent.
- Work with individuals to help reduce the risk of them committing or being a victim of violence by communicating about the costs of using violence and helping them to access the social services they need to exit the cycle of violence.
- Work to mobilize the community to change norms around the use of violence.







**Department of Neighborhood Safety (continued)**



Throughout the 90-day period, the DNS staff received information from MPD’s Strategic Operations Division regarding emerging violent crime trends and patterns. DNS shared this information with Violence Interrupter team leadership. The information is a valuable resource for the Violence Interrupter teams as it complements their own observations to better inform their efforts.



During the 90-day period, Violence Interrupters had over 3,500 contacts in the following areas:



- Cedar Riverside
- East Lake Street corridor
- West Lake Street
- North Minneapolis
- Downtown



Team highlights over the 90-day period include the following:



- Teams were able to focus extra attention on neighborhood locations that experienced increases in gun violence during their canvassing efforts.
- Teams reported providing resources or information referrals related to housing, food access, substance use, County services, and winter clothing.
- Teams provided more than 300 gun locks to community members, food to over 1,000 families, and resources related to education, financial literacy, and employment training.
- One Violence Interrupter team was accompanied by a Community Health Worker responsible for connecting individuals to resources and conducting follow-ups and distributing supplies to people who are unhoused. They report that the position has proven to be invaluable to their violence prevention efforts
- Violence Interrupters referred several youth to substance abuse treatment, but report that there needs to be greater availability of proper treatments and resources for individuals with substance use disorder.
- Teams helped save multiple lives by administering Naloxone to people experiencing overdoses.
- Violence Interrupter teams were invited to the White House by the Biden administration to conclude the Community Violence Intervention Collaborative (CVIC) initiative. Minneapolis was chosen as one of six cities to participate in the CVIC initiative.



DNS staff intends to increase its presence in identified hot spots to meet the increasing need across the city. Additional teams should be selected and trained and ready by Spring/Summer 2023.





**Community Partnerships – Downtown Improvement District/ Guardian Beats**

Much of the perception of the problem with violent crime in Minneapolis culminated with three murders by gunfire in Downtown Minneapolis during the month of August 2022. Given the steady two-year decline in the number of police personnel, the innovation of Operation Endeavor’s Guardian Beats during the 90-day period, where thousands of hours of police time resources were applied using foot beats located in downtown, made an almost immediate impact. Criminal narcotic dealing was unobservable in the zone within 11 days. Criminals began to associate the walking beats and the staged police department equipment with a high possibility of arrest.



Complementing the Guardian Beats as skyway traffic increased due to the weather, the DID Ambassador’s skyway pilot program aided hundreds of pedestrians and provided hospitality escorts to hundreds more visitors. Meanwhile, DID safety efforts on the street level covered 120 blocks throughout downtown while outreach partners engaged in de-escalation efforts 480 times, while also distributing over 550 hats, gloves, socks, and handwarmers to the downtown community.



Stakeholders began to take notice of the difference made by the Guardian Beats. While no metrics can measure the forming of new relationships, the result of the increased presence and decrease in criminal activity changed the atmosphere as recreational and economic activity seemingly returned to Downtown. Anecdotal evidence pointed to an excitement and in increase in confidence of those coming to downtown to work and recreate, especially in the skyways. Public comments ranged from "I feel safer in the skyways now that I know help is nearby" to "Thank you for creating a friendly and welcoming environment in the skyways."



**Conclusion**

The 90-day initial phase of Operation Endeavor showed positive results in multiple areas, ranging from a drop in crime to an increase in cooperation between law enforcement, community organizations, and business groups. The sharing of information and resources between law enforcement entities has been successful, but the integration of non-law enforcement assets has been a positive outcome. This outcome will be the foundation of the future of Operation Endeavor. The different viewpoints and tools that can be brought to bear against violent crime and its underlying causes will be a focus of the next transition. This will be crucial as stakeholders look toward a sustainable long-term goal of keeping Minneapolis and the Twin Cities a safe place to live, work, and play

